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The 10 Best Resorts in Texas

The best resorts in Texas, according to *Travel + Leisure* readers, go big with swanky accommodations and extensive grounds.

There's something for every type of traveler in the Lone Star State, from the charming River Walk in San Antonio, near the world-famous Alamo, to art lovers' paradise Marfa, to the funky music scene in Austin. And with more visitors choosing Texas for their vacations (tourism spending is up 35.7 percent from last year), hotels are being built, refreshed, and expanded to best host the influx of interest. The best resorts in Texas, according to *Travel + Leisure*, are located in close proximity to the state's biggest cities but set on perfectly manicured grounds that make them feel worlds away when guests want to unwind.

Every year for our World's Best Awards survey, T+L asks readers to weigh in on travel experiences around the globe — to share their opinions on the top hotels, resorts, cities, islands, cruise ships, spas, airlines, and more. Hotels (including safari lodges) were rated on their facilities, location, service, food, and overall value. Properties were classified as city hotel, resort, or safari lodge based on their locations and amenities.

No matter which part of Texas readers visited, they wanted to be near the action. In the capital of Austin, No. 3 Omni Barton Creek Resort & Spa impressed with its "location with an adventurous landscape," according to one voter. (Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve and Scripture Falls are both around five miles away.) In San Antonio, JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa (No. 7) and La Cantera Resort & Spa (No. 8) were both praised for their beautiful settings and 18-hole championship golf courses. "It's a special place to unwind and enjoy the outdoors," wrote one voter who visited the former.

8. La Cantera Resort & Spa, San Antonio



Score: 84.68

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