

CITY GUIDE OF:

HIDALGO, TX

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Where to Stay CASA DE PALMAS

Not too far from Hidalgo in McAllen, Texas, stands Casa de Palmas, Trademark Collection by Wyndham® in the heart of McAllen's art district. Casa de Palmas boasts an on-site pool, two restaurants, a free shuttle to get around town, and a gift shop. The hotel's classic, beautiful Spanish architecture creates an experience that guests will not soon forget.

Grab a bite to eat in The Spanish Room, the hotel's on-site restaurant, which offers a Texas take on classic Spanish and Mexican dishes, including their renowned migas breakfast tacos. Looking for a drink or a tasty appetizer? Head on over to Cantina Lomax, the hotel's lounge and bar. With all these amenities and so many more, guests are sure to enjoy their stay and fall in love with the traditional charm of Casa de Palmas.

Must See HIDALGO FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

With several million lights, the Hidalgo Festival of Lights is a delightful holiday extravaganza! Along with the three-mile trail of lights and giant displays, the Hidalgo Festival of Lights boasts some fun activities for the whole family, including carnival rides, nightly performances, holiday movies, train tours, meeting Santa Claus, a Christmas Artisan Market, and more! There are also some great food and refreshments like hot chocolate, a holiday favorite. Last year, the event was modified as a drive-through experience, and no decision has been made yet about the 2021 season. Visit hidalgofestivaloflights.com for tickets and more information!

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Where to Eat

PAULA'S TEA HOUSE AND DELI

Only a short two-minute walk away from the Old Hidalgo Pumphouse lies Paula's Tea House and Deli, a quaint and colorful antique tea house that sells a variety of teas and sandwiches. Paula's peaceful atmosphere and wide array of teas draw in many customers daily. The tea house offers everything from hot chamomile and lemongrass to a nice refreshing raspberry tea over ice. And if you are hungry, you will not be disappointed with their selection of deli food, such as the club sandwich or a chicken salad croissant, or with the variety of hot dishes such as tacos a la plancha, tostadas, fettuccine alfredo, lasagna, and more.

The idea for the tea house was born in 2010 after Orfelinda Garcia hosted her bachelorette party at another tea house. Enamored with the antique decorum in the tea house, and already having a passion for antiques and home décor, Garcia knew one day that she would want to open up a tea house of her own. In 2016, that dream became a reality when Garcia and her brother drafted up a menu to present as a project to the Hidalgo Viejo district – that was the first rough draft for Paula's Tea House, which opened later that year.



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What to Do

OLD HIDALGO PUMPHOUSE MUSEUM AND WORLD BIRDING CENTER

With historical roots as the town's steam-driven irrigation pump system, which made Hidalgo an early farming hub, the Old Hidalgo Pumphouse now embraces nature conservation as a wing of the World Birding Center. You can expect to see many different types of birds at the pumphouse, including tropical kingfishers, the great kiskadee, green jays, clay-colored robins, Altamira orioles, and the green monk parakeets, which can be found all year round. Butterflies and hummingbirds are also in abundance on the pumphouse grounds due to the many gardens that are planted to attract them. While you are there, do not forget to step inside the museum to learn more about the history of Hidalgo's pumphouse.



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