

From mechanical bulls to live music, there's plenty to do in Dallas

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DALLAS — As the golf course industry descends upon Dallas this month for the 72nd GCSAA International Conference and Show, attendees will find a city that has shed its cow-town image. After spending a day on the show floor cutting deals and checking out new products, Dallas' extensive nightlife options await visitors.

BRING ON THE NIGHT

The city has more than 9,000 restaurants and clubs, many located close to the Dallas Convention Center. Popular areas are the West End, Deep Ellum, Greenville Avenue, McKinney Avenue, and Restaurant Row.

The West End is a multi-block area of turn-of-the century store-

Ihms also recommends Three Forks, Del Frisco and Morton's of Chicago for steak.

SPORTS

Both the NHL's Stars and the NBA's Mavericks will be in town during the GCSAA Show. While the Stars, who advanced to finals of the Stanley Cup playoffs in each of the past two years, regu-

larly sell out home games, it may be possible to procure tickets this week with opponents like the LA Kings and Anaheim Mighty Ducks coming to town. The Mavericks, who are enjoying a winning season under owner Mark Cuban, may be the best bet for seeing a professional sporting event as they face the

Cleveland Cavaliers and the Washington Wizards.

HISTORY AND CULTURE

For those looking for history and culture, as well as nightlife, head to the Dallas Arts District. The 60-acre development includes the Dallas Museum of Art, the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, and the Arts District Theater.

The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, the location where Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly shot and killed President Kennedy, is a popular destination. The museum, located at the former Texas School Book Depository, features historic photographs, artifacts and documentary films of the life, death and legacy of JFK.



McKinney Avenue Trolley in front of the Hard Rock Cafe

fronts and warehouses that have been transformed into more than 100 shops, restaurants, galleries and nightclubs. Deep Ellum, in the arts district, is known for its wild collection of restaurants, galleries and clubs. McKinney Avenue is accessible via the McKinney Avenue Trolley that rolls up the brick avenue between restaurants and clubs, including the Dallas Hard Rock Café.

Greenville Avenue features microbreweries and clubs that serve up Lone Star Long Necks, Texas' most famous libation. Restaurant Row, north of town, features a high concentration of eateries.

When it comes to food, Dallas is known for its steak, Mexican and Tex-Mex food and barbecue.

Among the favorites for Ken Small, superintendent at Brook Hollow GC, are Pappadeaux, Royal Tokyo Steakhouse and a local Mexican joint called the Bluegoose Restaurant. "If you're looking to have fun, you can also try Dick's Last Resort and the Magic Time Machine, where waiters harass the heck out of you," he said.

For authentic Country music, Keith Ihms, superintendent at Bent Tree CC, suggests heading to Billy Bob's in nearby Fort Worth. "You don't want to miss it," he said. "They have live music, dancing and a mechanical bull if you're so inclined."

More barbecue and Southern "home" cooking can be found at Sonny Bryan's, Celebration, the Black Eyed Pea and Mother's Daughters.

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