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Located on Interstate 20, halfway between Fort Worth and El Paso, Midland is home to presidents and petroleum. *The Tall City* has a lot to offer in the way of fun, from down-home Texas barbecues to museums and festivals. Here you'll find big-city amenities with small-town hospitality. This is the perfect destination for your family reunion, your next meeting, sporting event, a tour of West Texas--or a weekend getaway. Not only is Midland a great destination, it's also a great starting point for a West Texas adventure to **Big Bend National Park!**

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Midland Visitors Center

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Serving FREE ice cream to travelers!

Your source for the best information on Midland hotels, restaurants, attractions, shopping, events and maps! Also find in-depth information on outdoor adventure in the Big Bend region.

Movies & TV about or filmed in the Midland area

A Tablet of Overcoming
Black Gold television series
Blood Simple
Everybody's Baby: The Rescue of Jessica McClure
Fandango
Friday Night Lights
Friday Night Lights television series
Giant
Hangar 18
Hard Country
Heroes television series
Lonesome Dove
No Country for Old Men
The Rookie
The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada
Waltz Across Texas

Books about, or written by authors from, the Midland area

Friday Night Lights: A Town, a Team, and a Dream
by H.G. Bissinger
Decision Points by George W. Bush
Spoken from the Heart by Laura Bush
The Buffalo Soldier Tragedy of 1877 by Paul Carlson
Prairie Nights to Neon Lights by Carr and Munde
Claytie: The Roller-Coaster Life of a Texas Wildcatter
by Mike Cochran
Midland (Images of America) by James Collett
Halff of Texas by Patrick Dearen
Follow the Smoke, 14,783 Miles of Great Texas Barbecue
by John Demers
Marfa Shadows, Marfa Blues, and Terlingua Heat
by John Demers
Big Bend Pictures by James Evans
Giant by Edna Ferber
*Ghosts of Texas: The Haunted Locations of Midland, Odessa
and San Angelo* by Jeffrey Fisher
The Lost Wagon Train and The Lone Star Ranger by Zane Grey
Calico Joe by John Grisham
Fort Concho and the Texas Frontier by J. Evetts Haley
Charles Goodnight by J. Evetts Haley
The Wolf and the Buffalo by Elmer Kelton
The Day the Cowboys Quit by Elmer Kelton
Honor at Daybreak by Elmer Kelton
The Time It Never Rained by Elmer Kelton
The Good Old Boys by Elmer Kelton
All the Pretty Horses by Cormac McCarthy
Blood Meridian by Cormac McCarthy
Lonesome Dove by Larry McMurtry
Fire in the water, Earth in the Air by Chris Oglesby
A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas
by Jimmy Patterson

Midland is conveniently located on **Interstate 20**, halfway between Fort Worth and El Paso.

Midland International Airport is an asset to the entire region of West Texas. Serviced daily by American, Southwest, and United Airlines, Midland is a convenient and affordable destination to fly in and out of. Midland International Airport is the **closest airport to Big Bend National Park**, as well as several other state and national parks. It is owned and operated by the City of Midland and offers commercial service to seven major hubs including: Dallas Love Field, Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW), Houston Bush Intercontinental Airport, Houston Hobby Airport, Las Vegas, and Denver.
(432) 560-2200 / www.flymaf.com



Distance:
Austin: 315 miles
Big Bend National Park: 230 miles
Dallas/Ft. Worth: 315 miles
El Paso: 300 miles
Houston: 490 miles
San Antonio: 320 miles

Average Temps



www.weather.com

Midland is served by several shuttle services, taxis, and EZ-Rider public transportation with six fixed bus routes through the city.

Taxis

A-1 Taxi Cab Co - (432) 697-2521
Imperial Taxi - (432) 770-3660
Midessa Transportation - (432) 685-7070

Rental Cars

Alamo & National - (432) 563-0378
Avis - (432) 563-0910
Budget - (432) 563-1640
Enterprise - (432) 682-2355 / (432) 561-5172
Hertz - (432) 689-3541 / (432) 563-0111

Buses & Shuttle Service

All Aboard America!:
1-800-628-1335 | allaboardamerica.com

Big John's Limo Service:
(432) 570-6699

EZ-Rider:
(432) 561-9990 | ez-rider.org

GK Shuttle:
(866) 569-6691 | gksshuttleservice.com

Greyhound Bus:
(432) 332-5711 | greyhound.com

M & M Tours, Inc.:
1-800-867-4132 | mmtours.biz

Midland Shuttle Service Inc.:
(432) 312-0443 | midlandshuttleservices.com

My Shuttle Home:
(432) 235-1484 | myshuttlehome.com

New Mexico Texas Coaches, LLC:
(806) 749-9999 | 1800buslimo.com



We all need a weekend to unwind with the girls. Relax and pamper yourself...

>>Day 1<<

Kick off your weekend with a shopping spree at **The Commons at Northpark**, including White House | Black Market, LOFT and Apricot Lane Boutique. Finish the day off with a wine tasting at **The Wine Rack of Midland**.



>>Day 2<<

Wake up to a hot stone massage and Green Science facial at **Joe James Salon & Spa**. Spend the afternoon shopping at **Midland Park Mall** and then hit the many boutiques at the corner of Wadley Avenue and Garfield Street. Impress your friends with over-the-top holiday decor from **Miss Cayce's Christmas Store** or one-of-a-kind imports from **Quetzal Mexican Crafts & Arts Imports**. Refuel at **The Garlic Press**--we love the Potato Crusted Flounder with a Beurre Blanc.

Enjoy the evening with a performance by the **Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale** or **Midland Community Theatre**, founded in 1946 and ranked among the top 10 amateur theater groups in the U.S.

The Commons at Northpark: 2900 W. Loop 250 N.
 The Garlic Press: 2200 W. Wadley | (432) 570-4020
 Joe James Salon & Day Spa: 2101 W Wadley | (432) 520-9441
 Midland Community Theatre: (432) 570-4111 | mctmidland.org
 Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale: (432) 563-0928 | mosc.org
 Midland Park Mall: 4511 N. Midkiff Rd.
 Miss Cayce's Christmas Store: 1012 Andrews Hwy. | (432) 689-7192
 Quetzal Mexican Crafts & Arts Imports: 201 E Florida | (432) 683-3300
 The Wine Rack: 4610 N. Garfield Street | (432) 570-9463

For details to book this itinerary and a complete list of shops and spas, go to www.VisitMidlandTexas.com.

Experiences for the FOODIE

"The garden suggests there might be a place where we can meet nature halfway." — Michael Pollan

The wide variety of Midland restaurants offers travelers juicy steaks, tangy barbecue, spicy Tex-Mex, mouth-watering burgers, gourmet and Italian cuisine. Taste for yourself the many reasons Midland is a great place to visit!

>>Day 1<<

Treat yourself to butterflied crab legs or Veal Genovese at **Venezia Restaurant**, paired with a glass of wine from the largest wine list in West Texas. Owner Carmine Scarcelli brings his cuisine knowledge from his home country of Italy.

>>Day 2<<

Kickstart your morning with a hand-crafted latte at **The Ground Floor** in bustling downtown followed by breakfast at **Lori's Cafe**, all about keeping it local with fresh, quality food. We recommend the Breakfast Enchiladas: 3 corn tortillas stuffed with green chili, country sausage and Spanish onion smothered in red sauce and cheese, served with hash browns.



Photo courtesy Charlotte Dameron

Eat lunch at one of the oldest restaurants in Midland, **Wall Street Bar & Grill**, a downtown business professional favorite hot spot for making business deals over a juicy steak or homeade etouffee.

No trip to West Texas is complete without licking barbecue sauce off your fingers. One of our favorite joints is **Johnny's BBQ Diner**. You can't go wrong with their brisket, southern-style potato salad, and pinto beans. Did we mention this was a popular hangout of Laura Bush's dad, Harold Welch, good friends with founder Johnny?

>>Day 3<<

Don't go home on an empty stomach--have lunch at **Cancun Bar & Grill**. Start with roasted corn queso followed by seafood chile rellenos, finished with a slice of tres leches cake. Or try Midland staple **Gerardo's Casita**, serving three flavors of salsa, carne guisada and hand-rolled cheese enchiladas.

>>Take Out<<

Bring home locally-raised natural beef from the **YT Beef Ranch**. Their hardy Longhorn and Corriente cattle naturally resist disease, making antibiotic use unnecessary, and are lower in fat and cholesterol than mainstream beef. Variety of cuts of grass and grain fed beef are available as well as jerky and German sausage.



Tour **Susie's South Forty Candy Factory*** where world-famous toffee, Kickers Pralines, Winners Caramels, Fudge Richey, Texas Trash, and more are all made. Susie's is a Guinness™ World Record-Holder for making the largest piece of toffee, shaped like the state of Texas, and has also been featured on Food Network's Unwrapped.

Bring Home a jar of local wildflower, mesquite or cotton honey from **Golden Bouquet Honey**.

>>Experience<<

Learn how to cook healthy, nutritious meals with Kim Clinkenbeard, personal trainer, USA Triathlon Coach, and Fitness Nutrition Specialist. Classes in Odessa, 6:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Cancun Bar & Grill: 223 W. Wall | (432) 618-0390

Cooking with Kim: getfitwithkimtoday.com | (432) 557-5001

Gerardo's Casita: 2407 N. Big Spring | (432) 570-8012

Golden Bouquet Honey: (432) 262-6511

The Ground Floor: 203 W. Wall | (432) 683-4433

Johnny's BBQ Diner: 316 N Big Spring St. | (432) 218-5521

Lori's Cafe: 2201 W. Wall | (432) 570-1701

Susie's South Forty: **New factory opening late '13* | (432) 570-4040

Wall Street Bar & Grill: 115 E. Wall St. | (432) 684-8686

YT Beef Ranch: ytbeef.com | (432) 638-8706

It's the roar of the crowd, the beat of a heart, the crack of a bat, that gets our blood pumping.

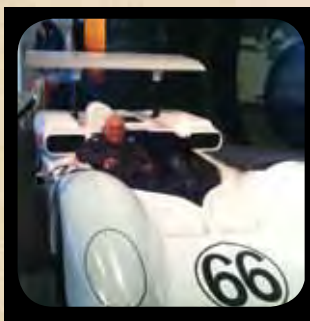
>>Day 1<<

Depending on the season, grab a Black & Blue burger at the **Basin Burger House** and attend an iconic West Texas **Friday night football game** or grab a hot dog at a **Midland RockHounds** baseball game, a Double A affiliate of the Oakland Athletics.

>>Day 2<<

Kick off an active morning at the **West Texas BMX** track then tour the **Chaparral Racing Cars** gallery at the **Permian Basin Petroleum Museum**. Former Midlander Jim Hall is revered by the world's racing community as the innovator who introduced the movable wing in 1965. His aerodynamic wing, ground effects and light weight construction materials transformed auto racing as well as passenger car safety and fuel efficiency in the 20th Century. Get up close to the iconic racing cars.

Spend the evening at a car race at the **Desert Thunder Raceway** or a polo match at the **Midland Polo Club**. Refuel with fall-off-the-bones ribs and live music at **The Hog Pit Pub & Grub**.



**Photo Op:
Have your
pic taken in a
Chaparral Car**

>>Day 3<<

Enjoy a beautiful West Texas sunrise with a **game of golf** at one of Midland's five beautiful courses, (including the Midland Country Club, host to the PGA Web.com Tour annually). Or work up a sweat at the new, impressive Bush Tennis Center featuring 18 full-size lighted courts.

Basin Burger House: 607 N. Colorado | (432) 687-5696
Desert Thunder Raceway: 7400 W. I-20 | (432) 563-9999
Hog Pit Pub & Grub: 7400 W. CR 116 | (432) 561-9301
Midland Polo Club: 5401 Polo Club Rd.
Midland RockHounds: 5514 Champions Drive | (432) 520-2255
Petroleum Museum: 1500 W I-20 W. | (432) 683-4403
West Texas BMX: 2101 E Cuthbert Ave | (432) 816-1727

For details to book this itinerary and a complete list of sports facilities & events, go to www.VisitMidlandTexas.com.

Area Professional Sports

Midland RockHounds Baseball

The RockHounds are a Double A affiliate of the Oakland Athletics and compete with teams in the Texas League. The season begins in April and goes through September.

Scharbauer Sports Complex, 5514 Champions Drive
(432) 520-2255 | www.midlandrockhounds.org

West Texas Drillers

The West Texas Drillers bring the excitement of Minor Professional League Football to Midland from February to June. Games are played at Grande Communications Stadium using NFL rules.

208 S. Marienfield, Ste. 108

(432) 352-3261 | www.wt drillers.com

West Texas United Sockers

Premier Soccer played March through August.

Grande Communications Stadium, 5514 Champions Drive,
(432) 520-2255 | www.wtusockers.com

Odessa Jackalopes

The Jackalopes bring hard-hitting hockey excitement to the Permian Basin from October through March. The “Jacks” battle rival teams in the professional Central Hockey League from Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Tennessee, and Indiana.

Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Hwy., Odessa
(432) 552-PUCK (7825) | www.jackalopes.org

West Texas Wildcatters

Lone Star Football League for arena football in West Texas. Formerly Odessa Roughnecks, with new ownership and a new league! Professional Indoor Football returns to West Texas. March through June. Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Hwy., Odessa
(432) 703-3500 | wtwildcattersfootball.com

-----> the FUN family <-----

Experiences for

The family that travels together laughs together.

>>Day 1<<

“Pilot” vintage aircraft at the **CAF Airpower Museum**, then take in the latest flick at the **Big Sky Drive-In**, complete with popcorn, sodas and their famous Chihuahua sandwiches.

>>Day 2<<

Watch birds and catch butterflies at the **I-20 Wildlife Preserve** in the morning. Spend the afternoon playing in “My Town” at the **Fredda Turner Durham Children’s Museum** and stargazing at a Star Show at the **Marian Blakemore Planetarium**. Check out the schedule at the **Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center**; often they have kid-friendly performances. Or play some laser tag and climb the Sky Walker at **Cinergy Cinemas & Entertainment**.

>>Day 3<<

Lunch at **Palio’s Pizza Cafe** then consider renting giant frisbees and sliding down the sandhills at **Monahans Sandhills State Park**. Or go snorkeling with the fish at **Balmorhea State Park**.



**Photo Op:
Take a family photo with Rusty, mascot
at the Museum of the Southwest.**

Balmorhea State Park: www.tpwd.state.tx.us
Big Sky Drive-In: 6200 W Highway 80 | (432) 617-3001
CAF Airpower Museum: 9600 Wright Drive | (432) 567-3010
Children’s Museum & Planetarium: 1705 W. Missouri Ave. (432) 683-2882
Cinergy Cinemas & Entertainment: 1917 Liberty Dr. | (432) 689-8180
I-20 Wildlife Preserve: 2201 S. Midland Dr. | 1-866-97PLAYA
Monahans Sandhills State Park: www.tpwd.state.tx.us
Palio’s Pizza Cafe: 2900 W. Loop 250 N. | (432) 699-1388
Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center: 1310 N. FM1788 | (432) 552-4430

**For details to book this itinerary and
a complete list of attractions & movie theatres,
go to www.VisitMidlandTexas.com.**

"Look deep in to nature, and then you will understand everything better."

- Albert Einstein

>>Day 1<<

Kick your outdoor adventure off with a visit to **Sibley Nature Center**. This unique nature center is geared toward educating children about the plants and animals native to West Texas. Experience a light hike down nature trails and examine wildlife habitats. The center can customize programs to suit different educational needs and studies for nature enthusiasts. Be sure to check out **The Great Outdoors Expo** at the Midland County Horseshoe in April each year, featuring a huge variety of vendors in the fishing, hunting, camping, and general outdoor fields.



>>Day 2<

Spend part of your day at the **I-20 Wildlife Preserve**. The 99-acre preserve is centered on a 30-acre urban playa wetland and contains a 3.4 mile trail system with a 1.45 mile ADA-accessible trail loop. The playa habitat provides birding and wildlife viewing opportunities both during wet and dry seasons. Along with the many avian and butterfly species, bobcats, badgers, porcupines, raccoons, rabbits, reptiles, and amphibians are commonly seen.

Catch a polo match at the **Midland Polo Club** in the spring or fall seasons. Wind down the day with Best in Town Crab Cakes, drinks, and live music at **Café at the Gardens**. The soothing sound of the waterfall and the large colorful plants transport visitors to another world as they enjoy the exquisite food prepared by award-winning chef James Price.

>>Day 3<<

Consider a drive to one of the state or national parks close by. We always love a long hike at **Guadalupe Mountains National Park** (also one of our favorite fall foliage spots), or a Star Party with one of the largest telescopes in the world at **McDonald Observatory**. See Regional Attractions for more information.

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Experiences for the OUTDOORSman

Café at the Gardens: 3300 Fairgrounds Rd. | (432) 687-1478
The Great Outdoors Expo: www.silverspurtradeshows.com
Guadalupe Mountains National Park: www.nps.gov/gumo
I-20 Wildlife Preserve: 2201 S. Midland Dr. | 866-97PLAYA
McDonald Observatory: mcdonaldobservatory.org
Midland Polo Club: 5401 Polo Club Road
Sibley Nature Center: 1307 E. Wadley | (432) 684-6827

For details to book this itinerary and a complete list of outdoor attractions, go to www.VisitMidlandTexas.com.

Experiences for the HISTORY buff

"If you don't know history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree."
— Michael Crichton

>>Day 1<<

See a replica of the "Midland Man", the oldest human remains in New World, at **Midland County Historical Museum**. The fossil remains (including a skull, rib and hand bones) were discovered in 1953, and proved human life existed in the Midland area as long ago as 9000-9500 B.C. Dine at **Luigi's Italian Restaurant**, Midland's oldest restaurant.



>>Day 2<<

Lunch and shop at **Curiosities** antique store, then tour the **Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home**. Owned, restored and maintained by the Midland County Historical Society, this home, built in 1899, is reportedly the oldest house in Midland. The historic Victorian-style residence, decorated

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with furnishings from the 1800s, features a magnificent Gothic art glass window in the entry. Tours are available by appointment. Learn about Texas and Southwestern history, including the cattle industry and those behind it, at the **Haley Library & History Center**. The library features the first bell that hung at The Alamo, first-hand interviews of trail drives and Western settlement, more than 30,000 volumes covering Western exploration, early railroads, and the development of ranching, mining, petroleum and politics. The library also features extensive information on the Lincoln County War and Billy the Kid, and a collection of bronze sculptures, paintings and artifacts.

If you're in Midland in October, don't miss Haley Library's **Fall Gathering Ranch Story Telling**, where pioneer ranchers and men and women who lived life on the ranges gather for a chuck wagon dinner and story telling.



>>Day 3<<

No trip to Midland is complete without a tour of the **George W. Bush Childhood Home**. Opened on April 11, 2006, the home has been restored to the early 1950s and reflects the lives of the young family through exhibits and furnishings. Nowhere outside the United States have so many prominent political figures lived in one home – two presidents, two governors, first lady, ambassador, and a CIA director.

Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home: 213 N. Weatherford | (432) 682-2931
Curiosities Antiques: 906 W. Florida Ave. | (432) 262-4550
George W. Bush Childhood Home: 1412 W. Ohio | (432) 685-1112
Haley Library & History Center: 1805 W. Indiana | (432) 682-5785
Luigi's Italian Restaurant: 111 N Big Spring St. | (432) 683-6363
Midland County Historical Museum: 301 W. Missouri | (432) 688-8947

For details to book this itinerary and a complete list of historical attractions, go to www.VisitMidlandTexas.com.

Experiences for the NIGHT owl

It's been said the stars in the West Texas sky are slightly brighter than elsewhere.

>>Day 1<<

If you're in town any weekend June through Labor Day, catch a **Summer Mummers** production at the historic Yucca Theater. Chock-full of mayhem and hilarity, this is the oldest continuous melodrama in the U.S. Bash the villain with popcorn and enjoy side-splitting laughter during the olio. Recap the evening over a glass of wine or beer and perhaps a cigar at **Cigar Frogs Piano Bar**.



>>Day 2<<

You never know who you might see perform at the brand-new \$81 million **Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center**. Talents that have performed here include Rod Stewart, Bill Cosby, Loretta Lynn, ZZ Top, Jerry Seinfeld, Willie Nelson, Harry Connick, Jr.--even Broadway productions. Or you may opt for a more low-key night at one of the many live music venues across the city. Local favorites include: **Basin Burger House** (try the jalapeño & roasted corn croquettes paired with Robert Mondavi Merlot), **The Blue Door** (try one of their hand-shaken cocktails), **Café at the Gardens** (indoor greenhouse restaurant with a soothing waterfall and large colorful plants), and **The Bar** (try the Frog Legs or Jack Daniels Blackened Ribeye paired with a Texas beer).

>>Day 3<<

For the trip home, be sure and grab a chorizo and egg breakfast burrito at **JumBurrito**, a locally-owned favorite where they begin mixing the flour and water for the homemade tortillas at 5:30 a.m. each morning.

The Bar: 606 W. Missouri Ave. | (432) 685-1757

Basin Burger House: 607 N. Colorado | (432) 687-5696

The Blue Door: 4610 N Garfield | (432) 218-8793

Café at the Gardens: 3300 Fairgrounds Rd. | (432) 682-4500

Cigar Frogs Piano Bar: 216 N. Main | (432) 687-1671

JumBurrito: www.jumburrito.com

Summer Mummers: www.summermummers.com

Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center: 1310 N. FM1788 | (432) 552-4430

For details to book this itinerary and a complete list of nightlife & entertainment, go to www.VisitMidlandTexas.com.

"Life imitates art far more than art imitates life."

- Oscar Wilde

>>Day 1<<

Kick off your weekend at the **Museum of the Southwest**. Tour the Juliette and Fred Turner, Jr. Memorial Gallery, housed in the historic Turner Mansion, which is posted in the National Register of Historic Places. The permanent collection of the Museum of the Southwest consists of ancient and contemporary art of the southwest, including art of the Taos Society and Texas Regionalists. Then head next door to the **Haley Library & History Center** with an impressive collection of bronze sculptures, Western paintings and artifacts.

>>Day 2<<

Check out the collection of paintings by renowned artist Tom Lovell at the **Permian Basin Petroleum Museum**. The finely detailed oil on canvas artwork tells the story of the American West and is historically accurate. Next, head to the **McCormick Art Gallery** located at Midland College. This gallery shows a wide range of works from local to nationally-acclaimed artists. Create your own souvenir for your trip, painting a serving dish at **The Pottery** or at an interactive workshop at the **Palette Club of Midland**.

>>Day 3<<

Bring home local artwork, handmade jewelry, pottery, stained glass, and much more from Midland artists at the **ArtiZen Outlet**.



While in town, be sure to check in with the **Arts Council of Midland**. It hosts several events throughout the year including the **Artist Studio Tour**, **Celebration of the Arts**, and **Art in the Park**.

ArtiZen Outlet: 3404 W. Loop 250 N. | (432) 770-3494

Arts Council of Midland: www.acmidland.org

Haley Library & History Center: 1805 W. Indiana | (432) 682-5785

McCormick Art Gallery: 3600 N. Garfield | (432) 685-4651

Museum of the Southwest: 1705 W. Missouri Ave. | (432) 683-2882

The Palette Club of Midland: www.paletteclubmidland.com

Petroleum Museum: 1500 W I-20 W. | (432) 683-4403

The Pottery: 3001 W Loop 250 N G-105 | (432) 688-3900

For details to book this itinerary and a complete list of arts & culture, go to www.VisitMidlandTexas.com.



Americas Best Value Inn

3610 Bankhead Hwy., Midland, TX 79701
(432) 218-9800 | www.abvi.com



Baymont Inn & Suites

3312 S. Co. Rd. 1276, Midland, TX 79711
(432) 561-8000
www.baymontinns.com



Best Western

601 East I-20, Midland, Texas 79701
(432) 218-7549



Bradford Inn & Suites

3601 W. Wall St., Midland, TX 79701
(432) 694-8821



Comfort Suites

4706 N. Garfield, Midland, Texas 79705
(432) 620-9191 | www.choicehotels.com



Country Inn & Suites

920 W. I-20, Midland, Texas 79701
(432) 218-7980
www.countryinns.com/midlandtx

→ ACCOMMODATions ←---

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Courtyard by Marriott

1505 Tradewinds Blvd., Midland, TX 79707

(432) 689-9400 | www.marriott.com



Days Inn

3904 W. Wall, Midland, TX 79703

(432) 694-7774 | www.daysinn.com



DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza

117 W. Wall Street, Midland, TX 79701

(432) 683-6131

www.midlandplaza.doubletree.com



Executive Inn

1000 S. Midkiff, Midland, TX 79701

(432) 694-3700



Fairfield Inn & Suites

2300 Faulkner Drive, Midland, TX 79705

(432) 570-7155 | www.marriott.com



Grand Texan

4300 W. Wall, Midland, TX 79703

(432) 618-9000

Total Rooms	97	123	253	87	69	200
Total Meeting Space (sq. feet)	1,225	-	6,048		-	25,330
Interior Corridor	X	X	X		X	X
Airport Transportation						X
On-site Restaurant	X		X			
Complimentary Breakfast		X			X	X
Business Center	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wi-Fi Internet	X	X	X		X	X
Fridge/Microwave	X	X		X	X	X
Fitness Center	X		X	X	X	X
Pool	X	X	X		X	X
Laundry Facility	X		X	X	X	X
Pets Allowed		X				X



Hampton Inn

5011 W. Loop 250 N., Midland, TX 79707
(432) 520-9600 | www.hamptoninn.com



Hilton Garden Inn

1301 North Loop 250 W.,
Midland, TX 79706
(432) 689-0022 | www.midland.hgi.com



Holiday Inn Express & Suites

5309 W. Loop 250 N., Midland, TX 79707
(432) 520-3600 | www.hiexpress.com



La Quinta Inn & Suites Midland North

2606 N. Loop 250 W., Midland, TX 79707
(432) 694-1200 | www.laquinta.com



La Quinta Inn

4130 West Wall, Midland, Texas 79701
(432) 697-9900 | www.laquinta.com



Midland Extended Stay

1007 S. Midkiff, Midland, Texas 79701
(432) 697-3155

→ ACCOMMODATIONS ←

Total Rooms	Total Meeting Space (sq. feet)	Interior Corridor	Airport Transportation	On-site Restaurant	Complimentary Breakfast	Business Center	Wi-Fi Internet	Fridge/Microwave	Fitness Center	Pool	Laundry Facility	Pets Allowed
79	1,225	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
157	4,218	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
94	1,504	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
74	800	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
179						X		X	X		X	X
79	-				X	X	X	X		X		



Plaza Inn

4108 N. Big Spring, Midland, TX 79705
(432) 686-8733
www.plazainnmidland.com



Quality Inn

902 W. Interstate 20, Midland, TX 79701
(432) 683-1111



Residence Inn by Marriott

5509 Deauville Blvd., Midland, TX 79706
(432) 689-3511
www.marriott.com/MAFRI



Sleep Inn & Suites

5612 Deauville Blvd., Midland, TX 79706
(432) 694-4200 | www.sleepinn.com



SpringHill Suites

5716 Deauville Blvd., Midland, TX 79706
(432) 695-6870
www.marriott.com/mafld



Studio 6

1003 S. Midkiff, Midland, TX 79701
(432) 618-6660

→ ACCOMMODATIONS ←

Total Rooms	Total Meeting Space (sq. feet)	Interior Corridor	Airport Transportation	On-site Restaurant	Complimentary Breakfast	Business Center	Wi-Fi Internet	Fridge/Microwave	Fitness Center	Pool	Laundry Facility	Pets Allowed
115	675				X	X	X	X		X	X	
68			X			X	X	X	X	X	X	
131	525	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
71	400	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
107	2,592		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	
92						X	X	X		X	X	



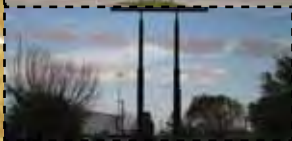
Super 8

3828 W. Wall Street, Midland, TX 79703
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TownePlace Suites by Marriott

5508 Deauville Blvd.,
Midland, TX 79706
(432) 694-6000



Travelodge

2500 Commerce Dr., Midland, TX 79703
(432) 694-1300 | www.travelodge.com



Value Place

4712 W. Loop 250 N.,
Midland, TX 79707
(432) 262-4770



Victorian Inn & Suites

4714 W. Wall St., Midland, TX 79703
(432) 699-7727
www.victorianinn.weebly.com



West Texas Inn & Suites

1000 West I-20, Midland, TX 79701
(432) 684-8888



Wyndham Garden

3100 W. Wall St., Midland, TX 79701
(432) 699-4144
www.wyndham.com/midland

Total Rooms	Total Meeting Space (sq. feet)	Interior Corridor	Airport Transportation	On-site Restaurant	Complimentary Breakfast	Business Center	Wi-Fi Internet	Fridge/Microwave	Fitness Center	Pool	Laundry Facility	Pets Allowed
42		X			X	X	X	X		X	X	X
100	1300		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	
86	-				X	X	X	X		X	X	X
113			X					X	X		X	
80	-						X	X	X		X	
94	-				X	X	X	X		X	X	X
127	4,000	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	

January

Improve at the Yucca: (432) 570-4111

(2nd Thursday each month except December)

Midland Downtown Farmers Market *(all year)*:

www.midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com

Permian Basin Bridal Fair: facebook.com/basinbridal

February

Permian Basin Home & Garden Show: (432) 520-7917

Silver Spur Gun & Blade Show: silverspurtradeshows.com

March

Scottish-Irish Faire: chspb.org

April

Annual Haley Library Art Show and Sale: (432) 682-5785

Celebration of the Arts at Centennial Plaza: acmidland.org

Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Cup Golf Classic:

www.midlandtxchamber.com

Great Outdoors Expo: www.silverspurtradeshows.com

Midland RockHounds Texas League Baseball *(season continues through August)*: www.midlandrockhounds.org

PGA Web.com Tour Golf Classic: (432) 580-4710

Silver Spur Gun & Blade Show: silverspurtradeshows.com



May

Cinco de Mayo Cultural Celebration: www.hccmidland.org

Community Pachanga: (432) 682-3565

Crude Fest: www.thecrudefest.com

Midland Arts Association Spring Juried Art Exhibit: maatx.org

West Texas United Sockers United Soccer League *(season continues through July)*: www.sockersfc.org

June

Annual Mariachi Concert: www.hccmidland.org

Community Pachanga celebrating Juneteenth: (432) 682-3565

Mex-Tex Family Fiesta: www.midlandhcc.com

Summer Sunday Lawn Concerts *(through August)*:
www.museumsw.org

Summer Mummers *(through Labor Day)*:
www.summERMummers.com



July

Cactus & Crude Bike Tour: (806) 725-0946
 Star Spangled Salute: www.fourthinmidland.com
 Tall City Blues Fest: www.tallcitybluesfest.com

August

Rock the Desert: www.rockthedesert.com
 Silver Spur Gun & Blade Show: silverspurtradeshows.com

September

Community Pachanga celebrating Diez y Seis de
 Septiembre: (432) 682-3565
 Diez y Seis de Septiembre Parade: www.hccmidland.org
 Parade of Homes: (432) 520-7917
 The Peddler Show: www.peddlershow.com
 SeptemberFest: www.museumsw.org
 St. Ann's Family Fair: www.stannsfair.org

October

Commemorative Air Force AIRSHO: www.airsho.org
 Fall Gathering Ranch Story Telling: (432) 682-5785
 Fiddlesticks Farms Cornfield Maze & Pumpkin Patch
 (through November): www.fiddlesticksfarms.com
 Midland Southwest Impressionist Art Show and Sale:
 (432) 682-5785
 Midland Wine & Music Festival: midlandwineandmusic.com
 Permian Basin International Oil Show: www.pbioilshow.org

November

Christmas at the Mansion (*Thanksgiving through
 December*): www.museumsw.org
 Executive Oil Conference: executiveoilconference.com
 Gem and Mineral Show: www.midlandgemandmineral.org

December

Celebrations of Light Storytelling Festival:
www.makingmemoriesmidland.com
 City of Midland Lighted Christmas Parade:
www.midlandtexas.gov
 CO₂ Conference: www.co2conference.net
 Holiday Evening: www.midland.edu
 The Nutcracker Ballet: www.midlandfestivalballet.org

**For details & complete list of events, go to
www.VisitMidlandTexas.com.**

REGIONAL attractions

>>Alpine, Texas<<

Home to Sul Ross University, downtown art galleries, antique shops, book stores, and unique restaurants.

AMTRAK train runs through.

Approximately 170 miles southwest of Midland.

>>Balmorhea State Park<<

Enjoy an artesian spring pool fed by San Solomon Springs. The pool stays a constant 72 to 76 degrees and has a variety of aquatic life in its clear waters. This park has plenty of opportunities for camping, swimming, scuba and skin diving. Approximately 150 miles southwest of Midland.



Big Bend National Park

>>Big Bend National Park<<

Enjoy nature tours, birding, backpacking, hiking, fishing and camping in this 800,000-acre park, the 15th largest park in the United States. Approximately 230 miles southwest of Midland.

>>Big Bend Ranch State Park<<

Offers outdoor recreation for the truly adventurous. This remote park features rugged mountains, steep canyons, amazing views, unparalleled night skies, and solitude in a high desert setting. Approximately 230 miles southwest of Midland.

>>Big Spring State Park<<

382 acres of outdoor recreation facilities, picnic areas, campsites, playground, and lighted picnic pavilion.

Approximately 40 miles east of Midland.

>>Carlsbad Caverns National Park<<

A fascinating system of caverns spread beneath the New Mexico Chihuahuan desert. Approximately 150 miles west of Midland.



Balmorhea State Park

Rob McCorkel, TPWD

>>Davis Mountains State Park<<

This 2,708-acre park features excellent camping facilities and hiking and horseback riding trails. The award-winning Indian Lodge caters to the non-camping crowd. Approximately 170 miles south of Midland.

>>Fort Davis National Historic Site<<

Established in 1854, Fort Davis was a key defense post of western Texas. Today, Fort Davis is one of the best remaining examples of a frontier military post. During the summer season, park rangers and volunteers dressed in period clothing present living history programs in some of the furnished buildings. Approximately 170 miles south of Midland.



Fort Davis National Historic Site

>>Guadalupe Mountains National Park<<

This high-desert mountainous park encompasses 86,416 acres and includes Guadalupe Peak, the highest point in Texas at 8,749 feet. From October to mid-November hikers converge on McKittrick Canyon to breathe in the crisp air and see the vibrant fall colors of big-tooth maple and oaks changing from green to shades of yellow, orange, and red. Approximately 180 miles west of Midland.

-----> REGIONAL attractions <-----

>>Lajitas, the Ultimate Hideout Resort<<

A 25,000 acre estate including a 92-room resort, golf course, spa, hunt club and lodge, equestrian center, and several gourmet restaurants. Approximately 270 miles southwest of Midland.



Lajitas Resort

>>Marathon, Texas<<

This west Texas town features out-of-this-world restaurants, outdoor adventure and the historic Gage Hotel. Approximately 165 miles southwest of Midland.

>>Marfa, Texas<<

Featuring the Marfa Lights and Chinati Foundation showcasing architect Donald Judd, this small art town is thought of by some as an up and coming version of Santa Fe, New Mexico. It is also where the movie Giant was filmed. Approximately 190 miles southwest of Midland.

>>Monahans Sandhills State Park<<

Nearly 4,000 acres of wind-sculpted sand dunes, some up to 70 feet high. Approximately 50 miles west of Midland.



Monahans Sandhills State Park, TPWD

>>Pecos, Texas<<

Home to the world's first rodeo and Pecos sweet cantaloupe. Approximately 100 miles southwest of Midland.

>>Prude Ranch<<

Historic Prude Guest Ranch was established in 1889 as a cattle ranch and now offers visitor accommodations, tennis courts, swimming pools, and horseback riding. Approximately 175 miles south of Midland.

>>U.T. McDonald Observatory<<

At an altitude of 7,000 feet lies one of the world's leading astronomical research and education centers. Visitors can enjoy dark skies brimming over with planets, stars, nebulae and galaxies. Star Parties are held every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evening. Approximately 170 miles south of Midland.



Fly in to **MIDLAND** and visit the national & state parks of West Texas. You might not want to leave.



A History of Midland

In 1880, the Texas Pacific Railroad began to lay tracks westward from Fort Worth at about the same time that the Southern Pacific began building east from El Paso. The place where the tracks met became known as Midway. Later, the name was changed to Midland when it was discovered that there was another Texas town by the same name.

Prior to World War I, Midland was a prosperous railroad town serving the surrounding ranching community. However, on May 27, 1923, the future of Midland would change with the discovery of oil. At 6:00 a.m., just 70 miles southeast of Midland, the Santa Rita No. 1 blew, changing the history of Midland, Texas.

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HOW MIDLAND RANKS

Midland tied for the second fastest-growing “large city” from July 1, 2011 to July 1, 2012.

- *U.S. Census Bureau*

Forbes Magazine named Midland the best small city for jobs in 2013.

Beyond.com rated Midland as No. 10 in the top 50 metro areas where the odds are in job seekers’ favor.

In November 2012, the Bureau of Economic Analysis reported Midland placed 2nd for per capita income in metropolitan areas across the nation and 4th in retail hourly wages for mid-sized metros.

In February 2013, Midland ranked 1st in Texas and 14th in the nation in concentration of high-income households.

- *U.S. Census Bureau and American Community Survey*

In March 2013, CNN, Money, and Fortune magazines ranked Midland 4th among the top nine fastest growing boomtowns.

Midland ranked as 2nd most secure “small” city in America by Farmers Insurance rankings based on safety and security

Midland regularly posts lowest unemployment rate in the nation.



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