



Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center Opens Today

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World-class resort and convention center aiming to be Southwest's finest 'destination resort'

GRAPEVINE, Texas (May 7, 2004) – Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center on Lake Grapevine, a world-class, 1.3 million-square-foot resort and convention facility will welcome over 12,000 guests today in extravagant Texas tradition with headline entertainment in Grapevine, Texas.

Resort guests will have everything in one place – a signature feature of all Gaylord Hotels – including sister properties Gaylord Opryland Nashville and Gaylord Palms in Orlando. Just six minutes from Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, the luxurious destination resort will offer business and leisure the ultimate in comfort, high-tech amenities, fine dining and outstanding recreational opportunities – without leaving the property.

Nestled on a peninsula along picturesque Lake Grapevine, Gaylord Texan is pure Texas in décor and style. Beneath Gaylord's signature glass dome, visitors will find sophisticated guestrooms and suites immersed in the spirit of the Lone Star State, the rugged canyons of the Texas Hill Country, or San Antonio's festive Riverwalk. Guests will enjoy perfect weather year-round in climate-controlled atriums with acres of lush indoor gardens, winding pathways and sparkling waterfalls.

The state-of-the-art facility offers 1,511 guestrooms, including 141 luxury suites, all with custom furnishings, deluxe amenities and the latest technological conveniences. The Lone Star Tower – an intimate “hotel within a hotel” with 476 lavishly appointed guestrooms – is an ideal setting for smaller meetings.

With more than 400,000 square feet of pre-function, meeting, convention and exhibition space on one level, Gaylord Texan can accommodate groups from five to 5,000. There is 180,000 square feet of exhibition space, 70 breakout rooms, a 40,000-square-foot outdoor special-event lawn, and three ballrooms with 50,000, 32,200, and 3,200 square feet. On-site audio-visual and decorating companies, resort coordinators, and a full-service business center are also available to assist in making events run even more efficiently.

The resort offers world-class amenities including a 24,000 square-foot spa and salon, water sports, nearby championship golf, shopping, five unique restaurants, seven lounges, a \$5 million sports bar and Glass Cactus, a 1,000-seat entertainment venue to be completed in late 2005.

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