

SUNDANCE SQUARE is a favorite spot for visitors and locals who head to Fort Worth for a little fun. Since there's much more to do than can fill a day, let us be your guide. Here's our top picks — best of luck squeezing them all in.

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AT THE HEART OF FORT WORTH





THE NEWLY RENOVATED Sundance Square Plaza is reminiscent of a traditional European piazza surrounded by shops and eateries, yet is distinctly Fort Worth. Here's where crowds congregate, couples walk hand in hand, friends find shade under enormous umbrellas, and kids of all ages splash in the fountains on hot summer days. When performers take the stage, the

plaza turns into a party!

Hungry? The Bird Café in the Land Title Building (111 E. 4th Street) has plenty of seating both inside and out and shares Chef David McMillan's menu and the title of "The World's Best Beer Place" with its Dallas counterpart, Meddlesome Moth (another one of our faves). For a cool margarita and a taste of Tex-Mex, find a seat at the Cabo Grande (115 W. 2nd Street), where happy hour starts at

2 p.m. Watch carefully as the tableside guacamole is being made, and you can take home a new recipe to impress your friends. Think **Reata** (310 Houston Street) for first-rate cowboy cuisine that will likely linger in your memory long after you leave Texas. No matter where you sit in this four-story restaurant, make sure to sneak a peak of Sundance Square from the rooftop bar.

Walk off your meal by perusing the shops. In Fort Worth, Western wear merges with contemporary

(501 Main Street), a small corner boutique that specializes in Southwestern-style sterling silver set with turquoise and other semi-precious stones. Take a tad of Texas home with a souvenir from **Retro Cowboy** (406 Houston Street). Packable choices include a mug, a T-shirt, cookbook or home day, but when you see the amusement accessory. Too much to bring back in a suitcase?

No problem — shipping is available, and orders can be made online. The official Dallas Cowboys Pro Shop (310 Main Street) is the place for sanctioned paraphernalia celebrating America's Team, including jerseys, ball caps, official NFL game balls and autographed, framed photos of players. If you're the electronic-techno-type, then stop by RadioShack — the new concept store located in the Commerce Building (400

Commerce Street). The national headquarters of RadioShack are in Fort Worth, so expect to find the latest merchandise here first.

Fort Worth is proud of its culture. The Old West is seen through the eyes of renowned artists Charles M. Russell and Frederic Remington and their peers at the Sid Richardson Museum and Store (309 Main Street). Docents provide free tours on Tuesdays and Saturdays at 2 p.m., and admission is free, with extended hours on Friday and Saturday evenings (closed Sunday). Some of the finest local and regional artists, in addition to those of

national and international stature, are represented at Milan Gallery (505 Houston Street), open 7 days a week. Among its roster are Henrietta Milan, Alexei Butiyrski, Thomas Arvid and Gabe Leonard.

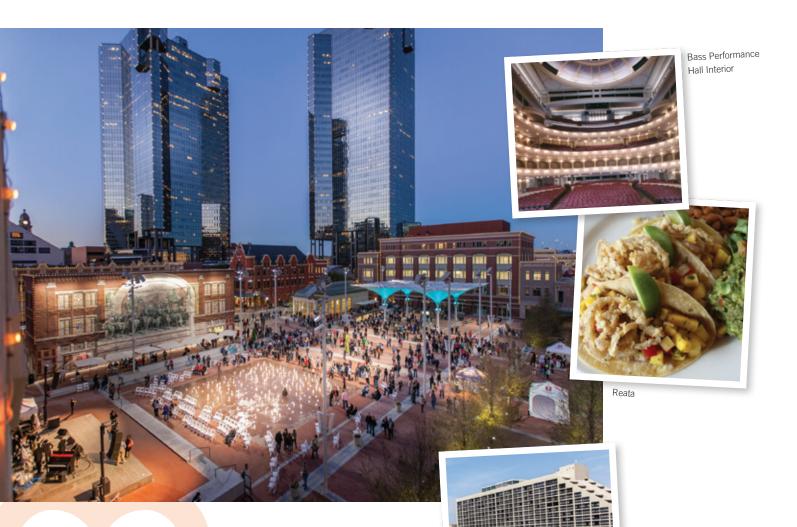


While all roads heading west from Big D will get you there, the easiest route from downtown Dallas is I-30W. Travel time varies, depending on the time of rides of Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington on your left, you're halfway there. When Fort Worth skyscrapers come into view, follow the signs to Spur 280, which takes you straight into downtown.

Three Sundance lots provide plenty of parking. Patronize a Sundance Square merchant on a weekday and enjoy limited free self parking or valet parking with ticket validation. If you come after 5 p.m. or on weekends, parking is free!



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Milan is also the exclusive American gallery for authentic Michelangelo bronze sculptures.

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There's no better venue for
seeing performances and listening to music than
the acoustically and visually stunning Nancy Lee
and Perry R. Bass Performance Hall, the permanent
home of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra,

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within walking
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directly across

Texas Ballet Theater, Fort
Worth Opera and Van Cliburn
International Piano Competition
and Cliburn Concerts. Bass Hall
also hosts a variety of entertainers
and touring shows throughout the
year. The audience can get in on
the fun during Four Day Weekend
(312 Houston Street), which
began as a small, local production
with a short run and now is the
longest-running show in the
Southwest. Showtimes are Fridays
and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and 10

p.m. and tickets are \$20 plus tax. The theater's bar, **Encore**, is open prior to and following the show.

To call it a night and to continue the adventure another day, consider bedding down at The Worthington

Renaissance Fort Worth Hotel (200 Main Street), within walking distance of Sundance Square, or the Omni Fort Worth Hotel (1300 Houston Street), directly across from the Fort Worth Convention Center. Both provide luxury accommodations and offer the unmatched hospitality for which Texans are known.

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For more information about Sundance Square, visit SundanceSquare.com



Four Day Weekend