# Wine & Culinary



Fredericksburg was founded in 1846 by 120 settlers from Germany, so not surprisingly Bier and German cuisine are on the menu here. Whether chocolate, peach jam, Texas BBQ or German sausage is at the top of your "must sample" list, Fredericksburg offers abundant opportunities for the foodie.

#### **DAY 1:**

## **Specialty Foods for Every Taste**

- Das Peach Haus was founded in 1969 on the grounds of the Wieser family peach orchards and carries many items (such as raspberry chipotle sauce) that have made Fischer & Wieser an internationally known, award-winning gourmet food producer.
- For over 50 years, **Opa's Smoked Meats** has offered the finest in smoked sausage, specialty meats and cheeses. Stop by their deli for a picnic lunch or stock up on their famous sausage.
- No trip to Fredericksburg would be complete without a stop at **Chocolat** for liquor filled chocolates (a Swiss process) or at **Fredericksburg Fudge**, which has celebrated over 30 years in business.
- Grab some Texas bar-b-que for lunch and top it off with a slice of pie from Fredericksburg Pie Company.
- And on Main Street, Clear River Ice Cream and Bakery makes a great afternoon stop for home-made ice cream and sinful desserts

#### DAY 2:

# **Hill Country Wineries**

- On to the wine! Texas is now the fifth largest wine producing state in the U.S. Over 40 wineries are located in Fredericksburg and Gillespie County, with over 100 in the Hill Country region as a whole.
- Many wineries are along Fredericksburg Wine Road 290, from just east of Johnson City to just west of Fredericksburg. The architectural styles of the wineries range from Hill Country to Tuscan to a decidedly more modern flair.
- As the wine industry in Texas begins to mature, grape growers are tending to plant more warm-weather varietals such as tempranillo, sangiovese, viognier and abarino.
- Hill Country wines now regularly win awards in national competitions. In 2013, three Hill Country wineries won medals for their viogniers in the Lyon (France) International Wine Competition.
- A convenient way to tour the wineries located in and near Fredericksburg is to book a half-day or full-day wine tour.

#### **DAY 3:**

### **Bier, Peaches and More!**

- Fredericksburg Brewing Company is the oldest brew pub in the state of Texas, serving a selection of craft beers each day in the restaurant.
- **Altstadt Brewery** is located on Highway 290 east of town and brews according to the German beer purity law of 1516. Tours are offered.
- Several restaurants specialize in German cuisine and also have outdoor patios and Biergartens. Don't miss sampling **Fredericksburg/Stonewall peaches** at a roadside stand during peach season, from mid-May to early August. Some of the best in Texas!
- From May through August, the Fredericksburg Farmers Market is held in the Marktplatz downtown on Thursdays from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, offering local fruit, vegetables and meats of the Texas Hill Country.