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11 romantic Texas getaways you'll love



At HoneyTree, delight in splendid Hill Country views from the arched bedroom window in the Leaf Treehouse. Photo by Claire Pedregon

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There's something to be said for far-flung getaways with that special someone. But a spontaneous weekend just an hour or so from home can be just as romantic—especially in Texas.

Our wide-open skies and diverse locales—from deserts to beaches to piney woods—serve as perfect backdrops for romantic getaways, and these 11 easy-to-love boutique properties are just short drives from major cities around the state. So book a room, pack a bag (and maybe a bottle of bubbly), and escape with your sweetheart.

Near Beaumont

3. The Bird & Butterfly Inn, Jasper



From cozy spots around the Bird & Butterfly Inn, take in views of tranquil woods and the Angelina River.
Photos by Michael Reiland and Kait Ebinger

When Mikelyn and Chuck Wustman purchased a weekend home away from the hustle and bustle of Houston, they didn't anticipate becoming innkeepers. But the couple now host up to 16 guests nightly at this peaceful retreat.

Opt for a secluded cabin, built in 1901, with a rustic loft and terrific views of the Angelina River. Or stay in the Little White House, a recently updated suite with a private porch, candlelit fireplace, and extra-long soaking tub.

Don't sleep through breakfast, which is served on beautiful china; guest favorites like crème brûlée French toast and sausage-and-mushroom quiche are often on the menu. Room rates start at \$155; AAA discount available.

More to love: Stop by the **Texas Wine Shop & Bistro** in Jasper for a bottle of vino made from local muscadine grapes and open it back on the inn's river-view deck, keeping your eyes peeled for turtles, fish, and colorful Kingfisher birds.



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