

WHAT'S COOKING IN THE ★ SOUTH TEXAS ★

Culinary Delights of San Antonio, Fredericksburg, San Marcos and Boerne



River Walk Dining
San Antonio, Texas



Southwestern Steaks
San Antonio, Texas



Local BBQ
Fredericksburg, Texas



SAN ANTONIO
AND THE
TEXAS
HILL COUNTRY



Local Vineyards
Fredericksburg, Texas



Local Pasteries
Boerne, Texas



Fine Dining
Boerne, Texas



River Dining
San Marcos, Texas



Downtown Dining
San Marcos, Texas

★ SAN ANTONIO ★



While the roots of South Texas extend deep into Mexican, Spanish and German cultures, the culinary spotlight shines brightly on the tremendous variety of new restaurants, including food trucks, springing up throughout the region. But you can also count on great meals in the established dining venues serving traditional favorites from barbecue to Wiener Schnitzel to tacos.

Savor the Best of Dining in Downtown San Antonio

Throughout the city center, you'll have your choice of excellent restaurants for every meal. From the Southtown area near downtown, along the River Walk and to the Pearl, you'll find enticing menus from both up-and-coming chefs and long-time, acclaimed restaurateurs.

Day 1: Relish the Diversity of Culinary Choices at the Pearl

- The **Culinary Institute of America—San Antonio** is headquartered here, offering cooking classes, the **CIA Bakery Café** for pastries and sandwiches, and **NAO: New World Flavors**, a rising star featuring Latin cuisine.
- Italian specialties rule at **Il Sogno Osteria** and Mexican street food is spotlighted at **La Gloria**.
- Go to the **Sandbar** for the freshest seafood, the **Boiler House Texas Grill and Wine Bar** for wild game and seafood, and the **Granary 'Cue & Brew** for barbecue and beer.
- An Americana menu distinguishes **Arcade Midtown Kitchen**, while innovative vegetarian cuisine is the hallmark of **Green**. Hand-crafted drinks satisfy patrons of **Blue Box Bar**.
- Shop for the ultimate in kitchen accessories and decorative dishware at **Melissa Guerra Tienda de Cocina**, and don't miss the local produce and baked goods at the **Saturday Farmers Market**.



Day 2: Dining Along the River Walk and in Market Square

- Steaks have long reigned supreme in San Antonio, as evidenced by the expertly prepared beef at these River Walk restaurants: **The Little Rhein Steakhouse**, **The Fig Tree**, **Las Canarias**, **Bohanan's Prime Steaks and Seafood**, and **Boudro's**, among many others.
- **Ácenar** features contemporary Mexican cuisine, **Biga on the Banks** showcases fine dining with a Texas twist and **Lüke** offers fresh seafood with a New Orleans accent.
- Hotel restaurants earn accolades such as "Q" in the Hyatt Regency for barbecue, **Ocho at Hotel Havana** for small plate delicacies and **Zocca** in the Westin for Italian fare.
- Visit Market Square's highly popular Mexican restaurants, **Mi Tierra** and **La Margarita**, for tacos, fajitas, enchiladas, margaritas and other south-of-the-border specialties.



Day 3: Southtown Temptations

- Southtown, just blocks from the city center, is a top dining destination.
 - You never know what creative dishes the chef will feature at **Monterey**.
 - **Bliss** is a top choice for inventively prepared local, fresh foods.
 - Locally sourced pizza and craft beer are supreme at **Stella Public House** at Blue Star.
 - You'll find eclectic American offerings at **Liberty Bar**, located in a former convent.
 - **Feast** serves New American cuisine with Mediterranean flair.
 - When Latin and Mexican flavors are your craving, visit **Azúca**, **El Mirador** or **Rosario's**.
 - The **Guenther House**, located in the former residence of the founding family of Pioneer Flour Mill, specializes in delicious baked goods at breakfast and lunch.



★ FREDERICKSBURG ★



Fredericksburg is a Food Lover's Paradise

Whether chocolate, peach jam, Texas BBQ or German sausage are 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 now 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 sandwich 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 **Clear River Pecan Co.** on Main Street makes a great late afternoon stop for home-made ice cream and sinful desserts and candies.

Explore many other fine dining options for dinner at VisitFredericksburgTX.com/food-wine-categories/restaurants

Day 2: Hill Country Wineries

- On to the wine! Texas is now the fifth largest wine producing state in the U.S. Over 20 wineries are located in Fredericksburg and Gillespie County, with some 36 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 County 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 was founded in 1846 by 120 settlers from Germany, so not surprisingly bier and German cuisine are on the menu as well.
- **Fredericksburg Brewing Company** is the oldest brew pub in the state of Texas, serving four or five beers each day in the restaurant.
- **Pedernales Brewing Company** is a newcomer, but produces noteworthy beers available at restaurants and retailers around town.
- 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.

★ SAN MARCOS ★

San Marcos Features Popular Restaurants and Shops

As a college town, home to Texas State University, San Marcos has many options for great food in a casual setting. If a romantic venue is on your mind, you'll find just what you're looking for here as well. In between meals, you'll enjoy spending time in some of our unique shops and boutiques.

Day 1: Dining Choices from Casual to Flavorful

- Begin your day with an incredible breakfast at the **Root Cellar Café**. Savor the simple elegance of **Eggs Benedict** or **Florentine**, **Belgian waffles**, a **hearty frittata** or down-home **migas** (scrambled eggs with black beans and tortilla chips). Then take a stroll around our historic downtown and visit eclectic boutiques like **Paper Bear** for unexpected gifts, **Superfly's Lonestar Music Emporium** for music from independent Texas artists, and **Hays County Outfitters** for the season's latest outdoor apparel.
- When you're ready for lunch, walk over to the **Railyard Bar & Grill**. Start with **poblano chorizo queso** and chips. Add a side of **Fried Wickels** (pickles) to your grilled burger, hot sandwich or crispy salad. While away the afternoon playing a game of horseshoes or washers on the patio. Enjoy happy hour prices every time a train goes by! Wrap up your day downtown with a **Manske Roll** from **Gil's Broiler**. This oversized sweet roll, similar to a cinnamon roll, was a favorite of president Lyndon Baines Johnson when he was a college student here. It's rumored LBJ even had them shipped to the White House after he became president. One bite and you'll know why.
- As the sun begins to set, make your way to **Palmer's Restaurant Bar & Courtyard** for truly inspired Hill Country cuisine in a beautifully renovated 1920s building. **Pecan-crust chicken**, **chile-rubbed ribeye**, and **citrus-poached salmon** are just a few of the savory selections. Sit near the fountain in the shaded courtyard as you sip on a delicious margarita made from hand-squeezed limes.

Day 2: Spirited Fun in Relaxed Settings

- This morning, enjoy a scone and a cup of perfectly blended coffee, latte, fruit smoothies, flavored mocha or tea at **Mochas & Javas**. Or try Texas sized breakfast at **Café on the Square** in historic downtown.
- If the **San Marcos Outlets** is your destination, you'll really work up an appetite while shopping the largest outlet center in the United States. You'll find **260 stores and more** than four kilometers of shopping heaven. With amazing discounts of up to 65% off, **Tanger Outlets** and **Premium Outlets** are hard to resist.
- Ready for lunch? Eat directly across the street at **Centerpoint Station**, where burgers are served on homemade buns, fries are fresh-cut and giant onion rings are hand battered.
- Relax for the evening at the **Taproom Pub & Grub** over a large plate of baby back ribs. You'll definitely want to stay a while to sample some of the 42 different beers on tap. Not quite sure what to choose? Try one of their beer flights to help narrow it down.



★ BOERNE ★



Boerne Shines with An Abundance of Culinary Selections

Even though Boerne has German roots, you'll find cuisine from around the world in settings from casual to chic and everything in between.

DAY 1: Take it Easy Strolling Historic Main Street

- Spend your first day visiting the unique boutiques, shops and restaurants along historic **Main Street**. The quaint **Bear Moon Bakery & Café**, perfect for pastries and coffee, is located in a historic corner building and offers indoor and outdoor seating.
- Take your time visiting the many booths in the **Boerne Emporium** or **Antique Mall**, then for lunch go to the **Boerne Grill**. The menu features soups, sandwiches, salads, homemade ice cream and baked goods.
- Indulge your passion for fashion when you browse the interesting collections of clothes and accessories in South Main boutiques such as **Celeste**, **Christy's**, **Alley on Main**, **Ella Blue**, **Hip Dingo** and **Melvin Rose**.
- The **Cypress Grille** offers both comfort and elegance for dinner. Your delicious choices include grilled pork chops, blackened sea scallops, pan-seared foie gras, fresh soups, salads, sandwiches, crispy oysters, delectable desserts and an extensive wine list.

DAY 2: Indulge Your Artistic Side

- Local art, folk art, fine art and more are featured in the many art galleries. However, you'll need breakfast first, so head over to **Little Gretel** on River Road. This charming restaurant features German and Czech cuisine.
- Afterward, visit **COSAS** for one of the most extensive collections of museum quality Mexican Folk Art, Latin American textiles, clothing, furniture, and accessories in the U.S.
- Lunch at the **Peach Café** offers a lovely tea room setting in a historic house featuring pot pies, salads, sandwiches, homemade soups, quiche and famous cheese rolls. Another highly recommended lunch spot is the elegant **Brantley's 259 Bistro**, where you can indulge in specialties such as quail or shrimp tacos, axis venison burger, lamb sliders, imaginative salads and creative sandwiches.
- Visit fine art galleries in the afternoon, such as **Carriage House Gallery**, **J. R. Mooney Galleries of Fine Art**, **River South Art and Design Center**, **Texas Treasures Fine Art Gallery**, **Intermezzo** and **Smilovici's Galleria**.
- The **Creek Restaurant** is an enchanting dinner venue tucked along the Cibolo Creek near the Main Street bridge. Dine alfresco on the gorgeous deck or inside the historic landmark building.

DAY 3: Venture Out to See the Sights

- Begin with breakfast where the locals eat—that often means breakfast tacos are on the menu. Visit **Mague's Café**, **Mary's Tacos**, **Taco Cabana** or **Taqueria Guadalajara**.
- Go underground when you enter **Cascade Caverns** or **Cave Without a Name**. Not far away, you'll find great places for hiking, birdwatching, outdoor photography and more: **Kreutzberg Canyon Natural Area**, **Cibolo Nature Center**, **Joshua Springs Park and Preserve**, **James Kiehl River Bend Park**, **Boerne City Lake** and **Guadalupe River State Park**.
- Lunch might be BBQ back in Boerne and you can't go wrong whether you choose **Fritze's BBQ**, **Klein Smokehaus** or **Riverside Market**. If something Italian is more to your liking, visit **Fredo's Ristorante** or **Broken Stone Pizza**. For award-winning burgers, try the **Longhorn Café** at the **Old No. 9 Depot**.
- Your afternoon adventure may take you into the Hill Country to visit wineries and sample commendable Texas wines. **Singing Waters Vineyards**, **Sister Creek Vineyards** and **Bending Branch Winery** are all in the Boerne and Comfort area.
- Your dinner destination is the **Dodging Duck Brewhaus** in Boerne. Relax on the covered deck or dine in one of the lakehouse-style dining rooms. Winner of numerous World Beer Championship medals, **Dodging Duck** has their own unfiltered and unpasteurized craft beer on tap, of course. The dinner menu features everything from Thai lettuce wraps to chimichurri grilled beef tenderloin to bratwurst and sauerkraut.

★ Texas Hill Country Area Map ★

