

#TexasToDo's Winter 2018

Newly opened hotels, highly anticipated restaurants and cooler weather make the perfect combination to visit the Lone Star State this season! Here are a handful of new places to add to your #TexasToDo list.

New Flights

Non-stop flights to Reykjavik Keflavik International Airport (KEF) from Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport will be available on WOW airlines starting May 24. Dallas Love Field Airport and Alaska Airlines will offer non-stop flights to San Diego and San Jose, California, starting Feb. 16, 2018.

Non-stop flights from George Bush International Airport in Houston to Sydney, Australia, will be available through United Airlines starting Jan. 18, 2018. Southwest Airlines will supply non-stop daily flights from Hobby Airport in Houston to Milwaukee beginning March 8, 2018.

San Antonio International Airport partnered with [Frontier Airlines](#) to add six additional daily nonstop flights to New Orleans, Phoenix and San Diego starting in October 2017 and Cincinnati, Orlando and San Jose. Additionally, [American Airlines](#) will offer daily nonstop routes from San Antonio to Philadelphia International Airport beginning in February 2018.

New Hotels

Austin's [AT&T Hotel and Conference Center](#)'s expanded property is set to open in January 2018, increasing the amount of event space by 30,000 square feet. The expansion features a 15,000-square-foot Zlotnik Family Ballroom with an adjoining 5,000-square-foot pre-function space. A mural by Brooklyn-based artist José Parlá will be featured on the wall of the pre-function space highlighting Austin's natural environment and landscape.

A third location of the [Saint Hotel](#) will begin construction on the San Antonio River Walk in spring 2018. With existing locations in Key West and New Orleans, the Saint Hotel is known for playing on themes of good and evil. The San Antonio Saint Hotel will feature seven stories, 100-full service rooms and a restaurant, bar and lounge on the ground floor.

[Canopy by Hilton](#) is also opening on the San Antonio Riverwalk in 2018, just in time to host the influx of visitors celebrating the city's tricentennial. The construction of the hotel is integrating the Civil-War era Alamo Fish Market building into its new design.

New Eats

The second American [Moxie's Grill & Bar](#) location opened at the Galleria in Houston in November 2017. Like its Dallas location, Moxie's menu is created by Executive Chef Brandon Thordarson with wine pairing expertise provided by Moxie's sommelier and beverage director Kim Spence. Specialty cocktails include the Avocado Gimlet and the Straight Outta Cozumel. Moxie's is open for brunch, lunch and dinner.

Opened in December 2017, [Burgerteca](#) is located directly on San Antonio's Riverwalk Mission with burger and Mexican fusion menu items inspired by renowned chef Johnny Hernandez's extensive travels. Burgerteca also features an ice cream shop serving palatas and raspas otherwise known as popsicles and shaved ice.

Dallas' Burgundy Swine, opening in spring 2018, will be a unique twist on the traditional wine bar. Local sommeliers are building out the ever-changing wine list focusing on wine regions from Texas to France's Burgundy region. The space will feature fire pits, a lounge area and a dog friendly patio.

[Altstadt Brewery](#), an authentic German Brewery located in Fredericksburg, will debut tastings and tours at its state-of-the-art facility beginning in spring 2018. Altstadt Brewery will be the third brewery to call Fredericksburg home, joining the Pedernales Brewing Company and the Fredericksburg Brewing Company. It will also feature a fine dining restaurant and a venue available for event booking.

[Texas Live!](#) dining and entertainment district in Arlington, TX will open in 2018 featuring 2,000,000 square feet of premier sports, entertainment and hospitality destinations. Located conveniently between the Texas Rangers' Globe Life Park and the Dallas Cowboy's AT&T stadium, Texas Live! is envisioned to set a new standard in sports-anchored developments.

New Exhibitions

A new "[Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission](#)" exhibit is on display at the Space Center of Houston through March 18 for its first stop on its national tour. The exhibit is part of the space center's 25th anniversary celebration.

Houston's Museum of Fine Arts will host [Peacock in the Desert: The Royal Arts of Jodhpur, India](#) from March 4 to August 9. The exhibit will feature never-before-seen relics and masterpieces that illustrate the history of the Rathore Dynasty.

A long-term plan for the [Fort Worth Zoo](#) expansion and renovations includes a facelift for the African Savannah exhibit, which will open in spring 2018. The exhibit's new display will feature a space for animals of different kinds to roam freely with one another and a river for the zoo's hippos to have 70-feet of underwater viewing space. The opening of the new African Savannah is the first segment of the long-term plan to be completed.

Winter Event Highlights

- [San Antonio Cocktail Conference](#) (Jan. 10-14) – San Antonio, TX
- [Cowboy Mardi Gras](#) (Feb. 1-3) – Bandera, TX
- [Mardi Gras! Galveston](#) (Feb. 2-13) – Galveston, TX
- [Laredo Sixth Annual Birding Festival](#) (Feb. 7-10) – Laredo, TX
- [Hueco Rock Rodeo](#) (Feb. 16-18) – El Paso, TX
- [Whooping Crane Festival](#) (Feb. 22-25, 2018) – Port Aransas, TX
- [Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo](#) (Feb. 27 – March 18) – Houston, TX
- [Botanica Music and Arts Festival](#) (March 3-4) – San Antonio, TX
- [Texas Independence Day Celebration](#) (March 3-4) – Washington, TX
- [SXSW Music Festival and Conference](#) (Mar. 9-18) – Austin, TX

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