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Nestled in the heart of the Texas Hill Country, Kerrville stands as a gorgeous getaway from the hustle and bustle of big city life. From its many public parks to the picturesque Guadalupe River that runs right through downtown, Mother Nature is truly the star here. But the breathtaking environment and excellent year-round climate offer much more than an idyllic setting for some top-class relaxation. Visitors from all over the Lone Star State and the Southwest travel to Kerrville for its music festivals, arts and crafts fairs, outdoor sports and activities, shopping, and world-class dining.

In 1689, while heading west from the Gulf of Mexico, Spanish explorer Alonso De Leon came upon a crystal-clear river lined with cypress, walnut, and pecan trees. He named the river after "Our Lady of Guadalupe," one of the titles of the beloved Virgin Mary. It wasn't until nearly 160 years later that settlers began to arrive, led by Kentucky native Joshua D. Brown. The new settlers built sawmills and plotted farms along the Guadalupe River, forming a community that was named Brownsborough. Within a few years, Brownsborough was renamed to Kerrville in honor of Brown's friend, and Texas Revolution veteran, Major James Kerr.

With its abundance of natural resources and wildlife, the same beauty that drew De Leon and Brown to Kerrville continues to delight residents and tourists today, from the most active sportspeople to the most chilled-out vacationers. Hit the trailheads or break out the volleyball at Lehmann-Monroe Park, or take a lazy float down the river from Louise Hays Park. When it's time to eat, you'll find a host of options perfect for grabbing a quick bite or for something more substantial, including restaurants like Grape Juice, a Lonely Planet Top Choice. Don't forget to make time to stroll the streets of downtown and explore the shops and local boutiques.





Some of the most popular Kerrville attractions involve the arts. The outdoor Smith-Ritch Point Theatre serves as the home of the <u>Hill Country Arts Foundation</u> and the stage for theater productions, musical acts, and other artists. The city's most well-known celebration of the arts is the 18-day <u>Kerrville Folk Festival</u>, which features more than 100 performers each year and includes seminars on songwriting and various instruments. Thanks to a thriving visual and performing arts community you're sure to see, and hear why, Kerrville is the Capital of the Texas Hill Country

In short, finding enjoyable things to do in Kerrville is as simple as stepping outside. Visit today and discover a relaxing retreat like none other.