



Texas Tourism News

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Shopping is a Sport in Dallas

In the Big D, shopping isn't merely a mundane chore to outfit yourself. Shopping is a sport and a pastime, a social activity and entertainment. Look to Dallas for the best, and the trendiest places to shop as there are more shopping opportunities per capita in Dallas than any other city in the U.S. A true shopping highlight is NorthPark Center. NorthPark is one of the premier shopping centres in the U.S. and one of the four largest malls



in the country. NorthPark offers more than 235 distinctive stores including Barneys New York, Neiman Marcus, Versace, Hugo Boss, and Coach. For more information, visit, www.northparkcenter.com

Tax Free Shopping

If great shopping wasn't enough of an incentive, Canadian visitors can also enjoy Tax Free Shopping in the Big D. Canadian shoppers can receive refunds on Texas Sales Tax at TaxFree Shopping, Ltd.



by presenting original receipts on purchases made at participating retail

stores in Texas. TaxFree Shopping, Ltd. is conveniently located within NorthPark Center's management office. For more information, visit, www.taxfreetexas.com

Ditch Your Heels and Don Those Spurs!



Ever dream of ditching your BlackBerry and heels for saddles and spurs?

If that's the case, welcome to Cowgirl University - a place where you can learn the ropes of the Western lifestyle. Located in the Texas Hill Country, Cowgirl U features a chuckwagon's worth of experiences including dynamic workshops, classes, trail riding and the Kindle the Cowgirl Spirit retreat. When the day unwinds, guests can also take in the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame, and learn about the women of the west. For more information, visit, www.cowgirlu.org

Say Spaaaah!

Enjoy a truly uplifting experience at one or many of the Lone Star States outstanding Spa Resorts.



The Lake Austin Spa Resort

is nestled on 19 lakefront acres in Central Texas. It is a luxury destination that gives its guests the opportunity to create their own spa experience in a casual, nurturing environment surrounded and inspired by nature. It has been honoured by Condé Nast Traveler, Travel + Leisure and luxury spa lifestyle magazines as a Top U.S. Spa. For more information, visit, www.lakeaustin.com

Relax poolside and then head over **The Spa at The Crescent** as it offers 77 one-of-a-kind treatments and services including the Texas Crushed Cabernet Body Scrub and the Cowboy Boogie. Rosewood Crescent Hotel has been designated as Best Hotel Spa in 2008 by readers of Condé Nast Traveler. The Spa is a true oasis in the heart of Texas. For more information, visit, www.crescentcourt.com

The Windflower - **The Hill Country Spa** at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa in San Antonio invokes to a simpler way of life. Spa guests enjoy private spa pools set amid lush landscaping, and before or after treatments, a variety of fresh



fruit smoothies, made-to-order freshly squeezed juices and light lunch items. Available spa services include Body Treatments, Massage, Facial/Skin Care, Beauty services, and Fitness and Yoga. For more information, visit, www.hillcountry.hyatt.com

Trellis, a Mediterranean style sanctuary, celebrates the healing, soothing and rejuvenating powers of water with a series of exquisite treatments in a tranquil setting within the property of The Houstonian Hotel, Club & Spa. Home to 19 treatment rooms, Trellis offers choices from massages, body wraps and facials to customized treatments for men and mothers-to-be as well as Hydrotherapy and Vichy Rainfall Shower treatments. For more information, visit, www.trellisspa.com

Wine Your Way through Texas

If wine's your thing, Texas Hill Country might be the next best thing to crossing the Atlantic. Speckled with 24 wineries, the lush and colourful



Hill Country is host to the 2008 Holiday Wine Trail this Christmas season. Participants can collect dated signature Christmas ornaments to decorate their own grapevine wreath on any of the wineries along the Texas Hill Country Wine Trail. Vineyards and tasting rooms are cloaked in lights, warmth and holiday cheer awaiting first timers and seasoned friends alike. So grab your gals and

come prepared to celebrate all that accompanies fine wine this Holiday season. The 2008 festival is celebrated on three weekends in December (5-7, 12-14 & 19-21). Tickets are \$60.00 dollars per grapevine wreath. For more information, visit, www.texaswinetrail.com

Engage Your Senses



After a full day of shopping, relax and engage your visual senses with a day at an art museum. The Lone Star State is home to an impressive number of art museums and galleries.

Ancient Egypt makes a modern day visit to the U.S. as Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs exhibit opened this fall at **the Dallas Museum of Art**. The exhibit provides an insight into the life of Tutankhamun and other royals of the 18th Dynasty (1555-1305 B.C.). On display are 50 of Tutankhamun's burial objects all between 3,300 and 3,500 years old. For more information, visit, www.dallasmuseumofart.org

This fall, **The Blanton Museum of Art** presents a groundbreaking exhibition of work by artists associated with the Park Place Gallery, a prominent artists' cooperative space in 1960s New York. The exhibition features approximately 40 works and examines the impact of this little known but influential cadre of artists. Blanton is the largest university



art museum in the U.S. The exhibit will run until January 18, 2009. For more information, visit, www.blantonmuseum.org

Opened in 1924, **Museum of Fine Arts**, Houston was the first art museum in Texas and the third in the American South. With over 300,000 square feet of display space and 18 acres of gardens, it remains one of the largest art museums in the U.S. and welcomes over 2.5 million visitors each year. For more information, visit, www.mfah.org

San Antonio Museum of Art ancient-art collection is the most comprehensive in the Southern United States. In 1998, the Museum inaugurated a new wing, The Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Latin American Art, the nation's only center dedicated to the exhibition and study of Latin American Art. For more information, visit, www.samuseum.org

A Winter Getaway to Texas is easily accessible from Toronto through these direct flights:

Air Canada flies to Houston, Dallas/Fort Worth and Austin. **American Airlines** flies to Dallas/Fort Worth. **Continental Airlines** flies to Houston.

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