# Bastrop





## WELCOME TO IT ALL

Just 30 miles southeast of Austin along Highway 71 is one of the most historic small towns in Texas. Get an authentic Texas experience without the crowds. From charming downtown streets to epic outdoor adventures, live music to mouthwatering meals, historic buildings to a burgeoning art scene, everyone loves Bastrop.

Even today the lovely Texas town of Bastrop retains its historic charm. Attractions Bastrop attractions include everything from a historic downtown to the famous Lost Pines Forest. With a variety of art fairs, cultural festivals and epic adventures, Bastrop is the perfect place to live.

Bastrop also has some amazing festivals and events. Enjoy local food and drinks during Table on Main, dance the night away at the Bastrop Music Festival or celebrate the holiday season during Lost Pines Christmas. There's always something special happening in Bastrop.

## BASTROP LIVE MUSIC

The musical history of Texas is as wide and deep as the majestic Colorado River itself. And just like the town of Bastrop, the banjo-pickin' bluegrass, and heart-wrenching country and folk will leave you feeling restored and transported. No matter what time of year you visit you will easily find live music in Bastrop. Songwriters serenade by firelight at cozy <u>restaurants</u> and <u>bars</u> along the Colorado River and big bands and country singers make for festive foot-stomping events around town.

#### DOWNTOWN BASTROP

Perfectly positioned along the banks of the Colorado River, cozy downtown Bastrop offers something for everyone. You can window-shop in any number of Bastrop's boutiques and shops before pausing for some much-needed comfort food. Marvel at stunning art in one of the city's many art galleries before admiring the city's 19th century architecture. Whatever your fancy, you'll be met with Bastrop's famous Texas hospitality wherever you go. From engaging history, charming shops, and sophisticated restaurants, downtown Bastrop is a remarkable retreat from the everyday.

#### ARTS AND CULTURE

Spend some time in Bastrop's burgeoning art scene and you'll see why it's becoming a destination for art lovers. Easy going, creative and outdoorsy, Bastrop is known as one of Texas' most historic small towns. Enjoy historic Main Street, downtown and the dozens of distinguished historic homes and buildings. From live music to local theaters, Bastrop's arts and culture scene is anything but ordinary.

#### **BASTROP DINING**

Key to that world-famous Texas hospitality is honest-togoodness, homemade comfort food. The quintessential town of Bastrop overflows with a sumptuous spread of Texas cookin' and so much more: American, Mexican, Chinese, Greek, and Italian cuisine round out the Bastrop food scene, all with that Texas warmth you've come to expect on a trip to the heart of the great state of Texas. One of the first things people notice when visiting charming Bastrop is its pioneering attitude and appreciation for highquality food and drinks. While Bastrop maintains its quintessential small Texas charm, it serves as a Texassized hub for artisanal goods. Its selection of wine, beer, and spirits is no exception.

Start your round of refreshments with a simple stroll to Bastrop's very first winery, the Colorado River Winery. Conveniently located near the banks of the Colorado in the heart of downtown Bastrop, Colorado River Winery offers a rotating collection of small batch wines in their Tuscan-style tasting room. After finishing your final tasting, saunter down the street to find Copper Shot Distillery, a small familyowned shop whipping up clever original liquors. Copper Shot Distillery handcrafts all of their American distilled spirits on-site and in small batches.

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

From hiking to fishing, biking to horseback riding, kayaking to zip lining, Bastrop offers an abundance of outdoor adventures. Explore natural history at Bastrop State Park, embrace your inner-child by trying water sports or relax along the river in a canoe at Fisherman's Park. Adventure awaits in Bastrop.

## BASTROP COUNTY MUSEUM AND VISITOR CENTER

Learn the fascinating story of Bastrop's beginnings as a German colony through artifacts and exhibits. Bastrop County Museum and Visitor Center is located inside an old fire and police station from the 1930s, making it a charming trip back in time.

## **BASTROP STATE PARK**

Bastrop State Park is home to the famous loblolly pine trees, or "Lost Pines." Explore a piece of natural history as these trees are thought to have originated during the Ice Age. The park covers nearly 6,000 total acres, so you can also enjoy swimming, canoeing, wildlife viewing, golfing and camping at one of the park's various campsites or historic cabins built in the 1930s.

# LOST PINES ART CENTER

Lost Pines Art Center is a 12,000-square-foot facility with a gallery in the main building, classrooms and art studios, four renovated silos and a meandering sculpture garden. With free admission seven days a week, this may be Bastrop's best-kept secret.

## **BASTROP OPERA HOUSE**

The historic 1889 Bastrop Opera House offers creative yearround stage performances of vaudeville, melodramas, musicals and comedies. Enjoy a dinner theater, musical, play, or date night at one of their award-winning shows.

#### DEEP IN THE HEART ART FOUNDRY

Take a tour and gain unique insight to the inner workings of bronze casting. Deep in the Heart Art Foundry occasionally hosts oneof-a-kind night-pour events where you can watch artists pour liquefied bronze into molds for sculptures.

#### **ZIP LOST PINES**

Enjoy breathtaking views of the Colorado River and local wildlife as you soar over pine forests and canyons. Zip Lost Pines is home to the longest side-by-side zip line tour in Texas and features six dual zip lines, three suspension bridges, and access to McKinney Roughs Nature Park.

## HYATT REGENCY LOST PINES

Adjacent to the 1,100-acre McKinney Roughs Nature Park, this resort offers activities that capture the character and history of the area. Meet Texas longhorns, pigs and goats, ride a tractor, enjoy shady trails, sunny pools, a luxurious spa, nightly s'mores, great dining and more.

## **DINOSAUR PARK**

While most museums have dinosaur skeletons, Dinosaur Park shows life-size dinosaur statues with skin and color variations in their natural habitat. As you walk through the trails, you'll spot a full range of these majestic creatures that used to rule the Earth for more than 150 million years.

## **COLORADO RIVER**

with Bastrop River Company or Rising Phoenix Adventures, conveniently located near downtown. Go kayaking, canoeing, paddle boarding or tubing with the local experts.

## LAKE BASTROP

Discover the popular 900-acre lake in the heart of Bastrop. From sailing and water skiing to fishing and camping, Lake Bastrop has something great for everyone in the family to enjoy. Just pull up your RV to one of the 32 campsites or 18 cabins and let the fun begin.

#### **TEXAS REPTILE ZOO**

Designed as an exhibit, as well as an educational and behavioral research facility, the Texas Reptiles Zoo provides a unique insight into reptile species from around the world. Visitors can learn about more than 200 reptiles, from tropical to desert species, and maybe catch a feeding or two.

## GOLF

Bastrop's stunning natural environment creates a perfect backdrop for a round of golf. With a range of unique golf courses like Hyatt's award-winning Wolfdancer golf course (designed by Arthur Hills), ColoVista Golf Club and Pine Forest Golf Club, you're in for a one-of-a-kind golfing experience in Bastrop.