



ANNUAL EVENTS

SPRING

March - May

The Grand Kids Festival
FeatherFest Birding and Nature Photography Festival
Galveston Steampunk Festival
RailFest: Model Train Rally
Historic Homes Tour

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

High 75° F | Low 65° F
24° C | 18° C

SUMMER

June - August

Sandcastle Lessons
Galveston Island Revue Weekend
Juneteenth Celebrations
World Ocean Day
July 4th Festivities

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

High 85° F | Low 79° F
29° C | 26° C

FALL

September - November

Galveston Island Wine Festival
AIA Sandcastle Competition
Island Oktoberfest
ARToberFEST
Galveston Island Shrimp Festival
Lone Star Motorcycle Rally

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

High 78° F | Low 67° F
26° C | 19° C

WINTER

December - February

Holiday in the Gardens
The Polar Express Train Ride
Dickens on The Strand
Holiday Performances at The Grand 1894 Opera House
Galveston Museum Day
Mardi Gras! Galveston

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

High 62° F | Low 50° F
17° C | 10° C

RESOURCES & SUPPORT

TOP INTERNATIONAL MARKETS: CANADA, MEXICO & U.K.

MARKETING TOOLS (IMAGE & VIDEO LIBRARY)

FREE ONLINE TRAVEL AGENT DESTINATION TRAINING

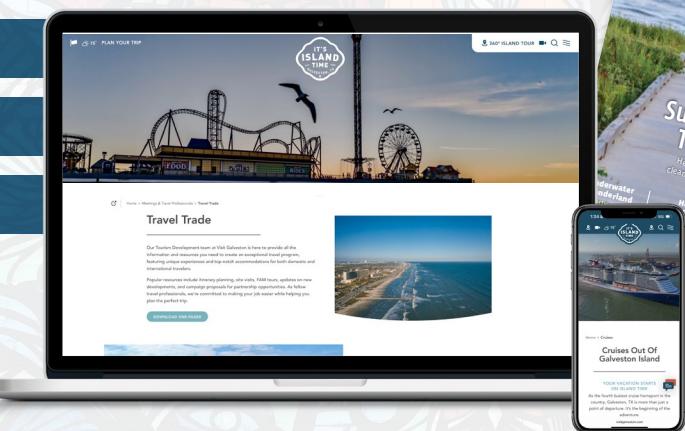
GROUP WELCOME AMENITIES

STEP-ON GUIDES AVAILABLE

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Galveston Island blends coastal charm, Victorian architecture, and incredible history with fresh Gulf seafood and Seawall strolls — here's the latest for your clients' next Texas getaway.

WHAT'S NEW

- Cruise Boost: **MSC Cruises**' new \$150 million terminal powers the nation's fourth-busiest cruise port.
- Hotel Glow-Ups: **Grand Galvez**, **The Tremont House**, and **Hilton Galveston Island Resort** newly renovated.
- Restored Retreat: **The Mansard House**, an adults-only stay, shines thanks to Restoring Galveston's Ashley and Michael Cordray.
- **Bay Queen Riverboat** paddlewheeler experience launches from the Historic Harbor, offering day cruises, happy hour sunset tours and private charters.
- The iconic **Tremont House Rooftop Bar** opens after a complete renovation, offering stunning unobstructed panoramic views from the ocean to the harbor.
- Awards abound, including a MICHELIN Key awarded to Luxury Bed & Breakfast **Carr Mansion** as well as a James Beard Award bestowed upon **Gaido's Seafood Restaurant**, known for its fresh Gulf seafood and legendary dining status.
- Galveston Island featured: **Matador Network**, the Guide to Adventure; entire episode of "Cheat Meal" television program; and episode of "PhotowalksTV with Jefferson Graham."
- **Wheel the World** completes comprehensive accessibility audit to promote accessible travel to Galveston Island.

COMING SOON

- Royal Caribbean announces the reigning record-holder for world's largest cruise ship, Icon of the Seas, will home-port in Galveston beginning in August 2027.
- More Cruises: **Norwegian Cruise Lines** begins sailing year-round from Galveston and **Disney Cruise Lines** follows with year-round sailings beginning in 2027.
- Battleship Texas, a veteran of WWI and WWII and the world's last surviving dreadnought battleship, will be permanently docked at Pier 15 after a complete transformation into a modern, compelling and technologically-advanced museum.



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THINGS TO DO

Average Stay: 3 Nights

FAMILY-FRIENDLY ATTRACTIONS

- Seek thrills and amusements at the [Galveston Island Historic Pleasure Pier](#) midway and [Schlitterbahn Waterpark](#).
- Discover 242 acres of nature, marine life and world-class accommodations at [Moody Gardens](#).
- Hop aboard the U.S.'s only immersive [Rainforest Café](#) river adventure ride boating experience.
- Try hands-on learning at 20+ island museums, including the [Galveston Children's Museum](#) and [Galveston Railroad Museum](#).

CULINARY ADVENTURE

- Dive into Galveston Island's culinary landscape, featuring fresh seafood, Tex-Mex fare, southern comfort food and beyond.
- Experience waterfront dining with picturesque waterfront views of the Gulf of Mexico and Galveston Historic Harbor.
- Sample local specialties like seafood gumbo, seafood boils and popular Gulf oysters.
- Indulge in craft cocktails and sweet treats at the island's newest culinary spots: [The Fancy, Sugar & Rye](#), [MarMo Café & Lounge](#) and [Vida Agave](#).

HISTORICAL TREASURES

- Discover the island's stunning architectural heritage, from Victorian mansions and historic cemetery and ghost tours to historic homes like 1892 [Bishop's Palace](#) and [Moody Mansion](#).
- Explore historic museums like the [Galveston Naval Museum](#), [The Bryan Museum](#), [Galveston Historic Seaport Museum](#) featuring the [1877 Tall Ship ELISSA](#) and more.

LIVE MUSIC & THEMED ENTERTAINMENT

- Beach cowboys, hold on tight for mechanical bull riding and country western dancing at [Buckshot Saloon](#).
- Cast away to [Pineapple Parlor](#), the tiki speakeasy serving up exotic cocktails with whimsical island vibes.
- Sing along at [23rd St. Piano Bar](#) and get into the groove with live jazz at [The Steakhouse at The San Luis Resort](#).

ARTS & CULTURE

- Discover the island's vibrant arts community through galleries, museums and live-entertainment venues.
- View local and regional artists' contemporary work at [Galveston Arts Center](#).
- Stroll the many art galleries of Postoffice Street in charming downtown.
- Catch live performances and music festivals showcasing diverse talents at [The Grand 1894 Opera House](#) and [Island East-End Theatre Company](#).

BEACH GETAWAYS

- Relax on Galveston's beautiful 32 miles of beaches, featuring warm Gulf waters with soft sand and rolling waves.
- Engage in watersport activities like [surfing](#), [stand-up paddleboarding \(SUP\)](#) and [kayaking](#). Enjoy many beachfront amenities, including beachside dining, live music and beach volleyball.
- Take in stunning waterfront sunsets and create lasting coastal memories.

NATURE & WILDLIFE

- Experience the island's diverse ecosystem including marshes, wetlands and coastal prairies.
- Spot migratory birds, dolphins, fish and many other wildlife by boat with a guided eco-tour from [Artist Boat](#).
- Book a private fishing charter to catch local Texas red snapper and tuna.
- Cruise Galveston Historic Harbor with [Baywatch Dolphin Tours](#) and discover the marine life native to Southeast Texas.

FROM GALVESTON ISLAND

IAH Airport	Downtown Houston	HOU Airport	NASA
71 mi 114km	47 mi 76km	40 mi 64km	32 mi 51km
Austin	San Antonio	Dallas	Fort Worth
216 mi 348km	250 mi 402km	289 mi 465km	312 mi 502km
New Orleans			
369 mi 594km			



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