



ARTS & CULTURE ITINERARY

World-renowned concert halls, competitive artists and internationally recognized museums have made Fort Worth a desirable city to live, work and play in. Find out for yourself why we are the leading act in the Southwest!

DAY ONE

Morning

Begin your tour of the *Cultural Capital of the Southwest* at the **Sid Richardson Museum** located in Sundance Square, where the personal art collection of oil tycoon Sid Richardson is on display. The museum features permanent and special exhibitions of paintings by notable Western artists, Fredrick Remington and Charles M. Russell. Afterwards, stroll over to the renowned **Nancy Lee and Perry R. Bass Performance Hall**. Named one of the “Top 10 Opera Houses in the World” by *Travel + Leisure* magazine, the hall is characteristic of classic European opera houses. Guided tours are offered every Saturday at 10:30 a.m., schedule permitting.

Afternoon

Refuel at the Modern Art Museum’s **Café Modern** or the Kimbell Art Museum’s **Buffet Restaurant** before undertaking the nation’s third-largest Cultural District that boasts five internationally recognized museums: Kimbell Art Museum, Modern Art Museum, Amon Carter Museum of American Art, National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame and Fort Worth Museum of Science and History.

The **Kimbell Art Museum**, better known as “America’s Best Small Museum,” is the permanent home of Michelangelo’s first painting, *The Torment of Saint Anthony*. Voted “One of the World’s Most Beautiful Museums” by *Travel + Leisure* magazine, the **Modern Art Museum** features works by Francis Bacon, Pablo Picasso, Andy Warhol and Cindy Sherman. Established on the generosity of Amon G. Carter Sr., the **Amon Carter Museum of American Art** houses Carter’s personal collection of paintings and sculptures by Fredric Remington and Charles M. Russell, and exhibits the finest examples of American art. Recognizing women and their important role in the shaping of the American West, the **National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame** is the only museum of its kind in the world. The Fort Worth **Museum of Science and History** attracts over one million visitors annually, with exhibits including DinoLabs; *Paluxysaurus jonesi*, the official dinosaur of Texas; the Noble Planetarium; the Fort Worth Children’s Museum; Innovation Studios and the Omni IMAX Theater.

Evening

Enjoy a show at **Bass Performance Hall**, the permanent home to the **Fort Worth Opera**, the state’s longest running Opera Company; the **Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra**; the **Texas Ballet Theater**; and the **Van Cliburn International Piano Competition** and **Cliburn Concerts**. In addition, the world-renowned, multi-purpose performance hall hosts touring Broadway shows under **Broadway at the Bass**, presented by **Performing Arts Fort Worth**.

Venture back to the Fort Worth Cultural District for performances at **Casa Mañana Theatre**, Tarrant County's largest performing arts center, where children's theater and Broadway rule the stage. Escape to the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens during the summer months for the **Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra's** popular Concerts in the Garden featuring an array of acts from local artists to nationally recognized bands.

DAY TWO

Morning

Ease into the morning and get inspired by the **Fort Worth Water Gardens** located in the heart of downtown, next to the Convention Center. Designed by Philip Johnson, who also designed the Amon Carter Museum of American Art, the Water Gardens are considered an oasis in a concrete jungle and feature three different pools: the aerating pool, the active pool and the quiet pool.

Stop and reflect on public works of art found throughout the city thanks to the **Fort Worth Public Art** program. Responsible for commissioning and maintaining each piece, the program's most notable works include: Donald Lipski's *Intimate Apparel & Pearl Earrings*, which honors the unique Western heritage of Fort Worth in a larger-than-life installation found inside the Fort Worth Convention Center; Johnathan Borofsky's *Man with a Briefcase* in Burnett Park captures the essence of worldwide business culture as it towers in front of Burnett Plaza; and Cliff Garten's high-tech masterpiece, *Avenue of Light*, a 36-foot-high, six-piece stainless steel sculpture incorporating colorful LED lights can be found along Lancaster Avenue in downtown.

Afternoon

Dine on culinary works of art at **Ellerbe Fine Foods** in the Near Southside, where dishes are created from market-fresh produce and seasonal ingredients. Down the street, visit **SiNaCa Studios School of Glass and Gallery** and create one-of-a-kind pieces, then soak up the local contemporary art at Fort Worth's **Artspace111** and **Gallery 414**. **Art on the Boulevard**, in the heart of the Cultural District, showcases all local artists and houses a variety of styles ranging from abstract expressionism to photorealism.

Evening

Wind down at **Scat Jazz Lounge**, a cool back alley hangout in Sundance Square that was recently named one of *Downbeat* magazine's "Top 100 Jazz Clubs in the World." The historic **Rose Marine Theater**, home to Arte de la Rosa in Fort Worth's Northside, produces live theater performances, festivals and gallery shows centered on Hispanic culture, in addition to showing Spanish-language films throughout the year. **Jubilee Theatre**, one of the most prestigious African-American theaters in the Southwest is best known for its original musicals, while **Hip Pocket Theatre** has continued to capture audiences for over 35 years with mime, puppetry and more.