



Texas



When you step into Texas, you step into the spirit of the Wild West! From rodeo shows and cowboys to scenic wonders like natural parks and deserts, the spirit of this massive state will make anyone feel alive and welcome. Texas' six major cities boast cultural richness, fiestas, state-wide celebrations and a rich history encompassed in such places as the Alamo.

Texas is home to six major cities: Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Austin, Fort Worth, and El Paso; each of which has its own charms and splendors.



Although different in its each way, all the cities offer a bit of American history as well as many educational opportunities. All of Texas' cities are home to major universities and a selection of colleges. One example is Austin, home to 50,000 students at the University of Texas, Austin. Because of Texas' many academic institutions and

location, Texas is home to a variety of cultures, from Hispanic to German and Scottish to Asian. The cities offer an array of different cuisines that represent the cultural richness of Texas. The diversity also brings to the city lots of live music, festivals, and a very vibrant theatre scene.

Texans love their sports and they especially love American football! If its sports you're interested in, Dallas and Houston are the places to be. Dallas is home to the Dallas Cowboys (football), the Mavericks (basketball), and the Rangers (baseball) all of which are top ranked teams in the U.S. Houston is home to the Houston Texans (football), the Rockets (basketball), and the Astros (baseball), again all of which are phenomenal teams.



Texas is usually thought to have a hot and dry climate because of its deserts. But really, the large size of Texas has different climates. Central Texas is cooler in the winter than North Texas or the gulf coast. Generally, the Texas days are hot and nights cool. Fall through spring are Texas' best seasons, but most people think of Texas as being a hot, dry desert. But not to worry - there are swimming pools in almost every neighborhood and many backyard pools!

There are many popular events held in Texas that celebrate it's authentic Texan culture, such as the annual Texas Livestock Show and Rodeo that is held over 20 days from late February through early March. The event begins with trail rides that originate from several points throughout the state and ends with a huge barbeque cook-off and cowboy and Mexican rodeos. At the rodeo, one can witness the courage of the ruer cowboy through such sports as bull riding, goat tying and bareback riding- all of which can be done while eating Texas style barbeque. Delicious!

As an au pair, Texas has a lot to offer with its educational opportunities and vivid American history. For a uniquely "American" experience, you can't beat Texas!