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DOWNTOWN SKYLINE OVER THE COLORADO RIVER, AUSTIN, TEXAS

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Texas

THE LONE STAR STATE

Land Area 261,232 square miles
Population 27,862,596
State Capital Austin
Largest City Houston
Local Time CST – 8 hrs behind Greece (the westernmost reaches of the state are in MST – 9 hrs behind Greece)
Climate Generally speaking, the part of Texas that lies to the east of Interstate 35 is subtropical, while the portion that lies to the west of it is arid desert. It’s a BIG state, and weather and temperature vary accordingly. The most extreme temperatures ever recorded in Texas were 20°F (49°C) in Monahans, in June 1994 and -23°F (-31°C) in Seminole, in February 1933.
National Parks Big Bend National Park and Guadalupe Mountains National Park, plus a number of other National Park Service managed sites, including Amistad National Recreation Area and San Antonio Missions National Historical Park

It’s true: Everything’s bigger in Texas. The Lone Star State, the second largest in the United States, has it all—and has a lot of it too. Big and diverse, Texas boasts landscape that ranges from desert badlands and stunning beachfronts to lush mountains and prairies. There are numerous national and state parks that offer loads of opportunities to explore the outdoors, and the state’s cities are brimming with arts and culture facilities. Go hiking, mountain biking or canyoning in Big Bend Country, kayak on the Rio Grande River, enjoy the quaint seaside towns and great beach destinations along more than 600 miles of sparkling coastline on the Gulf Coast, catch a glimpse of the bison herds roaming the Panhandle Plains, or enjoy the rolling hills, prairies and lakes in the state’s heartlands. You can stroll along the River Walk in San Antonio, visit NASA’s Johnson Space Centre in Houston, and explore Austin’s trend-setting dining scene. There’s more to Texas cuisine than the iconic barbecues and stakes, and the state is also home to more than 80 micro-breweries and some impressive vineyards. Outdoors, culinary, history, or culture—whatever you’re looking for, you’ll find your adventure in Texas. 🐾