**ACCOMMODATIONS**

(1) GRUENE MANSION INN - A premier boutique hotel with 33 guest rooms perched atop the Guadalupe River. Just a two-step away from Gruene Hall. 830-629-2641 gruene mansioninn.com

**ANTIQUES**

(2) BLACK SWAN ANTIQUES - Old World antiques & collectibles shipped directly from Europe — complimented by unique furnishings & gifts for the discerning shopper. Exclusive seller of Verbena Soap Company products.

(3) THE GRUENE ANTIQUE COMPANY - Over 6,500 sq. ft. of antiques, collectibles & décor. Housed in H.D. Gruene’s Texas Landmark mercantile building (circa 1904). 830-629-7781 grueneantiqueco.com

**RESTAURANTS, FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT**

(4) CANTINA DEL RIO - “Best Margarita in NB” 10 years running! Offering a wide range of tasty tacos, juicy burgers, sizzling fajitas, etc! Premium tequila, sangria & beer. Outdoor dining & bar. 830-515-1950 cantinaingruene.com

(5) FICKLE PICKLES - Handmade since 1981! As seen in Southern Living magazine & the Martha Stewart show. Complimentary samples in store. 830-627-8599

(6) GRISTMILL RIVER RESTAURANT & BAR - Since 1977. Unique Texas-style dining in an 1870s cotton gin beneath the water tower with beautiful dining decks on the Guadalupe River. 830-625-0994 gristmillrestaurant.com

(7) GRUENE COFFEE HAUS - Specialty micro-roaster & full espresso bar offering cold brew, fresh coffee by the cup & by the pound. Not just coffee! Open 7am-7pm. Come get roasted! 830-625-5557 gruenecoffee.com

(8) GRUENE HALL, TEXAS OLDEST DANCE HALL - Where legends like George Strait & Willie Nelson or newcomers like Midland & Maren Morris play! Live music every day! round. 830-606-1281 gruenehall.com

(9) MOZIE’S - Original food. Cool bar. Premium well liquors, sangria & craft beers on tap. All day menu of favorite American classics. Sports TV’s & air-conditioning! 830-615-1287 mozies.com

(10) THE GRUENE OLIVE TASTING ROOM - Sample over 50 different flavors of ultra premium virgin olive oil & balsamic vinegar from the tap. Great gifts. Private tasting parties available. 830-627-9087 grueneolive.com

**RIVER OUTFITTERS**

(11) ROCKIN’ R RIVER RIDES - Rafting, tubing, kayaking, paddleboarding, river gear, souvenirs, food/beverage, it’s all here! Catering, transportation, events, property rental, etc... On the Guadalupe & Comal Rivers. 1-800-55-FLOAT rockinr.com

**SPECIALTY SHOPS**

(12) CAYLOR FORGE - Hammer a souvenir with our blacksmiths. Anyone 3 or older can participate! Take a knife-making class. Shop handmade custom knives, leatherworks, woodworks, glassworks & more. caylorforge.com

(13) COTTON EYED JOE’S - Steeped in Gruene’s rustic atmosphere, you’ll find a large collection of Texas & Gruene-themed apparel & gifts for all ages. Women’s & exclusive Gruene Hall merch. shop.texassouvenirs.com

(14) DANCING BEAR - Gifts for all occasions & seasons, home & garden decor, scents & candles, jewelry & accessories, specialty foods & coffees. Inspirational, wine & western. Open daily! Visit our gardens! 830-629-2039

(15) ELEMENT 29 - There’s nothing ordinary about this boutique. Design-driven apparel, accessories, decor & more! Locally designed & printed infant wear & gifts, plus a half of uncommon socks. 830-625-2529 element29tx.com

(16) GALLERIE AT GRUENE - Contemporary fine art created by six local artists. Paintings, sculpture, pottery & handcrafted jewelry. 830-626-6250 gallerieatgruene.net

(17) GRUENE GENERAL STORE - Select from one of the 40 places to visit in Texas: soda fountain, homemade fudge, Texas foods, unusual gifts, books, cards, antiques, signs & fine & in a nostalgic setting. Open daily. 830-629-8201

(18) GRUENE HAT COMPANY - “The Best Little Hat House in Texas” offering customized cowboy hats for every style. Home of HD Gruene’s original bank vault, gruenehatco.com

(19) GRUENE MANSION INN - Fabulous fashions such as Ivy Jane, Johnny Was, Double D Ranch, YellowBox & many others. Offering the largest selection of Corral “Cowgirl” boots in town! Open daily. Like them on Facebook! 830-627-0612

(20) GRUENE OUTFITTERS - Specialty foods, dips & seasonings. Inspirational, wine & western. Open daily! Visit our gardens! 830-629-4900

(21) GRUENE WITH ENVY - Gifts for all occasions & seasons, home & garden decor, scents & candles, jewelry & accessories, specialty foods & coffees. Inspirational, wine & western. Open daily! Visit our gardens! 830-629-2039

(22) HUNTER JUNCTION - Large selection of wine from Texas & beyond, select craft beers on tap, gifts & good eats. Outdoor seating. Seasonal treats or interns. Live music most weekends. 830-626-5093 grapevinedub.com

(23) THE GREAT TEXAS PECAN CANDY CO. - Handmade pecan candies. 830-627-3343 texaspecancandy.com

(24) THE POMEGRANATE - Contemporary fine art created by six local artists. Paintings, sculpture, pottery & handcrafted jewelry. 830-626-6250 gallerieatgruene.net

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As the town continued to prosper, a new mercantile building (3) sprang up in 1904. However, the death of Henry D. in 1920 marked the downfall of Gruene’s development and good fortune. In 1922, the original cotton gin burned and was replaced down the road by a modern electric model (34). Yet, the economic disasters of the boll weevil and the Depression were too much for the family businesses and they went under, except for Gruene Hall, which never closed.

It was not until 1974–75, when much of the Gruene estate was sold, that new purchasers arrived. New businesses were established and all of Gruene was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Today, Gruene is once again a thriving community, and as citizens of Gruene, we welcome you to come out and walk around; enjoy our rich history. But most of all, enjoy your visit.