

DALLAS

1 MINUTE/1 HOUR/1 DAY GETAWAY

Dallas represents Texan heritage and character, and prides itself on its sophisticated style and spirit for entrepreneurship. From its uptown historic homes to its Deep Ellum jazz joints to its galleries, antique shops and fine dining, Dallas has a diversity and flavor all its own.

1 MINUTE

Art Garden
2010 Flora St. • 214-979-6430

A serene garden right downtown? Yep. With over 20 statues from Rodin, and other legendary French artists, this sculpture garden stands tall at the bottom of the Trammell Crow Center. Find a peaceful moment here among the trickling waters and elegant gardens surrounding the sculptures.

McKinney Avenue Trolley
3153 Oak Grove • 214-855-0006

Explore uptown via vintage trolley car. Departures are from St. Paul Terminal and McKinney Avenue Plaza. Take the whole 45-minute ride to get the lay of the land, or hop off at one of the stops along the route to check out sidewalk cafés, museums or art galleries. Call ahead for schedule times.

1 HOUR

Deep Ellum
Elm St. & Good Latimer • 214-747-3337

To say it's unique would be an understatement. Dubbed a "Southern Soho," this avant-garde area, created from renovated warehouses, is home to some of the city's most eclectic dining, funky shopping, one-of-a-kind galleries and live entertainment. You can dare to be different here in Texas!

Dallas Galleria
13350 Dallas Pkwy. • 972-702-7100

It's where celebrities and locals alike come to find the latest fashions in stores like Versace, Gucci, Saks Fifth Avenue and Tiffany & Co. With 200 stores, shopping runs the gamut of price points. You can stop and relax in one of its 28 restaurants or take a spin around the ice skating rink in the middle of summer. Want to take in a movie? There's a five-screen theater, too

Nasher Sculpture Center
2001 Flora St. • 214-242-5100

Adventure through the 54,000-sq. ft. indoor building and 1.5-acre outdoor sculpture garden to see the vision of Ray Nasher in his collection of 20th-century artists' works, including Rodin, Degas, Picasso, Matisse and many others. The presentations are truly unique, as is the continuous flow of the indoor/outdoor pieces that make it such an experience.

1 HOUR (CONT)

The Sixth Floor Museum
411 Elm St. • 214-747-6660

Once known as the Texas School Book Depository, this is where the infamous Lee Harvey Oswald shot and killed President John F. Kennedy. There are films, pictures and accounts of that fateful day, plus historic exhibits recounting his life. You can even see the exact spot Oswald fired his rifle, as well as a red "x" on the street below marking where Kennedy was assassinated.

Bliss
16th Floor, W. Dallas-Victory Hotel 2440 Victory Park Ln. • 214-953-6200

Bliss spa's Lone Star location features over 5,000-sq. feet of eucalyptus-scented steam showers, massage and treatment rooms, movie-while-you-manicure stations, ambient R & B and the infamous Bliss brownie buffet. Attentive service and cleverly-named treatments are the norm here: cowgirls can have a showdown with trouble spots with a "quadruple thighpass™"; cowboys can indulge their softer side with a "manly-cure™."

1 DAY

Dallas Arts District
Flora St. (from Ross Ave. to Woodall Rogers Fwy.) • 214-953-1977

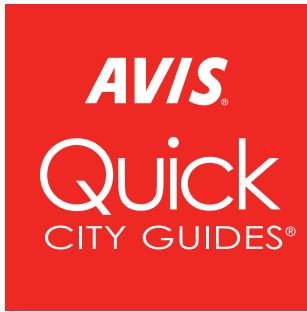
For 17 blocks, this centralized arts district has the Dallas Museum of Art, with European paintings and Pacific Island relics, and the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, home to the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. The galleries alone make it easy to stroll the day away.

Southfork Ranch
3700 Hogge Rd., Parker • 972-442-7800

Welcome to the 300-acre ranch that was the setting for TV's "Dallas," the fairytale saga of J.R. and the Ewings. See Lucy's wedding dress, the gun that shot J.R. and video clips from the series. Then shop at the Ranch RoundUp or grab a bite at Miss Ellie's Delicatessen.

Dinosaur Valley State Park
FM 205, Park Road 59, Glen Rose • 254-897-4588

75 miles southwest of Dallas, you'll find 1,500-sq. acre Dinosaur Valley State Park, dedicated to the dinosaurs that roamed the area 113 million years ago. Hiking, biking, swimming and fishing abound here, but the real attraction is the world's best-preserved dinosaur tracks. The footprints lie in a riverbed, so plan on a short hike to reach them and phone ahead for river conditions.



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GOURMET DINING AND LOCAL FAVORITES

GOURMET DINING

Pappas Bros. Steakhouse

From the cushy leather booths to the fine dark wood, it fits all the signs of a classic steakhouse. And its menu makes it one of Dallas' premier restaurants, thanks to a menu full of prime-aged steaks, from filet mignon to a 26-oz. porterhouse. Salmon, lobster and other seafood delights can be found, too, as well as a 2,200-bottle wine collection.

10477 Lombardy Ln. • 214-366-2000

Il Mulino

Dim lighting illuminates the room's imported furnishings, as renowned hefty portions of shrimp fra diavolo, homemade ravioli and rack of lamb grab your attention. Jackets and ties are recommended.

2408 Cedar Springs Rd. • 214-855-5511

Mansion on Turtle Creek Restaurant

Housed within the enormous Sheppard King Mansion, this award-winning restaurant features beamed ceilings, gilt-framed art, leaded glass windows and an exquisite enclosed veranda. The cuisine borrows from around the globe, with influences from the American South. Entrées include poached lobster with sweet corn pudding or braised short ribs with chipotle macaroni & cheese and chanterelle mushrooms. Jacket and tie required.

2821 Turtle Creek Blvd. • 214-559-2100

Teppo Yakitori and Sushi Bar

A bevy of hip young locals gather here regularly for the impeccably presented seafood brought in daily from Japan. Ask about daily sushi specials like spiny lobster, abalone and bluefin tuna. Grab a seat at the bar and watch the chefs, or relax at a table in the dining room or on the bamboo-shaded patio.

2014 Greenville Ave. • 214-826-8989

Lanny's Alta Cocina Mexicana

Bold ceiling beams set against a tranquil color palette make an elegant backdrop for chef Lanny Lancarte's meticulously presented upscale Mexican creations. Highlights include toasted coconut and sea bass ceviche, pepita-crusted ahi tuna or tamarind glazed duck. Pricy, but worth the indulgence.

3405 W. 7th St., Fort Worth • 817-850-9996

LOCAL FAVORITES

The Angry Dog

A local favorite, this no-frills spot has the wings, burgers and sandwiches you'd expect, but the real draw is its namesake—a hot dog with onions, chili and mustard, topped off with cheddar cheese.

2726 Commerce St. • 214-741-4406

Palomino

Mediterranean in both décor and cuisine, it's okay to feel like you're in Italy right in the middle of Dallas. The mood is casual, and specialties include inventive dishes like brick oven-roasted seafood, spit-roasted chicken and their signature steak frites.

500 Crescent Ct. #165 • 214-999-1222

York Street

Tucked behind a nondescript storefront, this tiny neighborhood bistro features a cream and pewter tones, eclectic china and a sophisticated menu that changes according to seasonal produce and meats. Expect inventive combinations; recent fare included scallop and corn chowder with a dollop of salt cod purée and pork chop with fennel pollen, fig and bacon jus.

6047 Lewis St. • 214-826-0968

Ciudad

Arched columns, color-drenched stucco and tile and folk art set the stage for upscale Mexican that combines authenticity and invention. Think quesadillas with wild mushrooms, spinach and pumpkin-seed black bean sauce or ceviche with octopus, conch and shrimp and sweet vanilla-pineapple salsa.

3838 Oak Lawn Ave. • 214-219-3141

The Grape

Many locals consider this the most romantic restaurant in Dallas. Maybe it's the checkered tablecloths, pretty murals and intimate lighting or the cozy outdoor tables on Greenville Ave. An expansive blackboard menu lists everything from a much-heralded mushroom soup to chops, pastas and seafood.

2808 Greenville Ave. • 214-828-1981