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## Day by Day > Dallas Style

### Tuesday, September 28

Be sure to head over and enjoy a full day at the **State Fair of Texas**, which runs from Sept 24 – Oct 17, 2010 and ranks as one of the largest annual expositions in the world!! Fair Park is a 277-acre entertainment and recreation complex located two miles east of downtown Dallas. The park is the year-round home of the Music Hall, Cotton Bowl and eight museums. Fair Park is a National Historic Landmark and boasts the largest collection of art deco exposition buildings in the United States. Hours are from 10am – 10pm. Visit [www.bigtex.com](http://www.bigtex.com) for ticket prices and more information.

The **MIDWAY** at the State Fair features 70+ attractions, including the overhead Texas SkyWay®, the 212-ft. Texas Star® Ferris wheel and a 1914 Dentzel carousel. Adrenaline rushes are guaranteed in the extreme ride Thrillway section. It's definitely one of the Fair's most popular destinations. Be sure to bring your appetite!

There is plenty of food to go around...enjoy everything from Fletcher's Corny Dogs, Funnel Cakes, Fried Twinkies, Fried Oreos, Tornado Twisters and much, much more..

Get set for **Shrek the Musical** at the Music Hall at Fair Park. Based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks film that started it all, brings the hilarious story of everyone's favorite ogre to dazzling new life on the stage. The **Dallas Summer Musicals** production runs from Sept. 28 - Oct. 17, closed on Mondays. Remember, **DART's** new Green Line drops patron's just steps away from the Music Hall at Fair Park. Visit [www.dallasummermusicals.org](http://www.dallasummermusicals.org) and [www.dart.org](http://www.dart.org) for more information.

Don't forget to stop by the **State Fair Auto Show**, the biggest new car and truck show in the Southwest, features new models, concept vehicles & weekend collectors' rallies.

### Wednesday, September 29

Take pleasure at one of the best contemporary sculpture collections in the world: the **Nasher Sculpture Center**, one of the world's foremost private collections of contemporary and modern art. The center features more than 300 pieces and is located adjacent to the Dallas Museum of Art in the Arts District. [www.nashersculpturecenter.org](http://www.nashersculpturecenter.org)

Across from the Nasher is the **Dallas Museum of Art**. Established in 1903, the museum has an encyclopedic collection of more than 23,000 works spanning 5,000 years of history. The collections focus on the art of the ancient Americas, Africa, Indonesia, South Asia and Europe, as well as, American painting, sculpture and decorative arts. American and international contemporary art is also on display. [www.dallasmuseumofart.org](http://www.dallasmuseumofart.org)

In the same district across Flora Street is the **Crow Collection of Asian Art**, the only Asian art museum in the western United States. Exhibiting works of art from Japan, China, India and Southeast Asia, the Crow Collection offers visitors a peaceful world of beauty and spirituality in the heart of the city. The pieces of art date from 3500 B.C. to the early 20th century and include precious jade ornaments from China, delicate Japanese scrolls and a rarely seen 2-by-28 foot sandstone façade of an 18th century Indian residence. [www.crowcollection.org](http://www.crowcollection.org)

Fine collections of art are not just left for the museums to showcase, as they are also notably included in the culinary expressions offered throughout the various restaurant options in the city. **Seventeen Seventeen**, a sophisticated lunch option and event facility in the Dallas Museum of Art offers an ever-changing menu to compliment special exhibitions.



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After a day at the museums, experience something new at **Victory Park!** Located in the heart of Dallas, the plaza creates a new urban center with a carefully assembled collection of emerging retail, distinctive dining, signature entertainment venues and more. Victory Park is touted as “a mini-Times Square” boasting one of the largest outdoor digital mediums in the world known as the Victory Park Super Screens.

We highly recommend **Victory Tavern** in Victory Park, which offers contemporary interpretations of American culinary classics with modern-day versions of American tavern and steakhouse favorites. Other restaurants include, **Luna de Noche, Medina Oven & Bar, Craft** and many more. Visit [www.victorypark.com](http://www.victorypark.com) for more information.

**House of Blues** is the hottest new entertainment and dining experience in Dallas. From live music and distinctively southern inspired cuisine to the famous Sunday Gospel Brunch amidst an eclectic décor of outsider folk art, House of Blues is an amazing experience. [www.hob.com](http://www.hob.com)

Check out **Hard Rock Café Dallas**, which is our newest addition to Victory Park. With a menu full of mouth-watering American classics, memorabilia from the biggest names in rock, signature cocktails, and a full complement of city-specific merchandise to memorialize your visit, the Hard Rock Cafe Dallas is one trip you just have to make. [www.hardrock.com](http://www.hardrock.com)

## Thursday, September 30

Start your morning by experiencing television history and Texas hospitality at **Southfork Ranch!** Explore and tour the homestead of the Ewing Family from the long-running Dallas television show on a guided tram tour. Other highlights include the Dallas Legends exhibit, Miss Ellie’s Deli, shopping and more! [www.southforkranch.com](http://www.southforkranch.com)

Have lunch at **Texas Land and Cattle** in Uptown Dallas, for some Texas-tastin’ steaks hot off the mesquite grill. After a hearty meal, walk over to the West Village, and gear up Dallas style at **Cowboy Cool** for edgy unique western gear.

Then head over to **Dallas’ Heritage Village**, the premier living history museum in the Southwest. Depicting life in Dallas from 1840-1910, enjoy a stunning view of the Dallas skyline, a country church, saloon, rustic school house and elegant 10-room historic home all on 13 acres. [www.dallasheritagevillage.org](http://www.dallasheritagevillage.org)

Join us for a night of food, drinks, live music, mechanical bull riding, dancing and networking at the **EMS EXPO Lonestar BBQ Party at Eddie Deen’s Ranch** from 6:30pm-11:00pm. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased when you register online, onsite or at the party.

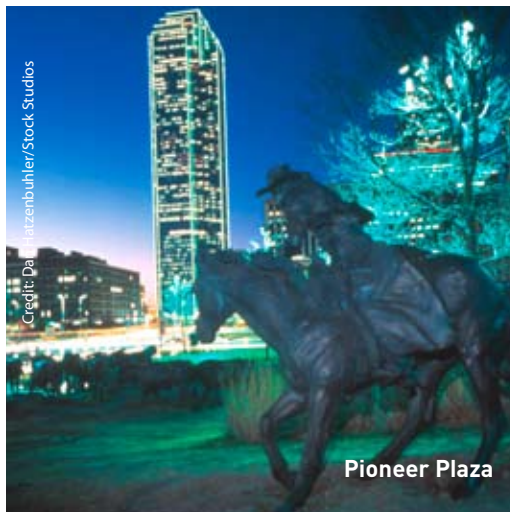
## Friday, October 1

A Dallas must is the **Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza**. With more than 400 pictures and artifacts, the museum will take you back to November 22, 1963, the tragic day of President John F Kennedy’s assassination. Relive the history of the Kennedy’s with documentary



films, photographs, artifacts and a 45-minute audio guided tour. Visit [www.jfk.org](http://www.jfk.org) for more information. Tuesday–Sunday, 10 am–6 pm; Monday, 12 pm–6 pm

Need some snapshots of your visit to the city? Go to the most photographed place in Dallas: **Pioneer Plaza**, a 4.2 acre plaza featuring the world’s largest bronze monument. Forty-nine longhorn steers being herded by three cowboys, depict cattle drives that are a part of Texas.



Be sure to head over to the **West End Historic District** where you can do some souvenir shopping and get a bite to eat without breaking the bank. Start your visit at **Wild Bill’s Western Store** for some truly Texas souvenirs or buy yourself some custom made cowboy boots. The West End not only offers retail shops, but several budget friendly dining options to choose from too. **Spaghetti Warehouse**, a family favorite will not let you down in service, taste or atmosphere. **Sonny Bryan’s**, the most famous barbecue joint in Dallas, will cater to those fans of brisket, rib and Texas style BBQ. And **Hoffbrau’s Steakhouse**, a Texas tradition that’s been serving Dallas for over two decades features Texas-sized steaks, chicken, gulf shrimp, green salads and half-pound hamburgers. Check out [www.meatballs.com](http://www.meatballs.com); [www.sonnibryanbbq.com](http://www.sonnibryanbbq.com); [www.hoffbrausteaks.com](http://www.hoffbrausteaks.com) and [www.wildbillswestern.com](http://www.wildbillswestern.com) or [www.DallasWestEnd.org](http://www.DallasWestEnd.org) for more information.

After your hearty meal, head over to downtown Dallas’ **Southside** neighborhood and check out **Gilley’s Dallas**, a true Texas honky-tonk! Offering an impressive line-up of Western entertainers, a new operating schedule, drink specials, shopping and a Texas-sized dance floor. This honky-tonk has all the cowboy you want to be right in downtown Dallas! Be sure to test your skills on the original mechanical bull from the blockbuster movie “Urban Cowboy” for some real Texas fun! Visit [www.gilleysdallas.com](http://www.gilleysdallas.com) or (888) GILLEYS for more information.



Dallas is constantly evolving with a vibrant mix of new hotels, restaurants, retail, culture, urban residences and nightlife. The words “unique,” “one of a kind,” “Texas-style,” “hospitable,” “state-of-the-art” and “world-class” describe the very essence of the city known internationally as BIG D. We look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful city!

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