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## Looking to Visit Texas This Summer? Follow Our 3 Tips

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The lone star state is known for many things — from its famous barbeque to its country music history and so much more. As the second-largest state, its vast open fields and bustling metropolitan cities draw millions of tourists every year.

Texas is home to several dynamic cities and countless peaceful, rural towns. If you're looking to visit for the first time this summer, it's easy to feel overwhelmed — where should you travel? What sights should you see?

Follow our three tips, and you'll be on the right track to a memorable trip to Texas.

## 1. Tailor Your Trip to Your Personality

Texas has something for everyone, which is why careful planning is essential before you venture out on your summer vacation. The last thing you want to do is waste time and money visiting areas of the state that don't pique your interest and missing out on those attractions or venues that speak to your personality.

If you love to be outdoors and explore nature, then you'll likely want to spend the majority of your time around the Gulf Coast. The Texas Gulf Coast stretches over 600 miles from Louisiana to the border of Mexico — it's the state's primary region for outdoor activities, including national parks and sandy beaches.

If you prefer the hustle and bustle of big cities, Austin, Houston, and Dallas will be the best choices. Austin is known as the live music capital of the world, which means you'll never run out of entertainment. Houston is building a reputation as a food-lovers destination, and Dallas is one of the state's most prominent shopping destinations. Knowing what you want to see on your trip will help you plan the most efficient and enjoyable vacation.

## 2. Pack Accordingly

Texas is known for its high summer temperatures, which means dressing appropriately will likely be the difference between an enjoyable and intolerable experience. When it comes to packing, sticking with light and breathable fabrics like cotton and linen is recommended, and you'll likely feel most comfortable in your best walking shoes.

If you're venturing around crowded areas, you may need to add extra protection - whether you

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prefer to pack standard disposable masks or your favourite washable mask from the Azzyland shop. Once you've packed your essentials, you're one step closer to thoroughly enjoying your first visit to Texas.

## 3. Find Free Activities

Going on vacation is often synonymous with expensive accommodations and multiple dining-out experiences, which means finding savings where you can is essential. Thankfully, in a state as big as Texas, there's no shortage of free activities to take part in.

There's plenty of culture to soak in around the lone star state — from saloons across Dallas to the famous Alamo in San Antonio. Theatre fans can enjoy the Miller Outdoor Theatre in Houston while nature buffs can soak in the sun and the view at Big Bend National Park.

Finding the fun in free is what makes Texas one of the prime tourist destinations. Follow our three essential tips, and you'll be able to enjoy your first visit to the state of Texas.

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