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## DESTINATIONS

You don't have to go far to escape. Go south to Galveston or west toward Brenham, and you'll be in a fresh state of mind pretty fast. Alternatively, embrace the down time of a leisurely half-day's drive and head to the Hill Country.

# Weekend getaways

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## Tee off at Horseshoe Bay

Hmmm . . . palm trees smack-dab in the middle of the Hill Country between Marble Falls and Llano? Yes, that's apparently part of what makes the Horseshoe Bay Resort Marriott feel like an escape. But active families may be more drawn by the array of sport offerings at this blossoming luxury complex. The amenities include three championship golf courses designed by Robert Trent Jones, Sr., 12 tennis courts (including the nation's first USTA courts for kids), a boating lake, a beach, pools and the requisite spa for mom. Summer Family Travel packages offer 20-percent savings on stays at the hotel or the upscale waterfront villas.

*Horseshoe Bay Resort Marriott, 200 Hi Circle North, Horseshoe Bay; 800-228-9290; [www.horseshoebaymarriott.com](http://www.horseshoebaymarriott.com)*

