

Things to Know About Dallas, TX

Dallas is one of the major cities in the state of Texas, the largest city of Dallas County and sits along the Trinity River, near to the junction of that river's three forks. It is one of the Lone Star State's most populous cities, next to Houston and San Antonio.

Dallas is a sprawling metroplex that takes pride in its rich history, signature snacks, and world-renowned architecture. It also boasts a well-rounded arts and culture scene, dynamic sports scene, and exciting nightlife. But if you're on the lookout of some old-school Texas trademarks such as barbecues, huge steaks, upscale restaurants, and established honkytonks, you'll also find them in Dallas with little difficulty.

The city is also famous for the Dallas Cowboys, Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, Big Tex and Texas State Fair, and Highland Park Village. The city will also be remembered as the site where President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963. And of course, who cannot forget the tv show Dallas?

History of Dallas

While its existence as a city is relatively short compared to the other municipalities, so much has happened in Dallas that have shaped its unique identity. Since its "birth" in the 1830s, Dallas has witnessed so many changes, upheavals, and reformations – all in the name of pushing towards the realization of its ideal form.

Dallas's home state, Texas, was once inhabited by the so-called American Indians just before the Spanish colonists arrived. In the 1700s, the Spaniards claimed the territory of Texas and established it as part of the Viceroyalty of New Spain. Later, France also claimed the area but never established any settlement there.

When Mexico achieved independence from Spain in 1821, it claimed Texas as part of the Mexican state Coahuila y Tejas. In 1836, Texas became independent from Mexico, which led to the establishment of the Republic of Texas.

Three years after Texas gained independence, a man named John Neely Bryan was looking for an ideal location for his planned trading post business when he discovered three forks area of the Trinity River. When he came back in 1841, he established a permanent settlement named (or which he called) Dallas.

Places to Go in Dallas, TX

Dealey Plaza
The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza
Arts District
Dallas Museum of Art (DMA)
Perot Museum of Nature and Science
Klyde Warren Park
Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Garden
Reunion Tower
AT&T Stadium
Nasher Sculpture Center



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