

Visit GALVESTON

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.



AN
ISLAND
APART



Moody Gardens



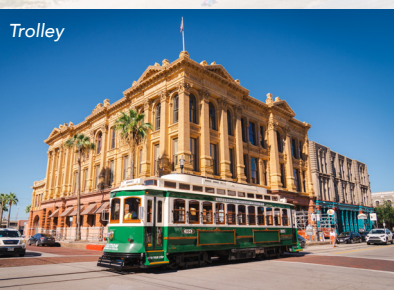
Scallywag Air



Bishop's Palace



The Bryan Museum



Trolley



Birding Paradise

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

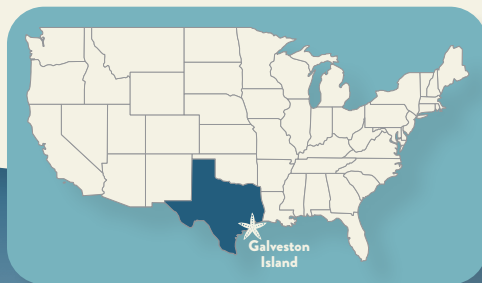
- Relax on Galveston's beautiful 32 miles of beaches, featuring warm Gulf waters with soft sand and rolling waves.
- Engage in watersport activities like **surfing, stand-up paddleboarding (SUP) and kayaking**. Enjoy many beachfront amenities, including beachside dining, live music and beach volleyball.
- 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 71 mi 114km	Downtown Houston 47 mi 76km	HOU Airport 40 mi 64km	NASA 32 mi 51km	
Austin 216 mi 348km	San Antonio 250 mi 402km	Dallas 289 mi 465km	Fort Worth 312 mi 502km	New Orleans 369 mi 594km



GALVESTON ISLAND



Cruise Terminal

Ferry Terminal



THE GULF

LET'S CRUISE – PORT OF GALVESTON

- Galveston Island is home to the fourth-busiest cruise port in the United States, including seven cruise lines: **Royal Caribbean**, **Norwegian**, **Disney**, **Princess**, **Carnival**, **MSC Cruises** and **Regent Seven Seas Cruises**.
- Royal Caribbean's new \$125 million terminal is home to some of the largest cruise ships in the cruise line's fleet. Carnival Cruise Lines' newest new-build ship in the fleet, Excel-class Jubilee, set sail from Galveston in December 2023.
- Avoid traffic delays and extend your cruise vacation by arriving early – or staying late. Take time to discover Galveston's beautiful natural resources, rich history and delectable fresh gulf seafood. The cruise terminal is just steps away from Galveston's **Historic Downtown District**.



Port Of Galveston

LUXURY TRAVEL

- Upscale AAA-rated hotels, including **Grand Galvez Hotel & Spa**, **The San Luis Resort**, **Moody Gardens Hotel** and **The Tremont House**. MICHELIN Key-awarded **Carr Mansion** takes the prize as bed and breakfast extraordinaire.
- Revel in luxury in one-of-five 800 square foot private bungalows at The Villas at the iconic San Luis Resort. Guests have the option to upgrade their travel arrangements and arrive via luxury helicopter, limousine or Bentley.
- Unwind at the luxurious **Grand Galvez Hotel and Spa** with a poolside cabana, spa treatments or lavish Sunday brunch.
- Galveston Island has more than 4,000 **vacation rentals** to choose from, including multi-million-dollar homes featuring beachfront views, sparkling swimming pools and gourmet kitchens with private chefs by request.



The San Luis Resort

Clarendon House



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

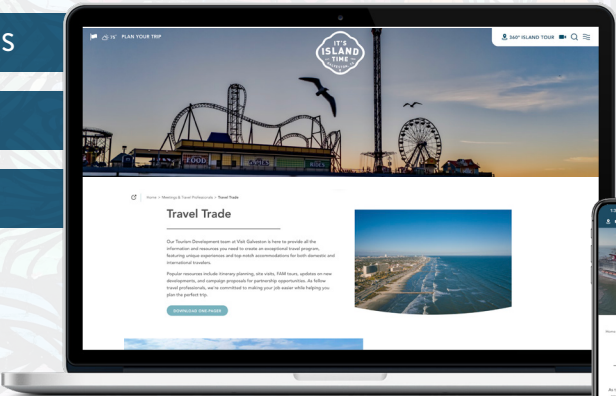
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