

AMARILLO

The City

Amarillo, a city of 200,000, is the 14th most populous city in the state of Texas, and is also the largest city in the Texas Panhandle. The city is at an altitude of 3,671 feet and receives about 21.14 inches of precipitation annually. The altitude and constant breeze are responsible for the clean air and low humidity. There are four distinct seasons in the city, yet the temperatures remain comfortable most of the year. Each year, there are more than 260 sunny days.

The cost of living in Amarillo is consistently 8 to 10% below the national average. People who move to Amarillo often discover they pay less in taxes, less for housing and everyday goods and less for electricity.

Travel in and out of Amarillo is made easy with Rick Husband International Airport, which is served by a number of major carriers including American Airlines, Southwest Airlines and United Airlines.

There are many outdoor sports, music and cultural activities for Amarillo residents to enjoy. Amarillo has a symphony, art museum, opera and many popular live music venues. Nearby Palo Duro Canyon provides climbing, hiking, biking, riding trails and camping. Amarillo is also home to a hockey, indoor football, and baseball team.

Clinical Experiences

Clinical education in Amarillo is provided through affiliation with several major hospitals and a number of outpatient medical facilities. All are in close proximity to the Amarillo TTUHSC campus. Baptist St. Anthony Health System, a 445 bed private hospital; Northwest Texas Healthcare System, a 495 bed tertiary care hospital, and a VA Health Care System serve as the School of Medicine's primary clinical affiliates. The Amarillo VA Health Care System has 55 acute care inpatient beds and a 120 bed skilled nursing home, as well as an ambulatory care center.

Here's what a few 3rd and 4th year students have to say about their experiences in Amarillo ...

"My experience in Amarillo has been excellent. In your third and fourth year, 95% of your time is spent doing clinical work with patients, so having good physicians and residents teaching you is critical to developing good skills. It seems that no matter which physician or resident you are working with, they all have your education in mind. They are not merely going about their day and letting you follow them. They sincerely want to teach you."

"Medical school was a difficult period of intellectual, professional, and personal growth for me. I am blessed to attend Texas Tech for medical school, particularly the Amarillo campus for the last half. I could not have asked for a more supportive student affairs office, faculty, and staff to assist me in this development."

"From student affairs to clinical faculty, you will have many advocates working with you, offering encouragement, and helping you to gear your life towards a career. You become an active member of your clerkship teams in having patients to follow. Your opinion and decision making abilities are not only listened to but actively invited. If you are interested in residencies not offered in Amarillo SOM, there are private physicians with whom clerkship directors are more than happy to help you build a relationship."

"Amarillo is a great opportunity for more one-on-one teaching, allowing students to develop strong mentor relationships. You are not competing with fellows to see cases. The faculty love teaching and are always eager to get students involved in research, case reports, and publications. Amarillo is a great campus for students interested in OB/Gyn, Family medicine, pediatrics. You have the residents to serve as a go-between but you also work closely with the attendings and so you gain valuable clinical experience. With fewer students, I often had higher numbers of procedures. With no surgery residents, it is good for student who would like to gain surgery exposure because they are often the primary assist in surgeries. That said, I don't think student get a good glimpse of what life as a surgical resident and surgeon is like. Psychiatry is also an excellent experience, you deal with patients via telemedicine, inpatient, as well as outpatient; basically very well-rounded exposure."

"One of the neatest things about Amarillo is the fact that there is not a surgery residency program offered here. From day one, you are assisting the surgeons with everything. I could not believe what all I was getting to see and help with during my first week of the rotation... I have always felt welcome and wanted, and to me that is more important than anything else."

To find out more about Amarillo, please call the Office of Medical Education at (806) 414-9666. Check out the Amarillo campus website at <http://www.ama/ttuhsc.edu/campus/amarillo>

Amarillo Attractions

Amarillo Botanical Gardens

Harrington Regional Medical Center, 1400 Streit Drive
(806) 352- 6513 – www.amarillobotanicalgardens.org

Featuring winding paths through acres of flowering and evergreen gardens, Amarillo Botanical Gardens allows visitors to explore the Tropical Conservatory with over 6,000 feet of tropical environment, an exhibition gallery, workshops, and other hands-on activities. Walking tour of Christmas lights in November and December of each year.

Amarillo Dragway

12955 Burlington Road
Exit I-40 at Ross/Osage and head south
(806)337-0630 – www.amarillodragway.com
An IHRA sanctioned dragway. Gates open at 8:00pm with races every Friday.

Amarillo Venom Indoor/Arena Football League

Games at the Amarillo Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan
(806) 350-7277 – www.govenom.com
The season starts in March and runs through July.

Amarillo Wranglers Hockey

Civic Center, 401 S. Buchanan
(806) 242-4233 – www.amarillowranglers.com
NAHL – North American Hockey League. The season starts in September and runs through March.

Amarillo Sod Poodles Baseball

Hodgetown, 715 S. Buchanan
(806) 803-7762 www.milb.com/Amarillo
Minor League Baseball team inaugural season was 2019. The season starts in April and runs through September.

Amarillo Civic Center

401 S. Buchanan St.
(806) 378-4297 - www.amarilociviccenter.com
Conventions, plays, concerts and many other events are held here. Visit their website to view the calendar of events.

Amarillo Little Theatre

2019 Civic Circle
(806) 355 – 9991, www.amarillolittletheatre.org
A local community theatre

Amarillo Museum of Art

2200 S. Van Buren St.
(806) 371-5050 – www.amoa.org
A focal point for the region's thriving art community, attracting regional and national exhibits.

Amarillo Rock Climbing House

5461 McKenna Square, Inside AMP'D Adventure Park
(806)513-2478 - www.climbamarillo.com
Encouraging the sport of climbing in the Amarillo area by teaching people how to climb safely and providing a training facility for the climbing veteran.

Amarillo Opera

2223 S. Van Buren

(806) 372-7464 – www.amarilloopera.org

Combines a schedule of some of the world's most beloved operas with non-traditional shows. Performances at the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts.

American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum

2601 I-40 East @ Quarter Horse Drive

(806) 376-5181 or (806) 376-4811 – www.aqha.com

Visitors enjoy hands-on, interactive exhibits, with exhibits, video presentations, live demonstrations and works of art.

Amarillo Zoo

Thompson Park, 700 Comanchero Trail

(806) 381-7911 – www.zoo.amarillo.gov

Founded in 1955, the Amarillo Zoo features over 80 species of animals and 40 species of plant life in a beautiful 15-acre site in Thompson Park.

Cadillac Ranch

Few miles west of Amarillo – off I-40

The Cadillac Ranch, located along historic Route 66 features ten assembled used Cadillac's representing the "Golden Age" of American Automobiles from 1949 through 1963. The graffiti-covered cars are half-buried, nose-down, facing west "at the same angle as the Cheops' pyramids."

Don Harrington Discovery Center & Space Theater

Harrington Regional Medical Center, 1200 Streit Drive

(806) 355-9547 – www.discoverycenteramarillo.org

Visitors can explore, tinker, create, and play their way through science at the Discovery Center, with over 55 hands-on exhibits and the only Space Theater in the Texas Panhandle.

Globe News Center for the Performing Arts

500 S. Buchanan St.

(806) 378-4297

Symphonies, Plays, Ballets, Concerts and many other activities are held at this location throughout the year.

Jack Sisemore Traveland RV Museum

14501 I-27

(806) 690-3377 – www.rvmuseum.net

The Sisemore's began restoring and collecting unusual vintage RV's over 25 years ago. This includes the Flexible Bus from the Robin Williams movie RV.

Kwahadi Museum of the American Indian Museum

9151 I-40 East

(806) 335-3175 – www.kwahadi.com

Heritage museum with exhibits on Native American culture & art, plus traditional dance performances.

Palo Duro Canyon State Park

11450 Park Road 5, Canyon – 25 miles SE of Amarillo via I-27 South to TX Highway 217.

(806) 488-2227 – www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/palo-duro-canyon

Travel the same trails used by Native Americans, early Spanish explorers, buffalo hunters and pioneers. Palo Duro Canyon is a canyon system of the Caprock Escarpment located in the Texas Panhandle near the cities of Amarillo and Canyon. As the second-largest canyon in the United States, it is roughly 120 mi long and has an average width of 6 mi, but reaches a width of 20 mi at places. Explore the canyon by foot, mountain bike, horse or car. We have more than 30 miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails. Camp, geocache, study nature or bird watch. During the summer, enjoy a performance of TEXAS Outdoor Musical.

Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

2503 4th Ave., Canyon

(806) 651-2244 – www.panhandleplains.org

Built in 1932, the original structure featured fine decorative stonework and carvings depicting western themes and Panhandle fauna in its façade.

Texas Air and Space Museum

10001 American Drive, near Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport

(806) 335-9159 – www.texasairandspacemuseum.org

A premier aviation museum honoring the servicemen, servicewomen, aviators and astronauts of northwest Texas. The museum displays civilian and military aircraft, as well as a wide range of air and space artifacts.

TEXAS musical drama

11450 State Hwy Park Rd 5, inside Palo Duro Canyon State Park

(806) 655-2181 – www.texas-show.com

An internationally-acclaimed historical production performed each summer in Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Over 4 million visitors have enjoyed this top-notch performance about the settling of the Texas Panhandle in the late 1800s.

Wildcat Bluff Nature Center

2301 N Soncy Rd.

(806) 352-6007 - www.wildcatbluff.org

A great place to hike at a 640 acre Nature Center driven by a mission to educate and inspire. A place to learn and grow.

Wonderland Amusement Park

Thompson Park, 2601 Dumas Drive

(806) 383-3344 – www.wonderlandpark.com

Wonderland Amusement Park is home to the Texas Tornado, one of the top-rated double-loop steel roller coasters in the country. With 25 plus rides and 32 attractions, Wonderland offers fun, food and fabulous entertainment for the entire family.