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Two for *the Road.*

A Hill Country Table

A little escape, just for the two of you.

Good food. Slow mornings. The scenic way home.

Thursday, October 15 → Sunday, October 18, 2026 · Montgomery to Kerrville & home

★ The long way to a good table.

Montgomery → TX-105 west → Brenham → US-290 west through Giddings → Austin → Dripping Springs → Johnson City → Fredericksburg.

Thursday: follow the US-290 corridor from Montgomery through Brenham, Austin and Johnson City. Let Maps choose the Austin crossing; this is a planning route, not live traffic advice.

Leave Montgomery Thursday morning. Aim for Pieous at 12:30pm, Slate Theory around 3pm and Foyt around 4:30pm; if late, choose Pecan Street lunch and Foyt only. Friday: breakfast at 8am, William Chris at 10am, Ab Astris at noon (or Pedernales instead), then a deliberately late 2:30pm lunch at High's in Comfort. Allow 75–90 minutes from Stonewall to Comfort via Fredericksburg / US-87; then I-10 west to Kerrville. Times are proposals, not bookings or measured traffic. A simpler Friday is High's at 11:30am then Bending Branch at 1pm, replacing the eastern cluster. Becker's Viognier is an optional Main Street visit, 307 E. Main St.; Sun–Thu 11–6, Fri–Sat 11–7, walk-ins, about \$27. Friday 11am replaces the eastern winery plan, not adds to it.

Budget compass: prices are planning estimates per person for food + a nonalcoholic drink, before tax and tip (except Pint & Plow's tax-inclusive menu). Alcohol and shared extras can exceed \$35. Breakfast may cost less than \$20.

★ Montgomery

Thursday morning · off FM 1486

Two seats. An open road. Something delicious ahead.

Thursday · October 15

★ Lunch, somewhere west of ordinary.

Austin outskirts → Johnson City

Pieous

An airy, informal pizza stop on the edge of the Hill Country, with outdoor seating and room to exhale. The draw is seriously good sourdough pizza and house pastrami.

166 Hargraves Dr., Building H, Austin, TX 78737

Thu / Fri: 8am–2pm & 4–8pm; lunch from 11am **\$22–32 / person**

For the table

Margherita pizza · Pastrami sandwich

A little planning: Aim for 12:30–1pm. The 2pm lunch closure is a hard planning constraint; if traffic slips, keep going to Johnson City. Reservation policy not confirmed.

The review read: Review listings repeatedly single out the pizza and pastrami; this is a food-first stop, not a secluded country garden.

[Take me there ↗](#) [512-394-7041](tel:512-394-7041) [Source · https://www.pieous.com/home](https://www.pieous.com/home) [Hours check · https://www.pieous.com/home](https://www.pieous.com/home)

A change of plans can be a good thing.

Plan B · Pecan Street Brewing

A former feed-and-hardware building on the courthouse square, with a sociable beer garden. A wonderfully unhurried arrival in small-town Texas.

106 E. Pecan Dr., Johnson City, TX 78636

Thu: 11am–8pm · Fri: 11am–9pm **\$22–35 / person**

For the table

Chicken Fried Steak (\$24) · Margherita pizza (14-inch \$16.50)

A little planning: The late-lunch fallback if Pieous's 2pm break will catch you. If lunch slips, protect the Foyt reservation and skip Slate Theory rather than rushing.

The review read: Review summaries favor the beer-garden setting and hearty pub food; chicken-fried steak feedback is not unanimous.

[Plan B · Map ↗](#) [830-868-2500](tel:830-868-2500) [Source · https://pecanstreetbrewing.com/food-menu](https://pecanstreetbrewing.com/food-menu) [Hours check · https://pecanstreetbrewing0595.s4shops.com/](https://pecanstreetbrewing0595.s4shops.com/)

Thursday evening

★ A little Germany. A lot of charm.

Fredericksburg

Altdorf Restaurant & Biergarten

A historic Main Street setting and leafy biergarten make dinner feel like a little European escape. German classics fit the town—and the budget.

301 W. Main St., Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Thu / Fri: 11am–9pm **\$26–35 / person**

For the table

Jägerschnitzel (\$23) · Wurst Platte (\$21)

A little planning: First come, first served; the official site says no reservations needed. Aim for 6pm after the wineries and request the garden if weather permits.

Check before going: Weekly hours are published, not date-specific operation. No reservation is held.

Take me there ↗ [830-997-7865](tel:830-997-7865) [Source · https://altdorfs.com/food-menu/](https://altdorfs.com/food-menu/) [Hours check · https://www.altdorfs.com/](https://www.altdorfs.com/)

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Plan B · The Ausländer

A lively Bavarian-style dining room and biergarten: convivial rather than hushed. A classic Fredericksburg evening over schnitzel and sausage.

323 E. Main St., Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Thu: 11am–9pm · Fri: 11am–9:30pm **\$26–35 / person**

For the table

Jägerschnitzel · Bratwurst

A little planning: No weekend reservations advertised; arrive early and expect a walk-in wait. Live music is not confirmed for your date.

Check before going: Menu prices and October 15 entertainment unconfirmed.

The review read: Atmosphere and sausage draw praise; schnitzel/value reviews are mixed, so this stays a backup.

Plan B · Map ↗ [830-997-7714](tel:830-997-7714) [Source · https://theauslander.com/](https://theauslander.com/) [Hours check · https://theauslander.com/index.php/contact/](https://theauslander.com/index.php/contact/)

Plan B · Hondo's on Main

An easygoing Texas music-yard atmosphere with outdoor tables and real local character. Choose it for a more spirited night, not a quiet candlelit dinner.

312 W. Main St., Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Thu / Fri: kitchen 11am–9pm **\$22–32 / person**

For the table

Stuffed & Roasted Jalapeños · Warm Queso Dip

A little planning: Self-serve: check in with the host, order at either bar, then collect food with the pager. Kitchen closes at 9pm. Add a main from the on-site menu; no music is promised.

Check before going: Both suggested dishes are starters; a current entrée list could not be reliably extracted.

Plan B · Map ↗ [830-997-1633](tel:830-997-1633) [Source · https://www.hondosonmain.com/menu](https://www.hondosonmain.com/menu) [Hours check · https://www.hondosonmain.com/information](https://www.hondosonmain.com/information)

Friday · October 16

★ Good morning, Main Street.

Fredericksburg · aim for 8am before the 10am winery reservation

Old German Bakery & Restaurant

A bustling family bakery with old-town warmth, pastry cases and the smell of breakfast. More authentic morning ritual than polished brunch scene.

225 W. Main St., Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Thu: closed · Fri: 7am–2pm (visitor-bureau index; call) **\$18–26 / person**

For the table

Oma's Pancake Breakfast · German pancake

A little planning: First come, first served; no reservations. Aim for opening, before the Main Street breakfast crowd.

Check before going: Official hours do not render. Visitor-bureau search index gives Friday 7am–2pm; conflicting older 3pm listings remain. Call to confirm.

[Take me there ↗](#) [830-997-9084](tel:830-997-9084) [Source · https://www.oldgermanbakeryandrestaurant.com/breakfast-menu](https://www.oldgermanbakeryandrestaurant.com/breakfast-menu) [Hours check · https://www.visitfredericksburgtx.com/directory/old-german-bakery-restaurant/](#)

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Plan B · Sunset Grill

A cheerful neighborhood brunch room away from the busiest Main Street stretch. The pleasure is a leisurely breakfast and generous comfort-food plates.

405 E. Live Oak St., Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Thu / Fri: 8am–2pm **\$20–28 / person**

For the table

Caramelized Banana French Toast (\$14) · The Sunsetter Benedict (\$16.50)

A little planning: Arrive close to 8am; reservation policy not confirmed. Call the menu-listed local number before detouring.

Check before going: Phone conflict: menu lists 830-997-5904; location page lists 214-944-5515. Local number is not phone-tested.

[Plan B · Map ↗](#) [830-997-5904](tel:830-997-5904) [Source · https://sunsetgrillfbgtx.com/food-menu](https://sunsetgrillfbgtx.com/food-menu) [Hours check · https://sunsetgrillfbgtx.com/locations](https://sunsetgrillfbgtx.com/locations)

Friday lunch

★ Make a little room for Comfort.

After the wineries · late lunch ~2:30pm · US-87 → Comfort → I-10 west

High's Cafe & Store

Historic High Street, a colorful cafe-and-store setting, and a patio made for lingering. A lighter, charming pause before the river town.

726 High St., Comfort, TX 78013

Thu / Fri: 10am–5pm; online orders 10:15am–4:30pm **\$18–27 / person**

For the table

Chunky chicken salad sandwich · Peppered pimiento cheese sandwich

A little planning: Aim for a late lunch around 2:30pm after the Hye/Stonewall tastings, allowing 75–90 minutes to reach Comfort via Fredericksburg and US-87. If running late, skip the second tasting. Call for patio availability; add a side and split apricot bread pudding.

Take me there ↗ [830-995-4995](tel:830-995-4995) **Source** · <https://www.highscafeandstore.com/menu> **Hours check** · <https://www.highscafeandstore.com/online-ordering>

A change of plans can be a good thing.

Plan B · Comfort Pizza

A vintage filling-station setting with outdoor tables and mesquite-fired sourdough pizza. A little roadside nostalgia, without the chain-restaurant feel.

802 High St., Comfort, TX 78013

Thu / Fri: 11:30am–8:30pm (listing; call) **\$20–30 / person**

For the table

Margherita pizza · Pepperoni pizza

A little planning: Call ahead to reserve dough, not just a table; weekend dough can sell out. Outdoor seating is weather-dependent.

Check before going: Hours and current pizza prices not first-party verified. comfortpizza.com search result appears unrelated; it was not used as evidence.

Plan B · Map ↗ [830-995-5959](tel:830-995-5959) **Source** · <https://www.visitcomforttx.com/restaurants-comfort-texas> **Hours check** · <https://www.restaurantji.com/tx/comfort/comfort-pizza-/>

★ Kerrville

Where the road meets the Guadalupe.

Stay a little longer

★ Five tables. One river town.

Our Kerrville shortlist, in order of fit for the two of you.

1 Rails — A Café at the Depot

Best all-around · Lunch or early dinner

A restored railway-depot setting and courtyard patio give this the strongest all-around date-meal atmosphere. Stay for dessert after a relaxed lunch or early dinner.

615 E. Schreiner St., Kerrville, TX 78028

Thu / Fri: 11am–9pm official; plan Thu before 8pm / Fri before 8:30pm **\$25–35 / person**

For the table

Chicken Florentine · B.L.A.T. sandwich

A little planning: Call for a reservation and ask specifically for the courtyard. Plan to eat before 8pm, not near the disputed closing time.

Check before going: Closing conflict: official site says 9pm; Restaurantji says Thu 8pm / Fri 8:30pm. Call; do not plan a late arrival. Dine-in dishes and prices remain unconfirmed.

The review read: Tripadvisor review consensus praises the courtyard, service and desserts, with occasional service disappointments.

Take me there ↗ [830-257-3877](tel:830-257-3877) [Source · https://mail.railscafe.com/contact.html](https://mail.railscafe.com/contact.html) [Hours check · https://mail.railscafe.com/contact.html](https://mail.railscafe.com/contact.html)

2 Grape Juice

Best date-night energy · Dinner

A funky downtown wine-and-craft-beer spot with a relaxed social feel. Best for an intimate, unfussy dinner and something more interesting than standard pub food.

623 Water St., Kerrville, TX 78028

Thu / Fri: 11am–9pm **\$25–35 / person**

For the table

Wild Boar Bolognese · Boom Boom Burger

A little planning: Call for dinner seating; reservation policy unconfirmed. Wine, a starter and a main can push you past budget.

Check before going: Dishes corroborated by Toast ordering; exact dine-in prices and availability unconfirmed.

Take me there ↗ [830-792-9463](tel:830-792-9463) [Source · https://www.grapejuiceonline.com/](https://www.grapejuiceonline.com/) [Hours check · https://www.grapejuiceonline.com/](https://www.grapejuiceonline.com/)

3 Billy Gene's Restaurant

Best river view · Lunch or early dinner

The Guadalupe River view is the reason to sit and stay. Traditional Texas comfort food makes it a dependable scenic lunch or early dinner.

1489 Junction Hwy., Kerrville, TX 78028

Thu / Fri: 11am–8:30pm **\$23–33 / person**

For the table

Chicken-fried steak · Fried catfish bites

A little planning: Request a river-view seat when you call; it is a preference, not a guarantee. Reservation policy unconfirmed.

The review read: Reviewers favor the river setting and comfort food; chicken-fried steak experiences vary.

Take me there ↗ [830-895-7377](tel:830-895-7377) **Source** · <https://billygenes.com/menu/> **Hours check** · <https://billygenes.com/>

4 Pint & Plow Brewing Co.

Best laid-back local · Lunch or early supper

A characterful old-house brewery with outdoor seating and a genuinely local, laid-back feel. Best for a casual lunch or early supper.

332 Clay St., Kerrville, TX 78028

Thu / Fri: 8am–9pm (listing); kitchen closes 8pm **\$20–29 / person**

For the table

Reuben (\$16, tax included) · The Green House veggie pizza (\$18, tax included)

A little planning: No need to build the evening around a late meal: kitchen stops at 8pm. Call about seating; reservation policy unconfirmed.

Check before going: 8am opening does not establish when the full lunch menu starts; call if arriving before noon.

The review read: Review feedback favors sandwiches; pizza is more divisive. Ranked for the whole experience, not a claim of universal acclaim.

Take me there ↗ [830-315-7468](tel:830-315-7468) **Source** · <https://pintandplow.com/food> **Hours check** · <https://pintandplow.com/food>

5 Café at the Ridge

Best garden escape · Friday early supper

A garden-marketplace escape outside central Kerrville. Choose it for a Friday afternoon garden wander and an early supper, not an extra breakfast before the Fredericksburg wineries.

13439 S. Ranch Road 783, Kerrville, TX 78028

Thu: 11am–8pm · Fri: 8am–9pm; Friday breakfast 8–11am **\$20–29 / person**

For the table

Breakfast only until 11am: Hill Country Breakfast (\$13.55) · French Toast (\$10.99). For supper, ask for the current menu.

A little planning: For this itinerary, arrive around 4pm to see the gardens before their published 5pm close, then ask for the current lunch/dinner menu. Allow for the drive out of town.

Check before going: The named breakfast dishes are served only until 11am on Friday; they are not afternoon options. Current supper dishes/prices, garden condition and entertainment are unconfirmed.

Take me there ↗ [830-896-0420](tel:830-896-0420) **Source** · <https://shopsattheridge.com/cafe-at-the-ridge-menu/> **Hours check** · <https://shopsattheridge.com/contact-us/>

★ A good plan. Not a promise.

For Thursday, October 15 & Friday, October 16, 2026. All fourteen restaurants were re-checked for both weekdays on the web. These are regular weekly hours, not phone-confirmed operation on the exact dates. No calls or reservations were made. Call before a detour.

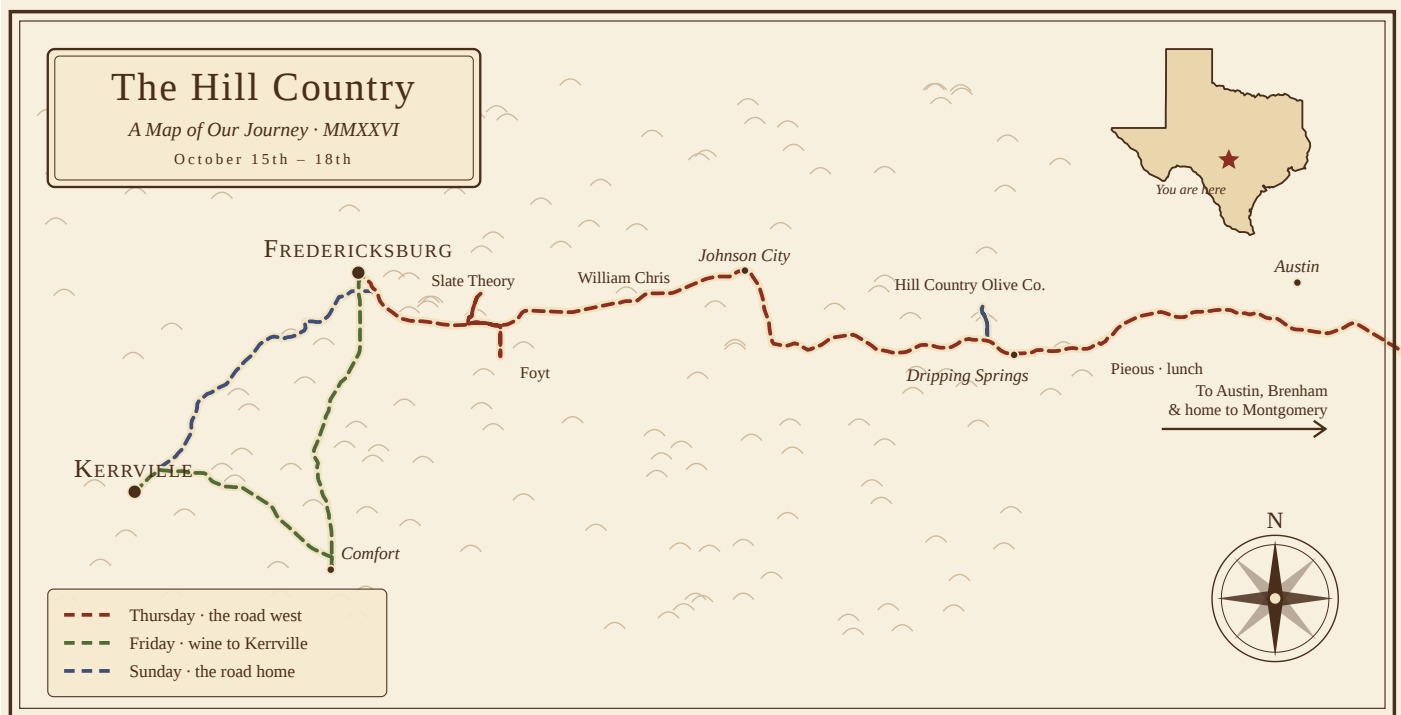
Recent-review evidence was uneven: Tripadvisor and Restaurantji summaries informed selected picks, but no complete, date-audited Google/Yelp consensus was established for all fourteen. Rankings reflect fit for this trip—atmosphere, food and budget—not a definitive citywide score. No music performance is promised.

Hours caveats: Old German Bakery's Friday 7am–2pm is visitor-bureau search-index evidence (older listings say 3pm); Comfort Pizza is third-party only; Rails has conflicting closing times; Pint & Plow's 8am–9pm is listing-based, with the 8pm kitchen cutoff first-party confirmed. Pieous, Altdorf, Hondo's and Billy Gene's rely in part on official search-index hours. Sunset Grill still has conflicting phone numbers. Sources and cautions stay with the cards.

Sources are linked on every card. Additional checks: [Fredericksburg visitor bureau](#) · [Kerrville visitor bureau](#) · [Rails reviews](#) · [Pecan Street reviews](#) · [High's menu](#).

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★ Our Hill Country map



Sunday · October 18

★ One last long lunch.

Kerrville → Fredericksburg → US-290 east. The olive orchard is a few minutes off the highway, about 1¾ hours out: leave around 10:30, lunch around 12:15.



Texas Hill Country Olive Co. Bistro

2530 W. Fitzhugh Rd., Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Our olive place. Lunch among the orchard rows, a shaded patio, and a tasting bar of their own oils and balsamics. Order at the counter; they bring it out to you.

Hours: lunch daily 10am–3:30pm · no reservation needed, seating limited

Order: the Orchard Grilled Cheese (their staple) + a seasonal flatbread; finish with an oil & balsamic tasting to take home.

[Call 512-607-6512](tel:512-607-6512) · [Take me there →](#)

Plan B, if you take I-10 home instead: [Gristmill River Restaurant, Gruene](#) — river views, opens 11am Sunday (listings differ slightly on hours).

Made with love for the road.