

Texas Weekend Getaways

Central Texas and the Gulf Coast are two of the most active and diverse regions of the Lone Star State. These areas truly have something for everyone. Whether you are looking for a memorable trip with friends, a family adventure, or a romantic retreat with your significant other, you'll find no shortage of experiences in Central Texas! In this guide, we'll dive into great weekend getaway options and fun activities for couples, families, and friends.



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Fun for the Family

GALVESTON ISLAND

Galveston Island is a treasure trove of family-friendly activities. This popular destination is a fan favorite among Texans and tourists alike. There is plenty to do and lots to explore, ensuring every member of your family has a memorable experience at Galveston Island.



WHAT TO DO

Start with a day at Moody Gardens, where you can explore rainforests, encounter exotic animals, and marvel at the mysteries of the ocean. The Schlitterbahn Galveston Island Waterpark offers thrilling rides for brave adventurers and gentle waves for your younger children.

[Galveston Water Adventures](#) gives you a chance to get out on the water and take in the sights, sounds, and high speeds of this one-of-a-kind attraction. The company offers speed boat adventures, dolphin tours, and more.

While in town, make sure to check out the state park and countless local shops. You'll be glad you did!

WHERE TO STAY

There are plenty of lodging options in Galveston Island. One all-time favorite is the [Moody Gardens Hotel](#), which is centrally located in the heart of Galveston. The hotel has all of the standard amenities, as well as on-site water slides, a spa, and much more.

If you are looking for something a little more lowkey, consider renting a beachfront condo. You'll have the comforts of home during your stay, and you can enjoy a peaceful retreat away from the fast-paced tourist hot spots.

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Golfing with the Guys

SAN ANTONIO



Are you planning a weekend retreat with the boys? If so, you are in luck. Central Texas offers some of the best golfing in the country!

WHAT TO DO

San Antonio is a golfer's paradise, boasting some of the best courses in existence. Challenge your friends to a route at the [TPC San Antonio](#), home to the PGA Tour's Valero Texas Open. After golf, explore the San Antonio Riverwalk's vibrant nightlife, which has tons of bars and eateries.

WHERE TO STAY

Stay at the [JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa](#), where you can enjoy luxury accommodations and easy access to the TPC golf courses. The resort also offers a range of other activities, including a water park and spa.

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Romantic Escapes for Couples

HILL COUNTRY



The Texas Hill Country is renowned for its rolling hills, tranquil vineyards, and charming towns. It's the perfect getaway for you and your significant other.

WHAT TO DO

You and your partner can indulge in wine tastings at one of [Fredricksburg's wineries](#) or explore the natural beauty of Enchanted Rock. There are also plenty of great restaurants which offer intimate dining opportunities.

WHERE TO STAY

As for lodging, you'll have your choice of a cozy bed and breakfast in Fredericksburg or a more secluded private cabin near Enchanted Rock. The latter offers stunning views and peaceful nights under the stars.

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Shopping + Spa with the Girls

AUSTIN



There's nothing quite like leaving your responsibilities behind for a weekend and spending some time with the girls. If you and your closest friends are planning an unforgettable girl's trip, Austin is the ideal destination.

WHAT TO DO

Austin's eclectic vibe makes it perfect for a girl's getaway. Spend a day exploring South Congress Avenue's unique boutiques, vintage shops, and art galleries. Then, pamper yourselves with a spa day at [Lake Austin Spa Resort](#). As the sun sets, dive into Austin's live music scene.

WHERE TO STAY

The [South Congress Hotel](#) is a popular location for weekend retreats. It's located near many of the best shops, live music venues, and restaurants. Alternatively, the Lake Austin Spa Resort is an all-inclusive option that focuses on wellness and relaxation.

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Exploration + Adventure

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK



Are you and your travel buddies craving something more adventurous? If so, you've got to check out Big Bend National Park.

WHAT TO DO

[Big Bend National Park](#) offers rugged landscapes, breathtaking hikes, and clear night skies. Explore the Rio Grande on a guided canoe tour, hike the Chisos Mountains, or take a scenic drive through the desert.

WHERE TO STAY

The park has limited lodging options, so make early reservations at the Chisos Mountains Lodge. You can also stay in Terlingua, a nearby ghost town with unique lodging options, including a [loft and luxury yurts](#).

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