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THE PLANO TEN

Arts, leisure, entertainment and recreation options abound in Plano, where modern luxury meets historic charm. Here are the top ten ways to experience this north Texas city's plentiful array of fun both indoors and out.

- 1) Legacy West**
5905 Legacy Drive
Plano, Texas 75024
legacywest.com

Visitors won't want to miss **Legacy West**. Opened in June 2017, this "city within a city" is the largest mixed use destination in North Texas and the perfect place to play, shop, dine, and stay. The 255-acre development boasts 415,000 dynamic square feet of open-air retail and restaurant space. Here, diners can satisfy every craving, whether for steak or a good old-fashioned milk shake, French bistro fare, a perfect plate of pasta, or a red velvet cupcake. For those who can't decide, **Legacy Hall** has it all. In this one-of-a-kind artisanal food hall, visitors can wander from stall to stall to meet local purveyors and sample everything from lobster rolls to Philly cheesesteaks to house made ginger beer floats. There's also an on-site brewery and live music stage.

Legacy West's shopping offerings run the gamut from fashion to furnishings to cosmetics and even cars. (Think Tesla!) After a day of retail therapy, shoppers won't have to go very far to set down their spoils, since this urban village is anchored by the new **Renaissance Dallas at Plano Legacy West Hotel**. The 15 story, 304-room luxury property features a high energy lobby and bar, an on-site Asian fusion restaurant, a third floor amenity deck with swimming pool, a bar concierge lounge, fitness center and outdoor event space.

- 2) The Crayola Experience**
6121 W. Park Blvd.
Plano, Texas 75093
crayolaexperience.com

With 60,000 square feet of attractions, Crayola Experience is Texas' most colorful family destination for interactive, creative play. Families typically spend 3-4 hours exploring the 22 hands-on attractions. Kids of all ages can embark on a wonderful, whimsical adventure with such unique experiences as starring in their very own coloring pages, naming and wrapping their very own Crayola crayon, learning how crayons are made in a live manufacturing show and so much more.

The Crayola Experience will be open year round, specializing in colorful birthday parties, group outings, educational field trips, and special events. Group discounts and annual passes are available.

3) PINSTACK

6205 Dallas Parkway
Plano, Texas
(972) 781-2695
pinstackbowl.com

PINSTACK is North Texas' first state-of-the-art bowling and active entertainment destination. This 50,000 square foot fun zone features a 28-lane bowling alley, a ropes course suspended 20 feet above the gaming center, two-story laser tag, bumper cars, six lanes of LED-lit rock climbing walls, and hundreds of interactive games. The facility also has a specialty restaurant featuring a chef-driven menu and craft cocktails, an outside bar area, covered patio with fire pits, gelato bar, big screen TVs and ample seating. PINSTACK also offers a luxury VIP bowling area for private parties.

4) Go Ape! Treetop Adventure Course

5901 Los Rios Boulevard
Plano, Texas 75074
(800) 971-8271
goape.com

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.

5) Plano Balloon Festival

Oak Point Park & Nature Preserve
2801 East Spring Creek Parkway
(972) 867-7566
planoballoonfest.org

If you're in town 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 tethered balloon rides, sky divers, fireworks, concerts, food and more. The 2018 festival will be Sept. 21-23.

6) Southfork Ranch

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

Just down the road from Plano in nearby Parker is one of the most recognized homes in all of television history – the iconic Southfork Ranch. Every year, millions of visitors make the pilgrimage to follow in the footsteps of the fictional Ewing clan. Inside the mansion, they can see the gun that shot J.R., Lucy's wedding dress, video clips from the series and other memorabilia. On the expansive grounds, they can see a herd of Texas longhorns lounging, or go on a guided trail ride.

7) The Shops at Legacy

5741 Legacy Drive
Plano, TX 75204
shopsatlegacy.com

Legacy Town Center is a mélange of homes, businesses, shops, hotels, restaurants and open spaces all in an urban village-style setting. The Shops at Legacy feature an upscale retail mix of men's and women's clothing, home furnishings and more. The development 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 the area's best restaurants, including Bob's Steak & Chop House, Fleming's, and Mexican Sugar. The Marriott Dallas/Plano at Legacy Town Center is the center's premier hotel property. Baccus Plaza boasts 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.

8) Downtown Plano Arts District

(972) 941-7000
visitdowntownplano.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, and the Interurban Railway Museum, a railroad car turned urban museum offering a microcosm of North Texas railroad history right in Haggard Park. Walk along authentic brick streets to discover an eclectic collection of antique shops and boutiques selling everything from handmade jewelry to home décor to pottery. Catch a show/performance at McCall Plaza, the Courtyard Theater, or the Cox Building Playhouse, and see the artists in residence. Check the performance venue calendars for schedule and show times.

9) The Boardwalk at Granite Park

5601 Granite Parkway
Plano, Texas 75024
granitepark.com/the-boardwalk/

Across from the luxurious patio of the 299-room Hilton Granite Park sits a new 30,000 square foot restaurant park in Granite Park called The Boardwalk. Dallas Burger Joint Hall of Famer, Chips Old Fashioned Hamburgers is not only famous for their burger selection, but also salads, fresh fish, spuds, Tex-Mex, and milkshakes. Hookline serves southern-inspired gulf seafood such as oysters and catfish. From the folks behind Plano's Taverna Rossa, Union Bear is a new locally owned and operated brewery and restaurant with a West Coast feel, fused with deep Texas roots, serving American classics and staff-curated spirits and cocktails. The Biscuit Bar, a new fast-casual, Southern home-style concept, offers scratch biscuits with a wide range of toppings, salads with biscuit croutons, biscuit desserts, and a bar menu. Also coming summer 2018 is B. Frank & Relish, Edith's French Bistro, and Pearl Cup Coffee. Each restaurant has a patio, and there are beachy deck chairs to enjoy the view of the water feature.

10) Heritage Farmstead

1900 West 15th Street

15th Street at Pitman Drive

(972) 881-0140

heritagefarmstead.org

Set on four acres, this living history museum lets visitors step back into the late 1800s and early 1900s. The property's beautiful Victorian home and 12 outbuildings were once part of a 360-acre farm operated by colorful local resident Ammie Wilson.

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