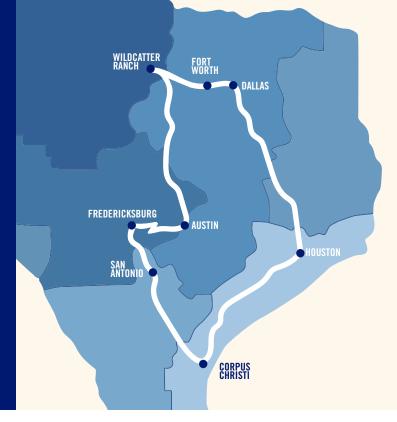


THE ULTIMATE TEXAS HIGHLIGHTS ROADTRIP

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Day 1 - Dallas

Welcome to Dallas, Texas, where you'll be met with a hearty helping of Texas hospitality from the moment you step off the plane. Downtown Dallas is only 30 mins from the airport, our hot tip is catching the airport link train, and collect your hire car from downtown saving you dollars on airport taxes. Check into your hotel then why not spend your evening exploring Deep Ellum, a historical neighbourhood famous for its three streets of live music, independent vibe and colourful murals.

Day 2 - Dallas

Spend your morning experiencing American History by visiting the immersive Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, paying tribute to JFK. Then head to the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum and take your presidential picture at the full-sized Oval Office. For lunch, satisfy your Texan cravings and enjoy a variety of culinary experiences in a city with over 12,000 restaurants! Try the cuisine of celebrity chefs Dean Fearing and Stephan Pyles, or the irresistible BBQ of Pecan Lodge in Deep Ellum! After lunch, unleash your sporty side by taking a VIP guided tour at AT&T Stadium, home to the Dallas Cowboys or, even better, enjoy a game! The action doesn't stop there – head to American Airlines Centre and watch the NBA Dallas Mavericks or the NHL Dallas Stars or go to the Ballpark in Arlington to see the Texas Rangers.

Day 3 - Dallas to Houston

Pack your bags, fuel up and put on the road trip playlist, you're on the road for Houston! Stop along the way at Tyler, a charming and typically southern town that hosts the annual Texas Rose Festival as well being a great base from which to explore several antebellum plantation houses in the region. On arrival in Houston, check into your hotel and if you have time, head to a baseball game at Minute Maid Park (home of the Houston Astros) or explore the many pubs and learn why beer makes history better in Houston.

Day 4 - Houston

Explore the history of NASA at the Space Centre, and learn about the United States' space race, how to become an astronaut and see some artefacts up close. If you prefer nature, head to the Houston Arboretum and Nature Centre which has 155 acres of nature to explore. Make the most of your time in Houston with a city pass that covers the cost of five attractions including the Downtown Aquarium, Houston Museum of Natural Science, Houston Zoo, Museum of Fine Arts and Kemah Boardwalk. Spend your evening seeing a show in Houston – who is home to the second highest amount of theatre seats after Broadway!

Day 5 - Houston to Corpus Christi

Continue your journey today as you head to the town of Corpus Christi in the Gulf of Mexico - a popular coastal town with mile upon mile of beautiful sandy beaches, making it a perfect spot for sunbathers. The country around Corpus Christi is superb for bird watching and Padre Island National Seashore, an area with over 133,000 acres of undeveloped barrier islands, is the region's most treasured natural gem and just a few miles southeast of the city. While here, explore sights such as the Texas State Aquarium, U.S.S. Lexington, the Texas Surf Museum and South Texas Music Hall of Fame.



















Day 6 - Corpus Christi to San Antonio

Today, drive to San Antonio where you'll have two days to explore this charming city's restaurants, galleries, and shops as well as the famous Alamo where Texan troops valiantly held out against Mexican opposition for 13 days before finally being defeated. Get some lunch from the many 'Tex-Mex' inspired spots around the city and then stretch your legs doing the 15-mile San Antonio River Walk. Nicknamed the Little Venice of Texas, the River Walk is dotted with many restaurants and bars and comes alive at night when adorned with fairy lights. For a relaxing way to take it all in, jump on one of the river barge tours.

Day 7 - San Antonio

Fuel yourself with some delicious breakfast from a local café, and then head to the Pearl District, a 19th century brewery turned multipurpose district. Explore the shops nearby and in the Market Square where this traditional mercado harbours a multitude of colourful spots for your next insta-worthy snaps. After lunch, get down to the North Star Mall Boots where this San Antonio icon is the record-holder for the largest pair of cowboy boots.

Day 8 - San Antonio to Fredericksburg

Hit the highway, leaving Spanish influenced San Antonio behind for German Fredericksburg. On arrival, stroll Main Street for a preview of the shops, restaurants and museums located in the historic district. Then cruise down Wine Road 290 – sipping some great Texas wine at a couple of the ten wineries that are just west of Fredericksburg. Not into wine? There are breweries too! Explore Fredericksburg's nightlife by visiting popular venues such Hondo's on Main, Crossroads Saloon & Steakhouse, The Auslander, The Officer's Club at The Hangar Hotel, Silver Creek or the legendary Luckenbach, Texas.

Day 9 - Fredericksburg to Austin

Get up early for an awe-inspiring hike to the top of Enchanted Rock – estimated to be one billion years old. The state natural area opens for day use at 6:30 a.m. You might consider taking breakfast or a snack from one of our great bakeries with you. After that, hit the road for Austin - home to almost 200 live music venues and the world-renowned South by Southwest festival. Check out Zilker Park, a 360-acre oasis in the heart of downtown that's the site of music festivals and free music at Zilker Hillside Theatre, plus home to Umlauf Sculpture Garden & Museum and Barton Springs Pool, a spring-fed swimming spot with grassy hills for sunbathing. Have dinner and drinks on Rainey Street, a charming block of residential bungalows transformed into trendy eateries and bars. The 'Live Music Capital of the World' really puts on a show!

Day 10 - Austin

Spend the morning on South Congress for unique shopping and pick up some cowboy boots at Allens. Then rent a kayak or stand-up paddleboard at Congress Avenue Kayaks to explore the glittering waters of Lady Bird Lake! If visiting during the right season, head over to Congress Avenue Bridge at sunset to witness a staggering 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats fly into the night sky from beneath the bridge. Grab a spot among the crowds on the bridge's sidewalk or take to the water with Lone Star Cruises or Capital Cruises. After dinner, get in on the boot scootin' at The White Horse, Austin's legendary honky-tonk boasting live country jams and some of the best two-steppers around.



Days 11 - Austin to Wildcatter Ranch

Trade the city for an authentic ranch experience and start your journey through the beautiful North Texas Hill Country to Wildcatter Ranch. This Texan guest ranch immerses you in the true spirit of the region, with Western style guest rooms and 25 miles of horseback riding trails to explore. Your stay includes full board and a horseback ride but there are many other activities available too. Perhaps enjoy sunset views from your back porch or spend a day on a historical Jeep tour or trying your hand at archery, tank fishing and sport clay pigeon shooting. For those that prefer to relax, the ranch's infinity pool, hot tub and massage room are all appealing options. Don't forget to wake up early one morning to feed the long horns before you leave!

Day 12 - Wildcatter Ranch to Fort Worth

Your last stop on your Texan road trip will be taking you to Fort Worth – the 'City of Cowboys and Culture.' Make sure you visit the famous Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District with its shops, restaurants and twice-daily cattle-drives for a true taste of the southern States. You can also shop and dine in the 35-block Sundance Square for any last-minute cowboy mementoes. While in town check out the Dallas Cowboys play at AT&T Stadium or experience life in the fast lane at Texas Motor Speedway. End the night wetting your whistle at Billy Bob's - the world's largest Honky Tonk and checking out the Stockyards Championship Rodeo.





