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Introduction

The area covered in this book is really a marriage of two North Texas regions: blackland prairie and the plains. West of Fort Worth you can see wheat undulating for miles in the stiff wind. And east of Dallas, the rolling hills are dark and dank, perfect for cotton. Only one other patch of similar terrain exists on earth (it's in Australia).

The division between the two areas lies somewhere between Dallas and Fort Worth. There's also an ideological division between the two cities. Dallas is known for its well-coiffed and well-dressed, for its trendy restaurants and eclectic nightlife. Fort Worth, the slower of the two, is more family-oriented, with daily cattle drives in the Fort Worth Stockyards and a thriving downtown area.

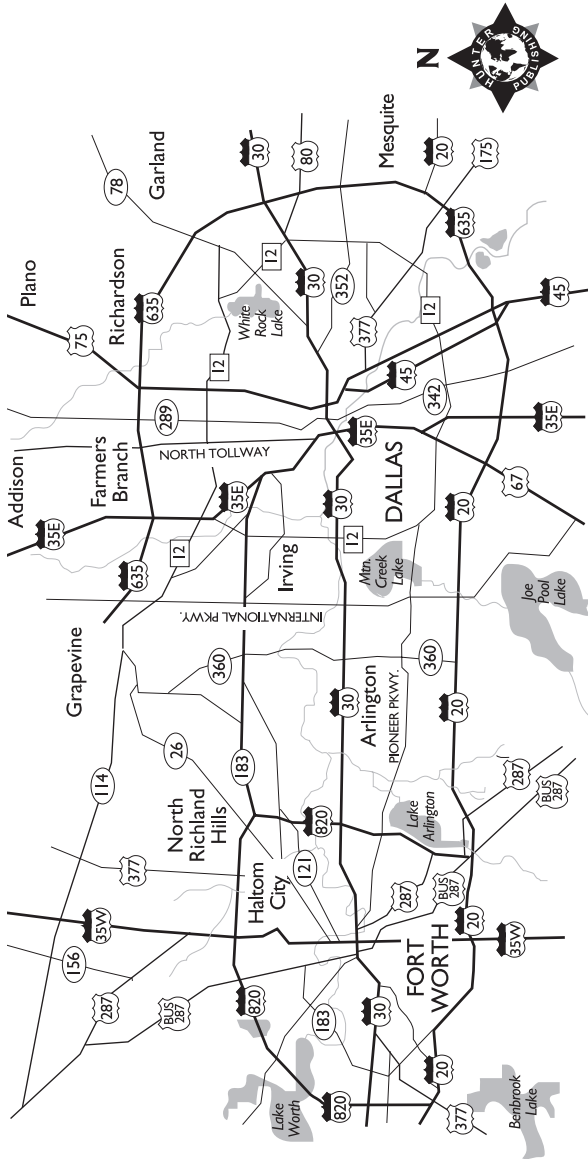
Culture ties the two cities together. They contain over 25 museums and countless galleries. Their art collections are some of the finest in the world. Visitors are often amazed that Fort Worth, known to many as a cow town, hosts such an amazing array of museums and was actually ahead of Dallas in establishing a vital arts district.

Like all thriving communities and cities, growth in the suburbs followed the success of Fort Worth and Dallas, encircling Dallas completely and filling in the gap between the two cities. Many of them are typical suburbs with upscale shopping and hundreds of dining choices. Others, like Carrollton and Denton, have maintained their individuality and work hard to preserve a small town feel.

The Metroplex, the grand name assigned to Fort Worth, Dallas and their suburbs, moves quickly and

NOT TO SCALE

Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex Overview

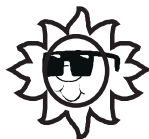


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offers hundreds of entertainment, shopping and dining choices.

There are several small towns within 30 miles of the Metroplex that are perfect for a day or weekend trip. Look to the end of the book for more information on Canton, Granbury, Greenville and Waxahachie.

Weather



Weather in the area is agreeable, on average. Spring, fall and winter are all mild and pleasant. Summer will be the only cause for concern if you're not accustomed to a warmer climate. In June the average high is 91°F (33°C), which jumps to an average of 95° in July and August (35°C). Occasionally the temperature will pass the century mark in July or August.

Winter ranges from pleasant to cold, depending on weather systems making their way across the nation. Dallas, located on the southern edge of the plains, is an easy target for cold fronts, but they seldom last long.

TIP

Pack a light jacket if you'll be visiting in winter.

METROPLEX TEMPERATURES

	High °F/C	Low °F/C
January	56/13	35/2
February	59/15	38/3

METROPLEX TEMPERATURES		
March	68/20	46/8
April	75/24	55/13
May	83/28	63/17
June	91/33	71/23
July	95/35	74/24
August	95/35	74/24
September	88/31	67/19
October	79/26	57/14
November	67/19	46/8
December	58/14	37/3

Storms can move quickly, so be prepared.

The Dallas/Fort Worth region is pummeled regularly by hail, but that won't usually affect the traveler. Tornado Alley zips out west of the area, through Wichita Falls and down south.

With its flat, high plains, the area is also very windy. The breezes blow away the heat and keep things pleasantly cool.



Transportation

Air

Air travel in the southern US centers on the **Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) Airport**. The airport is a gigantic affair. Just about every domestic airline flies through here, along with dozens of international airline companies. Southwest Airlines flies into **Love Field**, Dallas' other airport. Love Field usually caters

to the smaller flights and airlines. You won't have any problems finding a flight here.

See Useful Phone Numbers, below, for contact information.

Public Transit

Dallas has been doing some great work with its metro system (**DART**), so if you're not going far, a call to them is worth a try (☎ 214-979-1111).

DART offers a variety of public transit services, including buses, trolleys and light rail service. DART's light rail service is the newest and most modern urban transportation system in the country and connects to a variety of destinations, including the Dallas Zoo, West End, NorthPark Center and Dallas Museum of Art.

One of DART's most recent additions is the **McKinney Avenue Trolleys** (☎ 214-855-0006), which connect the downtown area with the McKinney entertainment district (Uptown). The transit system includes four early 20th-century trolley cars that have been authentically restored. If you're downtown, you can catch the trolley on St. Paul Street, adjacent to the Dallas Museum of Art. It will take you north, past the Woodall Rodgers Freeway to McKinney Avenue, which is lined with galleries, shops and restaurants.

Useful Phone Numbers

DALLAS LOVE FIELD AIRPORT (Regional Airport)

General Information	☎ 214-670-6080
American Airlines	☎ 214-267-1151
Casino Airlines	☎ 888-227-1177
Continental Express	☎ 800-525-0280
Southwest Airlines	☎ 800-435-9792

Useful Phone Numbers	
DALLAS/FORT WORTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	
General Information	☎ 972-574-8888
Airport Assistance Center	☎ 972-574-4420
General Aviation	☎ 972-574-3390
Ground Transportation	☎ 972-574-5878
Internet	www.dfwairport.com
Major Airlines – DFW International Airport	
America West Airlines	☎ 800-235-9292
American Airlines	☎ 800-433-7300
British Airways	☎ 800-247-9297
Canadian Airlines	☎ 800-426-7000
Continental Airlines	☎ 800-525-0280
Delta Air Lines	☎ 800-221-1212
Lufthansa Airlines	☎ 800-645-3880
Northwest Airlines	☎ 888-757-5387
TWA	☎ 800-221-2000
USAirways	☎ 800-428-4322
United Airlines	☎ 800-241-6522
Charter Airlines & Others at DFW International Airport	
Aero California	☎ 800-237-6225
Aerolitoral	☎ 800-237-6639
Aeromexico	☎ 800-237-6639
AirTran Airways	☎ 800-247-8726
American Eagle Airlines	☎ 800-433-7300
American Trans Air (ATA)	☎ 800-225-2995
Atlantic Southeast	☎ 800-282-3424

Useful Phone Numbers	
Big Sky	☎ 800-237-7788
China Airlines	☎ 800-227-5118
Frontier	☎ 800-432-1359
Fun Jet Tour Company	☎ 972-258-0709
Grupo Taca (Aviateca, TACA, LACSA)	☎ 800-327-9832
Iberia	☎ 800-772-4642
Japan Airlines	☎ 800-525-3663
KLM Royal Dutch Airlines	☎ 800-223-0593
Korean Air	☎ 800-438-5000
Mesa Airlines	☎ 800-637-2247
Midwest Express	☎ 800-452-2022
National	☎ 800-225-2525
Northwest Airlines	☎ 888-757-5387
Qantas	☎ 800-227-4500
South African Airways	☎ 800-722-9675
Sun Country	☎ 800-752-1218
Swissair	☎ 800-221-4750
TAM Brazilian	☎ 800-235-9826
Vanguard Airlines	☎ 800-826-4827
Western Pacific Airlines	☎ 800-930-3030
TRANSPORTATION WHILE IN DALLAS	
Airport Shuttle Services	
The Airporter	☎ 817-215-8600
Big Tex Shuttle	☎ 214-352-9700
Classic Shuttle	☎ 214-841-1900
Discount Shuttle	☎ 817-267-5150
SuperShuttle	☎ 817-329-2000

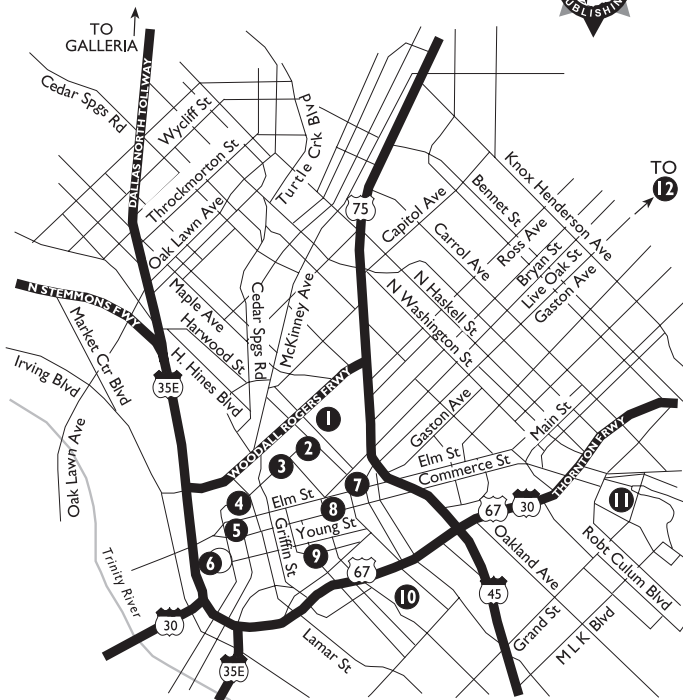
Useful Phone Numbers	
TRANSPORTATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES	
DART Paratransit Service	☎ 214-515-7272
DFW Assistance Center	☎ 972-574-4422
Mobility Impaired Transportation Service	☎ 817-215-8987
HELICOPTER SERVICES	
All-Star Helicopters Inc.	☎ 972-250-9907
Dallas Heliport	☎ 214-670-4338
Zebra Air	☎ 214-358-7200
MASS TRANSIT	
Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)	☎ 214-979-1111
DART Bus Service	☎ 214-979-1111
DART Light Rail	☎ 214-979-1111
DART Trolley-Buses	☎ 214-979-1111
TAXI CAB OPERATORS	
Allied Taxi Company	☎ 214-654-4444
Big Tex	☎ 214-350-4590
Checker Cab Company	☎ 214-426-6262
Choice Cab	☎ 972-222-2000
City Cab	☎ 214-902-7020
Cowboy Cab Company	☎ 214-428-0202
Eagle Cab	☎ 214-421-7788
Executive Taxi	☎ 972-554-1212
Golden Cab	☎ 972-484-4848
King Cab	☎ 972-241-3337
Ranger Cab	☎ 214-421-9991

Useful Phone Numbers

Republic Taxi	☎ 214-902-7077
State Cab	☎ 214-630-9595
Taxi Dallas	☎ 214-821-8294
Terminal Taxi	☎ 214-350-4445
WestEnd Cab Company	☎ 214-902-7000
Yellow Cab of Dallas	☎ 214-426-6262



Dallas



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| 1. Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Ctr | 7. Majestic Theater |
| 2. Trammell Crow Sculpture Garden | 8. Neiman Marcus |
| 3. Dallas Museum of Art | 9. Pioneer Plaza |
| 4. West End Marketplace | 10. Old City Park |
| 5. Dealey Plaza Historical Landmark District, Sixth Floor Museum | 11. Fair Park, African-American Museum, Dallas Museum of Natural History, Hall of State, Science Place |
| 6. Reunion Park / Reunion Tower | 12. Arboretum & Botanical Garden |

Dallas

Created at the crossroads of commerce, Dallas – Big D – is a curious mix of a million residents and the hot North Texas earth. Unlike its neighbor Fort Worth to the west, which embraces cowboys and country, Dallas prides itself on its conservative spirit, its religious ethic and its big corporate buildings. It's a white-collar town where cut-off shorts earn strange stares and businessmen wear three-piece suits despite 100° weather. It is cosmopolitan, in a state where such polish is unusual.

The city has been one of the most visible in Texas. It is mistakenly identified as the state capital on more occasions than Austinites would like to admit. But that's because it hit the international spotlight like no other Texas town. It was home to the Ewing gang and their ranch mansion, Southfork, on the *Dallas* TV series. It's still home to the Dallas Cowboys, America's most loved or hated football franchise, depending on whom you ask. It was where Nolan Ryan finished out his spectacular baseball career pitching for the Texas Rangers.

And, unfortunately, no one will forget that it was the city in which President John F. Kennedy said his last words before being assassinated on November 22, 1963.

History



The ostentatious spirit that Texans are known for most certainly began early in the state's history. The first settler, John Neely Bryan, built his cabin in 1841

on the banks of the Trinity River and then widely publicized his new “town” of one. Within a year, two more families joined him. When the railroads came to town in 1873, the population soared beyond 7,000.

Early on, Dallas began its social ascension. One of the earliest cosmopolitan influences was brought by Francois Cantagrel, who formed a utopian society called La Reunion on the bluffs a few miles west of Dallas. He brought around 300 French, Belgian, American and Swiss socialists to his planned community. The enclave of artists and idealists failed, a result of poor management and placement. Some of the Europeans returned home, but many of the scientists, musicians and writers moved to Dallas, lending the growing town a cultured air.

That Dallas became what it is today, a massive hub for many industries, is curious, considering it was not as well endowed as many other Texas cities. Galveston and Houston were both natural ports. El Paso was a natural pass both west and south. The Trinity River, which bisects Dallas, wasn't even navigable. But that was no matter. It became the biggest inland cotton market in the world and was the largest publishing hub in the South.

Dallas pulled off its biggest coup in 1936 by landing the Texas centennial celebration with a bid of \$10 million and a pledge of 242 acres. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Ginger Rogers, Shirley Temple, Jack Dempsey and hundreds of thousands of other people attended the celebration. It was estimated that, between the Texas Centennial Celebration and 1937's Pan American Exposition, over 13 million visitors walked the streets of Dallas. Much to the chagrin of older cities like Houston and Galveston, which had actually been around in 1836 at the beginning of the centennial, Big D became the perpetual host.

While Dallas' first boom was launched by the railroads, subsequent booms (and busts) followed cotton, oil, insurance, real estate, banking and the computer industries. It has become a center for several major corporations, including J.C. Penney, American Airlines, Mary Kay Cosmetics and the Boy Scouts.

★ DID YOU KNOW?

The first convenience store, 7-Eleven, was opened in Dallas on July 11, 1927 (7/11/27). The world's first microchip was created at the local Texas Instruments facility.

Visitor Information



DALLAS VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

100 South Houston St., 75202, www.dallascvb.com,
 ☎ 214-571-1000

Open seven days a week and conveniently located adjacent to Dealey Plaza in the Old Red Courthouse, the visitor's center is the new tenant in this majestic, completely restored building from 1892. Everything inside has been revamped and it offers an Internet Café and audio/visual rooms with videos on the city and its attractions. Many of the videos are offered in several languages.

SPECIAL EVENTS HOTLINE

☎ 214-571-1301

The Dallas Convention and Visitor's Bureau doesn't want you to miss out on special one-time events so they have created a hotline to post information for travelers. The hotline includes information from sev-

eral areas: exhibits and sites, entertainment and events, things to see and do, typically Texas events, music and sports. Each event listing includes a phone number to call for further information. You can change categories by pressing the star key and can reach an operator by pressing zero.



Things to Do

Historic Sites

THE BELO MANSION

2101 Ross Ave, ☎ 214-220-7400

The Belo Mansion sits apart from the other high-end housing districts. Alfred Belo, founder of the *Dallas Morning News*, got to enjoy the mansion he had built for only a year before his death in 1901. Today, the Dallas Bar Association and the Dallas Bar Foundation have their offices in the grande dame, but tours are allowed during certain times. Call them for details.

DALLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL PLAZA

Bounded by Market, Elm,
Houston and Commerce streets

On the western edge of this plaza sits the Dallas Visitor Information Center, housed in a magnificently refurbished former county courthouse. The courthouse is particularly striking, with Romanesque turrets and a construction that includes vivid red granite mined in Texas and blue granite brought in from Arkansas.

The **John Neely Bryan Cabin** is on the eastern portion of the plaza. The one-room log cabin is not the actual cabin Bryan lived in – it's a reconstructed effort built to resemble what one in the 1840s would have