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Getting to Downtown Harlingen is easy.
It's just minutes from the I-69E / I-2 interchange or Valley International Airport and approximately 40 miles from South Padre Island, 35 miles from McAllen, and 25 miles from Brownsville.

Bring some friends and enjoy seeing the murals of Downtown Harlingen!

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Mural Locations In Downtown Harlingen

Harlingen has a long Mural tradition
Works from the 1940s and 50s are still on public display. Come see the many larger-than-life-size artworks that brighten the streets of historic Downtown Harlingen and decorate walls inside businesses*. Most portray aspects of Harlingen and Valley history and culture.

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20. Live to Inspire by Tam Lopez, 2018
305 W. Van Buren
Photo credit: Ekfrastik

417 W. Van Buren
Mexican Señor and Señorita and Longhorn Skull
Photo credit: Stefania Trimboli

In addition to murals, there are several locally-owned restaurants, great shops, galleries, and many helpful services in Downtown Harlingen. Parking is free, both on the street and in public lots.

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4. Welcome to Harlingen’s Downtown
by Chris Valdez, 2005
Rear wall of 207 W. Jackson
Created to greet visitors to the city center.

5. The Story of Bread
by Normah Knight, 1948
Inside 218 W. Jackson
Historical survey of breadmaking, from the field to the bakery to the finished loaf. Commissioned by the Holsum Baking Company for the lobby of its facility at 1500 W. Harrison and displayed there until the bakery closed in 1996.

8. Dia de los Muertos
by Eric Luplow, 2008
208 N. Commerce
This homage to local Day of the Dead ceremonies shows Katrina, the popular female skeleton figure, leading a parade of musicians and farmers through the city cemetery.

9. A Tribute to Bill Haley and His Comets
by John Aretakis, 2003
South wall of 202 W. Monroe
In July 1955 “Rock Around the Clock” by Bill Haley and his Comets was the first rock ‘n roll record to reach #1 on the pop charts and become an international hit. Haley (1925-1981) lived in Harlingen at the end of his career.

10. Tropical Rio Grande Valley
by Benjamin P. Varela and Celeste De Luna, 2007
North wall of 213 N. Commerce
Artwork celebrates the beauty and diversity of the region’s birds, with Black-bellied Whistling Ducks and other species in flight or hidden in the habitat.

11. Building a Community of Learners
by Phil Teh and community volunteers, 1997
East wall of 101 E. Monroe
From 1985-2000, Yeh toured the U.S. painting murals to call attention to illiteracy. Look for his trademark dinosaurs and other species in flight or hidden in the habitat.

13. Mid-Century Modern Mosaic
by Shirley Voekrodt, 1958
219 E. Jackson
Commissioned by architect John G. York when the building was remodeled for Harlingen National Bank. The mural’s geometric overlay of tiles in different colors complemented Yorks’ organization of the façade as a composition of planes.

14. From Here to Harlingen
by Tony Schaub, 2008
East wall of 209 E. Jackson
A landscape portrayal of local wildlife with a touch of imagination. Painted in recessed window openings, the images alter perception, making viewers look outside instead of in.

15. Tropical Playground of Texas
by John Aretakis, 2004
East wall of 123 E. Jackson
This colorful mural depicts Harlingen activities and attractions, including birding, fishing, golfing, and antiquing.

by Angel Hernandez, 2004
East wall of 103 W. Jackson
This mural, on the side of one of Harlingen’s first movie theatres, features images of mid-century Harlingen theatres, movie stars, and promotional posters.

17. Downtown Harlingen: Where the Past is Present
by Brett Oberthaler, 2013
West wall of 116 W. Van Buren
Each of the seven sections show a historic Downtown Harlingen building that has been repurposed to meet the needs of today’s marketplace. Painted in full color from historic black-and-white photographs.