

MIDLAND TEXAS

Visitor Guide



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Midland is home to presidents and petroleum. The Tall City has a lot to offer in the way of fun, from down-home Texas barbecues to museums and festivals. This is the perfect destination for your family reunion, your next meeting, sporting event, a tour of West Texas—or a weekend getaway. Not only is Midland a great destination, it's also a great starting point for a West Texas adventure to **Big Bend National Park!**

VisitMidland's mission is to encourage economic growth by developing, promoting, enhancing and supporting Midland as a vibrant visitor destination. Our services include visitor information, calendar of events, planning, promotions, publicity, transportation coordination, and support for all your conventions, sporting events, meetings, and social events. Contact us for a free proposal to host your next event.



Be sure & tag us when you're visiting!
#VisitMidland, #MidlandTX

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MIDLAND INFORMATION & TRAVEL CENTER

1406 W. Interstate 20, Midland, TX 79701
(Exit 136 off I20)
(432) 687-8285

Open Monday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Your source for the best information on Midland hotels, restaurants, attractions, shopping, events and maps!

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

The state of the art **Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center** features everything from Broadway productions to local plays, famous comedians and musicians, mariachis, and jazz. Wagnernoel.com

Explore the world's largest collection of antique oil drilling equipment & **Jim Hall's Chaparral Race Car Gallery** at the **Permian Basin Petroleum Museum**. Petroleummuseum.org

Housed in the Turner Mansion, the **Museum of the Southwest** boasts southwest artwork from ancient times to the present, a stunning interactive Kentucky Derby exhibit, Summer Sunday Lawn Concerts, Septemberfest, a planetarium, and children's museum. Museumsw.org

Experience **Summer Mummers at the Yucca Theatre**; it is the oldest continuous melodrama in the U.S. Bring your friends, bash the villain with popcorn and enjoy side-splitting laughter during the olio. Summermummers.com

George W. Bush Childhood Home, experience the home of two presidents, two governors, first lady, ambassador, and a CIA director. Bushchildhoodhome.org

Susie's South Forty Confections Candy Factory is a Guinness™ World Record-Holder for the largest piece of toffee. Tour the factory and taste the award winning treats made locally in Midland. Susiesouthforty.com

Birding & nature hiking is available at the **I-20 Wildlife Preserve & Sibley Nature Center**. Sibleynaturecenter.org, I20wildlifepreserve.org

Enjoy a **Midland RockHounds** game, the Double A affiliate of the Oakland Athletics and four-peat Texas League Champions. MidlandRockhounds.org

Learn about Texas and southwestern history including the cattle industry and those behind it at the **Haley Library & History Center** and view the first bell that hung at the Alamo. Haleylibrary.com

Old Miners Maze offers the perfect mix of action oriented fun where families come together for interactive adventures including a maze, mechanical bull and bungee jump. Oldminersmaze.com

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS



Susie's South Forty Confections



Jim Hall's Chaparral Race Car Gallery



Permian Basin Petroleum Museum
Credit: Mark Swindler



George W. Bush Childhood Home



Summer MuMmers



Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center



Haley Library & History Center



Museum of the Southwest
Credit: Rafael Aguilera

REGIONAL ATTRACTIONS

Enjoy an artesian spring pool fed by San Solomon Springs at **Balmorhea State Park**. The pool stays a constant 72 to 76 degrees and has a variety of aquatic life in its clear waters. This park has plenty of opportunities for camping, swimming, scuba and skin diving. Approximately 150 miles southwest of Midland.

Enjoy nature tours, birding, backpacking, hiking, fishing and camping in **Big Bend National Park**. This 800,000-acre park, is the 15th largest park in the United States. Approximately 200 miles southwest of Midland.

Enjoy 382 acres of outdoor recreation facilities, picnic areas, campsites, playground, and lighted picnic pavilion. Approximately 40 miles east of Midland at **Big Spring State Park**.

Carlsbad Caverns National Park is a fascinating system of caverns spread beneath the New Mexico Chihuahuan desert. Approximately 150 miles west of Midland.

The **Guadalupe Mountains National Park** is 86,416 acres and includes Guadalupe Peak, the highest point in Texas at 8,749 feet. From October to mid-November hikers converge on **McKittrick Canyon** to breathe in the crisp air and see the vibrant fall colors of big-tooth maple and oaks changing from green to shades of yellow, orange, and red. Approximately 180 miles west of Midland.

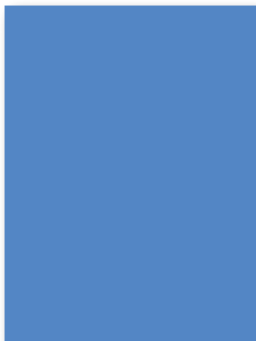
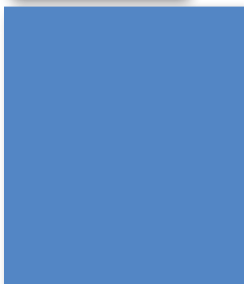
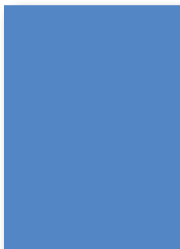
Lajitas Golf Resort & Spa is a 25,000 acre estate including a 92-room resort, golf course, spa, hunt club and lodge, equestrian center, and several gourmet restaurants. Approximately 270 miles southwest of Midland.

The **Monahans Sandhills State Park** is nearly 4,000 acres of wind-sculpted sand dunes, some up to 70 feet high. Approximately 50 miles west of Midland.

Historic Prude Guest Ranch was established in 1889 as a cattle ranch and now offers visitor accommodations, tennis courts, swimming pools, and horseback riding. Approximately 175 miles south of Midland.

At an altitude of 7,000 feet lies one of the world's leading astronomical research and education centers, the **U.T. McDonald Observatory**. Visitors can enjoy dark skies brimming over with planets, stars, nebulae and galaxies. Star Parties are held every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evening. Approximately 170 miles south of Midland.

REGIONAL ATTRACTIONS



ANNUAL EVENTS

January

- Permian Basin Bridal Expo: basinbridal.org
- Ultimate Calf Roping: ulitmatecalfroping.com

February

- Silver Spur Gun & Blade Show: silverspurtradeshows.com
- West Texas Kennel Club Black Gold Cluster Dog Show: Facebook.com/westtexaskennelclub
- West Texas Pride Football, through May: wtpridefootball.com

March

- Permian Basin Comic Con: pbcomicconx.com
- Permian Basin Spring Stampede Pro Rodeo: midlandcountyhorseshoe.com
- Scottish-Irish Fiare: chspbdorg
- Shotguns and Stilettos: jlmidlandorg
- West Texas Drillers, through May: westtexasdrillers.com

April

- Midland RockHounds Texas League Baseball: midlandrockhounds.org
- Silver Spur Gun & Blade Show: silverspurtradeshow.com
- The Peddler Show: peddlershow.com

May

- Celebration of the Arts: acmidland.org
- Cinco de Mayo Cultural Celebration: hccmidland.org
- Midland RockHounds Texas League Baseball: midlandrockhounds.org
- National Travel & Tourism Week: visitmidland.com
- Sockers FC United Soccer League: sockersfc.org

June

- Annual Mariachi Concert: hccmidland.org
- Community Pachanga celebrating Juneteenth: midlandtexas.gov
- Mex-Tex Family Fiesta: midlandhcc.com
- Summer Sunday Lawn Concerts, through August: museumsw.org
- Summer MuMmers, through August: summermummers.com

July

- Children's 4th of July Parade: midlandtxchamber.com
- Great Outdoors Expo: silverspurtradeshows.com
- Star Spangled Salute & Children's 4th of July Parade: fourthinmidland.com
- Tall City Blues Fest: tallcitybluesfest.com
- West Texas Blowout: westtexasblowout.com

ANNUAL EVENTS

August

- Basin Bridal & Event Expo: basinbridal.org
- Midland County Fair: midlandcofair.com
- Rock the Desert: rockthedesert.com
- Silver Spur Gun & Blade Show: silverspurtradeshows.com

September

- High Sky Wing CAF AIRSHO: airsho.org
- Diez y Seis de Septiembre Parade: hccmidland.org
- SeptemberFest: museumsw.org
- St. Ann's Family Fair: stannsfair.org
- Tall City 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb: iafflocal4405.org

October

- Fall Gathering Ranch Story Telling: haleylibrary.com
- Fiddlesticks Farms Cornfield Maze & Pumpkin Patch, through November: fiddlesticksfarms.com
- Midland Southwest Impressionist Art Show and Sale: haleylibrary.com
- Permian Basin International Oil Show, held during even years: pbioilshow.org
- Rocky Horror Picture Show: mctmidland.org
- Roseland Oil & Gas Convention, held during odd years: roselandoilandgas.com
- Silver Spur Gun & Blade Show: silverspurtradeshows.com

November

- Artist Studio Tour: acmidland.org
- Executive Oil Conference: executiveoilconference.com
- Gem and Mineral Show: midlandgemandmineral.org
- Midland Arts Association Fall Juried Art Show: maatx.org
- Show of Support Annual Hunt for Heroes Banquet: showofsupport.org

December

- Midland Storytelling Festival: makingmemoriesmidland.com
- Christmas at the Mansion: museumsw.org
- City of Midland Christmas Parade: midlandtexas.gov
- CO₂ Conference: co2conference.net
- Holiday Evening: midland.edu
- Tall City New Year's Calf Roping Blowout: tallcityblowout.com
- The Nutcracker Ballet: midlandfestivalballet.org

**For details & a complete list of events,
go to www.VisitMidland.com.**

DINING

Midland is home to over 90 local restaurants and a number of national name brands giving a variety of choices for every palate.



Basin Burger House

September 21 at 8:30am · 🌐

The Green Chili Burger from Basin Burger House - one of the top 50 burgers in the entire state!!!



607 N. Colorado St. Mid.
BasinBurgerHouse.com / 432.687.5696

Basin Burger was named one of the 2016 Texas Monthly Magazine Top 50 Best Burgers in Texas.

Source: Texas Monthly Magazine and Basin Burger Facebook Page

Gerardos Casita has been named as a top 10 best margarita in Texas according to Wide Open Eats and was featured on Goodtaste with Tanji.

Source: Goodtaste with Tanji Facebook Page and Wide Open Eats

Frozen, Flavored, On the Rocks: 10 of the Best Margaritas in Texas

2. GERARDO'S CASITA

MIDLAND



12 likes
carolyntimc Yum!! #gerardocasita#stillspringbreakin
view all comments

58 MONTHS AGO

VisitMidland shared Goodtaste with Tanji's video.
Published by lyndsey@visitmidland.com (?) · December 1, 2017 · 🌐

Check out Gerardo's Casita on Goodtaste with Tanji!



10,097 Views

Goodtaste with Tanji
November 29, 2017 · 🌐

This weekend, puffy lobster tacos pair with mini martinis! Show times:
<http://bit.ly/GTEp12ShowTimes>

Savor succulent seafood at Star Fish Houston, picnic with S...
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Café at the Gardens was named the “Best Dinner” awarded by the Texas Travel Industry Association Study Tour 2015.

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Midland pitmaster picks up ‘tips and tricks’ on reality TV show

Megan Lea Buck | mbuck@mrt.com Published 7:30 pm, Saturday, June 27, 2015

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Photo: James Durbin

Junior Urias of Up In Smoke barbecue is appearing on the All Stars season of “BBQ Pitmasters” on the Destination America network. Urias won the Texas edition of the competitive reality show last year and was asked to return to compete against other winners. Urias hosted a viewing party at his home on Thursday, June 11, 2015. James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Up In Smoke BBQ & Co.
Midlander, Junior Urias won the BBQ Pitmasters Texas Championship in 2015.
Source: Midland Reporter-Telegram

ACCOMMODATIONS



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BAYMONT INN & SUITES - AIRPORT
10000 AIRPORT RD., MIDLAND, TX 79706
(432) 561-8000 | BAYMONTINNS.COM

BAYMONT INN & SUITES - I-20
3100 US HWY 158 EAST, MIDLAND, TX 79701
(432) 253-4000 | BAYMONTINNS.COM

BEST WESTERN PLUS
601 EAST I-20, MIDLAND, TX 79701
(432) 218-7549 | BESTWESTERN.COM

CANDLEWOOD SUITES
110 LONGVIEW AVE., MIDLAND, TX 79701
(432) 218-8366 | IHG.COM/CANDLEWOOD/

COMFORT INN
910 WEST I-20, MIDLAND, TX 79701
(432) 695-6900 | COMFORTINN.COM

COUNTRY INN & SUITES BY CARLSON
920 W. I-20, MIDLAND, TX 79701
(432) 218-7980 | COUNTRYINNS.COM/MIDLANDTX

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT
1505 TRADEWINDS BLVD., MIDLAND, TX 79707
(432) 689-9400 | MARRIOTT.COM

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON MIDLAND PLAZA
1117 W. WALL ST., MIDLAND, TX 79701
(432) 683-6131 | MIDLANDPLAZA.DOUBLETREE.COM

FIARFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT
2300 FAULKNER DRIVE, MIDLAND, TX 79705
(432) 704-5300 | MARRIOTT.COM

FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON
5518 STARBOARD DRIVE, MIDLAND, TX 79703
(432) 704-5300 | STARWOODHOTELS.COM

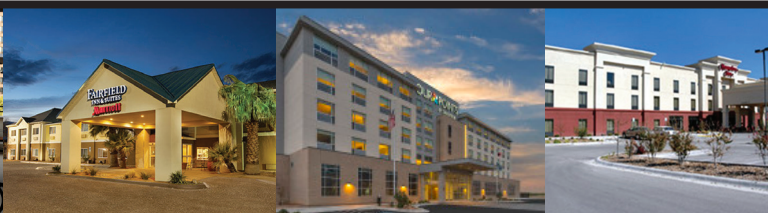
HAMPTON INN
5011 W. LOOP 250 N., MIDLAND, TX 79707
(432) 520-9600 | HAMPTONINN.COM



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	TOTAL ROOMS	TOTAL MEETING SPACE (Sq. Ft)	BAR/LOUNGE	BUSINESS CENTER	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	FITNESS CENTER	HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE	LAUNDRY FACILITY	MICROWAVE/ REFRIGERATOR	ON-SITE RESTAURANT	PET FRIENDLY	POOL	WI-FI INTERNET
	98	900	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	76		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x		x
	75			x	x	x	x		x			x	x
	113			x		x	x	x	x		x		x
	61			x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x
	65	408		x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x
	97	1,225	x	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x
	262	6,048	x	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x
	69			x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x
	107	1,500	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	79	1225	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x



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HAWTHORN SUITES BY WYNDHAM
5708 STARBOARD DRIVE, MIDLAND, TX 79706
(432) 704-5110 | WYNDHAMHOTELS.COM

HILTON GARDEN INN
1301 N. LOOP 250 W., MIDLAND, TX 79706
(432) 689-0022 | MIDLAND.HGI.COM

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES – LOOP 250
5309 W. LOOP 250 N., MIDLAND, TX 79707
(432) 520-3600 | HIEXPRESS.COM

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES - I-20
900 CRUMP STREET, MIDLAND, TX 79701
(432) 695-9020 | HIEXPRESS.COM

HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON
1401 CATALINA DRIVE, MIDLAND, TX 79706
(432) 699-4040 | MIDLAND.HOME2SUITES.COM

HOMEWOOD SUITES
1401 TRADEWINDS BLVD., MIDLAND, TX 79706
(432) 695-6905 | HOMEWOODMIDLAND.COM

LA QUINTA INN & SUITES - MIDLAND NORTH
2606 N. LOOP 250 W., MIDLAND, TX 79707
(432) 694-1200 | LAQUINTA.COM

LA QUINTA INN - WALL STREET
4130 WEST WALL, MIDLAND, TX 79701
(432) 697-9900 | LAQUINTA.COM

MAINSTAY SUITES
2500 S. LAMESA RD., MIDLAND, TX 79701
(432) 262-8000 | CHOICEHOTELS.COM

MICROTEL INN & SUITES BY WYNDHAM
200 W. LONGVIEW AVE., MIDLAND, TX 79701
(432) 203-2100 | MICROTELINN.COM

PLAZA INN
4108 N. BIG SPRING, MIDLAND, TX 79705
(432) 686-8733 | PLAZAINNMIDLAND.COM



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	62			x	x	x	x	x	x				x
	157	4,218	x	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x
	94	1,504		x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x
	90	1,152		x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x
	93	572		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
	118	1862		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
	74	325		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
	146			x	x		x	x	x		x	x	x
				x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x
	82			x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
	115	675		x	x		x		x		x	x	x



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QUALITY INN

902 W. INTERSTATE 20, MIDLAND, TX 79701
(432) 683-1111 | CHOICEHOTELS.COM

QUALITY SUITES

4706 N. GARFIELD, MIDLAND, TX 79705
(432) 620-9191 CHOICEHOTELS.COM

RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT

5509 DEAUVILLE BLVD., MIDLAND, TX 79706
(432) 689-3511 MARRIOTT.COM/MAFRI

SLEEP INN & SUITES

5612 DEAUVILLE BLVD., MIDLAND, TX 79706
(432) 694-4200 SLEEPINN.COM

SPRINGHILL SUITES

5716 DEAUVILLE BLVD., MIDLAND, TX 79706
(432) 695-6870 MARRIOTT.COM/MAFLD

STAYBRIDGE SUITES

1505 CATALINA DRIVE, MIDLAND, TX 79706
(432) 689-0555 IHG.COM/STAYBRIDGE

SUBURBAN EXTENDED STAY HOTEL

3001 ANTELOPE TRAIL, MIDLAND, TX 79706
(432) 689-0430 | CHOICEHOTELS.COM

SUPER 8 – MIDLAND SOUTH

309 E. I-20 SOUTH, MIDLAND, TX 79701
(432) 704-5199 | SUPER8.COM

TOWNEPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT

5508 DEAUVILLE BLVD., MIDLAND, TX 79706
(432) 694-6000 | MARRIOTT.COM

WOODSPRING SUITES

4712 W. LOOP 250 N., MIDLAND, TX 79707
(432) 262-4770 | WOODSPRING.COM

WYNDHAM GARDEN

3100 W. WALL ST., MIDLAND, TX 79701
(432) 699-4144 WYNDHAM.COM/MIDLAND



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	68	720		x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x
	63	750		x	x		x	x	x	x		x	x
	131	525		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
	122	2,000		x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x
	107	2,592	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x
	98	640		x	x	x	x	x	x			x	x
	81			x	x	x	x	x	x				x
	71			x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x
	100	1,300	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
	113						x	x	x		x		x
	197	4,000	x	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x



CITY PARKS

Botanic Garden				
Concession Building	X			X
Cricket	X			
Croquet Court(s)				
Disc Golf				
Dog Park	X			
Duck Pond	X			
Event Space (Pavilion, Etc.)	X	X		X
Exercise Equipment				
Fishing	X			
Football Field(s)				
Golf Course(s)				
Grill or BBQ Pit	X			X
Horseshoe Pit(s)		X		
In-Line Hockey Rink				
Picnic Area	X	X		X
Playground	X	X		X
Restroom	X			X
Skateboard Park	X			
Soccer Field(s)	X			X
Softball Field(s)	X			
Volleyball Court(s)		X		
Walking Track	X	X		X
Xeriscape Demonstration Area				

Under Construction Through 2019

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City of Midland Park Amenities				
Baseball Field(s)				
Basketball Court(s)	X			
Bleachers				
BMX Bike Track				X
Martin Luther King Jr. Park 1415 E. Scharbauer				
Pioneer Park 2001 Lindora Way				
	X			
Ratliff Park 2411 Edwards St.				
	X			
Reyes/Mashburn/Nelms Park 2101 E. Cuthbert Ave.				
Santa Rita Park 5200 Whitman Dr.				
Sidwell Park 500 Neely Ave.				
	X			
Sparks Park 1500 E. Golf Course Road				
	X			
Taylor Park 1401 Carter Avenue				
	X			
Trinity Park 3900 St. Andrews Dr.				
Tumbleweed Park 1300 Ventura Ave.				
	X			
Ulmer Park 2700 W. Kentucky Ave.				
Wadley Barron Park 1001 North A St.				
	X			
Washington Park 1803 E. Indiana Ave.				
	X			
Windlands Park 1001 W. Dengar Ave.				

TRANSPORTATION

Midland is served by several shuttle services, taxis, Uber, Lyft, and EZ-Rider public transportation with six fixed bus routes through the city.

Uber: www.Uber.com | Lyft: www.Lyft.com

Taxis

A-1 Taxi Cab Co - (432) 697-2521

Imperial Taxi - (432) 770-3660

Metro Taxi - (432) 880-7300

Midessa Transportation - (432) 685-7070

Rental Cars

Alamo & National - (432) 563-0378

Allstar Express - (432) 570-0019

Avis - (432) 563-0910

Budget - (432) 563-1640

Dollar & Thrifty - (432) 561-5454

Enterprise - (432) 682-2355 / (432) 561-5172

Hertz - (432) 563-0110

Bus, Limo & Shuttle Service

All Aboard America!:

(800) 628-1335 | allaboardamerica.com

B&B Platinum Limo: (432) 528-5999 | limosmidland.com

Big John's Limo Service: (432) 222-0234 |
limousinesmidland.com

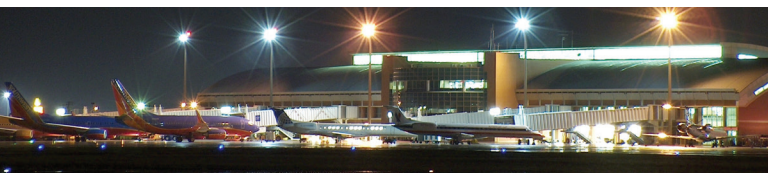
EZ-Rider: (432) 561-9990 | ez-rider.org

Greyhound Bus: (432) 332-5711 | greyhound.com

Midland Shuttle Service Inc.: (432) 260-5428 |
midlandshuttleservices.com

Moores Limo: (432) 296-3967 | mooreslimo.com

New Mexico Texas Coaches, LLC: (806) 749-9999 |
1800buslimo.com



Midland is conveniently located on **Interstate 20**, halfway between Fort Worth and El Paso.

Midland International Air & Space Port is the very first primary commercial service airport to be granted a spaceport license. With 26 commercial flights daily serviced by Envoy, Southwest and United Express, Midland is a convenient and affordable destination to fly in and out of. Midland International Air & Space Port is the **closest airport to Big Bend National Park**, as well as several other state and national parks. It is owned and operated by the City of Midland and offers direct commercial service to seven major hubs including: Dallas Love Field, Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW), Houston Bush Intercontinental, Houston Hobby, Las Vegas, Phoenix and Denver.
(432) 560-2200 / www.flymaf.com



WEATHER



80F

Annual
Average High



50.9F

Annual
Average Low



14.9 In

Annual
Average
Rainfall

Source: U.S. Climate Data

Movies & TV About—or Filmed In— the Midland Area

A Tablet of Overcoming - All the Pretty Horses - Barbarosa
Black Gold television series - Blood Simple - Bombardier -
Boyhood - Dancer, Texas Pop. 81 - Everybody's Baby:
The Rescue of Jessica McClure - Fandango - Friday
Night Lights - Friday Night Lights TV series - Giant -
Grand Champion - Hangar 18 - Hard Country -
Heroes television series - High Lonesome - The Iron
Orchard - Lone Star TV series - Lonesome Dove -
Mermaids - No Country for Old Men - Paris, Texas - Sylvester -
The Newton Boys - The Rookie - Rooster & Butch - The Three
Burials of Melquiades Estrada - There Will Be Blood - Tin Cup - W -
Waltz Across Texas - West Texas Investors Club TV series

Books About—or Written by Authors From—the Midland Area

Friday Night Lights: A Town, a Team, and a Dream
by H.G. Bissinger
Decision Points by George W. Bush
Spoken from the Heart by Laura Bush
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A History of Midland

In 1880, the Texas Pacific Railroad began to lay tracks westward from Fort Worth at about the same time that the Southern Pacific began building east from El Paso. The place where the tracks met became known as Midway. Later, the name was changed to Midland when it was discovered that there was another Texas town by the same name.

Prior to World War I, Midland was a prosperous railroad town serving the surrounding ranching community. However, on May 27, 1923, the future of Midland would change with the discovery of oil. At 6:00 a.m., just 70 miles southeast of Midland, the Santa Rita No. 1 blew, changing the history of Midland, Texas.



HOW MIDLAND RANKS

WalletHub named Midland the #2 fastest growing city in Texas according to their 2017 report.

Midland ranked #1 in Forbes Magazine's Best Small Cities for Jobs 2016.

USA Today ranked Midland as the #1 2016 fastest growing economy.

Business Insider named Midland #1 U.S. city to get a job, July 2015

Movoto Real Estate named Midland 2nd Best Place to Live in Texas, February 2014

CreditDonkey named Midland the 7th Happiest Small City, April 2014

NerdWallet ranked Midland the #11 best place in Texas to live in 2015.

In March 2013, CNN, Money, and Fortune magazines ranked Midland 4th among the top nine fastest growing boomtowns.

Midland ranked as 2nd most secure "small" city in America by Farmers Insurance ranking based on safety and security

MSN Money listed Midland as the 2nd Fastest Growing City in America and the city with the highest income per capita in the United States, May 2014



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