

# DALLAS VISITOR GUIDE

Your insider's guide to local attractions



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# HIGHLIGHT OF ATTRACTIONS

## McKinney Avenue Trolley

3153 Oak Grove Avenue

Hop on the vintage trolley line to enjoy all that Uptown and Downtown Dallas have to offer. This is the best way to explore the Uptown/Downtown restaurants, museums, shopping, and attractions. Check out how to ride for free.

[mata.org](http://mata.org)

## Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Garden

8525 Garland Road

Enjoy a day of outdoor activities walking around 66 acres of gardens on the shore of White Rock Lake. The Arboretum is known for its outdoor concert series, seasonal exhibits, and numerous activities for both children and adults.

[dallasarboretum.org](http://dallasarboretum.org)

## Cowboys, Stars, Rangers, & Mavericks

Are you a fan of football, hockey, baseball, or basketball? Tour one of these world-famous venues or (depending on the season), take in a game!

## Dallas & Fort Worth Zoos

650 South R.L. Thornton Freeway (Dallas)

1989 Colonial Parkway (Fort Worth)

Explore some of the finest zoological exhibits in the region, home to over 400 diverse species. The Dallas Zoo is the oldest and largest zoo in the state and the Fort Worth Zoo has been named the top zoo in the nation.

[dallaszoo.com](http://dallaszoo.com)

[fortworthzoo.org](http://fortworthzoo.org)

## Klyde Warren Park

2012 Woodall Rodgers Freeway

Experience an urban green space built in the heart of Downtown Dallas. This beautiful city oasis serves as a central gathering space for Dallas and its visitors. The 5.2-acre deck park sits over the Woodall Rodgers Freeway. The space offers free daily programming for the public, ranging from yoga to lecture series to outdoor concerts and films. Enjoy a picnic or check out the ever-changing food truck options.

[klydewarrenpark.org](http://klydewarrenpark.org)

## Dallas World Aquarium

1801 North Griffin Street

Need to retreat from the Texas heat? Spend the day exploring the DWA. You will be pleasantly surprised by the variety of sea and land creatures housed here.

## Toyota Music Factory

316 West Las Colinas Boulevard

Satisfy any taste in food, music, and movies—just a 10-minute car ride from Medpace!

## Variety of Museums

Check out one of the many museums the Dallas Fort Worth (DFW) area has to offer.

### Dallas Museum of Art

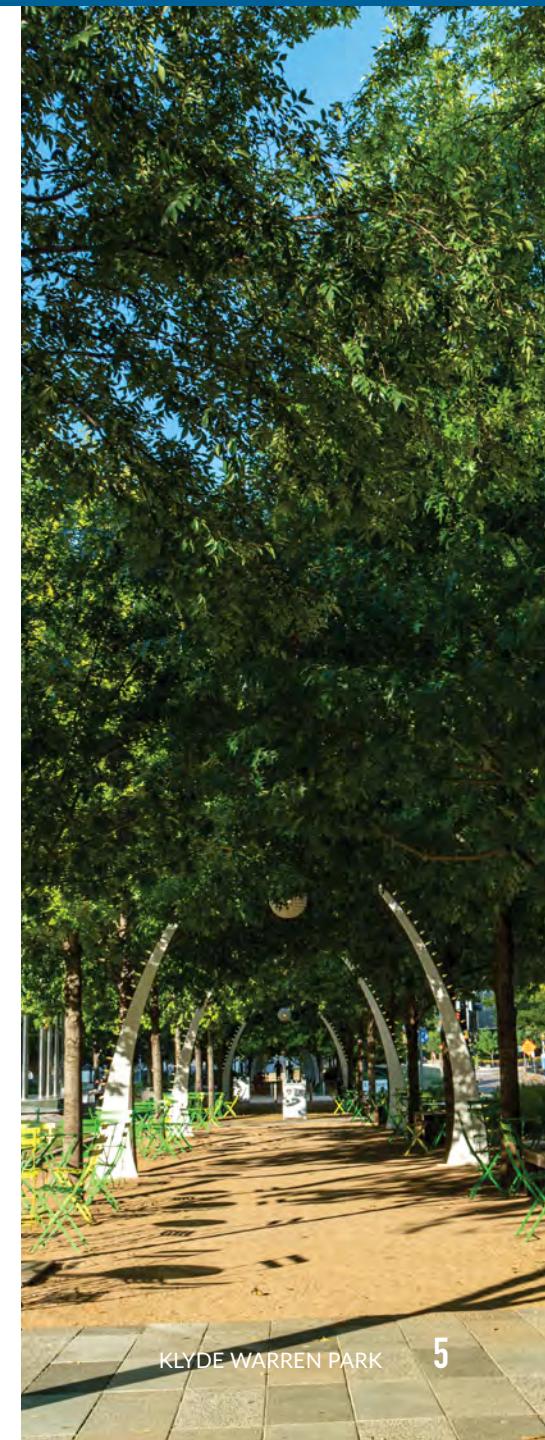
1717 North Harwood Street

### Perot Museum of Nature & Science

2201 North Field Street

### Nasher Sculpture Center

2001 Flora Street





## Dallas-Fort Worth Airport

2400 Aviation Drive

The DFW Airport is located between Dallas and Fort Worth. It's the 4th busiest airport in the world by aircraft movement. The airport is an American Airlines hub and has direct service to 72 internal and 192 domestic destinations. The airport by land is larger than the island of Manhattan.

## Love Field Airport

8008 Herb Kelleher Way

Love Field is located just 6 miles north of Downtown Dallas. It serves as the corporate headquarters and hub for Southwest Airlines.

# ABOUT MEDPACE DALLAS

The office is centrally located between the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, in the community of Irving. The location offers convenient access to the DFW International Airport and the entire DFW Metroplex.



## Downtown/Uptown

Hotels in Downtown/Uptown will give you access to museums, nightlife, fine dining, and luxurious shopping.

*Distance to Medpace office: about 15 miles (25-minute car ride)*

### Adolphus Hotel

1321 Commerce Street  
4-star hotel. \$\$  
[adolphus.com](http://adolphus.com)

### The Crescent

400 Crescent Court  
4-star hotel. \$\$\$  
[crescentcourt.com](http://crescentcourt.com)

### Hotel ZaZa

2332 Leonard Street  
4-star hotel. \$\$\$  
[hotelzaza.com](http://hotelzaza.com)

### The Stoneleigh

2927 Maple Avenue  
4-star hotel. \$\$  
[marriott.com](http://marriott.com)

### Canopy by Hilton

2950 Cityplace West Boulevard  
4-star hotel. \$\$  
[hilton.com](http://hilton.com)

## Irving/Las Colinas

Hotels in Irving offer proximity to the Medpace office and a variety of restaurants and activities within the community.

### Omni Mandalay

221 Las Colinas Boulevard East  
4-star hotel, 10 minutes to office. \$\$  
[omnihotels.com](http://omnihotels.com)

### Aloft – Las Colinas

122 East John Carpenter Freeway  
3-star hotel, 10 minutes to office. \$  
[marriott.com](http://marriott.com)

### Dallas Marriott Hotel – Las Colinas

223 West Las Colinas Boulevard  
3-star hotel, 10 minutes to office. \$  
[marriott.com](http://marriott.com)

### Four Seasons Resort & Club

4150 North MacArthur Boulevard  
5-star hotel, 5 minutes to office. \$\$\$\$  
[fourseasons.com](http://fourseasons.com)

### NYLO Las Colinas – Tapestry Collection by Hilton

1001 West Royal Lane  
3-star hotel, 8 minutes to office. \$  
[tapestrycollection3.hilton.com](http://tapestrycollection3.hilton.com)

### Westin Irving Convention Center

400 West Las Colinas Boulevard  
4-star hotel, 8 minutes to office. \$\$  
[marriott.com](http://marriott.com)

## DFW Airport

Enjoy the convenience of 2 onsite hotels within DFW airport. Located just 5 miles from the Medpace office.

### Grand Hyatt – DFW

2337 South International Parkway  
4-star hotel. \$\$  
[hyatt.com](http://hyatt.com)

### Hyatt Regency – DFW

2334 North International Parkway  
3-star hotel. \$\$  
[hyatt.com](http://hyatt.com)



# MARKETS & GROCERIES



## Central Market

Texas-based gourmet grocery store chain. Multiple locations around DFW. Offers many unique products sourced locally and globally.

[centralmarket.com](http://centralmarket.com)

## Trader Joe's

Neighborhood grocery with a unique twist.

[traderjoes.com](http://traderjoes.com)

## Eatzi's Market and Bakery

European-style eatery and grocery. Arrive after 9 pm to get special deals!

[eatzis.com](http://eatzis.com)

## Royal Blue

Texas-based specialty grocery store. Perfect place to enjoy your morning coffee!

[royalbluegrocery.com](http://royalbluegrocery.com)

## Foxtrot Market

Known as the next generation of convenience stores. Combination market/café and delivery service.

[foxtrotco.com](http://foxtrotco.com)

## Jimmy's Food Store

Looking for authentic Italian grocery options? This is your spot. Grab one of the best sandwiches in the city while you do your shopping.

[jimmysfoodstore.com](http://jimmysfoodstore.com)

# RESTAURANTS

## Fine Dining & Steakhouses

### Nick and Sam's Steakhouse

3008 Maple Avenue

Contemporary Texas steakhouse.

Perfect for any special occasion. \$\$\$

[nick-sams.com](http://nick-sams.com)

### Sachet

4270 Oak Lawn Avenue

Chic Mediterranean restaurant.

Popular option for a hot summer evening in Dallas. \$\$\$

[sachetdallas.com](http://sachetdallas.com)

### Town Hearth

1617 Market Center Boulevard

The extravagant décor paired with the jazzed-up American comfort food makes for an exciting night out. \$\$\$

[townhearth.com](http://townhearth.com)

### Neighborhood Services

5027 West Lovers Lane

New American fare inside an upscale tavern-like restaurant. \$\$\$

[nhstheoriginal.com](http://nhstheoriginal.com)

### The Charles

1632 Market Center Boulevard

Italian-inspired eatery in the heart of the Dallas Design District. Fun spot for large groups and family-style dining. \$\$

[thecharlesdallas.com](http://thecharlesdallas.com)

## Texas de Brazil

2727 Cedar Springs Road

Endless grilled meats served up in the style of old-time Brazilian ranchers. \$\$\$

[texasdebrazil.com](http://texasdebrazil.com)

## Mexican

### Javier's

4912 Cole Avenue

Dallas institution since 1977. Known for sophisticated Mexico City cuisine. \$\$\$

[javiers.net](http://javiers.net)

### Velvet Taco

Multiple locations

Serves a variety of globally inspired tacos. Easy order-at-the-counter menu. \$

[velvettaco.com](http://velvettaco.com)

### Mi Cocina – Highland Park Village

77 Highland Park Village

Traditional Tex-Mex cuisine. Enjoy margaritas in the rooftop Monkey Bar.

[hpvillage.com](http://hpvillage.com)

## Asian

### Oishii Sushi

2525 Wycliff Avenue #110

One of Dallas' most beloved sushi destinations. Grab a spot at the sushi bar for the best seat in the restaurant! \$\$

[oishiirestaurants.com](http://oishiirestaurants.com)

### Royal China

6025 Royal Lane

The oldest Chinese restaurant in Dallas is worth a visit! \$\$

[royalchinadallas.com](http://royalchinadallas.com)

### Si Lom

3300 Oak Lawn Avenue #110

Authentic Thai street food. You can enjoy this as takeout or in the restaurant! \$

[silomdallas.com](http://silomdallas.com)

### Uchi

2817 Maple Avenue

Calling all sushi fans! You will not be disappointed with the high-quality sushi and professional service. \$\$\$

[uchidallas.com](http://uchidallas.com)

## Pizza

### Cane Rosso

Multiple locations

It was no mistake that this pizza was named best in Dallas 5 years in a row! \$\$

[canerosso.com](http://canerosso.com)

## Bar Restaurants

### Katy Trail Ice House

3127 Routh Street

Hailed as one of the best patios in Dallas. Nestled next to the Katy Trail, this Austin-styled beer garden is summoning you for a bright, crisp afternoon, or breezy evening under the stars. \$-\$

[katyicehouse.com](http://katyicehouse.com)

### The Rustic

3656 Howell Street

Best place to enjoy live Texas Music every day of the week. Offers down-home cooking sourced from local Texas ranchers and farmers. \$\$

[therustic.com](http://therustic.com)

### Hero

3090 Nowitzki Way

Expansive modern sports bar and grill. This is the perfect location to enjoy after any event at the American Airlines Center. \$-\$

[herobyhg.com](http://herobyhg.com)

## Happiest Hour

2616 Olive Street

Dallas' largest patio bar and lounge, featuring an extensive rooftop deck with an impeccable city view. \$-\$

[happiesthourdallas.com](http://happiesthourdallas.com)

## HG Sply Co

2008 Greenville Avenue

Known for simple, clean food and classic cocktails. The Dallas location offers rooftop seating. \$\$

[hgsplyco.com](http://hgsplyco.com)

## Thirsty Lion – Las Colinas

350 West Las Colinas Boulevard

This is the perfect spot for a post-work dinner or happy hour. Features from-scratch cooking and a wide range of local craft beers. Located 5 minutes by car from the Medpace office! \$-\$

[thirstyliongastropub.com](http://thirstyliongastropub.com)

## Casual Dining

### Flower Child

*Multiple locations*

Known for fresh, fast, and healthy food. This fast-casual restaurant has multiple locations all over DFW. \$\$

[iamaflowerchild.com](http://iamaflowerchild.com)

### Shake Shack

*Multiple locations*

This classic burger joint started in Manhattan as a hot dog cart and quickly became a favorite in Dallas. Even better, a new location opened just 10 minutes by car from Medpace office. \$\$

[shakeshack.com](http://shakeshack.com)

### The Ranch - Las Colinas

857 West John Carpenter Freeway

Enjoy live music while you experience the true taste of Texas! \$\$

[theranchlc.com](http://theranchlc.com)

### Hard Eight BBQ

*Multiple locations*

The quintessential Texas barbecue experience. \$\$

[hardeightbbq.com](http://hardeightbbq.com)

### Pecan Lodge BBQ

2702 Main Street

Crowned the best BBQ in Dallas. There is often an extensive line to enjoy the smoke pit BBQ. Trust us, it's worth the wait! \$\$

[pecanlodge.com](http://pecanlodge.com)

## Best Brunch

### Oddfellows

316 West Seventh Street

Known for serving some of Dallas' finest pancakes. Breakfast/brunch is definitely the best meal at this Café! \$\$

[oddfellowsdallas.com](http://oddfellowsdallas.com)

### Taverna

*Multiple locations*

This warm and inviting restaurant is the perfect spot for a casual brunch. There are multiple locations around the DFW area, and all are good! \$\$

[tavernabylombardi.com](http://tavernabylombardi.com)



# MUSEUMS

## Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary - McKinney

1 Nature Place

This 289-acre wildlife sanctuary offers 5 miles of hiking trails, about 50 acres of wetlands, a 2-acre native plant garden, a butterfly house, live animals, and indoor and outdoor exhibits.

[heardmuseum.org](http://heardmuseum.org)

## Sixth Floor Museum

411 Elm Street

The Sixth Floor Museum prompts visitors to remember the legacy of President JFK.

[jfk.org](http://jfk.org)

## Perot Museum of Nature & Science

2201 North Field Street

One of the newer museums within DFW, The Perot offers dynamic experiences to stimulate curiosity in visitors of all ages.

[perotmuseum.org](http://perotmuseum.org)

## Nasher Sculpture Center

2001 Flora Street

The Center features modern and contemporary masterpieces within light-filled galleries and a serene outdoor sculpture garden.

[nashersculpturecenter.org](http://nashersculpturecenter.org)

## Dallas Museum of Art

1717 North Harwood Street

The DMA is one of the largest art museums in America. It's known for its unique, ever-changing exhibits.

[dma.org](http://dma.org)

## George W. Bush Presidential Library

2943 SMU Boulevard

Located at Southern Methodist University, this library houses a full-size replica of the White House Situation Room and Oval Office.

[georgewbushlibrary.smu.edu](http://georgewbushlibrary.smu.edu)

## Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth

3200 Darnell Street

This museum offers post-World War II art exhibits.

[themodern.org](http://themodern.org)

## Kimbell Art Museum

3333 Camp Bowie Boulevard

It's always FREE to explore the Kimbell's extensive art collection.

[kimbellart.org](http://kimbellart.org)

## Dallas Holocaust & Human Rights Museum

300 North Houston Street

The DHHRM is dedicated to teaching the history of the Holocaust and to advancing human rights.

[dhhrm.org](http://dhhrm.org)

## Museum of Illusions

701 Ross Avenue

An interactive optical adventure!

[moidallas.com](http://moidallas.com)



# OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

## Klyde Warren Park

2012 Woodall Rodgers Freeway

A unique public park in Downtown Dallas. Enjoy a picnic or check out the various restaurant and food truck options.

[klydewarrenpark.org](http://klydewarrenpark.org)

## Six Flags Over Texas

2201 East Road to Six Flags Street

Explore the year-round theme park located halfway between Dallas and Fort Worth.

[sixflags.com/overtexas](http://sixflags.com/overtexas)

## Dallas Arboretum

8525 Garland Road

Enjoy a 66-acre display garden featuring breathtaking floral displays all year long.

[dallasarboretum.org](http://dallasarboretum.org)

## Texas State Fair

925 South Haskell Avenue

Celebrate all things Texas at the Annual State Fair of Texas (usually held in September and October).

[bigtex.com](http://bigtex.com)

## Fort Worth Zoo

650 South R.L. Thornton Freeway

See description page 4.

[fortworthzoo.org](http://fortworthzoo.org)

## Dallas Zoo

1989 Colonial Parkway

See description page 4.

[dallaszoo.com](http://dallaszoo.com)

## White Rock Lake

*Multiple points of entry*

Featuring a beautiful lake and 9.33-mile hike and bike trail, this is a must-visit Dallas park!

[dallasplarks.org](http://dallasplarks.org)

[whiterockdallas.org](http://whiterockdallas.org)

## Katy Trail

*Multiple points of entry*

Iconic walking, running, and biking trail in Dallas. The historic Katy Trail is built on an old railroad line.

[katytraildallas.org](http://katytraildallas.org)

## The Stockyards

131 E. Exchange Ave

Fort Worth is where the West begins, and nothing embodies Western heritage better than the Fort Worth stockyards. Enjoy events, restaurants, shopping, and an authentic Texas experience.

[fortworthstockyards.org](http://fortworthstockyards.org)

## Dallas Farmers Market

920 South Harwood Street

Looking for an escape from the hustle of the city? The Farmers Market is the perfect place! Enjoy local markets, unique shopping, and free daily events.

[dallasfarmersmarket.org](http://dallasfarmersmarket.org)

## Fort Worth Water Gardens

1502 Commerce Street

A refreshing oasis located in Downtown Fort Worth.

[fortworth.com](http://fortworth.com)



# INDOOR ACTIVITIES



## AT&T Stadium

1 AT&T Way

Dallas is home to America's football team. Even if you're not a Cowboys fan, this impressive stadium is worth a visit.  
[dallascowboys.com](http://dallascowboys.com)

## American Airlines Center

2500 Victory Avenue

This premier sports and entertainment arena is home to the Dallas basketball and hockey teams.  
[americanairlinescenter.com](http://americanairlinescenter.com)

## Toyota Music Factory

316 West Las Colinas Boulevard

Irving's newest center for entertainment and eating establishments.  
[toyotamusicfactory.com](http://toyotamusicfactory.com)

## Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra

330 E. 4th Street, #200

The Fort Worth Symphony offers a variety of concerts annually.  
[fwsymphony.org](http://fwsymphony.org)

## Billy Bob's Texas

2520 Rodeo Plaza

The world's largest honky-tonk. Houses an indoor rodeo arena for pro bull riding, a Texas-sized dance floor, and restaurants.  
[billybobstexas.com](http://billybobstexas.com)



## NorthPark Center

8687 North Central Expressway

Home to over 235 retailers, this shopping center is known for its unparalleled luxury shopping options.  
[northparkcenter.com](http://northparkcenter.com)

## Legacy West Shopping & Entertainment – Plano

7700 Windrose Avenue

A 250-acre urban mixed-use development with coveted retail and dining options.  
[legacywest.com](http://legacywest.com)

## The Shops at ClearFork

5188 Monahans Avenue

Open-air shopping, dining, and entrainment space.  
[simon.com](http://simon.com)

## The Star District

9 Cowboys Way

A variety of upscale shopping, entertainment, and dining options. Plus, the Cowboys practice nearby!  
[thestardistrict.com](http://thestardistrict.com)

# NEIGHBORHOODS

## Central Dallas

This expansive area is home to a mix of urban and diverse neighborhoods with tree-lined streets, trendy gallerias, boutiques, moving cocktail spots, and savory restaurants.

- Uptown
- Oak Lawn
- Deep Ellum
- Design District

## East Dallas

Known for its green wonderland and picturesque urban lake. Well-suited for a family outing.

- M Streets
- Lakewood
- Lower Greenville

## South Dallas

Dallas' fastest-developing area. Unique area of the city, home to many new dining and shopping options.

- Bishop Arts
- Trinity Groves

## Far West

These family-friendly neighborhoods are conveniently close to the Medpace office.

- Irving/Las Colinas
- Coppell
- Carrollton
- Farmers Branch
- Flower Mound
- Hurst/Euless/Bedford
- Colleyville
- Fort Worth

## North Dallas Suburbs

These suburbs extend north of Lyndon B Johnson Freeway. They are often highly sought after due to high-performing public schools.

- Richardson
- Addison
- Plano
- McKinney
- Frisco

