



Texas Trips

AS BIG AS TEXAS IS, the only way to truly appreciate it is to hit the road and find out what's out there in those wide, open spaces. The cities have tons to offer, but Texas does 'small town' like few other states, with friendly locals, historic buildings, quirky claims to fame, and an easygoing way of life everywhere you look.

So what's your pleasure? Fields of wildflowers and rolling hills in the land of Lady Bird Johnson? Beaches and seafood in towns along the Gulf? An epic journey from the Mexico border to the Texas panhandle? Or intriguing desert landscapes with surprising stops along the way, culminating in an enormous national park? Whatever route you choose, saddle up for adventure on a grand scale.

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Classic Trip

21 Hill Country 2–5 days

This drive strings together some of Texas's most welcoming towns. (p227)

22 Big Bend Scenic Loop 5–7 days

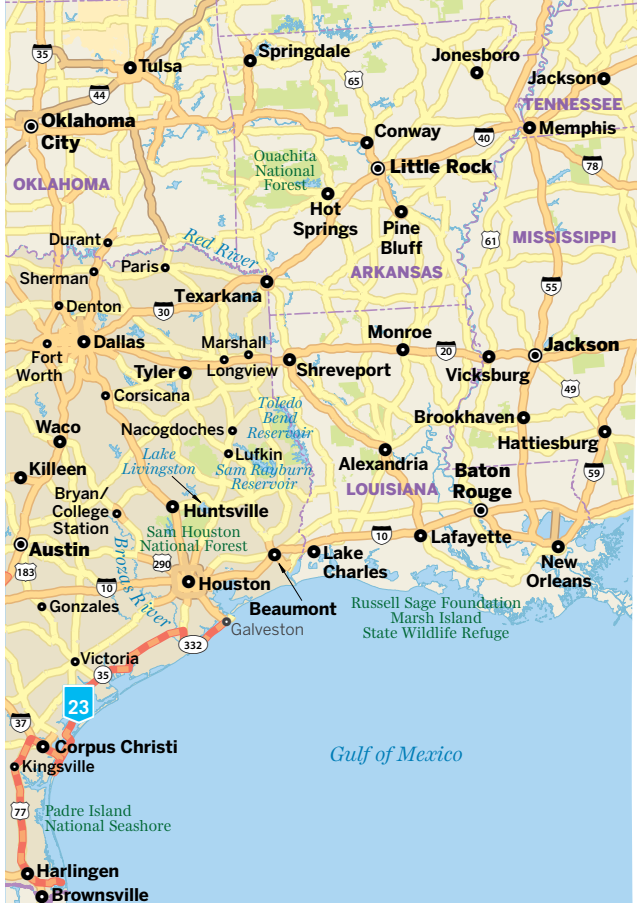
Minimalist art, mystery lights and star parties lead to Big Bend. (p237)

23 Texas Gulf Coast 4 days

From Galveston to South Padre, explore more than 400 miles of coastline. (p245)

24 Heart of Texas 4 days

Enjoy the solitude of hundreds of miles of remote Texas back country. (p253)



DON'T MISS

Waring-Welfare Drive

When the wildflowers are in bloom, take this short but worthwhile detour on the way to Comfort, TX, in Trip [21](#)

Marfa Prada

This roadside art installation is dramatically set against the backdrop of dusty West Texas; find it on Trip [22](#)

Beer Drinking

Grab an ice-cold Shiner Bock and join the locals at Gruene Hall or on the Terlingua Porch in Trips [21](#) [22](#)

Goliad

Although not as well remembered as the Alamo, this fort has an equally important place in Texas history. See it in Trip [23](#)

Miss Hattie's Bordello Museum

You can tell everyone you visited a notorious Texas brothel at this only slightly risqué stop on Trip [24](#)



A porch in cowboy country