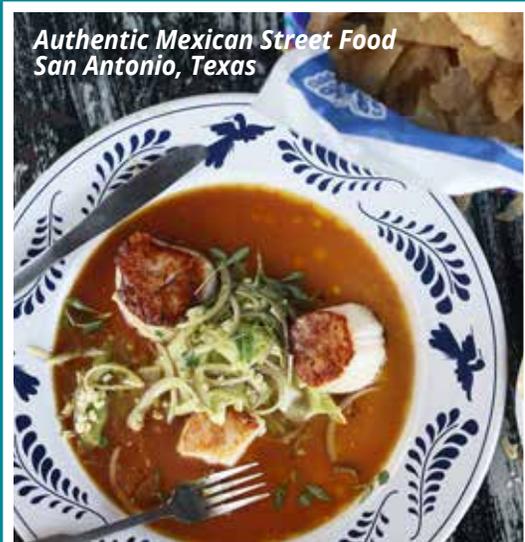


WHAT'S COOKING IN SAN ANTONIO ★ AND THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY ★

Explore the Culinary Delights of San Antonio, Fredericksburg, and San Marcos



*Authentic Mexican Street Food
San Antonio, Texas*



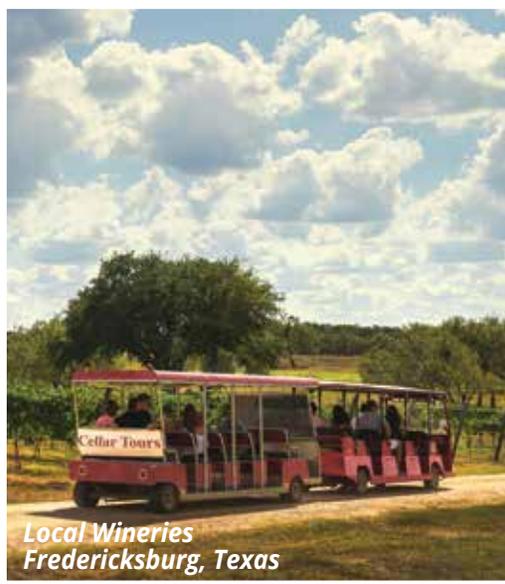
*River Walk Dining
San Antonio, Texas*



*Local Craft Brewery
Fredericksburg, Texas*



SAN ANTONIO
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*Local Wineries
Fredericksburg, Texas*



*Downtown Dining
San Marcos, Texas*



*Pecan-crusted Chicken
San Marcos, Texas*

★ SAN ANTONIO ★

Savor the Taste of San Antonio

Throughout the city, you'll have your choice of excellent restaurants. From the Southtown area near downtown, along the River Walk and to the Pearl and beyond, you'll find innovative menus from Tex-Mex to Tex-Next.



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

- Headquartered in San Antonio—**Culinary Institute of America** offers cooking classes, boot camps and **NAO: New World Flavors**, a rising star featuring Latin cuisine.
- **Cured** makes use of the purest regional ingredients, paired with organic methods and is built on a foundation of lovingly hand-crafted cured foods, from charcuterie to pickles. **La Gloria's** menu is filled with the heavenly flavors ordinarily found only among the street vendors, taquerias and kitchens of interior Mexico.
- Don't miss the **Boiler House Texas Grill and Wine Bar** for wild game and seafood, and the **Granary 'Cue & Brew** for barbecue and beer.
- **Botika** is a Peruvian-Asian restaurant with a vibrant ambiance, invites curiosity about the cuisine and celebrates the variety of fresh ingredients being used daily. 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 **Farmers Market** on Saturday and Sunday morning.
- **Hotel Emma** embraces the American tradition at **Supper**. It is guided by flavor, what's in season and what feels good in the center of a table shared by friends. Named for the prevailing Gulf breeze and the Texas coast's proud sense of place, **Southerleigh** serves a modern take on Texas' cross-cultural cuisine. The on-premise brewery offers a rotating array of original recipe and craft batch beers.

Day 2: Dining Along the River Walk and 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 Latin inspired meals and drinks.
- The **Esquire Tavern** offers exquisitely crafted cocktails and an immense beer list, as well as imaginative lunch and dinner plates like their notorious bison burger or fried pickled beets.
- 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.

- Enjoy Asian food with a decidedly Texan twist at **Hot Joy**.
- **Frank** features creative hot dogs and cold beer.
- **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 a modern 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 the Pioneer Flour Mill, specializes in delicious baked goods at breakfast and lunch.



FREDERICKSBURG



Fredericksburg is a Food Lover's Paradise

Fredericksburg was founded in 1846 by 120 settlers from Germany, so not surprisingly beer and German cuisine are on the menu as well. 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. Culinary classes are offered weekly.
- 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 Pecan Co.** makes a great afternoon stop for home-made ice cream and sinful desserts.

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 **30 wineries** are located in Fredericksburg and Gillespie County, with some **50 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 four or five beers each day in the restaurant.
- **Pedernales Brewing Company** is a relative newcomer, but produces award-winning 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 ★

Tasty Fare with San Marcos Flair

The fusion of cultures and lifestyles in San Marcos brings a surprising range of flavors to the table. Soak up some local art while sipping your perfectly blended cup of jo. Grab a bite from a food trailer at one of the mobile eateries before hitting the river. Enjoy a freshly crafted dinner at a local restaurant then stroll the Downtown Square to catch live music or an adult beverage with a rooftop view. From home-cooked treats and comfort food, to international cuisine and lunch on the go, you'll find just what your belly is looking for. Even your four-legged friends are welcome at many locations that have an outdoor patio or deck.



Day 1: Dining Around the Downtown Square

- The chef-inspired elegance of fresh, local fare at the **Root Cellar Café** is a tasty way to begin. Take a stroll around the historic downtown square where area artists and local businesses team up to make sure your eyes enjoy a feast, too. Shop eclectic boutiques like **Paper Bear** for unexpected gifts, **Superfly's Lonestar Music Emporium** to stock up on independent Texas music artists or vintage vinyl, and **Hays County Outfitters** for the latest outdoor apparel.
- When you're ready for lunch, go to the **Railyard Bar & Grill**. Order some Poblano Chorizo Queso and chips to get you started and be sure to add a side of Fried Wickels to your grilled burger or crispy salad. Then plan to spend the afternoon playing a game of horseshoes or washers on their patio and get happy hour prices every time a train goes by.
- If you need something a little sweet to get you through the day, stop in for a few scoops at **Rhea's Ice Cream**. Each one-of-a-kind flavor is made from scratch and served in a homemade waffle cone. Be sure to arrive with an open mind prepared to experiment, avocado-coconut anyone?
- **AquaBrew Brewery + Gastropub** stimulates all the senses. Enjoy artisan cuisine paired with a flight of craft beers in the modern brew house or outdoor beer garden. Live music is played most evenings.
- A visit to San Marcos isn't complete without trying a **Manske Roll** from **Gil's Broiler**. This over-sized sweet roll, similar to a cinnamon roll, was a favorite of U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson when he was a college student here and it's rumored LBJ even had them shipped to the White House once he became president. One bite and you'll know why.

Day 2: Spirited Fun in Relaxed Settings

- Enjoy a cup of perfectly blended coffee, latte, mocha or tea and a scone at **Mochas & Javas** then head to **Centerpoint Station** to feast your eyes on their designer bags, baubles, boots and boutique clothing. After shopping, grab lunch at their grill where burgers are served on homemade buns, fries are fresh-cut and giant onion rings are hand battered.
- **Palmer's Restaurant Bar & Courtyard** is the choice for truly inspired Hill Country cuisine. Pecan-crusted chicken, chile-rubbed ribeye, and citrus-poached salmon are just a few of the savory selections. Sip on a fresh hand-squeezed margarita or one of their signature drink creations by the fountain in their shaded courtyard.
- **Cody's Bistro & Lounge** provides a cozy atmosphere, great music and a fresh full menu with specialty cocktails, wine and beer. Their beautifully plated food ranges from caprese appetizers and fig pancetta naan pizzas to seasonal scallops and Akaushi steak.
- **Patio Dolcetto** offers one of the best varieties of excellent wines in the county with over 65 different bottles in every variety and Texas craft beers on draft. Food paring including exotic cheeses, olives, hummus and artisan pizzas served in an art gallery setting. The two level garden patio is a perfect place to relax with family or friends and wrap up your evening.

Day 3: Texas Brew and BBQ

- Head for the edge of town to **Middleton Brewing** to sample any number of their Belgian, American or British ales inside their tasting room or out on their upper deck overlooking the hill country vistas.
- What goes better with a Texas brew than some savory bar-b-que? **Hays County BBQ** will fill your plate full of tender and flavorful meats. Smoked over a wood fire and nursed for hours, juicy brisket, tender pork ribs and sausage will set your taste buds tingling.
- **Kent Black's BBQ** is run by a 3rd generation pit master from the 84 year old **Black's BBQ** in Lockhart, TX. This San Marcos restaurant is located in an old cotton warehouse with a big back patio and live music on weekends.

★ ENJOY THE SEASONS ★ IN THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY

SPRING

San Antonio

- **Fiesta San Antonio**, enjoy 11 days of parades and fun for the whole family.
- Experience **SeaWorld® San Antonio** and **Six Flags® Fiesta Texas** thrills and waterparks.
- **Valero Texas Open**, the 3rd oldest tournament on the PGA tour played in San Antonio since 1922.

Fredericksburg

- Blankets of **spring wildflowers** line the country roads
- Great **nature photography** opportunities
- Hiking & climbing at **Enchanted Rock State Natural Area**
- Perfect weather for a **Texas bar-b-que**
- **Hill Country Film Festival**

San Marcos

- Enjoy **Brew Bop**, a microbrew tasting tour with stops at local boutiques, restaurants and merchants around downtown.
- **Swing on the Square** is a festival weekend featuring **Texas Western Swing** acts, and other styles of music that are the roots of western swing, including blues, 40's jazz, big band swing and country.
- **MR Fest** is a weekend-long showcase of local music art and comedy hosted at numerous venues in and around downtown.

SUMMER

San Antonio

- Cool off in plenty of great places, from **waterparks** to elegant **resorts**.
- **Fiesta Noche del Rio**, Friday and Saturday evening performances from Mexico, Spain and Argentina.
- **Culinaria**: Celebrate this premier wine and food destination.
- **Folklife Festival**, revel in all things Texas, including food, music and crafts.

Fredericksburg

- **July 4th celebrations**
- **Weekly Farmer's Market**
- **Peach stands** open daily
- **Breweries** and **wineries**
- Nightly bat emergence at **Old Tunnel State Park**

San Marcos

- **Dirt Dauber Festival** is a celebration of clay featuring demonstrations, live music, vendors and a kids clay play table.
- **BIGfest** is a three-day music festival at the legendary **Cheatham Street Warehouse**.
- **SummerFest** is a 4th of July celebration on the banks of the San Marcos River with live music, food booths, children's activities and, of course, a grand finale fireworks display.

FALL

San Antonio

- **Día de Los Muertos Celebration**, popular day of the Dead event takes place at **La Villita** and **Market Square**.
- **Luminaria** is a multi-day contemporary arts festival featuring regional, national and international artists.
- **Diwali San Antonio**, experience this colorful event filled with Indian music, dance, food and special lighting ceremony.

Fredericksburg

- **Oktoberfest**
- **Fredericksburg Food & Wine Fest**
- **Corn mazes** and **pumpkin patches**
- Dark skies for **amazing star gazing**
- Two steppin' at **Luckenbach Texas**

San Marcos

- **Mermaid Week** is all about the river with a Mermaid Ball, parade and Mermaid Splash festival with live music and art vendors.
- **Sacred Springs Powwow** is an annual celebration of the Native American culture in San Marcos. Come watch native dancers in their beautiful, hand-crafted regalia and enjoy booths that offer authentic Native American arts and food.

HOLIDAYS

San Antonio

- **Ford Holiday River Parade & Lighting Ceremony** is a unique parade of holiday lights illuminating the **River Walk**.
- **Rock 'N' Roll Marathon**, run or cheer during San Antonio's famous half & full marathon course with plenty of live music along the way.
- **Celebrate New Year** in downtown San Antonio with fireworks, music, food and more.

Fredericksburg

- 26' German Christmas Pyramid at **Marktplatz**
- **Light The Night Christmas Parade**
- **Eisbahn** (outdoor ice skating daily at Marktplatz)
- Fabulous **gift shopping**
- **Bakeries** and **confectioners**

San Marcos

- The **Sights & Sounds of Christmas** is a four-evening holiday festival including carnival rides, arts & crafts, pictures with Santa, local performances, a live nativity scene and a food court.

★ TEXAS HILL COUNTRY ★



San Antonio, Texas



Fredericksburg, Texas



San Marcos, Texas