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World-class shopping, fantastic dining, and plenty of outdoor fun defines The Woodlands, a thriving community set within a forest of towering pine trees on the northern outskirts of Houston. Visit The Woodlands and you'll discover a unique place with plenty of upscale allure and a few surprises of its own. Indulge in some retail therapy in one of the best shopping centers in the Houston area, then kayak in a scenic lake moments later. This variety of adventure, combined with upscale hotel accommodations and the number two amphitheater in the world according to *Pollstar* magazine, makes The Woodlands the kind of place that just about any traveler would enjoy.

The Woodlands began as a master-planned community in 1974. Since then, it has evolved from a suburban residential community to one of the most popular places to shop in Greater Houston. A staggering array of popular department stores and boutique clothing and jewelry shops in The Woodlands Mall, Market Street, and beyond are just waiting to be browsed. Along with all the great shopping, there's a stunning range of

restaurants – from relaxed cafes to top-class steakhouses – that serve up whatever you’re craving. For some rest and relaxation, enjoy a soothing massage or a get a makeover at one of the many beauty salons and wellness centers around town.

Along with all the shops and restaurants, The Woodlands is also home to one of the top concert venues in the Houston area: The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. Throughout the year, world-famous musicians rock and roll in the open-air 17,000-seat pavilion that sits at the bottom of a grassy hill where you can relax under the stars while you listen to the tunes. The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion resides along The Woodlands Waterway, one of the top attractions in town. Admire the displays of public art and the Fountains at Waterway Square as you amble along The Waterway, which is bordered by high-rise hotels and restaurants.

Although The Woodlands is known as a hotspot for urban indulgence, you don’t have to go far to savor the beauty of the Texas Piney Woods. Rent a kayak from Riva Row Boathouse, situated a short walk away from the pavilion, and paddle your way through a scenic canal until you reach Lake Woodlands. For land-based fun, go for a run or ride your bike on the more than 200 miles of trails that weave throughout The Woodlands. Many of these trails form continuous pathways that are just as ideal for short jaunts as they are for longer excursions.

Thanks to its plethora of shops and restaurants, along with all the potential for outdoor recreation, there’s a bit of something for everyone in The Woodlands. Whether you’re staying for a weekend getaway or a longer vacation, you’ll never run out of things to see, do, and discover. Plan your next trip to The Woodlands to experience this one-of-a-kind town for yourself.