

# BALLROOM MARFA



## **BALLROOM MARFA**

432.729.3600

108 E. San Antonio St.

Gallery hours: Thursday–Saturday, Noon–6 PM (reservations required)

[www.ballroommarfa.org](http://www.ballroommarfa.org)

The following websites will also be helpful in planning:

[www.visitmarfa.com](http://www.visitmarfa.com) // [www.marfaalist.org](http://www.marfaalist.org) // [www.wrongmarfa.com/marfa-recs](http://www.wrongmarfa.com/marfa-recs)



## **STONE CIRCLE**

Ballroom Marfa commissioned the large-scale outdoor *stone circle* from Haroon Mirza in 2018. Inspired by ancient megaliths, this solar-powered sculpture is open to the public in the high desert grasslands just east of Marfa. To reserve your visit to a monthly full moon activation, please visit:

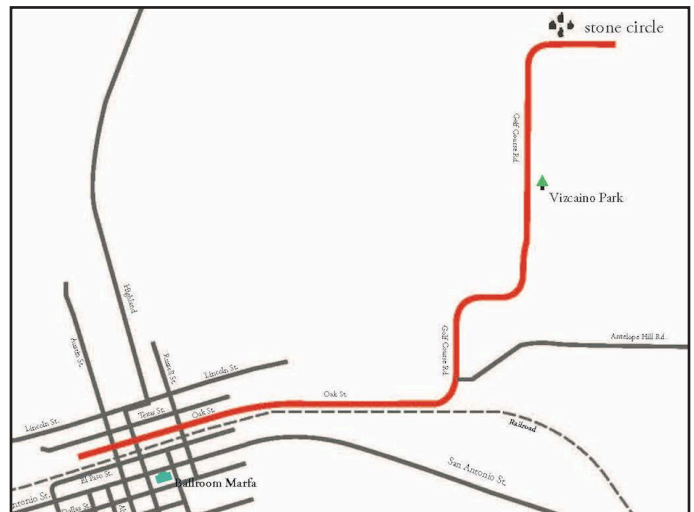
<https://www.ballroommarfa.org/stone-circle>



## **PRADA MARFA**

*Prada Marfa* is a permanent public sculpture created by Michael Elmgreen and Ingar Dragset and produced by Art Production Fund in collaboration with Ballroom Marfa. The 15 by 25 foot adobe and stucco building is located 37 miles west of Marfa on Highway 90, one mile west of Valentine, Texas. For more information, please visit:

[www.ballroommarfa.org/archive/event/prada\\_marfa](http://www.ballroommarfa.org/archive/event/prada_marfa)



Refer to above image for directions to the *stone circle* activation site.

## **ART FOUNDATIONS**

### **Judd Foundation**

432.729.4406

104 S. Highland Ave.

[www.juddfoundation.org](http://www.juddfoundation.org)

Judd Foundation maintains and preserves Donald Judd's permanently installed living and working spaces, libraries and archives in New York and Marfa, Texas. The Foundation promotes a wider understanding of Judd's artistic legacy by providing access to these spaces and resources and by developing scholarly and educational programs.

Judd Foundation is open for public guided visits in Marfa at a limited schedule and capacity. The number of available tickets is reflected in the ticketing calendar for guided visits to La Mansana de Chinati/The Block. Tickets are released on a monthly basis. Safety protocols apply to all visitors regardless of vaccine status.

### **Chinati Foundation**

432.729.4362

Cavalry Row

[www.chinati.org](http://www.chinati.org)

The Chinati Foundation/La Fundación Chinati is a contemporary art museum based upon the ideas of its founder, Donald Judd. The specific intention of Chinati is to preserve and present to the public permanent large-scale installations by a limited number of artists. The emphasis is on works in which art and the surrounding landscape are inextricably linked.

There are a variety of ways to visit Chinati, Thursday–Saturday from 9 AM to 5 PM. Docent led tours focus on selected works in the collection and last approximately 2 hours; capacity is limited and advance reservations are encouraged. Self-guided Walking Tours allow visitors to experience Chinati outdoors at their own pace; reservations can be made online.

- All visitors are required to wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth indoors and within proximity of any person not in their group.
- All visitors must maintain a distance of 6 feet from other groups.
- No groups larger than 5 individuals will be admitted.
- No indoor exhibitions are available through the Self-guided Walking Tour.
- Limited indoor exhibitions will be accessible to visitors booking a Guided Tour.

Chinati is located in the high, arid Chihuahuan desert. All tours are about 2 miles in their entirety and take about 1.5 hours to complete. Tours require significant time outdoors in the sun or in extreme weather elements. Walking on unpaved terrain can be uneven, thorny or rock-covered.

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## GALLERIES

For the complete listing of galleries in Marfa, please refer to [www.visitmarfa.com](http://www.visitmarfa.com).

**Arber & Son Editions** // 432.729.3981, 128 E. El Paso St.  
[www.30x30cmproject.com](http://www.30x30cmproject.com)

A fine art printing and publishing studio and gallery featuring limited edition lithographs by Donald Judd, Bruce Nauman, Richard Prince, David Rabinowitch and many others. Please contact for hours.

**Building 98** // 432.729.4826, 705 W. Bonnie St.  
<https://www.internationalwomensfoundation.org>

Formerly an officer's club & bachelor officer's quarters at Fort D.A. Russell, Building 98 is now home to the International Women's Foundation, which features rotating exhibits and the work of Gregory Garcia Von Blucher. Tours of the German POW murals are available by appointment. There is also a walking labyrinth that is open to the public. Please contact for hours.

**Greasewood Gallery** // 432.729.1910, 207 N. Highland Ave.  
[www.hotelpaisano.com/gallery-store](http://www.hotelpaisano.com/gallery-store)

Open Daily, 9 AM–6 PM  
Greasewood Gallery at the Hotel Paisano exhibits thoughtfully curated shows featuring the work of local artists.

**inde / jacobs** // 432.386.0044, 208 E. San Antonio St.  
[www.indejacobson.com](http://www.indejacobson.com)

Wednesday–Saturday, Noon–5 PM  
Newly remodeled inde / jacobs offers prints by Donald Judd, Dan Flavin and other Chinati artists, as well as artwork by David Hirschi of Marfa.

**New Star Grocery Art Museum** // 301 W. Dallas St.  
Thursday–Saturday, 1–4 PM

Artist, craftsman and lamp expert Lineaus Hooper Lorette opened the New Star Grocery Art Museum, showcasing the work of artists with local ties. The museum is meant to celebrate—for the most part—Western women in art.

**Marfa Open** // 432.201.2495, 102 S. Plateau St.  
[www.marfaopen.org](http://www.marfaopen.org)

Open Daily, 11 AM–7 PM  
A historic train depot turned gallery and community arts center.

**Marfa Studio of Arts** // 432.729.4616, 106 E. San Antonio St.  
Neighboring Ballroom, MSA is a non-profit that provides art classes to local children and teens. Visit their gallery to see artwork by young Marfans. Please contact for hours.

**Presidio County Museum** // 432.729.4140, 110 W. San Antonio St.  
Monday–Saturday, 1–5 PM  
The museum contains a fascinating and rich collection of artifacts including fossils, Native American and early settler tools, and information on the area's early ranching, rural life and military history. Admission is free, with donations encouraged.

**Rule Gallery** // 432.729.3500, 204 E. San Antonio St.  
[www.rulegallery.com](http://www.rulegallery.com)  
Wednesday–Saturday, 11 AM–5 PM or by appointment  
RULE Gallery exhibits contemporary abstract and conceptual works, including paintings, sculpture, photography and works on paper.

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## COFFEE & DINING

Reservations are highly recommended for dinner any night of the week. For groups larger than 10, we recommend contacting establishments to give them advance notice.

**Aster Marfa** // 432.729.4500, 215 N Highland Ave.  
[astermarfa.com](http://astermarfa.com)

Wednesday–Sunday, 9 AM–2 PM  
Serving breakfast, lunch, and divine baked goods made from scratch. Dine inside or on the patio with views of the courthouse!

**Al Campo** // 432.729.2068, 200 S. Russell St.  
[alcampomarfa.com](http://alcampomarfa.com)

Thursday–Saturday, 2 PM–9 PM  
Wine garden and rustic bites.

**Buns N' Roses** // 432.729.4282, 1613 W. San Antonio St.  
Marfa's only flower shop and bakery, serving donuts, breakfast burritos, omelettes, and more. Generally crowded after church on Sunday. Check Facebook for updates on hours.

**Cloudy's** // Food truck at El Cosmico, 802 S. Highland Ave.  
Friday & Saturday, 5:30–9:30 PM, Sunday brunch, 8 AM–12:30 PM  
The new food truck in town with a rotating menu! Check [@cloudysdesertbistro](https://www.instagram.com/cloudysdesertbistro) on Instagram for updates.

**Cochineal** // 432.729.3300, 107 W. San Antonio St.  
[www.cochinealmarfa.com](http://www.cochinealmarfa.com)  
Friday & Saturday, 5 PM–11 PM, and most Tuesday & Wednesday, 5 PM–9 PM  
Email for reservations for the Prix Fixe Dinner Series.

**Convenience West** // 1411 West San Antonio/ HWY 90  
[www.conveniencewest.com](http://www.conveniencewest.com)

Pre-order for pick-up on Friday & Saturday, 4–5 PM  
Outdoor dining Friday & Saturday, 5 PM–Sold Out  
Closed Sunday.  
BBQ with a little bit of sass. Brisket, spare ribs, pulled pork and one vegetarian dish.

**Dairy Queen** // 432.729.4471, 704 W. San Antonio St.  
Open Daily, 10 AM–10 PM  
Old reliable!

**Do Your Thing** // 510.435.5539, 213 S. Dean St., in back of the Lumberyard  
Wednesday–Monday, 8 AM–1 PM  
[doyourthing.us](http://doyourthing.us)  
We're big fans of this coffee shop featuring espresso from a rotating line-up of roasters. Stop by for special toasts made with their homemade sourdough and chat with the super friendly owners.

**Food Shark** // 432.386.6540, 909 W. San Antonio St.  
[www.foodsharkmarfa.com](http://www.foodsharkmarfa.com)  
Saturday & Sunday, Noon–3 PM  
One of the all-time greats — the original Mediterranean-by-way-of-West-Texas food truck. Very veg friendly and a must for lunch!

**Frama** // 432.729.4033, 120 N. Austin St. (next door to Tumbleweed Laundry)  
[tumbleweedlaundry.com](http://tumbleweedlaundry.com)  
Open Daily, 7:30 AM–8 PM  
Marfa's OG coffee shop/laundromat with free WIFI and great owners. Serving Big Bend Coffee, Henry's homemade ice cream, smoothies, fresh juices and pastries.

**Jett's Grill** // 432.729.3838, at the Hotel Paisano (Texas Street at Highland Ave)  
[www.hotelpaisano.com/pages/jetts.html](http://www.hotelpaisano.com/pages/jetts.html)  
Monday–Wednesday, 5–10 PM, Thursday & Saturday, 5–10 PM,  
This restaurant named after James Dean's character in Giant features continental fare spiced with a south-of-the-border twist. Try the fried pickles and then hunker down with classic chicken-fried steak and a Big Bend Brewery beer. Or just go with the always reliable (and giant) burger. Reservations recommended.

**LaVenture** // 432.729.3700, 105 S. Highland Ave.  
<http://marfasaintgeorge.com/dine-and-drink/laventure>  
Open Daily, 5–10 PM  
The Hotel Saint George's restaurant! Upscale comfort food in an elegant setting.

**Margaret's in Marfa** // 432.729.2030, 103 N. Highland Ave.  
[www.margaretsinmarfa.com](http://www.margaretsinmarfa.com)  
Tuesday–Saturday, 5–9:30 PM  
Comfort food cooking that brings the Marfa community together.

**Para Llevar** // 113 South Dean St.  
[www.marfaparallevar.com](http://www.marfaparallevar.com)  
Tuesday–Thursday, Noon–7 PM, Friday & Saturday, 11 AM–8PM, Sunday, 11AM–3:30 PM  
A tiny to-go kitchen built around a wood-burning oven. Offering lunch, brunch and dinner options to take-away or eat in the outdoor patio area.

**Marfa Burrito** // Route 67, on the way to Chinati and El Cosmico (on the eastern side of the street)  
Monday–Saturday, 6 AM–2 PM  
Delicious breakfast burritos—enchiladas if you're lucky. Say hi to Ramona, the friendliest chef in town. Cash only.

**The Sentinel** // 209 W El Paso St.  
Monday–Wednesday, 7:30 AM–3 PM, Thursday & Friday, 7:30 AM–11 PM, Saturday, 7:30 AM–12 AM, Sunday 7:30 AM– 11 PM  
Coffee, cocktails and bites.

**Siempre Marfa** // 217 E. San Antonio St.  
Open Thursday & Friday, 3–10 PM, Saturday, Noon–10 PM  
Fresh Tex-Mex treats and dangerous prickly pear margaritas.

**The Water Stop** // 1300 W. San Antonio St.  
Open Daily, 11 AM–3 PM, 5:30–11 PM  
Simple, clean comfort food.

**Wienertown** // 400 E. Dallas St.  
Check Instagram ([@wienertown](https://www.instagram.com/wienertown)) for updates on hours  
Hot dogs and breakfast tacos served from a structure originally built for Ballroom's Arturo Bandini exhibition.

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## BARS

**Capri** // 432.295.1026, 603 W. San Antonio St.  
Thursday–Friday, 5 PM–12 AM, Saturday, 5 PM–1 AM  
Craft cocktails and bites in a hip, rustic setting with a desert garden.

**Casita Bar** // 909 W. San Antonio St.  
Check Instagram ([@casitabar\\_marfa](https://www.instagram.com/casitabar_marfa)) for updates on hours  
Retro vibes with bites from Food Shark next door.

**Bar at the Hotel Saint George** // 432.729.3700, 105 S. Highland Ave.  
[www.marfasaintgeorge.com](http://www.marfasaintgeorge.com)  
Sunday–Friday, 7:30 AM–12 AM, Saturday, 7:30 AM–1 AM  
Your new favorite go-to food spot! The Saint George serves food every day, starting at 8 AM, offering breakfast, coffee drinks, pastries, beer, wine, spirits, all day bar snacks, and more. Great daily happy hour from 4–6 PM.

**Bar Nadar at the Hotel Saint George pool** // 432.729.3700  
Open to the public after 4 PM a nice relaxed atmosphere in the Hotel Saint George pool. Great snacks, frozen margaritas and rosé!

**Lost Horse Saloon** // 432.729.4499, 306 E. San Antonio St.  
Local watering hole with pool, live entertainment and light bites.

**Marfa Spirit Co.** // 320 W. El Paso St.  
Thursday–Friday, 3 PM–12 AM, Saturday, Noon–12 AM  
Located in a 1920's-era grain mill, this tasting room will introduce you to tequila's grassy cousin, sotol.

**Marfa Wine Co.** // 303 E. El Paso St.  
Tuesday–Saturday, 1–7 PM, Wednesday, 1–5:30 PM  
A bottle shop and tasting room providing minimally intervened wines from small producers all over the world.

**Planet Marfa** // 200 S. Abbott St. (Corner of Abbott and Hwy 90 W)  
Friday 5 PM–12 AM, Saturday 5 PM–1 AM, Sunday 5–9 PM  
Cozy little beer garden serving beer, wine and great nachos.

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## GROCERY / WINE / LIQUOR

**Cactus Liquors** // 405 S. Highland Ave.  
Monday–Saturday, 11 AM–9 PM  
Crafted spirits, unique beers and wines, and a good share of the mainstream liquor store fare you're used to. There's more in store...

**Celebration Liquor** // 432.729.4682, 1309 W. San Antonio St.  
Monday–Thursday, 11:30 AM–9 PM, Friday & Saturday, 10 AM–9 PM

**Dollar General** // 432.729.3024, 501 E. San Antonio St.  
Open Daily, 8 AM–10 PM  
Household goods, some groceries, and drugstore items.

**The Get Go** // 432.729.3335, 208 S. Dean St.  
Monday–Saturday, 9 AM–8 PM, Sunday, Noon–8 PM  
Fresh-baked bread, local produce, great beer and wine, organic dairy and eggs, vegetarian staples, imported cheeses and gourmet specialty items.

**Marfa Meats** // 432.272.8222, 18268 US Hwy 90  
Monday–Saturday, 1–3:30 PM  
When purchasing from Marfa Meats, you can be assured that whatever you select, it was raised within 30 miles of the processing facility in Marfa.

**Porter's** // 432.729.4375, 717 W. San Antonio St.  
Open Daily, 7 AM–10 PM  
Groceries, bakery, produce, wine, dairy and household items.

**Spare Parts/Ranch Candy Marfa** // 215 N. Highland Ave.  
Wednesday–Monday, 11 AM–5 PM  
At last, our town has a true old fashioned candy store (plus a little shop that offers art, home goods, hats and clothing).

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## SHOPPING

**Marfa Brands** // 213 S. Dean St.  
[www.marfabrands.com](http://www.marfabrands.com)  
Friday, Noon–5 PM, Saturday, 10 AM–5 PM, Sunday, 10 AM–1 PM  
In this tiny storefront, Ginger Griffice sells her beloved custom soaps. Buy tons! Your suitcase will thank you.

**Cody Barber** // 203 E. San Antonio St.  
Saturday, 10 AM–5 PM  
Lubbock native Cody Barber's artist studio.

**Cobra Rock Boot Company** // 107 S. Dean St.  
[www.cobrarock.com](http://www.cobrarock.com)  
Wednesday–Sunday, 10 AM–5 PM  
Beautiful handmade boots and leather goods by Colt Miller & Logan Caldbeck, plus Western goods, including T-shirts, postcards, jumpsuits, jewelry and more.

**COMMUNITIE** // 122 N. Highland Ave.  
[www.comunitie.net](http://www.comunitie.net)  
Open Daily, 11 AM–5 PM  
Opened by John Patrick of John Patrick Organic, COMMUNITIE offers beautiful clothes, textiles, jewelry, art and great shady sun hats.

**Desert Veil** // 111 S Dean Street  
Friday & Saturday, 11 AM–5 PM  
Desert Veil is a brand inspired by desert living. The collection was designed as wearable shade by an artist after moving to Marfa and the greater Chihuahuan Desert.

**El Cosmico** // 877.822.1950, 802 S. Highland Ave.  
[www.elcosmico.com](http://www.elcosmico.com)  
Sunday–Thursday, 8 AM–8 PM, Friday–Saturday, 8 AM–10 PM  
The gift shop at El Cosmico features beautiful Bolivian blankets, turquoise jewelry, leather items, backpacks, groovy face lotions, patches, incense and other treasures.

**Esperanza Vintage & Art** // 121 Highland Ave.  
Thursday–Sunday, 11 AM–6 PM, Monday, 11 AM–2 PM  
Curated vintage with a focus on natural fibers and handwork. Contemporary art. Family owned & operated.

**Freda & Marfa Book Co.** // 432.729.2000, 207 S. Highland Ave.  
[www.shop-freda.com](http://www.shop-freda.com)  
Thursday, 1–5 PM, Friday & Saturday, 11 AM–5 PM, Sunday, 11 AM–3 PM  
Buy gifts for your friends back home at this thoughtful and beautifully curated Marfa mercantile. With Pamela Love jewelry, Fredericks + Mae games, locally made wares, apothecary items, LPs and vintage goods.

**Garza Marfa** // 432.729.1946, 103 N. Nevill  
[www.garzamarfa.com](http://www.garzamarfa.com)  
Wednesday–Sunday, 1 PM–5 PM  
Showroom of husband and wife artist team Jamey Garza and Constance Holt, where they display their line of custom furniture and beautiful textiles.

**Hey I Like It Here** // 105 South Highland Ave  
Open Daily, 9 AM–8 PM  
Hey I Like It Here anchors Hotel Saint George's south side with a collection of art made in and about West Texas, books, clothing, jewelry, apothecary, snacks and sundries, and a variety of objects you didn't know you wanted until you saw them.

**Hotel Paisano Gift Shop** // 432.729.3669, 207 N. Highland Ave.  
[www.hotelpaisano.com/gallery-store](http://www.hotelpaisano.com/gallery-store)  
Open Daily, 9 AM–6 PM  
An extensive and innovative gift shop, plus women's boutique, with excellent *Giant* souvenirs.

**JEFF MARFA** // 107 S. Dean St.  
[www.jeffmarfa.com](http://www.jeffmarfa.com)  
Thursday–Monday, 11 AM–6 PM  
JEFF is the new art gallery on the block with a small, eclectic shop of artist-made goods.

**Livingston's** // 432.729.4101, 109 W. El Paso St.  
Closed weekends  
One-stop-shop for ranch supplies.

**Marfa Art Supply** // 432.386.5002, 120 N. Austin St.  
Tuesday–Sunday, 10 AM–5 PM  
Tucked in the alley behind Frama Coffee and Tumbleweed Laundry, find art supplies supporting a wide range of practices.

**Marfa Film Shop** // 432.244.4682, 902 W. San Antonio St.  
Friday & Saturday, 10 AM–6 PM, Sunday, Noon–4 PM  
A small shop offering a selection of cameras and film fit for desert photography.

**Marfa Hardware Company** // 432.729.3161, 313 E. San Antonio St.  
[www.marfahardware.com](http://www.marfahardware.com)  
Monday–Saturday, 8:30 AM–5:30 PM  
For all your small town hardware needs!

**Marfa Museum Thrift** // Next to Dairy Queen on Hwy 90  
Tuesday–Thursday 1–4:30 PM, Friday & Saturday, 1–5 PM

**Moonlight Gemstones** // 432.729.4526, 1001 W. San Antonio St.  
[www.moonlightgemstones.com](http://www.moonlightgemstones.com)  
Monday–Saturday, 10 AM–5 PM  
A must visit! Incredible lapidary shop specializing in custom hand-crafted sterling silver jewelry. Focusing primarily on local gem grade agates, Moonlight Gemstones has been a fixture in Marfa since 1996.

**The Marfa Store** // 204 E Dallas Street  
[themarfastore.com](http://themarfastore.com)  
Wednesday–Saturday, 9 AM–5 PM, Sunday, 9 AM–3 PM  
Handmade and high design products made in Marfa, the state of Texas, and Beyond.

**Raba Marfa** // 212 E. San Antonio Street  
Open Daily, 10 AM–6 PM  
Vintage shop with a handpicked selection of specialty goods.

**Saluvida Thrift Store** // 432.295.1447, 1403 W. San Antonio St.  
Call for hours  
On the side of the Marfa Food Pantry, this thrift store provides vital funds for food distribution in the community.

**Sister Gaiya** // 105 W. Texas St.  
Tuesday–Saturday, 12–5 PM  
A collection of art, jewelry and objects inspired by nature presented by artist Gabrielle Patrice.

**Skóra Marfa** // 109 W. Texas St.  
Friday–Sunday, 10 AM–5 PM  
Leather goods designed and made in Marfa.

**Spurgin Stationers** // 432.294.5412, 204 S. Highland Ave.  
New and used bookstore specializing in speculative fiction, science fiction and fantasy literature.

**Texas Rose Marfa** // 505.316.4254, 120 E. El Paso St.  
A curated vintage clothing boutique reflecting West Texas values. Call for hours.

**Thunderbird Hotel Gift Shop** // 432.729.1984, 601 W. San Antonio St.  
[www.thunderbirdmarfa.com](http://www.thunderbirdmarfa.com)  
Shop for a souvenir created by local artisans, plus Malin & Goetz skincare, candles, Bolivian rugs and Thunderbird t-shirts.

**WRONG** // 423.729.1976, 110 W. Dallas St.  
[www.wrongmarfa.com](http://www.wrongmarfa.com)  
Open Daily, 11 AM–5 PM  
Housed in a beautiful old church, the WRONG store gets it right (forgive us) with Camp Bosworth's carved wood sculptures, vintage Levi's, silver jewelry, original *Giant* photographs and more.

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## BEAUTY

**Americana Salon** // 432.837.1773, 210 W. Ave E, Alpine, Texas  
[www.salonamericana.com](http://www.salonamericana.com)  
Aveda hair care and cuts, aromatherapy facials and waxing. Call for an appointment.

**Mira Marfa** // 105 Oak St. #4  
[www.miramarfa.com](http://www.miramarfa.com)  
Mira Marfa offers skincare treatments and facials from a licensed medical esthetician. The shop offers clean beauty products and a wellness boutique.

**Ocotillo** // 115 Highland St.  
[www.ocotillobotanica.com](http://www.ocotillobotanica.com)  
Combining traditional herbalism with magical practice and psychic connection, Ocotillo provides goods reflecting the nature of the Chihuahuan Desert.

**Spa at Gage Hotel** // 432.386.4205, 102 NW 1st St., Marathon, Texas  
[www.gagehotel.com](http://www.gagehotel.com)  
Full service spa with massage therapy, facials, steam room, body treatments and salon. Day packages available.

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## NATURE AND MORE

### Balmorhea State Park // 432.375.2370

[www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/balmorhea](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/balmorhea)

Dive into the cool waters of the world's largest spring-fed swimming pool, which covers 1.75 acres and stays at 72–76 degrees year round. The pool is open daily, 8 AM to 8 PM. Ask about the Junior Ranger Explorer Packs available for free checkout at the park. Book your tickets in advance, they sell out!

### Big Bend National Park // 432.477.2251

[www.nps.gov/bibe/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/bibe/index.htm)

If you have enough time, make the two-hour journey from Marfa to this national park (an overnight journey is ideal; if you go one day, you'll wish you'd gone two). Trails are relatively well documented in the various guide books available, and in the park literature. A few popular favorites: Lost Mine Trail, Window Trail, South Rim Trail/Boot Spring, Hot Springs Trail, Santa Elena Canyon and Boquillas (if you have your passport).

### Big Bend State Ranch // 432.358.4444, 1900 Saucedo Ranch Road, Presidio, TX

[www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/big-bend-ranch](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/big-bend-ranch)

A bit more obscure than Big Bend National Park, Big Bend Ranch State Park is closer and offers more lowland delights. Plus, the ride along the River Road from Terlingua to Presidio is well worth it. Closed Canyon is on the road, too, another easy one hour (more or less) hike down a lovely slot canyon.

### Chinati Hot Springs // 432.229.4165

[www.chinatihotsprings.net](http://www.chinatihotsprings.net)

An oasis nestled in the Chinati Mountains of West Texas, Chinati Hot Springs has provided healing waters to the people of the area for thousands of years. From Marfa, the journey is about 2.5 hours, and a high-clearance vehicle is recommended.

### Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute // 432.364.2499, 43869 St. Hwy 118

(4 miles SE of Fort Davis)

[www.cdri.org](http://www.cdri.org)

Monday–Saturday, 9 AM–5 PM

The Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute is a non-profit organization 30 minutes north of Marfa, which offers a peaceful desert botanical garden, geology and mining exhibits, canyon views and over three miles of hiking trails.

### Marfa Gliders // 1.800.667.9464

Contact: [marfagliders@aol.com](mailto:marfagliders@aol.com)

Fly high above the Marfa Plateau for a spectacular view of the Davis Mountains and Chinati Peak with FAA Certified Pilots. Glider rides by appointment only.

### Marfa Lights Viewing Station // 9 miles east of Marfa/Hwy 90

<https://visitmarfa.com/marfa-lights/>

Look for the mysterious lights that have fascinated people for over a hundred years, 9 miles east of Marfa on Hwy 90 (be on the lookout for the sign directing you to the official observing area).

### Marfa Maid Dairy // 432-729-3987, 2201 Antelope Hills Road

[www.marfamaid.com](http://www.marfamaid.com)

Sweet little goat dairy, producing delicious local fetas and chevres. Tours are offered Tuesday and Saturday at 2 PM.

### Marfa Municipal Golf Course // 432.729.4043, end of Golf Course Rd

Marfa's golf course offering solitude and expansive views. Call to confirm hours.

### Marfa Public Library // 432.729.4631, 115 E. Oak St.

Monday–Friday, 9 AM–5 PM, Saturday, 10 AM–1 PM

[www.marfapubliclibrary.org](http://www.marfapubliclibrary.org)

The Marfa Public Library is a quiet, peaceful space to work and read.

### McDonald Observatory // 432.426.3640, 3640 Dark Sky Drive, Fort Davis, TX

[www.mcdonaldobservatory.org](http://www.mcdonaldobservatory.org)

Enjoy a tour of the constellations and view the moon, planets, stars and galaxies through the telescopes at the McDonald Observatory Star Parties. Hosted every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday night. Dress warmly, even in summer.

## Scenic Loop Drive

<https://fortdavis.com/listing/the-scenic-loop-drive>

Fort Davis is the starting point for one of the most scenic drives in Texas. Seventy-five miles long, the drive leaves Fort Davis, proceeds up Limpia Canyon past Mts. Locke and Fowlkes and the McDonald Observatory, then into Madera Canyon and a quiet, pine-shaded picnic area.

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## TRANSPORTATION

### Alpine Auto Rental // 800.894.3463

[www.alpineautorental.com](http://www.alpineautorental.com)

Car and van rental—will deliver vehicles to the Marfa airport if needed.

### Marfa Municipal Airport // 432.729.3102

<http://www.airnav.com/airport/KMRF>

There is a municipal airfield three miles north of Marfa that can service private planes or small charters. Rental cars available at the airport via [VFR Car](#); if you are staying in a Marfa hotel, you can arrange a pickup via Marfa Visitor Center.

### Rideshare

[www.marfaalist.org](http://www.marfaalist.org)

Post rideshare requests or look for rides offered.

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

### City of Marfa Visitor Center // 432.729.4772, 302 S. Highland Ave.

(across the street from Marfa National Bank)

[www.visitmarfa.com](http://www.visitmarfa.com)

Monday–Friday, 9 AM–5 PM, Saturday, 10 AM–2 PM

For other questions about hours, directions, and happenings in town, visit the Marfa Visitors Center.

