FREDRICKSBURG, TX, ARTS & MUSIC + FOOD & WINE



Rose Hill Manor

The Hill Country's Finest Bed & Breakfast Fredericksburg, TX ART & MUSIC + FOOD & WINE IN THE HILL COUNTRY 5 Day Guide



The Hill Country Experience Art & Music + Food & Wine Travel Guide

DAY 1

6:00 am - 9:30 am

Catch the sun rise from your deck while sipping on a cup of fresh coffee. Then make your way to the main house at 8 am for a 3-course chef-prepared hot breakfast.

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Attend one of the Texas Hill Country legendary festivals. A few of our favorites include:

Wimberley Arts Fest - Each year, the Wimberley Valley Art League hosts a celebration of visual arts, theatre, music and dance, featuring local and nationally known artists and musicians. The event is held the third weekend in April.

<u>Hill Country Film Festival</u> - The Hill Country Film Society hosts a four-day independent film festival at Fritztown Cinema the last weekend in April.

Lavender Fest - Experience lavender fields in bloom at Becker Vineyards the 1st weekend in May! It's a celebration with over 20 lavender, wine, garden related vendors, live music, cooking demos, food concessions, wine tasting and tours of the winery.

Kerrville Folk Festival - On the Thursday before Memorial Day at the end of May, the music continues with performances by more than 100 singer songwriters and their bands. Interspersed between weekends are workshops in songwriting and booking and management for touring artists performance and recording. The annual Kerrville New Folk songwriting competition is held on the first weekend and draws 32 of the best of America's emerging songwriters.

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Grab lunch on the go from one of the festival food vendors or have a picnic at a local vineyard.

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Spend the afternoon at leisure visiting a few Texas Hill Country wineries. On the weekends, serveral wineries host local musicians to entertain guests with live music.

Becker Vineyard - The winery, located in a 19th century German stone barn reproduction, is surrounded by lavender fields. Becker Vineyard's hand-crafted, Bordeaux, Burgundian and Rhone-styled award winning wines are featured in Wine Spectator, Food & Wine, the Fine Living Channel and served in The White House.

<u>Grape Creek Vineyards</u> - Experience the feel of "Tuscany in Texas on Grape Creek Vineyards' beautiful 100-acre estate and romantic Tuscan Villa tasting rooms nestled among the oaks and vines. Sit back with a glass of wine, picnic fare from Grape Creek Vineyards' Italian market, and listen to live performances from Lonnie Lett, Jeff Wood and more!

Pedernales Cellars - Tour the underground winemaking cellar, experience a wine tasting, and then relax with a glass of wine on the tree covered deck with breathtaking views of the Texas Hill Country.

Pedernales Cellars is a family-owned boutique winery specializing in fine, hand-crafted Texas wines including award-winning Tempranillos and Voigniers.

Torre Di Pietra Vineyards - Shop for unique gifts, relax and listen to live Texas music on the piazza and patios. Enjoy delicious offerings from the Torre di Pietra picnic market which includes a wonderful selection of cheeses, including CKC Farm Fresh Goat Cheese, crackers, Torre Di Pietra wine infused chocolates and other delectables to accompany your wine.

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Enjoy a nap before dinner at Rose Hill Manor.

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Treat yourself to dinner and a concert at **The Hilltop Cafe**. It's a place where food and music-lovers meet. Price includes ticket for the show and a 4 course meal. Reservations are required in advanced.

9:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Return to your luxurious accommodations for a relaxing evening.

DAY 2

8:00 am - 9:30 am

Enjoy a chef prepared 3-course hot breakfast in the main dining room.

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Continue your 2nd day with a tour of **Wildseed Farms**, the largest working wildflower farm in the United States. They have over 100 species of wildflowers, herbs and garden variety flowers on the farm. The Market Center sells seeds, speciality foods, and culinary herbs. Their motto is "Come for the Flowers, and Stay for the Atmosphere."

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Break for lunch at the <u>Peach Tree Tea Room</u> in Fredericksburg. (Reservations recommended.) While you are there, walk through the gift shop and gallery. The Peach Tree Tea Room gift shop has a children's corner, soaps and fragrances, beautiful jewelry, ladies apparel, home decor and more.

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Tour Fredericksburg's noteworthy art galleries starting on East Main Street. The <u>Whistle Pik Galler-</u> ies, know as Fredericksburg's first national art gallery, features estate art, limited edition prints, bronzes, and books. Next, visit the <u>Dan Pfeiffer Gallery</u> on 102 South Lincoln Street in a renovated 1890s Meat Market/Butcher Shop. Dan's gallery features art from internationally known painters, sculptors, and furniture designers, as well as his own work. Cross East Main Street and tour the <u>Fredericksburg</u> <u>Art Guild</u>, <u>Fredericksburg Art Gallery</u>, and <u>Fredericksburg's Talk of the Town</u>.

End your art crawl on West Main Street. **Insight Gallery** is housed in a beautifully restored 12,000 square foot 1907 building and features a select group of the finest painters and sculptors living and working today in landscape, figurative, impressionistic, still life, wildlife, and Western art. A few steps down is the **Cowboy Bronze** showcasing bronzes, pottery, and original paintings from Texas artists. Follow with the **Artisans-A Texas Gallery** featuring unique pieces from local artisans and craftsmen. Wrap up with a stop at the **Koch Gallery** which specializes in Native American art including paintings, rugs, pottery and jewelry.

If you visit Fredericksburg on the first Friday of the month, experience **Fredericksburg's First Friday Artwalk**. It's a day of art and culture with self-led tours. Participating galleries stay open until 8:00 pm. You can meet the artists, explore the art exhibits, listen to live music, and sample wines from local wineries like Becker Vineyards, Grape Creek Vineyards, Torre De Pietra and Pedernales Cellars.

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

If you wish to dine in Fredericksburg, head to **<u>The Nest</u>** for dinner.

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Relax in your luxurious accommodations and admire the stars from your deck.

DAY 3

8:00 am - 9:30 am

Begin your day with a chef prepared 3-course hot breakfast in the main dining room. After breakfast, enjoy a stroll around Rose Hill Manor to embrace the scenery.

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Spend the morning visiting **Fischer & Wieser's Das Peach Haus** in Fredericksburg. The 60-acre farm is home to Fischer & Wieser's award-winning products such as the Original Roasted Raspberry Chipotle Sauce to Mom's Garlic & Basil Pasta Sauce. What began as a roadside market for fresh Fredericksburg peaches now serves as a showroom for hundreds of products gracing grocery shelves today. You can stroll through West Texas pine trees, tour the peach orchard, and sip on Oberhof Wines.

During mid-May to mid-June, visit the pop-up peach stands along highway 290 and taste Stonewall's famous peaches! Three to four miles north of Hwy. 290, orchards are visible for more than a mile.

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Have lunch at <u>Hye Market</u>, housed in one of the Hill Country's best-preserved old post office/general stores. Hye Market's kitchen garden offers handmade flatbreads and sandwiches.

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Visit **The Sculpture Ranch** on 290 just outside of Johnson City. A life-sized silver bull, sculpted by local artist Bettye Hamblen-Turner, marks the turn to Flat Creek Road. Drive 5.3-miles through the rolling hills and grazing cattle to The Sculpture Ranch. The ranch is open Thursday through Sunday from 12-6 pm, and by appointment only during the week. Explore the 14,000-square-foot indoor gallery and walk, bike or drive their 2 miles of trails to view over 100 monumental outdoor sculptures. The sculptures are available for purchase so you can enjoy one on your own property too!

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Spend your afternoon at leisure visiting <u>William Chris Vineyards</u> (reservations recommended). The walking tour starts in the 100 year old farm house tasting room, to the early 1900s cemetery, and down the vineyards to the oak grove. On weekends in the afternoon, listen to live music on the shady deck and enjoy a glass of wine.

6:30 pm - 10:00 pm

After dinner, enjoy the sunset and starry skies from your deck at Rose Hill Manor. Or, spend the evening in Fredericksburg at one of the many live music venues or at the legendary Luckenbach, Texas.

DAY 4

8:00 am -11:00 am

Savor your chef prepared 3-course hot breakfast in Rose Hill Manor's dining room.

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Begin your scenic drive along Highway 290 to Ranch Road 1376 to Luckenbach. Stop in Luckenbach and visit the store which was a post office from 1850 to 1971. Continue south on Ranch Road 1376 to Sisterdale.

In Sisterdale, you can go kayaking or tubing along the Guadalupe River. **The Sisterdale General Store** provides kayak and tube rentals and pick up & drop off service on one of the most beautiful stretches of the Guadalupe River. They also offer guided kayak fishing trips too. Or you can stop by **Sisters Creek Vineyards** to enjoy a glass of Sister Creek's Muscat Canelli Reserve, a sweet and slightly carbonated wine with a crisp, citrus flavor. Sister Creek Vineyards is located across from the Sisterdale General Store. From Sisterdale, continue on 1376 (Sisterdale Road) to US-87 N to Boerne.

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Enjoy lunch at the **Dodging Duck Brewhaus** across from River Road Park. They offer an eclectic menu of international and local cuisines to pair with their craft brewed beers.

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Spend the afternoon strolling down Boerne's Haupstrausse (Main Street in German) through the charming historic district. Visit fine art galleries such as <u>Carriage House Gallery</u> and <u>Texas Treasures</u> <u>Fine Art Gallery</u>. Search for the perfect vintage collectable at <u>Johns Road Antique Mall</u>. Shop at the quaint boutiques in historic buildings filled with clothing, jewelry, gifts, specialty foods, and home accessories. Stop over at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church on Hauptstausse and admire the Hill Country limestone exterior with fossilized seashells.

Experience a taste of Texas wines at <u>Singing Waters Vineyards</u>, <u>Newsom Vineyards</u>, and <u>Bending</u> <u>Branch Winery</u> located in the Boerne and Comfort area.

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Take the scenic route on Sisterdale Road and Ranch 1376 to Luckenbach Road to 290 back to Stonewall.

6:30 pm - 10:00 pm

After dinner, relax in your luxurious accommodations and admire the stars from your deck.

DAY 5

8:00 am - 9:30 am

Begin your day with a chef prepared 3-course hot breakfast in the main dining room. After breakfast, enjoy a stroll around Rose Hill Manor to embrace the scenery.

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Take a cooking class to learn how to make a Hill Country German Feast a **Fischer & Wieser Cooking School** on 1406 US-87 S, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624. For lunch, feast on the German dishes you prepare in class. 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Attend one of the many Texas Hill Country food & wine events!

Texas Hill Country Wineries host a number of noteworthly events: the Wine Lovers Celebration in February, Wine & Wildflower Journey in April, Texas Wine Month in October, and Christmas Wine Affair.

Fredericksburg Food and Wine Fest, sponsored by the City of Fredericksburg, is the premier food and wine event of the year. Held the last weekend in October in downtown Fredericksburg on Marktplatz. It is a full-course celebration of Texas food, wine, beer, music, specialty booths and cooking classes.

For a complete listing of Texas Hill Country food & wine events, visit Hill Country Festivals.

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Spend the evening relaxing in your luxurious accommodations and enjoy the sunset and stars from your deck.

DAY 6

8:00 am - 9:30 am

Savor your chef prepared 3-course hot breakfast in Rose Hill Manor's dining room or in your room.

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Purchase Hummingbird Farms Lavender bath and body products or Comphy linens at Rose Hill Manor to create the luxury bed & breakfast feeling at home. Return home rested with treasured memories of your Rose Hill Manor retreat.

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