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Things to Do in New Braunfels

A true Hill Country standout, New Braunfels is known for its beautifully preserved German culture amid friendly Texas charm. Enjoy Hill Country wines and authentic German and Texas cuisine, shop at fabulous boutiques, enjoy the thrilling, world-famous Schlitterbahn Waterpark, and break out your two-stepping skills at a real Texas dance hall. New Braunfels has endless ways to make you smile.



Prost! Cheers! Sample New Braunfels Craft Beers and Native Wines

The Texas Hill Country is chock-full of independent craft breweries and wineries, and vineyards, providing plenty of chances to enjoy both wine and stein! Check out local craft breweries like [New Braunfels Brewing Company](#) serving unique brews made with fresh hops and local water. At [Faust Hotel and Brewing Company](#), enjoy a wide range of authentic German-style brews and pale ales. New Braunfels is also considered the gateway to the [Hill Country Craft Beer Trail](#), a collection of 15 breweries within driving distance offering a

multitude of beer styles and flavors.

Wine lovers will enjoy the chance to raise a glass at [Dry Comal Creek Vineyards](#). Sample its numerous Hill Country Wines during a tasting room session in which your wine ambassador will explain the profiles of five of the vineyard's wines. Then get a behind-the-scenes look at the winemaking process on a guided tour. The Vineyard at Gruene serves a wide range of Texas wines, while [The Grapevine in Gruene's](#) tasting room stocks an impressive range of wines from around the state and the world.

Have a Splash-tastic Good Time on New Braunfels' Two Rivers

Nestled at the intersection of the Comal and Guadalupe Rivers, it's no surprise that New Braunfels features plenty of tubing, swimming, and other forms of waterfront fun. The spring-fed, pristine Comal River stays at a refreshing 70 to 72 degrees year-round, the perfect temperature to cool off in the summer, while being warm enough for winter fun, too.

Tubing the Comal is a top local attraction with plenty of outfitters helping you plan the perfect day on the water. Tubers usually start their floats near the Wurstfest festival grounds before passing through Downtown New Braunfels and past Schlitterbahn Waterpark, eventually joining the Guadalupe River, one of the top recreational rivers in Texas known for its peaceful blue-green waters.

Pack a picnic and head to the [Cypress Bend Park](#) to experience the Guadalupe's mesmerizing hues. It's a great place to jump in and cool off. The Guadalupe is also a favorite fishing destination known for trout, bass, catfish, and sunfish. The river is the southernmost trout fishery in the United States and is especially popular for fly fishing. Enthusiasts come out each February for the annual [Troutfest](#), which celebrates the sport and promotes regional conservation with workshops, pop-up shops, and family friendly fishing activities.

Earn Style Points with the Kids at this World-Famous Waterpark

Put a smile on every kids' face with a day spent at the world famous [Schlitterbahn Waterpark & Resort](#) in New Braunfels. Feel the rush of adrenaline as you plummet down the six-story-tall Master Blaster Uphill Water Coaster, or careen around the tight corners and over the rapids of The Falls, the world's longest waterpark ride.

Want to take it easy? Kick back and relax at The Beach Wave Pool or the Kristal Cove, a giant swimming pool with shaded seating and a gently sloping beach. There's plenty of fun for younger riders thanks to attractions like the Lagoon Kids' Area and Han's Hideout. With dozens of rides, slides, and pools in a Texas-sized setting, you'll be planning a return visit the second you leave.



In fact, turn that day trip into a weekend of fun by booking a room at the Schlitterbahn Resort just steps away from the park's rides.

Explore Underground Wonders in one of Texas' Biggest Caverns

It's something you need to see to believe. [Natural Bridge Caverns](#) is home to the most extensive cavern in the region, and one of the largest caverns in the state. Join a guided tour and prepare to be wowed. Feel the cool cavern air as you walk past delicate stalactites and stalagmites formed over thousands of years by the

changing flow of water. Each tour provides a different experience, from leisurely walks to strenuous, challenging hikes.

The caverns aren't the only thing to experience. Natural Bridge Caverns also features above ground attractions like the AMAZEn' Ranch Roundup, a challenging maze adults and kids will love. Just head for the central bridge in case you get lost!

Enjoy high flying action at Canopy Explorer, a 60-foot-tall, four-tier adventure course with zip lines and platforms that deliver stunning views of Texas Hill Country. Then, pretend you're an old-fashioned miner looking for gold as you pan for gems and fossils in the mock mining town. An onsite restaurant is the perfect place to restore your energy with a slice of pizza and some ice cream.

Shop, Dine, and Two-Step in the Gruene Historic District



storefronts. It doesn't get any more charming than this.

Situated within the New Braunfels city limits, the charming Gruene Historic District is a one-of-a-kind experience you won't want to miss. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the once-dying town was revitalized by visionaries who saw its potential as a stylish destination.

An original dance hall was remade into Gruene Hall, where big names like Willie Nelson, Lyle Lovett and Garth Brooks have played. It's a great place to hear live music today. Dine at one of several trendy eateries serving Tex-Mex and other tasty cuisines. Shop for antiques, home décor, clothing, and gifts at numerous local retailers now housed in 19th Century