10 WAYS TO ENJOY THE BEST OF PLANO, TEXAS

From Art, Historic Walking Tours and Museums to Upscale Shopping, Dining and Cinema, Plano Offers the Perfect Diversions for Visitors

1) Legacy West’s Urban Village
   7200 Bishop Road
   Plano, Texas 75024
   www.legacywest.com

Legacy West’s Urban Village is like a city within a city. Part of the massive Legacy West development opening in March of 2017 as home to Toyota, Liberty Mutual, J.P. Morgan Chase and other large corporations, the Village will also boast Plano’s newest full-service hotel, the Renaissance. Here, visitors enjoy the best Plano has to offer in accommodations, shopping, dining, entertainment and other amenities. And beginning in fall of 2017, they can wander from stall to stall sampling the wares of local artisan food purveyors at the European-style Legacy Food Hall, complete with an on-site brewery and live music stage. www.legacyfoodhall.com.

2) PINSTACK
   6205 Dallas Parkway
   (972) 781-BOWL (2695)
   www.pinstackbowl.com

Plano is home to North Texas’ first state-of-the-art bowling and active entertainment destination. PINSTACK is a 50,000 square foot venue featuring a 28-lane bowling experience, ropes course suspended 20 feet above the gaming center, two-story laser tag, bumper cars, LED lit six-lane rock climbing walls, hundreds of interactive games and simulator technology. The facility also has a full-service restaurant, outside bar area, covered patio with fire pits, big screen TVs and ample seating. PINSTACK also offers a luxury VIP bowling area for private parties.

3) Go Ape! Treetop Adventure Course

Glide over the forest canopy at Plano’s new Go Ape! Zip lines, Tarzan swings and suspended obstacles bring out your inner monkey and provide a fun challenge amid 800 acres of natural beauty at Texas’ only Go Ape location. Riders must be 10 years or older, at least 4-feet-7-inches tall and weigh no more than 285 pounds.

4) Plano Balloon Festival
   Oak Point Park
   2801 E. Spring Creek Parkway
If you’re in Plano in September, the Plano Balloon Festival is not to be missed. Majestic hot-air balloons fill the skies over Plano at sunrise and sunset during this three-day event. The festival also features sky divers, fireworks, concerts, food and more. The 2016 festival – the 37th annual – will be held Sept. 23-25.

5) Southfork Ranch
3700 Hogge Road
Parker, Texas 75002
(972) 442-7800
www.southfork.com

Known as the “world’s most famous ranch,” Southfork Ranch is best known from the television series “Dallas,” offering visitors the opportunity to relive memorable moments from the fictional Ewing clan. The “Dallas Legends: Fact to Fantasy” exhibit features the gun that shot J.R., Lucy’s wedding dress, video clips from the series and other memorabilia. Located in nearby Parker, Southfork has attracted millions of visitors and is open daily year-round for guided tours, private parties, special events, shopping and more.

6) Legacy Town Center/The Shops at Legacy
5741 Legacy Drive
Plano, TX 75204
www.shopsatlegacy.com

Legacy Town Center is a mélange of urban style homes, businesses, retail establishments, hotels, restaurants and open spaces in a community setting. The lead architect and planner of this 150-acre center is world-renowned new urbanist Andre Duany. The Shops at Legacy features a wide variety of upscale shopping from clothing and jewelry to home furnishings and specialty items. The center is also home to the Angelika Film Center & Café, a stylish five-screen boutique cinema devoted to independent specialty film, as well as some of Dallas’ best restaurants, including Bob’s Steak & Chop House and Jasper’s, whose proprietor and executive chef is none other than superchef Kent Rathbun. The Marriott Dallas/Plano at Legacy Town Center is the center’s premier hotel property. Baccus Plaza is one of the newer additions to this development. The Plaza includes the Trails in Legacy Sculptures, which were created by Texas native Robert Summers and depict a cattle drive along the Shawnee Trail, a principal route on which Texas longhorn cattle were driven before and just after the Civil War.

7) Interurban Railway Museum
Downtown Plano
901 East 15th St.
(972) 941-2117
www.planoconservancy.com
North Texas transportation history is brought back to life with this interesting exhibit. Once a vital part of the Texas Electric Railway that stretched from Denison to Waco, the Interurban is one of the original electric cars that ran on the tracks through Plano. Also on site is car 360, which carried mail as well as passengers.

8) **Arbor Hills Nature Preserve**  
   6701 W Parker Road  
   (972) 307-1906  
   [www.plano.gov](http://www.plano.gov)  
   Park hours are 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
   Gates are closed when park is closed.

Located on the western border of Plano, Arbor Hills Nature Preserve is a 200-acre park featuring vast areas of natural beauty for walking, jogging, hiking, orienteering and other outdoor activity. Amenities include:

- Playground
- Restrooms
- Paved recreational trail (approximately 2.3 miles)
- Natural unpaved trails for pedestrians only
- Designated off-road cycling trail (approximately two miles)
- A natural biofilter for cleaning surface run-off from the parking lot before it reenters the ground water tables
- Observation tower
- Three pavilions (see reservation information on the Burr Oak pavilion)

9) **Heritage Farmstead**  
   1900 West 15th St.  
   15th Street at Pitman Drive  
   (972) 881-0140  
   [www.heritagefarmstead.org](http://www.heritagefarmstead.org)

This four-acre museum preserves a way of life during the height of farm prosperity in the early 1900s. The beautiful Victorian home and 12 outbuildings were the hub of a 360-acre farm operated by a colorful local resident, Ammie Wilson. The museum is open to the public, and guided tours are available.

10) **Downtown Plano Arts District**  
    (972) 941-7000  
    [www.visittowntownplano.com](http://www.visittowntownplano.com)

Named one of the top 10 best downtowns in America by Livability.com, downtown Plano offers a charming setting for a simple stroll, an afternoon of shopping, or an evening’s entertainment. Visit more than a dozen restored historic homes, the Interurban Railway Museum and walk along authentic brick streets to discover an eclectic collection of antique shops, boutiques selling everything from handmade jewelry to home décor to pottery. Catch a show/performance at McCall Plaza, the Courtyard Theater, the Cox Building Playhouse, or see the artists in residence. Check the performance venue calendars for schedule and show times.
For more information on the City of Plano, check out the Visit Plano website at www.visitplano.com, or contact Jan Sheehan of Tucker & Associates at (817) 348-9490, or jan@tuckerpr.com. Photography is also available at (214) 252-0900.