

# Escape from New York



Because even the most loyal New Yorker needs to flee the greatest city on earth (sometimes).

## Dallas

### ROLL UP TO THE BAR

Come on and take a free ride! Historic M-Line trolleys trundle on lively McKinney Avenue, taking you uptown for nada. Hop off at local watering hole the Standard Pour, which has leather couches, low lighting and elevated Southern fixins. Order shrimp and grits topped with house-made hot sauce and a Debutante barrel-aged cocktail, made with peach-infused bourbon and saffron. 2900 McKinney Ave (214-935-1370, [tspdallas.com](http://tspdallas.com))

### PARK YOURSELF

Sure, Klyde Warren Park is only three years old, but it's already a hot spot linking uptown and the art district. It's built atop a reclaimed freeway and throws in dozens of freebies like table tennis, badminton, chess, yoga, ice skating and concerts. If you'd rather kick back and people-watch, grab a book from the

outdoor library and head to the adjacent Lark on the Park restaurant for a microbrew. 2015 Woodall Rodgers Fwy (214-855-5275, [larkonthepark.com](http://larkonthepark.com))

### BE A FLOWER CHILD

The Dallas Arboretum, with its perfectly manicured gardens, is a fairy-tale land in cowboy territory. Dip your feet in the infinity pool, peep the Pumpkin Village's buildings adorned with real gourds or attend the season's last lively Cool Thursdays Concerts (Thursday 22, October 29) on the lawn at dusk, with gnarly tribute bands playing '80s hits from the likes of AC/DC and the Violent Femmes (\$27). 8525 Garland Rd (214-515-6615, [dallasarboretum.org](http://dallasarboretum.org)). \$15.

### GO INTO A MEAT COMA

The city is locked in a fiery struggle for BBQ supremacy with Kansas City (known for sauce) and Memphis



(known for sandwiches), and the top contender is Pecan Lodge, serving the city's famed chopped pork. The quality of the brisket, smoked for 18 hours on-site in three massive pits, at this meat eater's heaven in up-and-coming Deep Ellum is evidenced by the line out the door and around the corner.

Advantage: Dallas. 2702 Main St (214-748-8900, [pecanlodge.com](http://pecanlodge.com))

### GIDDYAP, PARTNER

Get to know Dallas on a trusty steed (with a ride guide) at River Ranch's Texas Horse Park, exploring the 6,000-acre Great Trinity Forest. It's part of Davy Crockett's legacy in the Big D with ancient trees, freshwater springs and a Native American archeological site, all in view of the sparkling skyline on the horizon. 811 Pemberton Hill Rd (469-804-2660, [riverranch-texas-horsepark.com](http://riverranch-texas-horsepark.com)). From \$40.

### REFUEL WITH TACOS

Texans swear by breakfast tacos and return religiously to spots like Fuel City, a farm/gas station/car wash/restaurant spread over eight acres. The real get at the 24-hour joint is *picadillo* tacos and *elote en vaso* (corn in a cup); take it to-go and visit the longhorns pasture out back

(petting not advised). 801 S Riverfront Blvd (214-426-5124, [fuelcity.com](http://fuelcity.com)) —Jonathan Thompson

## INSIDER KNOWLEDGE

Locals give it to you straight.

"The sticky buns at Crossroads Diner are heavenly."

—Stephanie

"Walk the Continental Avenue Bridge for the best downtown views."

—Frank

"Café Momentum is serviced by youths being rehabilitated from the juvenile justice system. The meals are life-changing."

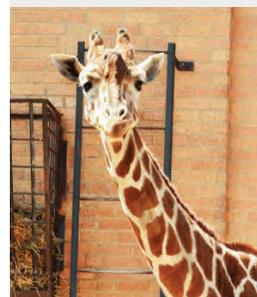
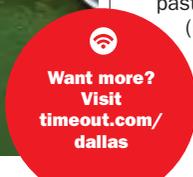
—Noelle

"Weekend coffee shop at the Joule Hotel is the hangout spot."

—Lauren

"Make sure to hand-feed the giraffes at the Dallas Zoo."

—Hutson



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