

Charting a geographic and anthropological path from Marfa to El Paso, on the border with Mexico/New Mexico. A whimsical journey into the American Southwest and its cultural fabric.

Itinerary: Marfa— El Paso—Alpine—Valentine—Terlingua Big Bend Ranch State Park—Fort Davis— Presidio —Shafter
With Carefully Curated Studios, a project by Hannah Jeffers and Amos Campos

MARFA

WHERE TO STAY
Saint George Hotel
Thunderbird Hotel
Marfa Motel. One of the newest stays in town with unique interiors and quirky perks like an outdoor tub and sauna
WHERE TO PLAY

Alta Wine Bar & Mutual Friends. A coffee shop and wine bar duo featuring our favourite skin-contact wine, "Hyperspace". Judd Foundation. No explanation needed; Judd's work and the creative community here make Marfa so special.
Take this tour: "The Block". Donald Judd purchased this downtown Marfa complex in 1973, making it home to his first large architectural projects and installations. The Block features adobe walls, cactus gardens, a personal library with over 13,000 volumes and iconic furniture collections.

Chinati Foundation. Established by Donald Judd in 1986, this site permanently exhibits large-scale works, including Judd’s famous "15 Untitled Works in Concrete".
Other Galleries: Ballroom Marfa and Exhibitions 2d—a favourite of ours featuring rotating exhibits of minimal drawing and sculpture, along with an incredible collection of furniture. You'll leave here inspired.
WHERE TO SHOP
Raba Marfa for curated vintage and goods; Cobra Rock for handcrafted leather boots.
WHERE TO EAT
Bordo. An Italian deli producing stone-milled heirloom flours, fresh pastas, seasonal gelato and wood-fired bread sandwiches. Truly the best meal of your life.
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EL PASO

WHERE TO STAY
Plaza Hotel. A Michelin Key luxury boutique hotel with a stunning art deco-inspired restaurant and bar featuring stained glass ceilings and traditional Mexican decor.
WHERE TO EAT
Taconeta. James Beard semifinalist; known for its heirloom corn tortillas and house-made nixtamal. Not to mention that it makes

the best Mezcal Margs you'll find in Texas. Ámbar. Located in The Plaza Hotel, this restaurant draws inspiration from El Paso and Ciudad Juárez, serving handmade tortillas, churrasco-grilled meats, and an extensive collection of agave spirits.
Vejo Coffee

ALPINE

WHERE TO PLAY
Museum of the Big Bend. Located at Sul Ross State University, it previously featured the must-see exhibit *Andy Warhol: Cowboys and Indians*.
WHERE TO EAT
Bock Burger
The Ritchey. A low-key bar with live music.

TERLINGUA

Terlingua offers a unique blend of trading posts, art galleries, lodging, restaurants and bars. A great base for exploring Big Bend Ranch State Park.
WHERE TO STAY
Willow House. A desert retreat on 250+ acres of private land with breathtaking views of the Chisos Mountains.
Candelilla House. Described as "Terlingua Chic" with its rustic adobe aesthetic.
WHERE TO PLAY
Fort Leaton. A stunning 19th-century adobe compound overlooking the Rio Grande, rich in history and architecture.
Terlingua Trading Company. The best and only true shopping experience in town, offering regional gifts and a bookstore featuring local history.
WHERE TO EAT
Starlight Theater. A legendary dining experience in a converted historic theatre with live music and a porch where travellers and locals gather.
Espresso Y Poco Mas. The best coffee (featuring local Big Bend coffee roasters) and breakfast in town, with mountain views.

FORT DAVIS

One of the best-preserved frontier military outposts, established to protect emigrants and mail routes in the Trans-Pecos region.

WHERE TO PLAY
Davis Mountains State Park. A scenic park with breathtaking views and rewarding hiking trails.

PRESIDIO

WHERE TO EAT
Don José Panaderia. A traditional Mexican bakery offering house-made tortillas, pinto beans, beef barbacoa, chicharrones, and the best sugar donuts.

SHAFTER

WHERE TO PLAY
Shafter Ghost Town. Once a booming silver mining town, now home to eerie yet beautiful adobe ruins nestled in the Chinati Mountains.

Southwest: region in the southwestern United States, historically denoting several geographic areas in turn and changing over the years as the nation expanded. After the War of 1812, the Southwest generally meant Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana; after Texas was annexed, it, too, was included. In the wake of the war with Mexico, the Southwest embraced most, but not all, of the territory that was acquired under the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo (1848), including land often considered part of the “West”—i.e., New Mexico, Arizona, and all or parts of Oklahoma, Colorado, Utah, and Nevada, as suited the convenience of the user of the term. It ordinarily excludes California. The common denominator of the modern Southwest is aridity. The high, dry plains of Texas extend westward to the Pecos valley of New Mexico. Although the Southwest’s dry, crisp climate and scenic landscapes were a curse to agriculture, they have been a boon to businesses catering to tourists and health seekers. These visitors had a lively interest in the Indian and Spanish-American cultures, including the native architecture, Indian dances, Spanish fiestas, and rodeos.
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