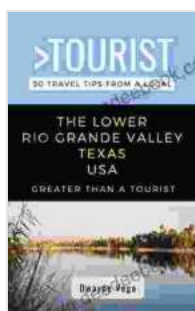


# 50 Travel Tips from Local Greater Than Tourist Texas

Texas is a big state with a lot to offer visitors. From bustling cities to stunning natural landscapes, there's something for everyone in the Lone Star State. But if you're looking to get the most out of your trip, it helps to have some insider knowledge.



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That's where Greater Than Tourist Texas comes in. We're a community of locals who love to share our favorite travel tips and hidden gems. In this guide, we've compiled 50 of our best tips to help you plan an unforgettable trip to Texas.

## Hidden Gems

1. Visit the Enchanted Rock State Natural Area for stunning views of the Texas Hill Country.
2. Explore the underground caverns of Natural Bridge Caverns in San Antonio.
3. Take a hike through the Big Bend National Park, one of the most remote and beautiful parks in the country.
4. Visit the Fort Davis National Historic Site to learn about the history of the Old West.
5. Go stargazing at the McDonald Observatory in West Texas.

### **Insider Secrets**

6. Get a taste of authentic Texas barbecue at Franklin Barbecue in Austin.
7. Visit the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza in Dallas to learn about the assassination of John F. Kennedy.
8. Take a walk along the River Walk in San Antonio, one of the most beautiful urban waterways in the world.
9. Visit the Space Center Houston to learn about the history of space exploration.
10. Go surfing at one of the many beaches along the Texas Gulf Coast.

### **Planning Your Trip**

11. Book your flights and accommodations in advance, especially if you're traveling during peak season.
12. Rent a car to get around Texas easily.
13. Pack for all types of weather, as Texas can experience extreme temperature swings.
14. Bring plenty of sunscreen and insect repellent.
15. Be sure to try some of the local cuisine, such as barbecue, Tex-Mex, and kolaches.

### **Getting Around**

16. Use the Texas Department of Transportation's website to plan your driving routes.
17. Be aware of the speed limits and traffic laws in Texas.
18. Allow plenty of time for travel, as distances between cities can be long.

19. Take advantage of the many rest stops along the highways. 20. Be prepared for delays due to traffic or weather conditions.

## **Safety**

21. Be aware of your surroundings and take precautions to protect yourself from crime. 22. Lock your car doors and windows when you're not inside. 23. Don't leave valuables in your car. 24. Be aware of wildlife, such as deer and snakes. 25. Be careful when swimming in natural bodies of water.

## **Culture**

26. Learn a few basic Spanish phrases to help you communicate with locals. 27. Visit the Texas State Capitol to learn about the history and government of Texas. 28. Attend a rodeo to experience a unique Texas tradition. 29. Listen to some live music at a honky-tonk bar. 30. Visit the museums and cultural attractions in Texas's major cities.

## **Food and Drink**

31. Try some of the local barbecue at one of Texas's many barbecue joints. 32. Visit a Tex-Mex restaurant for some of the best Mexican food in the country. 33. Sample the kolaches, a popular Czech pastry. 34. Visit a winery in the Texas Hill Country to taste some of the region's award-winning wines. 35. Try some of the local craft beer at one of Texas's many breweries.

## **Shopping**

36. Visit the Galleria in Houston, one of the largest malls in the world. 37. Find unique souvenirs at one of Texas's many flea markets. 38. Shop for antiques in the historic town of Round Top. 39. Buy some cowboy boots or

hats at one of the many western wear stores in Texas. 40. Visit the South Congress Avenue district in Austin for a variety of shops, restaurants, and bars.

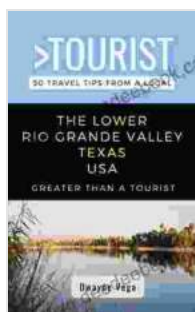
## Outdoor Recreation

41. Go hiking in one of Texas's many state parks. 42. Go fishing in one of Texas's many lakes or rivers. 43. Go camping in one of Texas's many campgrounds. 44. Go kayaking or canoeing on one of Texas's many rivers or lakes. 45. Go horseback riding in one of Texas's many dude ranches.

## Family Fun

46. Visit the San Antonio Zoo, one of the largest and most popular zoos in the country. 47. Take your kids to the Schlitterbahn Waterpark in New Braunfels, one of the most popular waterparks in the world. 48. Visit the Six Flags Fiesta Texas theme park in San Antonio. 49. Visit the SeaWorld San Antonio marine park. 50. Visit the Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi.

We hope these travel tips help you plan an unforgettable trip to Texas. With so much to see and do, you're sure to have a great time exploring the Lone Star State.



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