

100 Things to Do in Amarillo Before You Die: Your Ultimate Guide to the Panhandle's Hidden Gem

Nestled in the heart of the Texas Panhandle, Amarillo is a vibrant city with a rich history and a thriving arts and culture scene. From iconic landmarks like Cadillac Ranch and Palo Duro Canyon to hidden gems off the beaten path, Amarillo offers a plethora of experiences for visitors of all ages.

This comprehensive guidebook, "100 Things to Do in Amarillo Before You Die," is your ultimate companion to discovering the best of this Panhandle gem. Inside, you'll find detailed descriptions, stunning photography, and insider tips for making the most of your visit.

1. **Cadillac Ranch:** Experience the whimsy and wonder of Amarillo's most famous landmark, where ten Cadillacs are half-buried in the ground, their noses pointed skyward.
2. **Palo Duro Canyon:** Explore the "Grand Canyon of Texas," a breathtaking 120-mile-long canyon with vibrant red rock formations and rugged cliffs.
3. **Route 66:** Take a nostalgic drive along the legendary Route 66, passing through Amarillo's historic downtown and iconic roadside attractions.
4. **Amarillo Globe-News Center:** Admire the architectural marvel of this Art Deco skyscraper, the tallest building in Amarillo and a symbol of the city's skyline.

5. **Amarillo Little Theatre:** Witness the magic of live theater at this historic venue, showcasing a variety of productions from Broadway musicals to local plays.
6. **Amarillo Museum of Art:** Discover a diverse collection of American and European art, including works by Georgia O'Keeffe, Andy Warhol, and Pablo Picasso.
7. **Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum:** Journey through the history of the Panhandle, from Native American artifacts to cowboy memorabilia and frontier life exhibits.
8. **Amarillo Symphony Orchestra:** Enjoy the enchanting melodies of classical music performed by the city's acclaimed symphony orchestra.
9. **Blue Light Live:** Experience the energy of live music at this intimate venue, hosting a wide range of local and national artists.
10. **First Fridays Art Walk:** Explore the city's vibrant art scene during the monthly First Fridays Art Walk, featuring open studios, gallery exhibitions, and street performers.
11. **Amarillo Botanical Gardens:** Stroll through lush gardens blooming with vibrant flowers, exotic plants, and peaceful walking trails.
12. **Lake Meredith National Recreation Area:** Embark on a fishing, boating, or camping adventure at this vast lake nestled amidst the rugged Texas landscape.
13. **Caprock Canyons State Park Trailway:** Hike or bike along this scenic 64-mile trailway, offering stunning views of canyons, mesas, and wildlife.

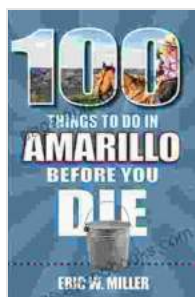
14. **Jack Sisemore RV Park:** Nestled near Palo Duro Canyon, this RV park offers panoramic vistas of the surrounding countryside.
15. **Amarillo Zoo:** Encounter over 400 exotic animals from around the globe, including lions, tigers, bears, and primates.
16. **The Big Texan Steak Ranch:** Indulge in the legendary 72-ounce steak at this iconic restaurant, a pilgrimage site for meat lovers.
17. **Tyler's Barbeque:** Savor authentic Texas barbecue with mouthwatering brisket, ribs, and homemade sides.
18. **Golden Light Cantina:** Experience the flavors of traditional Mexican cuisine with a modern twist, served in a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere.
19. **806 Coffee:** Start your day with a freshly brewed coffee and a selection of pastries at this local favorite.
20. **The Esquire:** Step back in time at this historic bar and enjoy classic cocktails and live music.
21. **Westgate Mall:** Discover a variety of retail stores, restaurants, and a movie theater at this sprawling shopping mall.
22. **Amarillo Arts District:** Explore eclectic boutiques, art galleries, and antique shops in this vibrant neighborhood.
23. **Mesa Park:** Browse unique gifts, handmade crafts, and vintage finds at this charming outdoor market.
24. **Coyote Bluff:** Dance the night away at this popular dance club, featuring live DJ sets and a lively crowd.

25. **Midnight Rodeo:** Enjoy live music and bull riding at this legendary honky-tonk, a staple of Amarillo's nightlife scene.
26. **Kwahadi Museum of the American Indian:** Learn about the history and culture of the Native American tribes that once inhabited the Panhandle.
27. **Amarillo Railroad Museum:** Explore the fascinating world of railroading through interactive exhibits and historic locomotives.
28. **Old Town Historic District:** Wander through the preserved buildings and streets of Amarillo's original town site.
29. **Historic Route 66 Sign:** Capture a memorable photo beneath the iconic Route 66 sign at the Santa Fe Depot.
30. **Amarillo Pioneer Trading Post:** Immerse yourself in the history of the American West at this replica trading post from the 1800s.
31. **Stargazing at Lake Meredith:** Escape the city lights and marvel at the starry night sky above Lake Meredith.
32. **Zip-lining at Palo Duro Canyon:** Soar through the air on a zip-line adventure, offering breathtaking views of the canyon.
33. **Hot Air Balloon Ride:** Take to the skies for an unforgettable hot air balloon ride over the Amarillo skyline.
34. **Amarillo Helium Lighter-than-Air Museum:** Discover the science and history of lighter-than-air flight, with exhibits on blimps, balloons, and airships.
35. **World's Largest Cross:** Witness the grandeur of the tallest cross in the world, towering over the city at 23 stories high.

36. **Canadian:** Visit the historic town of Canadian, home to the Hemphill County Historical Museum and the annual National Hemp Festival.
37. **Groom:** Explore the tiny town of Groom, known for its UFO-themed attractions and the annual Groom UFO Festival.
38. **Dalhart:** Discover the "XIT Ranch Capital of the World" in Dalhart, featuring the XIT Museum and the Dalhart XIT Ranch Rodeo.
39. **Borger:** Visit the Museum of the High Plains in Borger, showcasing art, history, and culture from across the region.
40. **Panhandle:** Experience the charm of the small town of Panhandle, with its historic courthouse and the Panhandle Heritage Museum.
41. **Amarillo Wine Walk:** Sample a variety of wines while exploring downtown Amarillo during the annual Wine Walk.
42. **Amarillo Christmas Parade:** Witness the festive spirit of Amarillo during the annual Christmas parade, featuring floats, marching bands, and Santa Claus.
43. **Amarillo Symphony Guild Symphony Under the Stars:** Enjoy a magical evening under the stars with a performance by the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra.
44. **Panhandle South Plains Fair:** Experience the excitement of carnival rides, livestock shows, and live music at this annual agricultural fair.
45. **Amarillo Fourth of July Fireworks:** Celebrate Independence Day with a dazzling fireworks display over Lake Meredith.

46. **Best Time to Visit:** Visit Amarillo during the spring or fall to avoid extreme temperatures.
47. **Getting Around:** Rent a car or utilize the local bus system for easy transportation around the city.
48. **Where to Stay:** Choose from a range of hotels, motels, and RV parks to suit your budget and needs.
49. **Where to Eat:** Explore the diverse culinary scene of Amarillo, with options ranging from local diners to upscale restaurants.
50. **Must-Have Apps:** Download the Amarillo Travel Guide and Ride Amarillo apps for insider tips and navigation.

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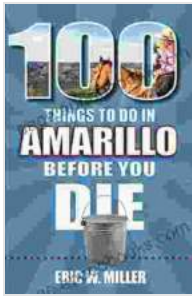


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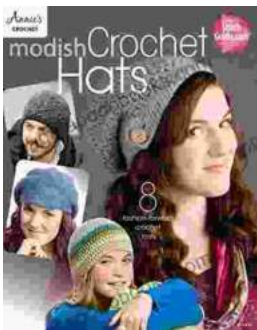
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