

Galveston

The Greatest Island Of Texas



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Tour Summary

Galveston, a Gulf Coast island playground in Texas, was founded by a pirate and maintains an aura of romance and adventure through its predominantly Victorian architecture and myriad of fun activities. Besides splashing in the ocean, playing on the beaches, or taking boat tours, you can browse unique shops, visit fascinating museums and historic mansions, or go to a concert. The kids and their parents will love the Schlitterbahn water amusement park and Moody Gardens, home of a rainforest, an aquarium, an IMAX theater, and a 4-D show. You'll never run out of great things to do in Galveston!

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Galveston Overview





Galveston is a Gulf Coast playground with 32 miles of beaches, just a short distance south of Houston. Each year, 5 million tourists flock to the island's multitude of attractions.



Founded by pirate and Revolutionary War hero Jean Lafitte, the important port was once a major immigration entry point and a commercial hub.



Virtually destroyed by a hurricane in 1900, Galveston now sits as an engineering and rebirth miracle after the entire island was raised several feet and the city re-established. A commemorative sculpture on

the seawall is dedicated to the memory of those who perished and to the tenacity of those who survived.



As an island, Galveston has much to offer water lovers. Besides playing on the beach, you can take a harbor or dolphin-seeking boat tour...



...visit the only original tall ship in existence, go kayaking, charter a deep-sea boat for fishing and diving, catch a cruise ship, or just watch all the busy commerce in the harbor.



Landlubbers can explore nature and birding trails, browse the nearly 100 shops, restaurants, and galleries in the historic Strand district, or visit the Railroad, Aviation, or Offshore Oil museums.



For kids of all ages, Moody Gardens and Schlitterbahn Waterpark provide tons of fun with exhibits and rides.



There are a number of fun transportation choices, including a sightseeing train or Segway Tours. We'll start our visit on the harbor side of the island, where trams are available.



Then we'll swing down the Strand, where you can ride a horse-drawn carriage or catch a trolley across the island, or just as far as the next phase of our route...



...the Broadway Street mansions. Then we'll head to the seawall where you can stroll or peddle down the beaches, or maybe go on a Duck Tour!



We'll finish up on the West End with the flight museum, a water park, and Moody Gardens, the top tourist attraction and family destination of the area.

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