



Family adventure itinerary: New Braunfels, TX

Gather up the kids and hit the road. We've got your itinerary ready to go!

Before you arrive

New Braunfels is home to hotels and short-term rentals perfect for families of any size. Check out [Courtyard by Marriott](#) or one of our other [hotel brands](#), [Comal River Cottages](#), [The Other Place](#), [Gruene Cottages](#), [Hacienda del Rio](#), [Petit Cowboy](#) and more. Sure, Schlitterbahn is not open this time of year, but your family can still stay at their [Treehaus Luxury Suites](#) or [Schlitterstein Lofts](#), which are open all year.

Day 1: Family Adventure

Gather the fam and head to [Downtown New Braunfels](#) for breakfast. We'd suggest the made-from-scratch sweet and savory treats at [2tarts](#). Or check out Texas' oldest bakery - [Naegelin's](#). They've been serving the town since 1868. If you want to sit and enjoy weekend brunch with the family check out [Pat's Place](#) for some comfort food classics, or in the heart of Downtown visit [Krause's Café](#) where you can find a variety of German and traditional favorites with a great kids' menu and breakfast cocktails for the adults!

On Saturdays be sure to visit the [Farmers Market](#) for some locally produced food, home and personal care items and more. Pick up some snacks before heading out for your adventures.

First, near downtown is [Landa Park](#) where you'll find playgrounds, a miniature train to ride, miniature golf and even paddle boarding! If the kids are the adventurous sort, [Panther Canyon Trail](#) is in Landa park and known for its arrowheads and other fun finds.

Next, if your family is into fishing, the Guadalupe River hosts trout (yes, trout), bass and catfish. Visit [Gruene Outfitters](#) for expert tips.

If your family is into animals besides fish, check out the [Animal World & Snake Farm Zoo](#) or take them to [Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch](#) - a 500-acre drive-thru preserve filled with over 50 species who love visitors and their treats. While you're in the area, [Natural Bridge Caverns](#) offers world-famous caving adventures and has plenty of fun above ground. Be sure to check out the [Hidden Wonders Tour](#) and experience a dazzling sound and light show!



There is no shortage of fun in New Braunfels. For an evening activity, book a crystal kayak night trip with [Paddle TX](#) and enjoy the beautiful river like never seen before with LED lights that shine below the surface through the crystal clear bottom kayaks.

By the time you get done with all that, you'll be hungry for dinner. We'd suggest ordering pizza to go from [Inferno's](#) or [Callahan's](#) and taking it back to your hotel or rental to recharge for day 2. If the kids still somehow have energy to work off, [Bootlegger's](#) offers great pizza and a playground.

Day 2: Family Adventure

Sleep in so you have energy for a fun-filled Day 2.

Start by picking up breakfast tacos from [Granzin's](#), [Rudy's](#), [Los Gallos](#), [El Tapatio](#), [El Nopalito](#), [Butcher Boy](#) or one of the many [other restaurants](#) in New Braunfels. They're all great and you'll be a hero when you bring them back.

Head over to [Gruene Historic District](#) next. Plan to walk around and visit shops like [Got Toys](#), [Cotton Eyed Joe's](#), [Fickle Pickles](#), [Gruene Hat Company](#), [Sunshine Tienda](#), and the [Pomegranate](#). Don't miss the gifts, souvenirs, fudge and ice cream at [Gruene General Store](#). Save the fudge for dessert after lunch at [Gristmill](#) or [Gruene River Grill](#). Get a table for the family overlooking the river.

If it's not time for a nap, take a quick drive to [Downtown New Braunfels](#) and continue the fun. There's plenty of locally-owned antique, home decor and boutique clothing and other shops for adults, and [Clay Casa](#) or [Le Petit Sweet](#) for kids. Check out [Scoop Street](#) for an ice cream treat or stop in at [The Cake Bar](#) for sweets for the littles and a coffee for you.

If you're bringing along younger kids, [McKenna Children's Museum](#) is a world-class, interactive, awesomely fun place. We love the Destination Space and Amazing Airways exhibits.

For dinner, we'd recommend [Muck & Fuss](#). If the weather's nice, eat on the patio. If not, inside dining is fun and unique. Another great burger joint, [Tin Top](#) offers outdoor dining with a pretty cool playscape.

If you have any energy left, check out what's playing at the [Brauntex Theatre](#), a historic venue featuring live music, theater, comedy and more. Or spend the evening bowling at [Downtown Social](#) - watch the kids have a ball while you have a drink. If pickleball is your thing check out [The Courthouse](#) for family fun and great food! For another unique family experience, grab some blankets and popcorn and spend a night under the stars watching a movie on the big screen at [Stars & Stripes Drive-In Theatre](#).



Now that the trip planning is checked off the list, we look forward to welcoming you and your family to New Braunfels!