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## **PREFACE**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Harris County Precinct 4's Senior Adult Program provides resource information, advocacy, and educational and recreational transportation to Harris County Precinct 4 residents 50 years, and better. Special events, and programs are also provided at little or no cost to older adults.

### **DISCLAIMER**

The following list of day trip destinations is meant as a planning tool only, and is not a list of endorsements or recommendations. Before planning any trip, it is recommended that you verify bus accessibility, driving directions, phone numbers, times, days, cost, and location. Participants pay all event fees, plus additional fees as determined by their group and/or coordinator. We welcome additional ideas, opinions, information and, of course, corrections. Please contact the Senior Adult Program Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (281) 893-3726.

# PART 1

## Cities and Towns

### Alto

Chamber of Commerce (936) 858-1000

**CADDOAN MOUNDS STATE HISTORIC SITE:** (936) 858-3218

A chief archaeological site in Texas. Park includes full-size replica of Caddoan house built with Stone-Age type tools. Showcases two ceremonial mounds with remains of ancient Indian culture, exhibits, and an interpretive trail.

**DAVY CROCKETT NATIONAL FOREST** (936) 655-2299

**MISSION TEJAS STATE HISTORIC PARK:** (936) 687-2394

Commemorative structure of Mission San Francisco De Los Tejas. First Spanish Mission in East Texas established in 1690.

### Alvin

Chamber of Commerce (800) 331-4063

**BAYOU WILDLIFE PARK:** (281) 337-6376

Ride a tram across 86 acres of natural habitat where a variety of birds and exotic wildlife roam freely.

**FROBERG FARMS:** (281) 585-3531

The Froberg family farm is run by third generation Frobergs. The farm grows strawberries, blackberries, Satsuma oranges, persimmons, figs, and all kinds of vegetables, all are picked fresh every day. Note: 20 or 26 passenger bus only due to incline over railroad crossing.

**NOLAN RYAN CENTER:** (281) 388-1134

Nolan Ryan was selected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame by the Baseball Writers Association of America on January 5, 1999 in his first year of eligibility. In the fall of 1996, the \$1.2 million Nolan Ryan Center was completed and donated to Alvin Community College with space leased within the building for the Nolan Ryan Exhibit which opened in early 1999.

**SHIMEK GARDENS:** (281) 331-4395

Over 750 different types of daylilies and hundreds of roses span these country acres. Peak season is May through June.

### Anahuac

Chamber of Commerce

(409) 267-4190

**ANAHUAC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE:**

(409) 267-3337

More than 35,000-acre marshland refuge. Some of the rarest birds, such as the yellow rail, can be found here.

**CHAMBERS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MUSEUM:**

(409) 267-8363

Exhibits of local and pioneer history and archaeology provide a general history of Chambers County.

## Angleton

Chamber of Commerce

(979) 849-6443

**BRAZORIA COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM:**

(979) 864-1208

The Brazoria County Historical Museum is located in the heart of Stephen F. Austin's colony where Texas began its emergence as an independent nation.

**STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATUE & VISITOR'S CENTER:**

(979) 239-8718

This 72 foot tall statue stands along State Highway 288 as a tribute to the Father of Texas, Stephen F. Austin. This site also offers Henry William Munson Park with its Texas-shaped lake featuring a "Walk of Honor" that pays tribute to county residents who have made a significant impact on the area and the state.

## Bastrop

Chamber of Commerce

(512) 321-2419

**BASTROP COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM**

(512) 303-0057

**BASTROP GARDENS:**

(512) 303-5672

An organic pick your own fruit farm with a variety of plants, trees, shrubs, veggies, and herbs.

**BASTROP STATE PARK**

(512) 321-2101

## Bay City

Convention & Visitors Bureau

(800) 806-8333

**MARKET DAY ON THE SQUARE:**

(979) 245-8333

Market Days on the Square is a monthly event in downtown Bay City. Market Days is around the Bay City Courthouse Square. Market Days draws more than 100 vendors from across the state and thousands of visitors.

**MATAGORDA COUNTY MUSEUM:**

(979) 245-7502

The Matagorda County Museum and the Palacios Area Historical Museum are two of the seven La Salle Odyssey museums selected to tell the tragic story of La Salle's expedition. Each museum features a portion of the larger story.

**SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT ELECTRIC GENERATING STATION:** (361) 972-7521

The South Texas Project Electric Generating Station was the first nuclear power plant in Texas, beginning operation in 1988. In 1996, the two South Texas units were two of the top 20 electricity-generating nuclear units worldwide.

## Baytown

Chamber of Commerce

(281) 422-8359

**BAYTOWN HISTORICAL MUSEUM:**

(281) 427-8768

Established inside the old Goose Creek Post Office, the museum is part of the Bay Area Heritage Society. It features Native American, Spanish, Mexican, Republic of Texas, and Baytown industrial exhibits and artifacts. Admission is free. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**BAYTOWN LITTLE THEATER:**

(281) 424-7617

Various theater productions.

**BAYTOWN NATURE CENTER:**

(281) 932-1972

Over 450 acres of peninsula surrounded by three bays, this piece of wetlands serves as home to over 300 species of birds and includes a nursery area for various aquatic species. This site is also an official stop on the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail. Gates open 30 minutes before sunrise and close 30 minutes after sunset. Admission is \$3 per person for adults.

**BICENTENNIAL PARK & VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK:**

(281) 420-6597

This park features an outdoor theater and a memorial dedicated to those from Baytown who have served our country. It is a popular site for many outdoor activities and events.

**EDDIE V. GRAY WETLANDS CENTER:**

(281) 420-7140

Located on the banks of historic Goose Creek, the educational and recreational center includes science and computer labs, exhibit area, and is host to many ongoing educational programs. Open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., except holidays. Admission is free.

**FRED HARTMAN BRIDGE:**

A definite must-see! The longest cable-stayed bridge in the state of Texas. The bridge is named after Fred Hartman, the editor and publisher of the *Baytown Sun* from 1950 to 1974, and spans the Houston Ship Channel and supports State Highway 146. Its twin diamond towers, each the equivalent of a 45-story-building, can be seen from miles away.

**REPUBLIC OF TEXAS PLAZA:**

(281) 420-2099

This Sesquicentennial Park features a statue of Ashbel Smith and is the site of 1896 Wooster School and the 1910 Brown McKay House; depicting life in Baytown prior to the discovery of oil. Sponsored by the Bay Area Heritage Society, group tours are available.

**WALLISVILLE HERITAGE PARK:** (409) 389-2252

A museum and genealogy library dedicated to Chambers County history, the park has often been described as one of Southeast Texas' best-kept secrets. The park displays artifacts of the Spanish Nuestra Senora de la Luz and Presidio San Augustin de Ahumada. Open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

**YEPEZ VINEYARDS:** (281) 573-4139

This family owned and operated 20-acre vineyard features picnic areas, indoor/outdoor seating, entertainment, and a faux adobe house complete with a hand-press. Several selections of wines are available by the glass or bottle. The vineyard is also available for special events and private tastings by appointment. Open to the public Friday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Beaumont

**Convention & Visitors Bureau** (409) 838-6581

**ART MUSEUM OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS:** (409) 832-3432

The Art Museum of Southeast Texas presents rotating exhibits year round, with a focus on 19<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup> Century American fine and folk art and an emphasis on regionalism. Café Arts serves lunch weekdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Gift shop. Closed major holidays. Free admission.

**BABE ZAHARIAS MEMORIAL MUSEUM:** (409) 833-4622

Displays golfing trophies, artifacts and memorabilia honoring Babe Zaharias, considered to be one of the great athletes of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**BEAUMONT BOTANICAL GARDENS:** (409) 842-3135

This 23.5-acre public garden is home of the Bert and Jack Binks Horticultural Center and the Warren Loose Conservatory. Numerous themed gardens are connected by a paved "Friendship Walk" that allows easy access for strollers and wheelchairs. The garden is open daily from dawn to dusk, conservatory entrance by fee.

**BIG THICKET NATIONAL PRESERVES:** (409) 951-6725

Programs include guided hikes, talks, boat tours, and canoe trips.

**CARDINAL NECHES RIVER ADVENTURES:** (409) 880-8907

Take a relaxing cruise on the Neches River to learn about the culture and unique ecosystems just north of Beaumont. Ride on the comfortable and handicapped-accessible Cardinal boat to explore the home of more than 200 tree species, 47 mammals, 300 birds, and many reptiles and amphibians. Charter trips leaving from the Riverfront Park in downtown Beaumont are available year-round.

- CHAMBERS HOUSE MUSEUM:** (409) 832-4010  
Built in 1906, the Chambers family bought the home in 1914. C. Homer and Edith Fuller Chambers and their daughters, Ruth and Florence, lived in the house for nearly 100 years without changing the house or furnishings. The daughters never married and remained in the home until the youngest passed away in 2004. Interpreting the years 1920-1945, the collection includes all of the original family furniture artifacts.
- CLIFTON STEAMBOAT MUSEUM** (409) 840-9334
- EDISON MUSEUM:** (409) 981-3089  
Includes the first newspaper printed on a moving train by Thomas Edison at age 15.
- FIRE MUSEUM OF TEXAS:** (409) 880-3927  
Antique horse-drawn and motorized fire equipment.
- GATOR COUNTRY:** (409) 794-9453  
With over 300 alligators, Caymans, and crocodiles, Gator Country offers every guest a hands-on-experience. Help feed live gators and take home a picture to prove it. The park specializes in the rescue and preservation of alligators while also providing educational demonstrations about their beloved reptiles.
- JOHN JAY FRENCH MUSEUM:** (409) 898-0348  
The John Jay French house demonstrates the daily life of a prosperous Texas Frontiersman and his family from 1845-1865. The museum includes a blacksmith shop, tannery, washhouse, smokehouse, and family cemetery. The house is one of the first two-story, painted houses and is one of the oldest surviving homes on the Texas Gulf.
- McFADDIN-WARD HOUSE:** (409) 832-2134  
Built between 1905-1906, in the striking and distinctive Beaux-Arts Colonial style, the structure and its furnishings reflect the lifestyle of the prominent family who lived in the house for 75 years.
- SAINT ANTHONY ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL BASILICA:** (409) 833-6433  
Designated a Minor Basilica in 2006 by Pope Benedict XVI, St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica is nicknamed the “Little Vatican” due to its opulent style and design. Be inspired by its many area treasures, including a soaring dome depicting the glory of heaven, and Carrara marble altar.
- SPINDLETOP-GLADYS CITY BOOMTOWN:** (409) 835-0823  
Step back in history visiting 15 historic buildings depicting Gladys City, an oil town by the Lucas Gusher in 1901. Gain valuable insight in the oil industry from its infancy through the development of the petrochemical industry in Southeast Texas. The museum is located on the Lamar University campus. Visit the gift shop that provides photographs, post cards, books, Texas grown preserves, and souvenirs of Texas.
- TEXAS ENERGY MUSEUM:** (409) 833-5100  
This is the definitive exhibit on the Texas oil industry: Unlocking the Energy of Oil! This museum’s exhibits are designed to thrill, educate and enlighten all ages. See cinematic robots that depict three generations of an oil-field family. Historical characters share the

captivating story of the 1901 Spindletop gusher that blew and started the petrochemical age.

**TYRRELL HISTORICAL LIBRARY:** (409) 833-2759

This Romanesque-Gothic Baptist church built in 1903 was converted to a public library in 1926 and was restored in 1990. Currently it houses thousands of books on Texas history, genealogical research resources, and art collections making the library a valuable research center in southeast Texas. The library's impressive volumes include U.S. Census records dating to 1790, historic photographs, old city directories, yearbooks, scrapbooks, and newspapers on microfilm.

## Bellville

[Bellville Chamber of Commerce](#) (979) 865-3407

**BELLVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** (979) 865-3530

Guided group tours of Bellville are available by reservation.

**LAVANDE:** (713) 715-8392

A lavender farm and olive orchard between Bellville and Chappell Hill. There are over 3,500 lavender plants and 150 olive trees. Visit the Pavilion Guest Center and gift store. Call for group tours.

**NEWMAN'S BAKERY:** (979) 865-9804

Sandwiches and bakery items

**NEWMAN'S CASTLE:** (979) 865-9804

Travel back to mid-evil times. Tour a real castle, hike the moat, walk the drawbridge, and then solve a mystery at the Mystery Dinner Theater in the castle!

## Brazoria

[Chamber of Commerce](#) (979) 798-6100

**BRAZORIA HERITAGE FOUNDATION:** (979) 798-6100

Located in the classrooms of a 1933 Elementary School with the Brazoria Community Museum, the museum features an African-American Room, Environmental Room, and ranching exhibits and agricultural facts from the area.

**GULF PRAIRIE CEMETERY AND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:** (979) 798-6100

Located at Peach Point Plantation, which was the home of Stephen F. Austin's sister, Emily Austin Bryan Perry's family. She was Stephen F. Austin's sister. Stephen F Austin's original tomb and burial site is located in the cemetery.

**JORDAN PLANTATION:**

Levi Jordan, who fought in the War of 1812, was an orphan. Yet, after coming to Texas with 100 slaves in the late 1840s, he came to be regarded as the third richest man in what would become Brazoria County.

**McCROSKY CABIN 1824:**

The McCroskey House, a restored log cabin, is said to date back to 1824, making it the oldest structure still standing in Brazoria County.

**Brazosport** (Includes Clute, Freeport, Lake Jackson, and Surfside)

Clute Visitors Bureau (888) 462-5882

**BRAZORIA AND SAN BERNARD WILDLIFE REFUGE:** (979) 849-6062

Opportunities for wildlife observation, fishing, hiking, and photography. Wildlife can be observed from an auto tour, observation platform, birding trails, or a boardwalk.

**BRAZOSPORT ART LEAGUE GALLERY:** (979) 265-7971

Exhibits change every five to six weeks. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and during Center Stages performances. The art shop sells original artwork, cards, ceramics, jewelry, miniature paintings stationary, and other small gift items. Free admission.

**BRAZOSPORT CENTER STAGES:** (979) 265-7661

Oldest community theater on the Gulf Coast in continuous production, BCS has five to six productions each season including plays and musicals. Each production includes four evening performances and two Sunday matinee performances.

**BRAZOSPORT MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE:** (979) 265-7831

Local natural history museum which includes malacology, paleontology, wildlife, minerals, archaeology, fossils, and quite a variety of items and collections displayed in curio-cabinet fashion. With the largest seashell collection in the south, this museum is rated one of the ten best in Texas by Frommer's Travel Guide. Open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. and during Center Stages performances. Free admission. Please call to ensure docent for groups of 10 or more.

**BRAZOSPORT NATURE CENTER AND PLANETARIUM:** (979) 265-3376

Space exploration wall with NASA TV, and interactive computer stations and displays are located in the Planetarium lobby. Gift shop items include the latest in astronomy books, supplies and gifts for all ages. Lobby is open to the public Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and before Planetarium shows on Tuesdays at 7 p.m., at no charge while school is in session.

**BRAZOSPORT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** (877) 265-7661

The Brazosport Symphony Orchestra is comprised of volunteers and professional musicians from local community and neighboring cities. The Orchestra produces six major concerts each year: the Family concert, Pops concert, Holiday concert, and three subscription concerts. Performances are at The Clarion Concert Hall at Brazosport College.

**CENTER FOR THE ARTS & SCIENCES:** (979) 265-7661

Includes an art gallery and studio, natural science museum, planetarium, two theaters, and a nature trail. The museum is home to the largest seashell collection in the south.

**CLARION AT BRAZOSPORT COLLEGE, THE:** (979) 230-3156

A magnificent 600-seat performance hall designed to meet the highest acoustical standards for today's live music performances. The clarion features a wide variety of musical programming including classical, jazz, country, and pop.

**DR. FREEMAN'S ANTIQUE DENTAL MUSEUM:** (979) 297-0633

The museum features an extensive collection of dental equipment from the mid-1800s to the early 1900s. The exterior has been remodeled to represent a dentist's office at the turn of the century.

**GULF COAST BIRD OBSERVATORY:** (979) 480-0999

Coordinates research on migrating and resident birds. A research and conservation organization, one of several such observatories operated throughout the Western Hemisphere.

**LAKE JACKSON HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** (979) 297-1570

Chronicles the history of Lake Jackson through interactive exhibits and high tech displays. Four heritages are explored: the prehistoric and plantation eras, the petrochemical industry, and the birth and growth of modern Lake Jackson.

**SEA CENTER TEXAS:** (979) 292-0100

See saltwater aquariums that showcase the diversity of the Texas Gulf Coast and tour the redfish hatchery. View aquarium fish feedings every Wednesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m., visitor center hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; hatchery tours by reservation only; free admission and tours. Accessible for the mobility impaired.

**SURFSIDE MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL PARK** (979) 233-1531

## **Brenham**

**Washington County Convention & Visitors Bureau** (888) 273-6426

**ANTIQUÉ CAROUSEL:** (979) 836-7911

One of 12 carousels in Texas built specifically for traveling carnivals.

**ANTIQUÉ FIRE TRUCK MUSEUM:** (979) 836-3120

Antique fire trucks and artifacts.

**ANTIQUÉ ROSE EMPORIUM:** (979) 836-5548

Features eight acres of ornamental displays.

**BLUE BELL CREAMERIES:** (800) 327-8135

Tours of the well-known ice cream plant are available.

**BLUEBONNET POTTERY** (979) 289-3765

- BRENHAM BLUEBONNET OPRY:** (979) 836-4836  
The best entertainment in 50 miles is available every third Thursday of every month.
- BRENHAM HERITAGE MUSEUM:** (979) 830-8445  
Built by the Federal Government in 1915 to house the U.S. Post Office, the distinctive Classical Revival style building became the Brenham Heritage Museum in 1991. Its exhibits help to preserve area history and keep it intact for future generations. Traveling exhibits are displayed throughout the year. Visitors can view an 1879 Silsbee steam powered fire engine in an exterior showroom.
- CHAPPELL HILL LAVENDER FARM:** (979) 251-8114  
Stroll the lavender fields and sample culinary delights in The Lavender Patch gift shop. Cutting is allowed during the blooming season. Seasonal information is posted on the website. Tour groups of 12 or more are welcome by appointment. Wheelchair accessible. Free admission. Great restaurants nearby.
- CITADEL:** (800) 636-9463  
This elegant three-story hilltop country club was built in 1924.
- ELLISON'S GREENHOUSES:** (979) 836-0084  
Five acres of greenhouses feature year-round and seasonal flowers.
- HERITAGE HOME TOURS:** (888) 273-6426  
Tour the 1843 Giddings-Wilkin House and the 1869 Giddings-Stone Mansion.
- HISTORIC DOWNTOWN WALKING TOUR:** (888) 273-6426  
A 20-minute tour of Main Street and of Brenham's historic buildings.
- NUECES CANYON EQUESTRIAN CENTER:** (800) 925-5058  
Two-hour tour of Texas Longhorns and cutting horses.
- PLEASANT HILL WINERY:** (979) 830-8463  
Vineyards located in Brenham and Fort Davis with many grape varieties. Winery features a tasting room and gift shop. Open Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Groups of 15 or more may schedule a visit during the week for a tour and tasting of four wines.
- UNITY THEATRE:** (979) 830-1460  
A nonprofit theater corporation that provides live quality entertainment through presentation, participation, and training.
- WINDY WINERY:** (979) 836-3252  
Vineyard is located in historic Washington County near Independence, Texas with many grape varieties. Remodeled barn serves as the tasting room and gift shop. Open to the public Friday from noon to 5 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. The winery is available for special events and private tastings by appointment. Groups of 15 can schedule visits during the week.

# Bridge City

Chamber of Commerce

(409) 735-5671

## **NECHES WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA OBSERVATION PLATFORM:**

The 100-foot wheelchair accessible boardwalk is located on an old abandoned oil well drilling site. The platform overlooking the Sabine River marsh, allows visitors to see herons, egrets, ducks, and other wildlife in its natural habitat.

# Brookshire

Chamber of Commerce

(281) 375-8100

## **BROOKWOOD COMMUNITY:**

(281) 375-2158

A privately funded, self-supporting community for functionally-disabled adults who make and sell ceramics, garden sculptures, silk-screened notes and cards, and more at the gift shop.

## **BROOKWOOD HORTICULTURE:**

(281) 375-2158

Bedding, potted plants, and trees are sold on the premises.

## **CAFÉ AT BROOKWOOD, THE:**

(281) 375-2158

The functionally-disabled adults of the Brookwood Community serve gourmet lunches in a country tea room. Reservations are required.

## **WALLER COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM, THE:**

(281) 934-2826

This home, built in 1910, contains period furnishings, historic artifacts, documents, and interesting old photos.

# Bryan/College Station

Bryan-College Station Convention & Visitors Bureau

(800) 777-8292

## **BRAZOS VALLEY AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM:**

(979) 775-3961

The museum has three galleries that house displays chronicling African-American history, centered on the Brazos Valley. Scheduled tours are welcomed.

## **BRAZOS VALLEY MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY:**

(979) 776-2195

The museum's principal function is to increase public awareness of animals, plants, minerals, and human adaptation in the Brazos Valley today and in ages past.

## **CORNER OF TIMES ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES MALL**

(979) 822-7400

## **GEORGE BUSH PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY:**

(979) 691-4000

Commemorates George Bush's years in the White House

## **MESSINA-HOF WINERY & RESORT:**

(979) 778-9463

In a community steeped in tradition, Messina-Hof Winery & Resort has pioneered the Texas wine industry in creating wines of distinction.

**SANTA'S WONDERLAND:** (979) 690-7212  
A drive-through tour of over two million lights, features numerous designs and displays.  
Must call for group reservations.

**TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY:** (979) 845-5851  
Campus tours of various buildings are available.

**TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY HORTICULTURAL GARDENS:** (979) 845-3658  
This student-managed and maintained facility is a part of the T.A.M.U. Department of Horticultural Sciences. The walking path winds through the grounds for approximately one-eighth mile, with seating every 100 feet. The landscape and plant collection consists of over 1,000 specimens in 30 different planting areas.

## Burton

Washington County Convention & Visitors Bureau (888) 273-6426

**HISTORIC BURTON COTTON GIN:** (979) 289-3378  
Burton's National Landmark cotton gin dates from the early 1900s.

## Caldwell

Burleson County Chamber of Commerce (979) 567-0000

**BURLESON COUNTY CZECH HERITAGE MUSEUM:** (979) 567-1555  
Focuses on the history and culture of the Czech people and assists the public in understanding Czech heritage. Artifacts include paintings by Czech artists, Czech costumes, books, crystal, and hand-painted eggs.

**BURLESON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** (979) 567-7196  
Items and relics of area pioneers, plus exhibits about Fort Tenoxtitlan, a fort established by Mexico in 1830 to promote Mexican settlers and thwart Anglo-American colonists.

**HISTORIC HOMES TOUR:** (979) 567-7196  
Each Saturday a different home is open to the public.

**KOLACHE FESTIVAL:** (979) 567-0000  
Courthouse square in downtown Caldwell celebrates the community's Czech heritage. Live entertainment, Czech music, State of Texas Kolache Championship, antique auto show, arts and crafts, quilt show, and more. Held the second Saturday of September.

## Calvert

Chamber of Commerce (979) 364-2559

**ANTIQUÉ CENTER OF TEXAS, THE:**

A national historic district named for descendant of Lord Baltimore, Robert Calvert, plantation owner who donated the town site. City claims title of "Antique Center of Texas." Bed and breakfast accommodations offered in historic buildings.

## Cameron

Chamber of Commerce

(254) 697-4979

### **BRIDGES OF MILAM COUNTY:**

Some of the county's 100-plus steel bridges from the 1900 era are still in use today. Brushy Creek Bridge once spanned Brushy Creek south of Thorndale, was moved to Cameron's Wilson-Ledbetter Park. A bridge over Little River by Sugar Loaf Mountain is still in use.

### **CITY IN MINATURE:**

(254) 697-6119

John Johnson created a model of Cameron that recalls the town as it looked during the 1940s. The model includes the downtown area neighborhoods, water towers, bridges, and a working miniature railroad.

### **MAGNOLIA HOUSE:**

(254) 697-4395

Be sure to drive by this historic masterpiece. A fully-restored Victorian home of astonishing beauty has been the home of prominent citizens in Cameron for over a century. Built in 1895, every piece of lumber was handpicked for its rarity and beauty of grain.

### **MILAM COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM:**

(254) 697-4770

Housed in the restored county jail of 1895 complete with cells, shackles, and gallows tower. Exhibits pioneer farm and ranch equipment, rustic household furnishings, and Spartan fashions of the frontier.

## Carmine

Chamber of Commerce

(979) 278-4200

## Chappell Hill

Washington County Convention & Visitors Bureau

(888) 273-6426

### **CHAPPELL HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

(979) 836-6033

### **CHAPPELL HILL LAVENDER FARM:**

(979) 251-8114

This beautiful farm is nestled in the heart of bluebonnet country and is located just off of the Texas Independence Trail. Includes The Lavender Patch gift shop.

### **CHAPPELL HILL MUSEUM:**

(979) 836-6033

Historical depiction of Chappell Hill.

**CHAPPELL HILL SAUSAGE COMPANY** (979) 836-5830

**LAVANDE:** (713) 715-8392

A lavender farm and olive orchard between Bellville and Chappell Hill. There are over 3,500 lavender plants and 150 olive trees. Visit the Pavilion Guest Center and gift store. Call for group tours.

**SCARECROW FESTIVAL:** (800) 225-3695 or (979) 836-6033

Spend the day in our charming Historic Village enjoying music, food, fun, 120 arts and crafts booth, used book sale, and more. Held in October.

## Clear Lake

**Chamber of Commerce** (281) 488-7676

**ARMAND BAYOU NATURE CENTER:** (281) 474-2551

Contains trails through forest and prairie settings and an example of a 19<sup>th</sup> century working Martyn farm.

**BAY AREA HOUSTON CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU** (281) 338-0333

**CLEAR LAKE SYMPHONY:** (713) 639-0702

Bay Area musicians provide various musical experiences.

**SEW CONTEMPO CENTER:** (713) 373-7874

Sew Contempo is the oldest quilt store in the Houston Bay Area and sells and services all types of sewing and embroidery machines. Beautiful fabric, patterns, kits, accessories, and notions are also sold at the Center.

Clear Lake/NASA Store:

18203 Egret Bay Blvd

Houston, Texas 77058

(281) 333-5322 (option 1)

Email: [sewcontempo@sewcontempo.com](mailto:sewcontempo@sewcontempo.com)

Missouri City/Sugar Land Store:

6302 Highway 6, Suite S

Missouri City, Texas 77459

(281) 333-5322 (option 2)

## Cleveland

**Greater Chamber of Commerce** (281) 592-8786

**HILLTOP RESTAURANT AND HERB GARDEN:** (832) 397-4020

Flowers, ornamentals, and herbs adorn the garden while gourmet cuisine is served buffet-style in the restaurant that features lake-view seating and a terrace. “Traditional Lunch,” a signature event offered to groups of 15 or more Tuesday through Saturday—includes a tasting of the Hilltop specialty products, a guided tour of the herb garden, and a four-course plated luncheon with the chef in attendance to answer questions about the menu.

**RETREAT AT ARTESIAN LAKES, THE (formerly Chain-O-Lakes):** (832) 397-4008

Outdoor activities include fishing, canoeing, hiking on wooded nature trails, horseback riding, swimming, and disc golf. The resort also includes spa services, a 12-person hot-tub, a fitness room, and fruit, herb, and vegetable organic gardens.

# Coldspring

[Chamber of Commerce](#)

(936) 653-2184

## **1870 OLD TOWN COLDSRING:**

Host collection of historical buildings and memorabilia.

## **1887 JAIL MUSEUM:**

Historical jail housing memorabilia and original hanging noose.

## **HISTORIC COUNTY COURTHOUSE:**

Built in 1918.

## **HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SQUARE:**

Antique and other various shops built between 1916 and 1923.

## **MONUMENT HONORING SECOND TEXAS GOVERNOR, GEORGE T. WOOD:**

Home depicts the lifestyle of Governor George T. Wood; monument is located at the grave of Governor Wood.

## **UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:**

(936) 653-2287

Built in 1858, this sanctuary is the oldest continuously active Methodist Church in Texas.

# Columbus

[Convention & Visitors Bureau](#)

(877) 444-7339

## **1886 STAFFORD OPERA HOUSE**

(979) 732-5135

## **ANTIQUÉ SHOPPING:**

Numerous shops are available.

## **HISTORIC TOURS OF COLUMBUS**

(877) 444-7339

# Conroe

[Greater Conroe/Lake Conroe Convention and Visitors Bureau](#)

(936) 756-6644

## **7<sup>TH</sup> SQUADRON OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> CAVALRY REGIMENT:**

(877) 426-6763

Tour the Army Reserve base and apache helicopters. Tours must be arranged through the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

## **CAJUN CATFISH FESTIVAL:**

(800) 324-2604

Features more than 40 musical performances on four stages. Call or visit website for current schedule.

## **CRIGHTON THEATRE**

(936) 441-7469

## **HOPE FARMS GARDENS:**

(936) 264-1499

Located about eight miles east of Conroe. Hope Farms is open weekends to the public and to groups by appointment during the week during May each year. Hundreds of varieties of registered daylilies and perennials; some citrus and fruit trees and many varieties of ginger.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY HERITAGE MUSEUM** (936) 539-6873

**MONTGOMERY HISTORICAL HOMES TOUR:** (936) 597-6304  
See pre-Civil War homes maintained much as they were in the 1800s and still occupied by many of the original owners.

**OUTLETS at CONROE:** (936) 756-0999  
Designer brands at 30 to 70 percent off retail prices. Please call customer service to schedule bus tours and extra savings.

**OWEN THEATRE:** (936) 539-4090  
A newly renovated building owned by the City of Conroe and is a “State of the Art” facility seating 250 patrons. Home to the Crighton Players.

**QUILTER'S QUARTERS** (936) 756-7200

**SOUTHERN EMPRESS:** (936) 588-3000  
Day and evening cruises on Lake Conroe includes fine dining and entertainment aboard an authentic riverboat.

## Crockett

**Crockett Area Chamber of Commerce** (936) 544-2359

**CROCKETT DEPOT AND MUSEUM:** (936) 544-9520  
A 1909 railroad depot converted to a museum that offers exhibits relating to the history of Houston County, along with its cities and its 53 communities.

**DAVY CROCKETT NATIONAL FOREST** (936) 639-8501

**DAVY CROCKETT PARK** (936) 544-2359

**HISTORIC TOURS:**  
Personalized tour of historical homes dating back to the mid-1800s including:  
Downes-Aldrich House (936) 544-4804  
Monroe-Crook House (936) 544-5820  
Warfield House-Quilt Center (936) 544-4037

**HOUSTON COUNTY VISITORS CENTER & MUSEUM** (936) 544-9520

**PINEY WOODS FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION:** (936) 544-4276  
Entertainment with title singers, bands, musicals, comedies, and orchestras throughout the year. Call for a schedule of events.

**RATCLIFF LAKE RECREATIONAL AREA:** (936) 655-2299

Recreational area and the largest National Forest in Texas.

**TRINITY VALLEY PECAN FACTORY AND RANCH:** (936) 624-2036

This is a working cattle ranch including farming, oil and gas production, pecan orchard, pecan shelling and sales (during pecan season) Established in 1948.

## Cypress

**HOUSTON PREMIUM OUTLETS:** (281) 304-1670

Houston Premium Outlets features 145 luxury and name-brand stores.

## Danevang

**BLESSINGS HOTEL COFFEE SHOP:** (361) 588-6623

Serves breakfast and lunch. Call for reservations. Blessings is located 15 miles south of Danevang.

**CHRISTMAS PLATE COLLECTION:**

The Pioneer House museum features an exhibit of a complete collection of Bing & Grondahl Christmas plates from 1895 to 1996. The B & G Company produces a limited number of plates of a different design each Christmas season. This is one of a very few complete collections in the United States.

**DANEVANG CHURCH AND COMMUNITY HALL:**

The Community Hall was built in 1895; the original church was built in 1909 and destroyed in 1945. The current building was moved to Danevang in 1947.

**DANISH HERITAGE PRESERVATION SOCIETY:** (979) 578-0808

Group tours are available only on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays. A \$25 donation per person is required, with a guarantee of a minimum of 20 people. A Danish lunch is included.

**HERITAGE MUSEUM:**

The museum houses artifacts of the early Danish settlement, and contains exhibits pertaining to the agriculture of the area, weather observation, and the historic Danevang cemetery.

**PIONEER HOUSE:**

This early settler's 1898 house was moved to the museum site in 1993. It has been restored to its original configuration and reflects the lifestyle of the early Danish pioneers. The furnishings are of the pre-World War I period.

## Dickinson

**North Galveston County Chamber of Commerce** (281) 534-4380

**BAY AREA HARBOUR PLAYHOUSE:** (281) 337-SHOW

Opened in 1991, this marvelous historical theatre has become a center of community dramatic activity with live theatre productions and classes in performing arts for children, teen, and adults.

**DICKINSON FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS:** (281) 337-2795  
A walk-through event in the park features approximately two million lights on arches and ornaments.

## Dime Box

Giddings Chamber of Commerce (979) 542-3455

**DIME BOX MUSEUM:**

Artifacts recall the multi-cultural settlement of the community; exhibits include a pocket Communion Bible in Czech, a barber's chair, and other memorabilia.

## Eagle Lake

Chamber of Commerce (979) 234-2780

**HISTORIC HOME TOUR** (979) 234-2780

**PRAIRIE EDGE MUSEUM:** (979) 234-7442

## East/West Columbia

West Columbia Chamber of Commerce (979) 345-3921

**AMMON UNDERWOOD HOME:** (979) 345-3921

The oldest home in East Columbia shows how people lived in 1838.

**BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:** (979) 345-3921

Founded in 1840, this Protestant church is one of the oldest in the state.

**COLUMBIA HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** (979) 345-6125

Displays from the Republic era through the oil-boom days of the 1920s.

**PORCH SWING CANDLES:** (979) 345-4440

Using only non-lead wicks, Porch Swing Candles combines uniquely blended fragrance oils with a soft wax to provide richly scented candles.

**VARNER-HOGG PLANTATION STATE HISTORIC SITE:** (979) 345-4656

House and walking tours tell the story of the plantation's 134-year history from the Austin colony and antebellum sugar cane plantation to the oil fields in the 1920s. The site was donated to the state by Miss Ima Hogg in 1958, and features an 1830s mansion containing 19<sup>th</sup> century antiques as well as other historic structures. The site is open year round, Tuesday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Edna

Jackson County Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture (361) 782-7146

**TEXANA MUSEUM AND OLD JAIL HOUSE:**

(361) 782-5431

Exhibits include artifacts, art items, and documents pertaining to early life in area.

## El Campo

Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

(979) 543-2713

**DSG NURSERY:**

(979) 240-3500

Provides landscaping needs to all of its surrounding areas. National award-winning design team changing average yards into works of floral art!

**EL CAMPO AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM:**

(979) 578-9339

This museum preserves the history and heritage of African-American life and their contributions to our society and community.

**EL CAMPO MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY:**

(979) 543-6885

This museum boasts a collection of exotic and indigenous animals in dioramas of the natural habitats from the collection of the late Dr. E. A. Weiheimer and his family plus other local hunters. The collection was designed and assembled by museum volunteers with murals painted by members of the El Campo Art Association.

**ICM CLOTHING:**

(800) 987-9008

Take a tour of the Made in the U.S.A. clothing manufacturers Little Zazzy, Laura Dare, ICM Collections, and Tom & Jerry.

## Fayetteville

Chamber of Commerce:

(888) 575-4553

**FAYETTEVILLE AREA HERITAGE MUSEUM:**

(979) 378-2378

Memorabilia, artifacts, and bits of local Fayetteville history on the Square

## Flatonia

Chamber of Commerce

(361) 865-3920

**E. A. ARNIM MUSEUM:**

Sights and sounds of the German/Czech culture; egg processing, sausage facility and working dairy; gift and antique shops; mercantile store and custom boot maker; old city jail and historical buildings; St. Mary's Catholic Church; Praha: One of the painted churches; train interlock and manned switching tower.

## Friendswood

**HOPE VILLAGE RESALE SHOP:**

(281) 996-7045

Hope Village is a non-profit residential facility and support service for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**VILLAGE TEA ROOM & CAFE:** (281) 482-6271

The café provides employment opportunities in which the Hope Village residents work as wait staff, and table bussers with community volunteers serving as hostesses. Professional chef John serves wonderful daily specials, soups, salads, sandwiches, and desserts.

## Galveston

**Chamber of Commerce** (409) 763-5326

**1839 WILLIAMS HOME:** (409) 765-1839

One of the oldest homes in Galveston.

**1847 POWHATAN HOUSE:** (409) 763-0077

One of Texas' most beautiful Greek revival period homes.

**ASHTON VILLA:** (409) 762-3933

The first of Galveston's great mansions that was built in 1859.

**BAYWATCH DOLPHIN TOURS:** (832) 859-4557

Fun and informative dolphin safe boat tours.

**BISHOPS PALACE:** (409) 762-2475

Galveston's grandest and best-known building, the Bishop's Palace is an ornate delight of colored stone, intricately carved ornaments, rare woods, stained-glass windows, bronze dragons and other sculptures, luxury materials and furnishings, and impressive fireplaces from around the world.

**BOLIVAR FERRY:** (409) 795-2230

A free ferry service offered between Galveston and Point Bolivar.

**COLONEL PADDLEWHEEL BOAT:** (409) 744-4673

Experience the elegance and romance of the paddlewheel from a bygone era aboard the Colonel, a triple deck sternwheeler.

**DICKENS ON THE STRAND:** (409) 765-7834

Dickens on the Strand offers you an enchanted journey through history as a bustling 19<sup>th</sup> century cityscape the first Saturday and Sunday of December each year.

**FEATHERFEST:** (832) 459-5533

Mark your calendar now to attend one of the largest birding festivals in Texas! Unique outdoor adventures amid more than 200 species of birds are in store for all ages.

**GALVESTON AND TEXAS HISTORY CENTER:** (409) 763-8854

The Galveston and Texas History Center's primary mission is to collect, preserve, organize, and service materials that document the history of Galveston and Texas. Its secondary mission includes documenting the community through oral history, conducting public programming relating to the history of Galveston, and fostering professional development of its staff. Hours of operation: Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**GALVESTON ART LEAGUE:** (409) 621-1008

A membership gallery with members from Galveston and the surrounding area. Work in all mediums. Open Thursday through Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

**GALVESTON ARTS CENTER:** (409) 763-2403

Works of major and local artists in all mediums are on display.

**GALVESTON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** (409) 766-2340

Depicts scenes of Galveston's past.

**GALVESTON HARBOR TOURS:** (409) 765-8687

See Galveston Harbor up close aboard Seagull II on an hour long boat tour.

**GALVESTON HISTORICAL CHURCHES DISTRICT** (409) 763-7080

**GALVESTON HISTORICAL FOUNDATION** (409) 765-7834

**GALVESTON ISLAND CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU** (888) GAL-ISLE

**GALVESTON ISLAND DUCK TOURS:** (409) 621-4771

The Galveston Duck Tour is a unique way to see Galveston Island.

**GALVESTON ISLAND RAILROAD MUSEUM:** (409) 765-5700

One of the Southwest's largest train museums with over 40 railway cars.

**GALVESTON ISLAND TOURS:** (409) 765-8687

Step-on guides board tour vehicle for a driving tour of Galveston.

**GALVESTON ISLAND TREASURE TOUR TRAIN:** (409) 765-9564

Enjoy a 1¾ hour, 17-mile narrated tour around Galveston Island on a sightseeing train. This fun ride covers both old and new Galveston.

**GALVESTON ISLAND TROLLEY:** (409) 797-3900

Turn-of-the-century-style trolley cars operate along a 4.7-mile route.

**GALVESTON ISLAND VISITORS GUIDE:** (888) GAL-ISLE

Visit [www.galveston.com](http://www.galveston.com) for a complete listing of activities.

**GHOST TOURS OF GALVESTON:** (832) 892-7419

Galveston Island's first, foremost, and original haunted historical walking tour.

**GRAND 1894 OPERA HOUSE, THE:** (409) 765-1894

The Grand is one of the few remaining theatres of its era in Texas and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. As further recognition of its importance to the citizens of Texas, in 1993 the 73<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature proclaimed The Grand “The Official Opera House of Texas.”

**HARBOR HOUSE AT PIER 21** (409) 763-3321

**HISTORIC DOWNTOWN STRAND & SEAPORT:** (409) 740-7722

Once known as the “Wall Street of the Southwest,” Galveston’s famed avenue, The Strand, anchors the historic downtown. Recognized as a National Historic Landmark for its outstanding collection for 19<sup>th</sup> century architecture.

**HISTORIC HOMES TOUR:** (409) 765-7834

Every year, in order to showcase the continuing success of the city’s revitalization efforts, Galveston Historical Foundation opens a diverse collection of restored homes and other buildings to the public during the first two weekends in May.

**ISLAND EAST-END THEATRE COMPANY:** (409) 762-3556

Island ETC (East-end Theatre Company) is a live performance theatre located in the Historic Downtown Strand area. ETC is a historic theatre that provides an intimate setting for all our productions. All ETC performances are Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

**JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION:** (888) 425-4753

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. From its Galveston, Texas origin in 1865, the observance of June 19 as the African-American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond.

**LONE STAR FLIGHT MUSEUM:** (409) 740-7722

The Lone Star Flight Museum is home to one of the finest collections of restored aircraft and aviation exhibits in the nation. The museum is open every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Thanksgiving and Christmas day.

**MARDI GRAS GALVESTON:**

Don’t miss the revelry at Mardi Gras! Galveston! The island comes alive with 11 extravagant parades, more than 50 galas and festive events, bead throwing, exhibits and live entertainment.

**MARDI GRAS MUSEUM:**

The Mardi Gras Museum is a tribute to past and present celebrations of an Island tradition that began in 1867. It houses historical costumes and memorabilia dating to 1876, models, and photographs of the Arches for Galveston project, and space for rotating exhibits.

**MOODY GARDENS:** (800) 582-4673

Looking for island fun? Work or play, this tropical destination is ideal for families and groups alike. Explore the Aquarium Pyramid®, Discovery Museum, Rainforest Pyramid or IMAX® 3D, 4D and Ridefilm theaters.

**MOODY GARDENS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS:** (800) 582-4673

As one of the largest holiday celebrations in the region, the Festival of Lights has become a holiday tradition for families and groups alike. Enjoy over one million lights, 100 sound-enhanced animated light displays and nightly live entertainment.

**MOODY MANSION AND MUSEUM:** (409) 740-7722  
This imposing 28,000-square-foot limestone and brick mansion has 32 rooms filled with opulent furnishings and heirlooms from one of Texas' most powerful families.

**MURDOCH'S BATH HOUSE:** (409) 762-7478  
Originally built in the late 1800s, the wood structure was constructed directly on the sand. Without the protection of a Seawall, the 1900 storm destroyed the bathhouse. Although the structure was rebuilt in 1901, the storms of 1909 and 1915 were so violent, that reconstruction was required after each. In 2008, Hurricane Ike destroyed Murdoch's, and in 2009, miraculously, a brand new, sparkling Murdoch's returned in its place

**OCEAN STAR OFFSHORE DRILLING RIG & MUSEUM:** (409) 766-7827  
This totally unique museum and learning center is located just one block off The Strand. Take a leisurely, self-guided tour through the retired Ocean Star jack-up rig which now serves as a museum and educational facility.

**ROSENBERG LIBRARY:** (409) 763-8854  
The Rosenberg Library, successor to the Galveston Mercantile Library that was founded in 1871, is the oldest public library in Texas in continuous operation.

**SAINT JOSEPH'S CHURCH:**  
A simple frame structure with rich Victorian Gothic interior built in 1859.

**SEAWOLF PARK:** (409) 797-5114  
Seawolf Park features a three-story pavilion, the USS CAVALLA (WWII submarine); the USS STEWART (destroyer escort – one of only three in the world); a fishing pier; and a playground.

**TEXAS SEAPORT MUSEUM & 1877 ELISSA MUSEUM:** (409) 763-1877  
Share the adventure of the high seas at the Texas Seaport Museum, home of the celebrated 1877 tall ship Elissa. Explore the decks of this floating national historic landmark which has also been designated one of America's Treasures.

**TREE SCULPTURES:** (888) 425-4753, ext. 144  
Whimsical sculptures have replaced the majestic oaks that once lined many neighborhood streets and shaded homes. Tucked into gardens and nestled in side yards the sculptures are there for the public to enjoy. Stop by the visitor information center to pick up a brochure.

## **Giddings/Serbin**

Chamber of Commerce (979) 542-3455

**TEXAS WENDISH HERITAGE SOCIETY:** (979) 366-2441

Preserving the history of the Texas Wends, Slavic immigrants from Lusatia, an area in East Germany.

**YUCCA DO NURSERY:** (979) 542-8811

## Hallettsville

Chamber of Commerce (361) 798-2662

**LAVACA COUNTY COURTHOUSE:**

Designed after the 1899 Allegheny County Courthouse in Pittsburgh, PA. See the original tile floor, artwork on vault doors, and the magnificent grand staircase.

**LAVACA HISTORICAL MUSEUM** (361) 798-4113

## Hearne

Hearne Area Chamber of Commerce (979) 279-2351

**CAMP HEARNE:** (979) 279-2351

This WWII prisoner internment camp (1942-1947) once housed as many as 5,000 prisoners and personnel. Period photos and remains of stone castles and fountains.

## Hempstead

Chamber of Commerce (979) 826-8217

**BLUEBONNET HERB FARM:** (979) 826-4290

Whether you are looking for that one of a kind, garden plants or accessories, or just a place to take in a good meal, Bluebonnet Herb Farms and The Garden Café offers one-stop shopping.

**DIORIO FARMS AND ROADSIDE MARKET:** (800) 460-2688

Good for a rest stop and fresh vegetables.

**FRAZIER'S ORNAMENTAL CONCRETE:** (979) 921-2906

Across from the farmers market, Frazier's sells yard art, fountains, etc.

**LIENDO PLANTATION:** (979) 826-3040

Built in 1853, Liendo is one of Texas' earliest cotton plantations.

**PECKERWOOD GARDEN FOUNDATION** (979) 826-3232

## Hockley

**OIL RANCH:** (281) 859-1616

A 56-acre ranch with train rides, gem stone mining, picnic areas, petting zoo, horseshoes, fishing, cow milking, Indian village, hayrides, and a swimming pool.

# Houston

Convention & Visitors Bureau (713) 437-5200

**1940 AIR TERMINAL MUSEUM, THE:** (713) 454-1940

The 1940 Air Terminal Museum is housed in Houston's original art-deco air terminal at William P. Hobby Airport. The Museum showcases the rich heritage of civil aviation including the airlines, general aviation, and business aviation.

**A.D. PLAYERS THEATRE:** (713) 526-2721

Presenting Christian and family-based values through multifaceted programming

**AFRICAN AMERICAN LIBRARY, THE:** (832) 393-1440

The first library of its kind in Houston, and one of the few African-American libraries in the country. It serves as a repository to preserve, promote, and celebrate the rich history and culture of African-Americans in Houston and the surrounding region.

**ALAMO DRAFTHOUSE CINEMA:** (281) 556-5200

The Alamo Drafthouse Cinema is now in Houston. A full menu of entrees and drinks is available while watching the movie.

**ALLEY THEATRE:** (713) 220-5700

Called "one of the most striking theaters in the world" by the *New York Times*.

**AMERICAN MUSEUM OF ARCHITECTURE:** (281) 649-3000

Located at Houston Baptist University. The museum includes a Texas "dog trot" log cabin, 1820s extensive doll collection, and a miniature furniture collection.

**ANTIQUE CENTER OF TEXAS:** (713) 688-4211

Texas' largest antique center.

**ART CAR MUSEUM:** (713) 861-5526

Open Wednesdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed major holidays. Admission is always free. The museum is located at 140 Heights Blvd. Please call ahead to accommodate large groups.

**BALLUNAR LIFTOFF FESTIVAL:** (281) 488-7676

Space Center Houston collaborates with the Clear Lake community to present this yearly tradition in October involving a platoon of more than 100 hot air balloons. Airborne competitions, sky diving, hang gliding, and air rescue, add to the entertainment.

**BAYOU BEND COLLECTION AND GARDENS:** (713) 639-7750

Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens, the magnificent home of Miss Ima Hogg and the treasure house for American decorative arts for the Museum of Fine Arts has one of the nation's premier collections of American arts and antiques.

**BEER CAN HOUSE, THE:**

John Milkovisch, a retired upholsterer for the Southern Pacific Railroad, started his project now known as the Beer Can House in 1968. Covered in over 50,000 beer cans, the Beer Can House is a permanent exhibit of the Orange Show Center for Visionary Art.

**BLISS ON 19TH:** (832) 673-0099

Located at 235 West 19<sup>th</sup> Street in the Historic Heights of Houston, visitors and shoppers alike continue to discover Bliss on 19<sup>th</sup>.

**BUFFALO BAYOU BOAT TOURS:** (713) 752-0314

Each month, hundreds of Houstonians and visitors enjoy history, bats, and private tours along Houston's historic waterway and most significant natural resource.

**BUFFALO SOLDIER NATIONAL MUSEUM:** (713) 942-8920

Artifacts, documents, videos, prints and other historical memorabilia detailing the history of the buffalo soldier. Tours available, reservation required call for more information.

**BYZANTINE FRESCO CHAPEL MUSEUM** (713) 525-9400

**CENTRAL MARKET** (713) 386-1700

**CHOCOLATE BAR, THE** (713) 520-8599

**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL:** (713) 222-2593

Houston's oldest church on its original site and founded in 1839. Tour the Episcopal Church and dine in the cloister, a lunch facility operated by Treebeards of Houston.

**CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT TOURS:** (713) 655-1912

The Heritage Society brightens the seven historical structures in downtown's Sam Houston Park with candles and period decorations during the month of December. Carolers and musicians lend musical accompaniment to a seasonal stroll back through time.

**CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION:**

Festivities include a downtown parade and a festival with mariachi bands, dancers, food and activities at Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park.

**CLAYTON LIBRARY** (832) 393-2600

Genealogical Research.

**CLEAR CREEK COUNTRY THEATRE** (281) 335-5228

**COMEDYSPORTZ:** (713) 868-1444

The city's longest-running improve comedy show, ComedySportz, is proud to be celebrating 20 years in Houston! Regular shows are held at the ComedySportz Arena every Friday at 8 p.m., and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., also available for private events.

- COMPANY ONSTAGE:** (713) 726-1219  
 Founded in 1978, one of Houston's oldest and most successful nonprofit community theaters. Ten productions are presented each season.
- CONTEMPORARY ARTS MUSEUM:** (713) 284-8250  
 Paintings and sculptures by major contemporary artists.
- COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE, THE:** (713) 467-4497  
 In early 1956 the Country Playhouse was founded by a group of hardworking individuals, all with one common interest; a love for theater.
- CULLEN SCULPTURE GARDEN:** (713) 639-7300  
 Fine outdoor sculpture displays.
- CYPRESS CREEK F.A.C.E.:** (281) 440-4850  
 Foundation for the Arts and Community Enrichment offers live and musical performances throughout the year. Call for more information.
- CZECH CULTURAL CENTER** (713) 682-4608
- DISCOVERY GREEN:** (713) 400-7336  
 A 12-acre park created by a public private partnership between the city of Houston and the nonprofit Discovery Green Conservancy. Open daily from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- DOC PORTER MUSEUM OF TELEPHONE HISTORY, THE:** (713) 861-9784  
 The museum contains old switchboards, old telephones, inside and outside equipment, as well as central office equipment.
- DOWNTOWN AQUARIUM:** (713) 223-3474  
 Located in downtown Houston, this former fire station has been converted into a dining establishment and aquarium.
- DUNHAM BIBLE MUSEUM:** (281) 649-3287  
 With its extensive collection of rare Bibles, the Museum is dedicated to telling the story of the most important book in the world. A special exhibit and events will be held in 2011 for the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Bible. All you can eat dining for \$5.50 is available nearby at the Baugh Center on the campus of Houston Baptist University.
- ENSEMBLE THEATER:** (713) 520-0055  
 Call for performances, dates, and times.
- FLOWER MAN, THE:**  
 A brightly colored jungle of plants and junk bursts from all sides of the home of the Flower Man. Address: 2305 Francis Street.
- GEORGE THOMAS "MICKEY" LELAND LIBRARY & MUSEUM:** (713) 524-3334  
 The George Thomas "Mickey" Leland Library and Museum of African history, culture and social change is the centerpiece of history's untold mysteries and a treasure of symbols of ideas and the passion of one man's humanity for the world.

- HEALTH MUSEUM, THE:** (713) 521-1515  
 This interactive health science center features two permanent exhibit galleries: the Amazing Body Pavilion, a larger-than-life walking tour through the human body, and You: The Exhibit, an exploration of your mental, future and physical selves. At the McGovern 4D Theater, experience 3D, digital films with environmental changes like the wind, lightning and scents that correspond to the film. For special exhibits visit our Website.
- HERITAGE SOCIETY MUSEUM:** (713) 655-1912  
 Includes tour of historical museum and homes in Sam Houston Park. Dine in tearoom, reservations required.
- HERMAN PARK GARDEN CENTER:**  
 Acres of flowers on the east side of Hermann Park.
- HERMANN PARK MUSEUM COMPLEX:** (713) 639-4603  
 Burke Baker Planetarium, Cockrell Butterfly Center, Houston Museum of Natural Science, and IMAX Theatre.
- HOBBY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS:** (713) 315-2400  
 This \$100 million entertainment complex completes Houston's Theater District. The Hobby Center stands on the site where Houston's Music Hall and Coliseum once stood and is home to Houston's own Theatre under the Stars (**TUTS**), and the Houston Broadway Series.
- HOLOCAUST MUSEUM HOUSTON:** (713) 942-8000  
 Focuses on the lives and experiences of survivors and liberators of the Holocaust.
- HOUSTON ARBORETUM AND NATURE CENTER:** (713) 681-8433  
 A 155-acre park of naturally preserved forest, wildflower gardens, native plants, herb gardens, and walking trails.
- HOUSTON BALLET:** (713) 523-6300  
 Various ballet productions.
- HOUSTON CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY CRAFT:** (713) 529-4848, ext. 107  
 Experience the art of the handmade. Enjoy innovative exhibitions of fine craft, visit artist studios, and shop one-of-a-kind gifts, jewelry and home décor in the Asher Gallery.
- HOUSTON CHRONICLE:** (713) 220-7171  
 Tours of the printing facility are available.
- HOUSTON FAMILY ARTS CENTER:** (281) 453-0290  
 Community theater committed to providing quality entertainment that lifts the spirit and strengthens family values.
- HOUSTON FIRE MUSEUM:** (713) 524-2526

Permanent and hands-on exhibits on the history of fire fighting.

**HOUSTON INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL:** (713) 654-8808

Downtown is filled with ethnic food booths, arts and crafts, kiosks and exhibits—all in an open-air market atmosphere. More than 1,800 performers of all kinds take to the festival's outdoor stages in April and May.

**HOUSTON INTERNATIONAL SEAFARERS' CENTERS, INC.:** (713) 672-0511

The Houston International Seafarers' Centers are a "home away from home" for seafarers visiting the Port of Houston. On premises, there is a small restaurant, open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a gift shop, and a Chapel, which the Chaplain is available to give history tours of the Seafarers' Center.

**HOUSTON MARITIME MUSEUM:** (713) 666-1910

A world class collection of model ships from all over the world and every conceivable time period. Interactive exhibits for the kids and for more mature visitors the fascinating stories of ships and life on the sea are sure to thrill.

**HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT MOUNTED PATROL:** (832) 394-0399

Schedule demos to see, touch, and pet the horses.

**HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT MUSEUM:** (281) 230-2353

The museum is free of charge and located in the lobby of HPD headquarters at 1200 Travis; features unique displays and a memorial wall honoring the ultimate sacrifice made by those officers that gave their lives in the line of duty. Hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tours are self-guided, however, tour groups of 10 or more require reservations.

**HOUSTON RAILROAD MUSEUM:** (713) 631-6612

Preserves the history and experience of railroading, particularly Texas railroading as it has been and as it is now.

**HOUSTON STUDIO GLASS** (713) 802-0500

**HOUSTON TRANSTAR:** (713) 881-3000

Emergency center houses monitors for freeway cameras, offices for law enforcement, and disaster response teams. Tours by reservation.

**HOUSTON ZOO** (713) 533-6500

**INTERNATIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL:** (713) 781-6864

This annual quilt show and sale features demonstrations by experts, classes in a range of textile arts, and hundreds of merchants offering fabrics, books, tools, antiques, crafts, sewing machines, and finished quilts. Call or check website for November date.

**JAPANESE GARDEN IN HERMANN PARK:** (713) 284-1914

Incorporates native plants with new plantings, water and stone features, and traditional Japanese garden structures.

- JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER:** (713) 729-3200  
Various theatrical, musical, and dance performances.
- JOHN C. FREEMAN WEATHER MUSEUM, THE:** (713) 529-3076  
The first museum of its kind in the nation whose goal is to reach as many people as possible and educate them about weather and weather safety, as well as make them weather-wise.
- JONES HALL:** (713) 227-3974  
Performances by the Houston Symphony Orchestra, various plays and musicals throughout the season.
- JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION:** (713) 284-8352  
The month-long celebration of African-American heritage includes a parade, blues, gospel, and jazz performances and other events at Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park.
- LAWNDALE ART CENTER:** (713) 528-5858  
Lawndale Art Center is a nonprofit alternative space for the exhibition of contemporary works in all media, unique in its focus on Houston area artists. Admission to exhibitions is always free. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday's from noon to 5 p.m. during exhibitions.
- MAIN STREET THEATER:** (713) 524-6706  
Professional company offers a full season of plays and musicals at two locations. Performances are offered Thursday through Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons.
- MENIL COLLECTION:** (713) 525-9400  
Widely considered to be one of the greatest privately assembled art collections in the United States. The Menil is a public museum presenting an array of art from prehistoric times to the present day including renowned holdings of modern, contemporary, tribal, surrealist and Byzantine and medieval art. Housed in a landmark of modern architecture, admission to the Menil is always free of charge.
- MERCER ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDENS:** (281) 443-8731  
Trails of rare and common variety flowering plants; annual March Mart plant sale supports programming efforts.
- MILLER OUTDOOR THEATER:** (713) 533-3276  
Outdoor theatrical and musical performances by a variety of groups and production companies such as Theatre Under the Stars (**TUTS**), Houston Grand Opera, Houston Ballet, and HITS Theatre. Free tickets are available at the Miller Theater box office. Please visit our website for a list of upcoming performances.
- MINUTE MAID PARK:** (713) 259-8000  
State of the art baseball stadium, home to the Houston Astros. Tours available; call for more information.

**MOVIE TAVERN:**

This theater features two concepts: counter service in the lobby, and premier locations that provide full-service wait staff meal service in each theatre.

**MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS:**

(713) 639-7300

Travel the world at the Museum of Fine Arts, home to centuries-old masterpieces and modern marvels. In addition to the ongoing schedule of touring exhibitions and thematic installations, the museum's encyclopedic permanent collections of world art fill the galleries with works from every era of history. Group rates are available.

**MUSEUM OF PRINTING HISTORY:**

(713) 522-4652

Permanent exhibitions trace Texas history.

**MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN HISTORY:**

(281) 649-3997

Located at Houston Baptist University, the museum includes furniture, clothing, weapons, and tools, relating to southern life from the Colonial period through World War II.

**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF FUNERAL HISTORY:**

(281) 876-3063

Offers a unique array of national treasures and the country's largest display of funeral service memorabilia.

**NUTCRACKER MARKET:**

(713) 535-3231

Features hundreds of vendors with home decor items, food, clothing, toys, and accessories. Held at Reliant Center each November, the market benefits the Houston Ballet Foundation and its academy programs.

**OPERA IN THE HEIGHTS**

(713) 861-5303

**ORANGE SHOW:**

(713) 926-6368

The Orange Show Center for Visionary Art is a nonprofit organization, founded in 1980 to preserve and present works of extraordinary imagination and provide people the opportunity to express their personal artistic vision.

**PORT OF HOUSTON BOAT TOUR:**

(713) 670-2416

Tour the Port of Houston on the M/V Sam Houston. Reservations are required for this free cruise.

**QUILTWORKS:**

(281) 256-3550

Full service quilt, embroidery, and ribbon shop

**RELIANT PARK:**

(832) 667-1842

Tour the Reliant Park Complex, which includes the Reliant Stadium.

**RIENZI:**

(713) 639-7800

Visit Rienzi, an elegant estate and gardens located in the heart of Houston, and the treasure house for European decorative arts for the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

- ROTHKO CHAPEL:** (713) 524-9839  
Interfaith chapel houses canvasses of the late Mark Rothko.
- SAM HOUSTON HISTORICAL PARK:** (713) 655-1912  
Includes 13 acres of landscaped grounds, gardens, restored historic buildings, tearoom, and, gift shop.
- SPACE CENTER HOUSTON:** (281) 244-2130  
Enjoy the IMAX Theater, the Astronaut Gallery, Living in Space, a shuttle mock-up, Mission Status Center, Destiny Theater, Starship Gallery, and more. Tram tours of NASA's Johnson Space Center, including Mission Control, are also offered.
- STAGES REPERTORY THEATRE:** (713) 527-8243  
Professional theater company with performances geared toward senior adults.
- TRADERS VILLAGE:** (281) 890-5500  
A shopper's paradise where hundreds of dealers sell novelties, handmade goods, art, plants, crafts, and antiques.
- U.S. COAST GUARD AIR STATION:** (713) 578-3033  
Located on one acre at Ellington Air force Base. The tour includes a 3.5 minute video depicting CG assets, followed by a 10-15 minute explanation of the HH-65B Dolphin helicopter. The tour length is highly dependent upon the amount of guest questions.
- WABASH ANTIQUES & FEED:** (713) 863-8322  
Come shop Houston's largest organic gardening center and experience a little bit of country in the heart of the city.
- WINGS OVER HOUSTON:** (713) 266-4492  
Wings Over Houston Airshow is one of the top five airshows in the U.S.; features civilian, modern military, and vintage warbird demos.
- WORTHAM THEATER CENTER:** (713) 237-1439  
Performances by the Houston Grand Opera, Houston Ballet, Theatre Under the Stars, Society for the Performing Arts, and Da Camera Society.

## Humble/Kingwood

- Chamber of Commerce** (281) 446-2128
- CENTRE STAGE:** (281) 540-0078  
Centre Stage Theatrical School and Company is a nonprofit, community service organization dedicated to the development of youth in the Lake Houston area through education in the theatre arts. For upcoming performances, visit the website.
- HUMBLE HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** (281) 446-2130  
The Humble Museum collects and displays artifacts depicting local history and heritage, highlighting oil, cattle, lumber, churches and everyday life in small town Humble and the surrounding area.

**JESSE H. JONES PARK & NATURE CENTER:** (281) 446-8588  
A 300 plus-acre Harris County Precinct 4 nature park dedicated to environmental, natural and living history, education, wildlife conservation, and passive recreation.

**KINGWOOD COLLEGE:** (281) 312-1532  
Visual & Performing Arts Department has various stage productions, and musical concerts throughout the year. Some of these productions are free of charge.

**MCKAY CLINIC MEDICAL MUSEUM** (281) 446-2151

**TRADE DAYS:** (281) 446-4140  
Held three months in the spring and three months in the fall under a covered pavilion at the Humble Civic Center/Arena Complex, Humble Trade Days offers a wide variety of collectibles, antiques, crafts and good food.

## Huntsville

**Convention & Visitors Bureau** (800) 289-0389

**AIRING OF THE QUILTS:** (936) 295-8113  
Airing of the Quilts is held the first Saturday in May in historic downtown Huntsville. The largest outdoor quilt show in Texas, visitors are able to see new and antique quilts many of which are for sale. Food, games, music, and vendors.

**FAIR ON THE SQUARE:** (936) 295-8113  
The Fair on the Square is held the first Saturday in October. An arts and crafts show on the restored historic downtown square with entertainment throughout the day. Take a stroll around the square and discover what 300+ vendors have to offer.

**GIBBS-POWELL HOME MUSEUM:** (936) 295-2914  
The house is both a Texas Archaeological Landmark and recorded Texas Historical Landmark operated by the Walker County Historical Commission as a county museum

**HEARTS VETERANS MUSEUM:** (936) 295-5959  
The creation of the HEARTS Veterans Museum of Texas is a remarkable story of a patriotic gesture turned into a moment of inspiration and nurtured with an overwhelming grassroots effort into a full-fledged museum honoring the service of the American veteran.

**HUNTSVILLE COMMUNITY THEATRE** (936) 291-7933

**OAKWOOD CEMETERY WALKING TOUR:** (936) 291-9726  
The Oakwood Cemetery is the final resting place for many people of historical prominence. Numerous graves bear the death date 1867, when a yellow-fever epidemic swept the county. Across the street is a monument to soldiers who were called into service for the war against Mexico. The Chamber of Commerce may be reached for walking tours.

**PHILIP GIBBS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS:** (936) 293-8681  
Fully restored old town theater.

- SAM HOUSTON FOLK FESTIVAL:** (936) 294-1831  
Celebrates the life and times of General Sam Houston with life-skill demonstrations, authentic 19<sup>th</sup> century dress, continuous entertainment, and hands-on children's activities. Held at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum in the month of May.
- SAM HOUSTON MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND PARK:** (936) 294-1832  
A 15-acre park and seven buildings depicting Sam Houston's life.
- SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY** (936) 294-1111
- SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC:** (936) 294-1360  
Numerous musical concerts throughout the year
- SAM HOUSTON STATUE AND VISITORS CENTER:** (936) 291-9726  
Includes a 67-foot statue of Sam Houston, a visitor center, and a gift shop. Step-on guides in Huntsville are also available.
- SAMUEL WALKER HOUSTON CULTURAL CENTER:** (936) 295-2119  
Dedicated to the life and educational legacy of Samuel Walker Houston, a prominent black Walker County educator, this center features a variety of exhibits and artifacts that depict contemporary black life in Huntsville after the Civil War.
- TEXAS PRISON MUSEUM:** (936) 295-2155  
Information available about the Texas prison system dating back to 1848. Displays include Old Sparky, the Texas electric chair, inmate art, and artifacts from the Texas Prison Rodeo.
- TOURS OF HUNTSVILLE:** (800) 289-0389  
Diving tours, prison driving tours, and Oakwood walking tours.
- WYNNE HOME ART CENTER:** (936) 291-5424  
Classic revival house built in 1893. For more information about the home or its conversion into an arts center, please contact the Wynne Home Arts Center.

## Independence

- Washington County Convention & Visitors Bureau** (888) 273-6426
- ANTIQUÉ ROSE EMPORIUM:** (800) 441-0002  
Eight acres of display gardens, and a gift shop with hundreds of varieties of old garden roses for viewing and purchasing.
- BAYLOR ON WINDMILL HILL:**  
Served as Baylor Male Campus from 1851-1886; the main building was Tyron Hall, a three-story stone classroom and chapel: construction began in 1860-1861 and continued through 1879-1884.
- LEA-HOUSTON CEMETERY:**

Graves of Mrs. Sam Houston (1867), Sam Houston's granddaughter, two servants, and Nancy Lea, Mrs. Sam Houston's mother.

**LOG HOME OF JOHN PRINCE COLE:**

Tour of John Prince Cole's log home is available.

**LUECKEMEYER GENERAL STORE:**

The store dates back to the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century and still serves as an example of general stores of an earlier era. It was built from stones scavenged from the main building (Tryon Hall) of the men's campus of Baylor.

**MARAGRET LEA HOUSTON HOUSE:**

Home of Mrs. Sam Houston built in the late 1850s.

**OLD BAYLOR UNIVERSITY AT BAYLOR PARK:**

Original site of Baylor University near the Baptist church.

**SEWARD PLANTATION:**

One of the best preserved pre-Civil War plantations in Texas, is still owned and cared for by Seward descendants. It is available for tours for a small fee and appointments.

**TEXAS BAPTIST HISTORICAL CENTER MUSEUM:**

(979)-836-5117

Organized in 1839, this is an integral part of one of the most historic sites in Texas. Sam Houston was converted and baptized in this church in 1854.

**WALKING/DRIVING TRAILS:**

The trail is marked with 20 historical signs that feature illustrated interpretive exhibits.

## Katy

[Chamber of Commerce](#)

(281) 828-1100

**KATY HERITAGE MUSEUM:**

(281) 391-4884

The 9,600 square foot Katy Heritage Museum is located in the VFW Park. Free admission; hours 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday; and the first weekend of every month are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays and from noon to 3 p.m. on Sundays. Schools, clubs, and groups can make arrangements for special tours.

**KATY HERITAGE PARK:**

(281) 391-2550

Five historic homes belonging to the Katy Heritage Society have been moved to Katy Heritage Park. Open the first weekend of every month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Special group tours on request.

**KATY MILLS MALL:**

(281) 644-5050

Over 200 outlet and retail option for shopping, eating, and entertainment.

**MISSOURI-KANSAS-TEXAS MUSUEM**

(281) 391-4807

Includes a pocket park downtown, restored MKT Depot, information center with brochures and maps, Katy Heritage Society Railroad Museum and authentic red caboose,

beautifully landscaped area with benches and town clock. Visitors Center open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Special group tours available upon request.

**YARNTOPIA:** (281) 392-2386

A full service yarn shop offering yarn, needles, hooks, patterns, and classes for knitters and crocheters of all ages and skills.

**VETERANS MEMORIAL MUSEUM:** (281) 391-8387

“The G.I. Joe Museum” has first-class military exhibits of historical significance encompassing every foreign conflict involving the United States. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the first weekend of every month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Special group schedules on request.

## Kirbyville

[Jasper-Lake Sam Rayburn Chamber of Commerce](#) (409) 384-2762

**CALABOOSE MUSEUM:** (409) 423-2874

Contains artifacts, information, and history of local significance. Housed in an old jail house built in 1910.

**EXOTIC CAT REFUGE & WILDLIFE ORPHANAGE:** (409) 423-4847

This nonprofit reserve offers refuge and rehabilitation to endangered exotic cats and other wildlife. A state and federally licensed orphanage for lions, tigers, leopards, cougars, bears, and wolves.

## Kountze

[Chamber of Commerce](#) (409) 246-3413

**BIG THICKET NATIONAL PRESERVE:** (409) 951-6701

Guided tours are available.

**KIRBY HILL HOUSE MUSEUM:** (409) 246-5184

Built in 1902 by timber tycoon John Kirby, the house was occupied by his brother's family for 85 years, and is now owned by the Hardin County Art Foundation and features photos, papers, and artifacts dating to 1832. Not fully restored.

**PELT POND RURAL LIFE MUSEUM:**

Features folk art, artifacts and other media to preserve the pioneer spirit of rural East Texas, also includes farm animals. In scenic Big Thicket area.

## La Grange

[Chamber of Commerce](#) (800) 524-7264

**BLUEBONNET TRAILS:**

Beginning in late March and continuing through April, bluebonnets and Indian Paintbrush cover the byways throughout Fayette County.

**DOWNTOWN COMPLEX (“THE SQUARE”):** (979) 968-5756  
1886 Market Depot, 1890s Courthouse, Chamber of Commerce, Hermes Drug Store, Faison Home Museum, Fayette Heritage Museum & Archives, “Muster Oak & Historical Marker,” several early churches, shops, the old Fayette County Jail, and a memorial to war veterans.

**FAYETTE POWER PROJECT:** (979) 249-3111  
Educational tour of generating electricity is given at the LCRA plant; tours are given the fourth Friday.

**FESTIVAL HILL INSTITUTE IN ROUND TOP:** (979) 249-3129  
Featuring a 200-acre center site of performing artists at the 1200-seat Grand Concert Hall, historical buildings, walking trails, herb gardens, regular concerts, and symposiums.

**HOSTYN CATHOLIC CHURCH & GROTTTO:** (979) 247-4441  
Located at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, the grotto was built in the 1920s by Czech settlers who constructed it as a replica to the famous grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in southern France.

**JERSEY BARNYARD:** (800) 382-2880  
Home of “Belle,” the singing cow. Tour the dairy farm, enjoy Blue Bell Ice Cream, visit the barnyard, or shop in the country store.

**KATYSWEET CONFECTIONARY:** (979) 242-5172  
Company founder Kay Carlton started KatySweet Confectioners in 1996 with a recipe passed down from her Cherokee grandmother to her mother to her.

**KREISCHE BREWERY STATE HISTORIC SITE:** (979) 968-5658  
Ruins of the Stone Brewery and home built by stonemason Henrich Kreische in the 1840s.

**MONUMENT HILL STATE PARK:** (979) 968-5658  
Final resting place of men who drew the Black Beans of Death after the Mier Expedition against Mexico, and Captain Nicholas Dawson’s soldiers massacred by Mexicans at Salado Creek in 1842.

**OLD SOULS TOUR:** (979) 968-5756  
Tours of St. James Episcopal, United Evangelical Lutheran, Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic, Freyburg United Methodist, Fayetteville Brethren, Paintings of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, and La Grange City Cemetery.

**ROSEMARY’S VINEYARD:** (979) 249-2109  
Family owned and operated.

**RURAL TEXAS TOURISM, LLC:** (979) 561-6667

Live, learn, and love the stories of folklore settlers with a 5<sup>th</sup> generation step on-guide as showcased in the December 2010 issue of Texas Highways. Custom or create your own tours available.

**TEXAS CZECH HERITAGE AND CULTURAL CENTER:** (888) 785-4500

On October 10, 2009 the TCHCC Library, Museum and Archives was dedicated to all Texas Czechs of the past, present and future and to anyone interested in learning about the Texas Czech culture.

**TRUE TEXAS TOUR:** (979) 968-5756

Includes Fayette County Courthouse, the former jail, Monument Hill State Historical Site, Faison Home, Fayette Library Museum and Archives, Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center. This includes the Texas Independence Trail Story as well as folklore.

**WEIKEL'S STORE AND BAKERY:** (979) 968-9413

Weikel's Bakery is located between Austin and Houston, in La Grange on Highway 71 and has been a popular kolache spot for many years having served authentic Czech kolaches and pastries since 1984.

## Lake Jackson

**FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS:** (979) 297-4533

Annual beauty pageant, food, snow land, entertainment, parade at the Lake Jackson Civic Center.

**LAKE JACKSON HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** (979) 297-1570

Explore the unique history of the city of Lake Jackson at the 12,000 square foot museum. The Museum focuses on four eras of history including the prehistoric era, the plantation era, development of the area's petrochemical industry, and the founding of modern Lake Jackson. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; closed Mondays. Admission is free, donations appreciated.

**XTREME HUMMINGBIRD EXTRAVAGANZA:** (979) 480-0999

See hummingbirds stock up on flower nectar or at feeders at the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory Saturdays in September. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission.

## La Marque/Texas City

[La Marque / Texas City Chamber of Commerce](#) (409) 935-1408

**BAY STREET PARK:**

Commemorates Texas City's place in history as the home of the First Aero Squadron of the U.S. Army.

**CITY BY THE BAY TOURS:** Linda Turner (409) 229-1660

Tour guides are available at \$5 per person for tour buses with 15 people or more. The tour includes the history of Texas City, points of interest, and guided tours of Heritage

Square and the Texas City Museum. The tour lasts approximately 5½ hours. Tours can also be customized for shorter lengths.

**FACTORY STORES OF AMERICA:** (409) 938-3691  
Savings are offered by some of America's best-known manufacturers.

**TEXAS CITY DYKE:**  
World's longest man-made fishing pier.

**TEXAS CITY MUSEUM:** (409) 643-5799  
The Galveston County Model Railroad Club is pleased to call the Texas City Museum its permanent home. The Galveston County Model Railroad Club (GCMRRC) is a non-profit club bringing together modelers of all scales interested in expanding their knowledge and modeling abilities.

## La Porte/Deer Park

La Porte Chamber of Commerce (281) 471-1123

Deer Park Chamber of Commerce (281) 479-1559

**BATTLESHIP TEXAS:** (281) 479-2431  
The only battleship to survive two world wars.

**BECKY'S CERAMIC STUDIO:** (281) 280-8457  
A full service ceramic studio as well as a Duncan distributor.

**SAN JACINTO MONUMENT AND MUSEUM:** (281) 479-2421  
Monument and museum depict the Battle of San Jacinto for Texas independence.

## League City

League City Chamber of Commerce (281) 338-7339

**BIG LEAGUE DREAMS SPORTS PARKS:** (281) 316-3400  
Best known for baseball/softball fields that are designed and built as replicas of famous, historic major league stadiums. Located in the center of the complex, the Stadium Club restaurant offers a wide variety of food and beverages to enjoy before, during, and after each game. The Stadium Club offers views of six-replica stadiums, 12 TV screens, and a video arcade.

**MAIN STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT: ANTIQUE AND GIFT SHOPS:**  
Many of the antique and gift shops are located in historical buildings. Main Street is also lined with huge, live oak trees forming a canopy of greenery making walking and shopping more enjoyable.

**SOUTH SHORE HARBOUR RESORT:** (800) 442-5005  
Resort has over 25,000 square feet of meeting space, two golf courses, fitness center, and marina.

**WEST BAY COMMON SCHOOL CHILDREN'S MUSEUM:** (281) 554-2994  
Located in the Historic District of League City, the Museum contains exhibits from turn-of-the-century.

## Ledbetter

Giddings Chamber of Commerce (979) 542-3455

**STUERMER STORE AND SALOON:** (979) 249-5642  
The Stuermer Store is a working museum located in the original 1870 General Store and features antique store furniture and merchandise; crafts supplied by local artisans such as bonnets, crocheted items, painted wood designs. The saloon is restored and operates as an ice cream and sandwich shop.

## Liberty/Dayton

Chamber of Commerce (936) 336-5736

**1883 NORMAN HOUSE:** (936) 336-8821  
The Norman House is typical of Texas residences built between 1850 and 1890.

**1898 ST. STEPHEN'S ESPICOPAL CHURCH:** (936) 336-8821  
The wood-framed one-room building and attached bell tower retains the majority of its architectural features. It was awarded an official Texas Historical Marker in 1977. In 1994, it was moved to the grounds of the Sam Houston Center and restored in 2002.

**DAYTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY OLD SCHOOL MUSEUM:** (936) 336-5736  
In operation from 1900-1910, this two-room school originally housed students in grades 1-7, with two teachers on staff. In later years it served as a private residence and an antique store. The restored Old School Museum is presently maintained by The Dayton Historical Society.

**COURT HOUSE SQUARE:**  
Designed to set the block aside, by Madero as the Plaza de Casa Consistorial, and has been the site of the courthouse since 1831.

**GERALDINE D. HUMPHREYS CULTURAL CENTER:** (936) 336-8901  
This center houses a library and theatre built in 1970. A bell tower was built at the Center to house the first exact replica of the historic Liberty Bell.

**GILLARD-DUNCAN HOUSE:** (936) 336-8821  
The Gillard-Duncan (Welder) House, built in 1848 is one of the oldest extant homes in Southeast Texas. Moved from its original location near Ames and restored in the 1980s, the home contains furnishings kept by the family for generations. It is a Creole-style plantation house to resemble the Red River Valley homes "Plaisance and Castile."

**JEAN AND PRICE DANIEL HOME AND ARCHIVES, THE:** (936) 336-8821

A replica of the Texas Governor's Mansion, A Greek Revival treasure designed and constructed by Abner cook.

**LIBERTY OPRY ON THE SQUARE:** (936) 336-5830  
Opry performances every Saturday night begin at 7 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. The shows vary in venues which include country-and-western, gospel, '50s and '60s, and more. The Liberty Opry snack bar/concession area has a variety of reasonably priced foods,.

**SAM HOUSTON REGIONAL LIBRARY & RESEARCH CENTER:** (936) 336-8821  
Open Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Tours available by appointment only and must be arranged two-weeks in advance.

## Livingston

Trinity Peninsula Chamber of Commerce (936) 594-3856

**LAKE LIVINGSTON STATE PARK:** (936) 365-2201  
An 84,800-acre reservoir offers camping, fishing, boating, and water sports.

**POLK COUNTY MEMORIAL MUSEUM:** (936) 327-8192  
Historical items include Early American glassware, Indian artifacts, tools, relics of early settlers, early logging and sawmill town photo exhibit, Civil War weapons collection, textiles, and archives.

## Lufkin

Convention & Visitors Bureau (936) 634-6305

**ANGELINA ARTS ALLIANCE TEMPLE THEATER:** (936) 633-5454  
Angelina Arts Alliance provides a way to connect people through arts. A place where the arts reach across boundaries: ideas are shared, similarities are enjoyed, and differences are celebrated.

**ANGELINA COLLEGE:** (936) 633-5234  
Visual & Performing Arts Department has various stage productions and musical concerts throughout the year.

**ANGELINA COUNTY FARMERS MARKET:** (936) 634-6655  
Tours of the Angelina County Farmers Market reveal warm weather, beautiful flowers, and fresh produce.

**C.A.S.A. TOUR OF HOMES:** (936) 634-6305  
A tour of beautiful homes showcasing holiday decorations. Stop by and see the holiday décor and how families in the Lufkin area show their holiday spirit.

**ELLEN TROUT ZOO:** (936) 633-0399

The zoo offers a diverse collection of reptiles, waterfowl, and small mammals. Over 10 acres, as well as a park, lake, and miniature railroad.

**EVENING IN OLD BETHLEHEM:** (936) 637-3976  
This holiday celebration includes the Christmas story recreated Friday and Saturday nights in December. Enjoy strolling through the streets of Bethlehem and talking with the townspeople about the news of the newborn King.

**FASHION DISTRICT, THE:** (936) 622-6425  
The Fashion District, located in Lufkin's beautiful Garden District, provides a truly unique shopping experience.

**FIRST STREET ARTS CENTER:** (936) 639-3250  
The First Street Arts Center promotes East Texas artists whose work ideally captures the Piney Woods experience.

**MUSEUM OF EAST TEXAS, THE:** (936) 639-4434  
A permanent collection of art representing the character, history, and heritage of this part of East Texas.

**TEXAS FORESTRY MUSEUM:** (936) 632-9535  
The Texas Forestry Museum is the only forestry museum in Texas. Permanent exhibits tell the story of the development of the timber industry in Texas. In addition to indoor exhibits, there are outdoor exhibits which include a locomotive, tender car, caboose and train depot. There is also an Urban Wildscape trail.

## Madisonville

Chamber of Commerce (936) 348-2748

**MADISONVILLE COUNTY MUSEUM** (936) 348-5230

**TEXAS MUSHROOM FESTIVAL** (936) 348-9334

## Magnolia

Chamber of Commerce (281) 356-1488

**TEXAS OPRY JAMBOREE:** (281) 356-6779  
Live country music and comedy stage show every Saturday night. The dining room opens at 5:30 p.m. Dinner available when you make a reservation. Show time: 7:30 p.m.

## Montgomery

**MONTGOMERY HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** (936) 597-7205  
Montgomery offers guests a memorable visit with its preserved 19th Century Historic Downtown District that features many fine retail shops, restaurants, and local attractions. Annual attractions includes the Annual Candlelight Christmas Home Tour, and Cookie Walk.

**RANCHER'S DAUGHTER, THE:** (936) 449-4100

You will find some great home décor and accessories, including many one-of-a-kind items. Rancher's Daughter is a purveyor of "all things fine and funky." Daily wine tastings by the glass are also especially tempting, giving visitors the chance to shop with wine in hand.

**SUNSHINE FARM:** (936) 648-6145

Stroll through the gardens, and enjoy the large variety of herbs, and flowers; sample a selection of refreshments made with fresh garden ingredients. Visit the gift shop; enjoy a relaxing walk to the creek, or a hayride around the farm; pet, and feed the friendly critters.

**TOURS OF HISTORIC MONTGOMERY:** (936) 597-7205

Stroll back in time along tree-shaded streets lined with picket fences. Tour pre-Civil War homes much as they were in the 1800s. Tours can include live entertainment and lunch with the mayor.

## Moulton

**ANNUAL JAMBOREE:** (361) 596-7205

Held the last full weekend in July, this jamboree features arts and crafts, vendors, carnival games, and more. Saturday: barbecue and chili cook-offs; Sunday: Moulton's famous fried chicken dinner, tractor show, and parade.

**SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH:** (361) 596-4674

Built in 1924, this early 20<sup>th</sup> century gothic-style church features a long nave, a pair of side aisles supported by ten columns, stained glass windows, and a chancel.

## Nacogdoches

**Nacogdoches Convention & Visitors Bureau** (888) 653-3788

**DOWNTOWN SHOPPING:** (888) 653-3788

Stroll the brick streets downtown and shop the antique shops and art galleries.

**DURST-TAYLOR HISTORIC HOUSE AND GARDENS:** (936) 560-4443

The house is the second oldest structure still standing on its original site in Nacogdoches. Guided tours include the house, blacksmith shop, smokehouse, and historic gardens.

**HISTORIC TOWN CENTER/VISITOR CENTER:** (888) 653-3788

Built in 1917 as the city's post office. View exhibits of early Nacogdoches and pick up additional literature on the town.

**MILLARD'S CROSSING HISTORIC VILLAGE:** (936) 564-6631

Reconstructed historic village comprised of a broad sampling of 19<sup>th</sup> century East Texas homes and other structures, all furnished with antiques. Fun, interactive group tours include an old-fashioned school house lesson with hats and bonnets.

**OLD STONE FORT:** (936) 468-2408

The Old Stone Fort museum is housed in a 1936 replica of Don Antonio Gil Y'Barbo's stone house. Y'Barbo, the founder of Nacogdoches, built the stone house in 1779.

**OLD UNIVERSITY BUILDING:** (936) 569-7292

The present two-story building of modified Grecian architecture was erected as a permanent home of the university in 1859. This is the only non-sectarian university established during the Republic of Texas that is still in existence.

**RUBY M. MIZE AZALEA GARDEN:** (936) 468-1832

Over eight acres comprise Texas' largest azalea garden including camellias and Japanese maples. Your guided tour will show you over 7,000 azaleas from 500 name varieties.

**SFA PINEYWOODS NATIVE PLANT CENTER:** (936) 468-1863

The Piney Woods Native Plant Center is a 40-acre garden on the north end of the Stephen F. Austin State University campus. It's a unique mixture of uplands, mesic mid-slopes and wet creek bottoms. The Tucker House serves as the central feature of the property, which is surrounded by native forest and gardens that celebrate the wonderful diversity of native plants in the region.

## Navasota

**Navasota Tourism Center** (936) 825-7055

**BOGART'S CASA BLANCA:** (936) 825-1969

Extensive art and antiques, whispering fountains, and giant 500 year old oak trees create an unforgettable experience at this Hollywood-themed getaway. Your fantasies will become reality as the gourmet delights, blooming gardens, and luxurious amenities make themselves part of your special "Navasota Experience!"

**CAFÉ M. BLOOMERS ELEGANT GARDEN DINING:** (936) 870-3277

Located in Martha's Bloomers Home and Garden Store, Café M. Bloomers offers light and hearty options for lunch with decadent desserts. Group menu available, serves lunch Tuesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and desserts and drinks until 4 p.m. Closed on Mondays.

**CAMP ALLEN CONFERENCE CENTER** (936) 825-7175

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:** (800) 252-6642

Built in 1894, an example of turn-of-the-century architecture.

**HOME OF ARTIE FULTZ DAVIS AND NORMAN DAVIS:** (800) 252-6642

Built in 1900, a fine example of classical revival architecture.

**HOME OF HELEN AND D. R. PARSONS:** (800) 252-6642

Built in 1893, this Victorian cottage is known as "The Pink House."

**HOME OF MR. AND MRS. B. J. GRUNER:** (800) 252-6642

Built in 1892, this home reflects some details of English-style architecture.

**HORLOCK HISTORY CENTER, THE:** (936) 825-6744  
Built in 1892, by Colonel R. A. Horlock. Authentically furnished and preserved.

**LA SALLE MONUMENT:** (800) 252-6642  
A 14 ½ foot statue built in honor of Rene Robert Cavalier Sieur de La Salle.

**MARTHA'S BLOOMERS HOME AND GARDEN STORE:** (936) 825-7400  
Martha's Bloomers opened in 2000 as a home and garden store and has grown into a dining experience and all-day shopping destination. Martha's Bloomers has unique gifts, home and garden décor, and offers a variety of popular and hard to find annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees, and eclectic tropicals. Hours are Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**MOUNTAIN DREAM ALPACAS:** (936) 825-6552  
A working alpaca ranch in the rolling hills of southern Grimes County. Alpacas are a smaller cousin to the Llama and are raised for their luxurious fleece.

**NAVASOTA MAIN STREET WALKING TOUR:** (800) 252-6642  
Various historic buildings, shops, and streets

**NAVASOTA THEATER ALLIANCE:** (936) 825-3195  
Provides an amazing opportunity to see the majesty of live theater in a convenient, fun, and family friendly setting. NTA offers four to five excellent stage productions each year with easy access, park-at-the-door availability. Upon request dinner packages are available with every show so patrons may enjoy an outstanding dining experience and an amazing show in the same night all while interacting with actors and the director on a personal level.

**PROSPERITY BANK OF NAVASOTA:** (936) 825-6600  
A working bank in the oldest bank building in town. This certified historical restoration project is part of the National Register commercial district. Many original features remain including marble floors, wainscoting, and columns. The period look is complete with turn of the century teller cages and offices.

**WC MERCANTILE:** (936) 825-3378  
Natural Fiber Spinning and Knitting Shop. offering scrumptious spinning fiber and high quality yarns from across the globe.

## **Nederland**

**Chamber of Commerce** (409) 722-0279

**DUTCH WINDMILL MUSEUM/TEX RITTER MUSEUM:** (409) 722-0279  
Tribute to Dutch settlers with artifacts dating back 100 years and mementos of western movie star Tex Ritter.

**LA MAISON DES ACADIEN MUSEUM:** (409) 722-0279

It is a replica of early Acadian homes in South Louisiana and is called La Maison des Acadiennes: "House of Acadia."

## Needville

Chamber of Commerce

(979) 793-5700

### **BRAZOS BEND STATE PARK:**

(979) 553-5101

See alligators and birds in their natural setting.

### **GEORGE OBSERVATORY:**

(979) 553-3400

The George Observatory, located about one hour's drive south of Houston within scenic Brazos Bend State Park, is a satellite facility of the Houston Museum of Natural Science. The Observatory houses three domed telescopes; a Challenger Learning Center for Space Science Education; a meteorite exhibit featuring fragments of several famous meteorites.

## Newton

Newton County Chamber of Commerce

(409) 379-5527

### **ANTIQUÉ AND GIFT SHOPPING:**

Includes: Artesian Springs, Chigger Acres Antiques, The Old Barn, Whispering Creek Gift Shop, and Wild Azalea Canyons.

### **COURT HOUSE SQUARE WALKING TOUR:**

Craft shops, art, pies, and visitor's center.

### **FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS:**

Lights on the Square, Christmas Train Tour, Santa's Workshop, live nativity scenes, carolers, and gumbo dinners.

### **HISTORY CENTER AND MUSUEM:**

(409) 379-2109

Historical Museum, Genealogical Library, Historical Powell Hotel, and Autrey-Williams Home. The History Center houses thousands of historical and governmental records as well as a vast collection of museum artifacts and displays. Many documents have been copied to CD's for quick and easy retrieval. Files include Newton Co. History, Family Files, Card Catalogues, Newspapers which are indexed on computer, Obituaries and Commission Scrapbooks. Extensive files also housed include information and history pertaining to Cemeteries, Communities, Churches, and Civic Organizations.

## Orange

Convention & Visitors Bureau

(800) 528-4906

### **CLAIBORNE WEST PARK:**

(409) 745-2255

Claiborne is a living memorial to Claiborne West, who played an important role in making Texas independent from Mexico. The park is a wooden recreation area

comprising 453 acres of land. It is a wildlife and bird sanctuary and part of The Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail.

**FARMERS' MERCANTILE:** (409) 883-2941

This general store opened in 1928 and preserves an atmosphere western shoppers are sure to enjoy. Visitors can still buy garden supplies, corn shuckers, sausage stuffers, hand churns, kerosene lamps, well buckets, livestock feed and hay.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:** (409) 883-2097

Organized in 1878, includes the only opalescent glass dome in the U.S. Electronic chimes, large murals, mosaic work, and special windows symbolize many aspects of the church.

**HERITAGE HOUSE AND HISTORY MUSEUMS:** (409) 886-5385

The Jimmy Ochiltree Sims home was built in 1902. Group tours are available Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**ORANGEFIELD CORMIER MUSEUM:** (409) 735-1282

A salute to Orangefield and other 1920s era country villages. Also thousands of model cars, pedal cars, dolls, and other toys throughout the 20,000 square foot buildings.

**PINEYWOODS COUNTRY WINERY:** (409) 883-5408

A Texas boutique winery that specializes in Texas fruits and Muscadine grapes.

**SHANGRI LA BOTANICAL GARDEN AND NATURE CENTER:** (409) 670-9113

Spend the day, have lunch at the Star and Moon Crescent Café inside Shangri La. Over 300 plant species, Adams Bayou boat tours, bird blind, bat house, thousands of nesting birds in Ruby Lake, and 252 acres of a close encounter with nature.

**STARK MUSEUM OF ART:** (409) 883-6661

Exhibits include: the Western Collection, the American Indian Collection, the American Birds of Dorothy Doughty, and the Steuben Glass Collection.

**W. H. STARK HOUSE:** (409) 883-0871

Tours available for this 1894 massive Victorian home; begins in the carriage house, which displays an excellent glass collection.

## Palacios

Chamber of Commerce (361) 972-2615

**CITY BY THE SEA MUSEUM:** (361) 972-5241

Palacios Area Historical Association operates the Palacios Museum in the Hill building, a 1910 mercantile building.

**PALACIOS SEAWALL:**

The Palacios Seawall provides about 1 ½ miles of concrete seawall which is a favorite spot for many walkers. There are also free boat ramps and numerous lighted jetties and piers for fishing.

## Pasadena

[Chamber of Commerce](#) (281) 487-7871

**HOMETOWN OPRY:** (281) 479-4232

Live country music. Contact: Don Wester (281) 479-0623.

**PASADENA HISTORICAL SOCIETY:**

Dedicated to the work of the Pasadena Historical Society, established in 1973, to preserve Pasadena's rich historical values and assets.

**PASADENA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL:** (281) 991-9500

Held during the month of May.

## Plantersville

**TEXAS RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL:** (800) 458-3435

Recreation of a 16th century English village celebrating sport, music, science, drama, and the visual arts. Saturdays and Sundays in October and November. Admission.

## Port Arthur

[Convention & Visitors Bureau](#) (800) 235-7822

Day Group Specialist: Carol Authement: (800) 967-6966

**BUUMON BUDDHIST TEMPLE:** (409) 982-9319

Altar Buddha, drums, bells, and ceremonies for visitors. Contact: Danny Dubisson.

**MUSEUM OF THE GULF COAST:** (409) 984-6444

This unique museum has something for everyone including natural history, decorative art, popular culture, the Gulf Coast Music and Sports Hall of Fame. A replica of Janis Joplin's painted Porsche, a Robert Rauschenberg Gallery, the original Sabine Bank Lighthouse lens and the largest indoor mural in the Southwest.

**POMPEIIAN VILLA:** (409) 983-5977

Built in 1900, pink stucco villa designed in classic revival architectural style for Isaac Ellwood, "the barbed-wire king." Contact: Pamela Waters.

**QUEEN OF PEACE STATUE AND GARDENS:** (409) 983-7676

Pagoda and oriental gardens in Hoa Binh Park.

**ROSE HILL MANOR:** (409) 985-7292

Colonial-style home built in 1906 by Rome H. Woodworth.

**SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:** (409) 962-6777

Features a 16-foot bronze sculptured shrine honoring The Lady of Guadalupe.

**TEXAS ARTISTS MUSEUM:** (409) 983-4881  
Features local artists and book store. Contact: Sandy.

**VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK:**  
Unique memorial that honors all branches of the military and explores the history of the Golden Triangle Veterans.

**VUYLSTEKE DUTCH HOME:** (409) 984-6101  
The first Dutch counsel to Port Arthur built this home in 1906.

**WHITE HAVEN:** (409) 984-6101  
New England colonial-style mansion built in 1915 for British Consulate, Dr. H. D. Morris.

## Praha

**RURAL TEXAS TOURISM, LLC:** (979) 561-6667  
Tour St. Mary's Catholic Church with a 5<sup>th</sup> generation Czech Catholic from the area while learning of the hardships of the settlers, interior architecture, shrines, statues, and stained glass. May combine this with tours of other churches or sites.

## Rosenberg/Richmond

[Chamber of Commerce](#) (281) 342-5464

**GEORGE RANCH HISTORICAL PARK:** (281) 343-0218  
The George Ranch Historical Park's history follows family lines beginning in 1824 when Texas was still part of Mexico. The George Ranch is a 23,000-acre working ranch. Enjoy the holiday décor at the ranch while digging into a traditional cowboy Christmas meal. Includes hayrides and entertainment performed around the campfire.

**FORT BEND MUSEUM:** (281) 342-6478  
Features the Moore Home (circa 1883), horn furniture, western paintings, bronze sculptures and exhibits of life in Texas as it has grown and changed. Held during the month of December.

**ROSENBERG OPRY:** (281) 342-2353  
Live country music every third Friday of the month.

**W.A. PARISH GENERATING STATION:**  
Located on a 4650-acre site near the Brazos River in Fort Bend County, Texas. The 3,565,000-kilowatt plant is the largest generator of electricity in the largest electricity generating system in Texas, and one of the largest in the country.

## Round Top

[Chamber of Commerce](#) (979) 249-4042

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH:** (979) 249-3686

Built in 1866, oldest active Lutheran church in the state.

**HENKEL SQUARE MUSEUM VILLAGE:** (979) 249-3308  
Museum and collection of German-Texas homes restored to original style. Open Thursday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

**INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL-INSTITUTE AT ROUND TOP:** (979) 249-3129  
Various concerts, including youth concerts, at the conclusion of workshops by renowned directors. Summer festival events as well as the Saturday afternoon August to April Benefit Concert Series featuring soloists and ensembles throughout the year. Tours and gourmet meals.

**ROUND TOP HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** (979) 249-3042  
The museum charts the history of the people and cultures of Round Top. Open Saturday and Sunday from noon to 3 p.m.

**RURAL TEXAS TOURISM, LLC:** (979) 561-6667  
Ramble down the road of historical Round Top with a 5<sup>th</sup> generation step on guide to the area. Visit museums, historical sites, and hear the history and hardships of what made one of the smallest towns in Texas so great. Can include nature trails and Winedale historical center as well as Henkel Square.

**SHAKESPEARE AT WINEDALE:** (979) 249-4171  
Theatrical performances in late April, late July, and early August.

**STERLING McCALL OLD CAR MUSEUM:** (979) 249-5089  
Vehicles from the prized collection of Sterling McCall, Houston auto dealer, display the evolution of the auto industry. In addition to cars, also a collection of antique gas pumps and glass globes providing a glimpse into the oil and gas industry. Open weekends from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**WINEDALE HISTORICAL CENTER:** (979) 278-3530  
Center for the study of the ethnic cultures of central Texas includes historic structures, a visitor center, and a barn for theatrical performances, a conference center, a research center, and a nature trail.

## Santa Fe

[Chamber of Commerce](#) (409) 925-8558

**HAAK VINEYARDS & WINERY:** (409) 925-1401  
Winery consists of more than 25,000 sq. ft., including a 1,800 sq. ft. cellar, which is used for storing and aging wines in oak barrels. Winery Hours: Monday thru Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday noon - 5 p.m. Note: Hours of operation change for events on certain days. Please call, or verify at our Events site.

## Schulenburg

**Chamber of Commerce:** (866) 504-5294  
Contact the Chamber of Commerce and they will customize your tour.

**ANNUAL SCHULENBURG FESTIVAL:**  
Festival features a chili cook-off, parade, arts and crafts show, sporting events, food booths, and more on the first full weekend in August.

**PAINTED CHURCHES TOUR:** (866) 504-5294  
Cross the threshold of these particular Texas churches and you'll encounter not a simple wooden interior but an unexpected profusion of color. Nearly every surface is covered with bright painting: exuberant murals radiate from the apse, elaborate foliage trails the walls, wooden columns and baseboards shine like polished marble in shades of green and gray. These are the Painted Churches of Texas. Built by 19th century immigrants to this rough but promising territory, these churches transport the visitor back to a different era, a different way of life.

**STANZEL MODEL AIRCRAFT MUSEUM:** (979) 743-6559  
Houses the site of the first control line model airplane kit, interactive exhibits, and displays.

## Seabrook/Kemah

Kemah Chamber of Commerce (281) 488-7676

**ANTIQUING AND SHOPPING:**  
Shopper's paradise including antiques, gifts, food and more.

**ARMAND BAYOU NATURE CENTER FALL FESTIVAL:** (281) 474-2551  
Step back in time to the early 1900s and celebrate old-fashioned farm life with music, crafts, demonstrations, wagon rides, food and more. Held in the month of November.

**KEMAH BOARDWALK:** (281) 334-9880  
Overlooking Galveston Bay, the Kemah Boardwalk features themed restaurants, retail shops, and amusements for the whole family.

**MAAS NURSERY:** (281) 474-2488  
Maas Nursery specializes in the unique and the unusual. Garden clubs and other groups are welcome. Maas Nursery can provide free speakers for up to 50 attendees. Please call first.

**STAR FLEET YACHTS:** (281) 334-4692  
Whether it's dinner for two or a party for 200, Star Fleet cruises has it all.

## Sealy

**SEALY VISITORS BUREAU:** (877) 558-7245  
Call the Visitors Bureau to arrange your tour for the following and much more.

**FRYDEK CATHOLIC CEMETERY & FRYDEK GROTTO:** (979) 885-3131

The cemetery remains as a reminder of the area's Czech heritage. On the grounds of Our Lady of Frydek Church is a grotto made of limestone and concrete, built by the thankful families and friends of 67 men & women of the Frydek Parish who served in World War II, all of whom returned home.

**HAYNES MATTRESS FACTORY:** (877) 558-7245

The machinery and equipment still stand in this building as it did in the early 1900's. The best known patent developed by Daniel Haynes was the "World Famous Sealy Mattress®". Shown by appointment only.

**HORSE LAKE FARMS:** (979) 885-1108

We are a family run Clydesdale breeding farm located in Sealy, Texas.

**JOSEY VISITORS CENTER:** (877) 558-7245

The restored J.J. Josey Store was built in 1847 and now serves as the official visitor's center for the San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site and has exhibits from a large collection of historic memorabilia including Stephen F. Austin's family.

**RANCHO TEXCELENTE IXL:** (877) 558-7245

The Paso Fino horse is considered to be the premier performer in the arena. The ranch has regular scheduled workouts in a covered arena with a spectators seating area to accommodate approximately 75-100 visitors. Shown by appointment only.

**SAN FELIPE DE AUSTIN STATE HISTORICAL SITE** (877) 558-7245

**SANTA FE RAILROAD & PARK MUSEUM:** (877) 558-7245

Artifacts from the early days of Sealy and Austin County are displayed, including a caboose and early maintainer. Shown by appointment only.

**VIRNAU'S ANTIQUE CAR COLLECTION:** (979) 885-3222

Mr. Virnau has an extensive collection of very fine antique cars and farm implements. Shown by appointment only.

## Serbin

Giddings Chamber of Commerce (979) 542-3455

**SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND MUSEUM:**

The first Missouri Synod Lutheran church in Texas, organized in 1854 by German-Wends.

**TEXAS WENDISH HERITAGE MUSEUM:** (979) 366-2441

This museum preserves the history of the Texas Wends, Slavic immigrants from Lusatia.

## Shiner

Chamber of Commerce (361) 594-4180

### **CIGAR FACTORY AND GREEN CABIN MUSEUMS:**

First opened in 1895, the Louis Ehlers Cigar Factory produced three favorite cigars, the "Becky Brown," "Katy Lee," and "Good Company."

### **KASPAR WIRE WORKS:**

(361) 594-3327

When barbed wire was invented in the late 1800s, farmers tore down their smooth wire fencing and replaced it with the more effective barbed wire. Using that smooth wire, August Kaspar constructed a wire basket to carry corn shucks. With that first basket, Kaspar Wire Works began, and has grown to a large manufacturer of a wide range of metal and wire products. Call to schedule a guided tour of the facility.

### **SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH:**

(361) 594-3836

Dedicated in 1921, the red brick Romanesque Revival style architecture features a majestic altar, painted murals, beautiful statues, and astonishing stained glass windows imported from Bavaria.

### **SPOETZL BREWERY:**

(361) 594-3383

The Spoetzl Brewery, founded in 1909, is Texas' oldest independent brewery. In the tradition of Bavarian Brewmaster Kosmos Spoetzl, Shiner's little brewery proudly produces Shiner Blonde, Shiner Bock, Shiner Light, and several other specialty brews

### **WOLTERS MUSEUM:**

(361) 594-3774

Historical artifacts, documents, and farming equipment from early times.

## **Silsbee**

Chamber of Commerce

(409) 385-5562

### **ICE HOUSE MUSEUM & MULTI-CULTURAL CENTER:**

(409) 385-2444

Features memorabilia of Hardin County and the city. Located in historic building that was once an ice plant, the museum also features shows by local artists and a gift shop.

### **ROY E. LARSEN SANDYLAND SANCTUARY:**

(409) 385-0445

Texas Nature Conservancy Preserve of 2,138 acres exhibits various forest and wetland communities.

## **Smithville**

Chamber of Commerce

(512) 237-2313

### **CENTRAL TEXAS MUSEUM OF AUTOMOTIVE HISTORY:**

(512) 237-2635

The Central Texas Museum of Automotive History (CTMAH) is dedicated to the preservation and display of the history of the automobile.

### **FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS CELEBRATION:**

(512) 237-2313

Join us in downtown Smithville the first Saturday in December for the annual holiday season kick-off which includes two holiday markets, food vendors, live music and entertainment, kid's area, games, contests, and a nighttime lighted parade.

**GUINNESS WORLD RECORD GINGERBREAD MONUMENT:** (512) 237-2313  
Visit the actual-sized monument commemorating the 2006 Guinness World Record Largest Gingerbread Man created by the Chamber of Commerce, the City of Smithville, and area businesses.

**HISTORIC DOWNTOWN:**  
Features antique shops, specialty boutiques, and restaurants.

**JAMES H. LONG RAILROAD PARK AND MUSEUM:** (512) 237-2313  
The museum depicts history of railroad in Smithville and its importance to the community.

**SMITHVILLE MOVIE TOUR:** (512) 237-2313  
Join us as we lead a guided tour of the locations used in major motion pictures including "Hope Floats" and "The Tree of Life." Tours by appointment only.

## Somerville

[Burleson County Chamber of Commerce](#) (979) 596-2383

**SOMERVILLE HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** (979) 596-2383  
The museum is in Heritage Square, which contains two of the first lots platted in the city in 1833. The museum is housed in an early 1900s building, formerly a saloon with upstairs rooms, and features archaeology, local, and pioneer exhibits.

## Spring

[Spring Texas Visitors Bureau](#) (281) 288-2355

**HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS:** (281) 288-2355  
Christmas shopping and entertainment on weekends during November and December.

**OLD TOWN SPRING:** (281) 288-2355  
Historic railroad town features unique shopping for arts, crafts, antiques, clothing and gifts. Enjoy casual dining at great restaurants.

**PEARL FINCHER MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS:** (281) 376-6322  
The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts brings the best in original, high-quality museum works of art to the day-to-day environment of the residents of Northwest Houston.

**SPRING HISTORICAL MUSEUM:** (281) 288-2355  
Preserving the history of turn-of-the-century Spring. Tours are available, reservations required.

**SPRINGFEST WINE & ART FESTIVAL:** (281) 288-2355  
Wine sampling event in March features Texas wineries and Texas artists.

**TEXAS CRAWFISH AND MUSIC FESTIVAL:** (281) 288-2355  
A two-week festival in May offering Cajun food, live entertainment and great family fun.

**WIMBERLEY VALLEY WINERY TASTING ROOM:** (281) 350-8801  
Wine tasting and gift shop. Reservations required for groups.

## The Woodlands

The Woodlands Convention and Visitors Bureau (281) 363-2447

**CYNTHIA WOODS MITCHELL PAVILION:** (281) 363-3300  
Various outdoor concerts, symphonies, and musical group performances.

**WOODLANDS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** (281) 364-7097  
Concerts at the Woodlands United Methodist Church held October through March.

## Tomball

Chamber of Commerce (281) 351-7222

**ARBOR GATE, THE:** (281) 351-8851  
Northwest Houston's premier garden showcases the best in perennials, herbs, roses, and native plants. Also houses two well-stocked gift shops nestled in breathtaking gardens as well as an extensive array of educational classes in the spring and fall.

**BURROUGHS PARK:** (281) 353-4196 or (281) 351-1378  
A 330-acre park with nature trails, picnic areas, a fishing lake, and playground accessible to physically challenged children.

**DOWNTOWN ANTIQUE SHOPPING:**  
Year-round shopping in historic downtown Tomball.

**KLEB FARM MUSEUM:** (281) 376-5960  
Thornwell Kleb collection of local farming equipment from early times.

**KLEB NATURE PRESERVE:**  
Includes picnic tables, a pavilion, toilet facilities, a mile-long trail through the forest, and a mini-Big Thicket. Suitable for birding.

**MAIN STREET CROSSING:** (281) 290-0431  
Located in the heart of historic downtown Tomball, has live music on Friday nights. Genres include folk, country, pop, blues, jazz and rock on occasion. Acts like Roger Creager, Mike McClure, Shake Russel, Brandon Rhyder, Susan Gibson, Jason Allen, Hamilton Loomis, Walt Wilkins, Gary P. Nunn, Ray Wylie Hubbard have all appeared at Main Street Crossing.

**MATT FAMILY ORCHARD & NURSERY:** (281) 467-9758

Matt Family Orchard is a pick-your-own orchard featuring blueberry, blackberry, fig, Asian pears, mulberry, jujube (Asian dates), Asian persimmons, citrus and local honey. There are fall decorations and a pumpkin patch in October. Facilities include two flushable toilets, a playground, a pavilion and picnic area. Facilities with games, toys and a hay ride can be rented for tours and special events. Can accommodate up to 250 people. Facilities are accessible for children and adults. Hours are seasonal, please call ahead for fruit picking and reservations. Fruit Hotline (281) 351-7676.

**OLD SOUTH GARDENS:** (281) 351-7971  
Tour 10 acres of blossoming daylily plants from late May through mid-July.

**TOMBALL COMMUNITY MUSEUM CENTER:** (281) 255-2148  
A charming collection of restored homes, a church, a museum containing farming equipment, a cotton gin, and a corn crib before 1866 to 1905.

## Victoria

Chamber of Commerce (361) 573-5277

**BRIDGE STREET ART GALLERY:** (361) 572-0825  
Features beautiful art work from local artisans for sale and also holds pottery sculpting classes for beginners and more experienced artists throughout the year.

**HISTORIC HILLER HOUSE:** (361) 571-0582  
Built by German immigrants Friedrich and Margaretha Beck Hiller in 1852 after their challenging journey from the old port of Indianola. Call ahead to schedule your visit to the museum, or come by and enjoy our back porch nature deck.

**MUSEUM OF THE COASTAL BEND:** (361) 582-2511  
Showcasing the rich multi-cultural heritage of the Mid-Coastal region of Texas, the Museum's purpose is to collect, preserve, educate, and enhance the appreciation of the region's heritage.

**NAVE MUSEUM:** (361) 575-8227  
The Nave Museum is a fine arts museum, hosting traveling exhibits both modern, as well as classical. Open Tuesday through Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Call or check Website for current information.

**TEXAS ZOO, THE:** (361) 573-7681  
Over 150 animals native to Texas as well as exotic animals from all over the world. The Texas Zoo provides opportunities for visitors to interact with animals and learn about conservation through education programs.

**VICTORIA BALLET THEATRE:** (361) 575-2313  
Offers Victorians and visitors a chance to see local talent shine on the stage in beautiful dance ensembles. The season starts in the fall and continues through the spring.

**VICTORIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE:**

The Romanesque architecture was built in 1892 by James R. Gordan in the style of Henry Richardson. The structure is made of Texas granite and Indiana limestone. Group tours available.

**VICTORIA EDUCATIONAL GARDENS:** (361) 575-4581

Garden enthusiasts will enjoy the peaceful and relaxing environment as they tour through the Children's Garden, Vegetable Garden, Water Garden and Military Honor Garden.

## Waller

**COLONY CELLARS VINEYARD & WINERY:** (979) 826-3995

Seven different grapes fermented in a very special way to produce twelve distinctly different wines. Open Thursday through Sunday, each day offers a unique special feature. Free tastings are available all day. Special trolley tours are available that feature rides to the vineyard, escorted visit through the wine making facilities, and a seated tasting of all twelve of the unique wines. This tasting is accompanied with a snack tray that features the delicious bread dip. These tours take slightly over two hours.

## Warrenton

Round Top Area Chamber of Commerce (979) 249-4042

**WARRENTON GROCERY STORE:**

The Warrenton Grocery, a small town country store has been in business since the 1860s. An old wooden floor, with the sound of a shoe heel, echoes a "down-home-Country-Style Business."

**WORLD'S SMALLEST CATHOLIC CHURCH:**

The historical St. Martins Church is located between the towns of Round Top and Warrenton in central Texas.

## Washington

Washington County Convention & Visitors Bureau (888) 273-6426

**HOLY MONASTERY OF SAINT PARASKEVI** (936) 878-2390

**STAR OF THE REPUBLIC MUSEUM:** (936) 878-2461

This 8,000 square foot star-shaped building exhibits newly renovated exhibits depicting the saga of the Texas Republic and an interactive Showers-Brown Discovery Center. The tour includes a 20-minute introduction.

**WASHINGTON-ON-THE-BRAZOS STATE HISTORICAL PARK:** (936) 878-2214

The "Birthplace of Texas" is the scenic site where 59 delegates declared independence from Mexico on March 2, 1836. The park features the Barrington Living History Farm, an operational 1850s farm featuring the Anson Jones Home (the residence of the last president of the Texas Republic); Independence hall: a replica structure on the site where the Texas Declaration of Independence was signed.

# Weimar

[Weimar Area Chamber of Commerce](#)

(888) 393-4627

## **BORDEN:**

(979) 263-4250

A community east of town that was founded by Gail Borden; the inventor of evaporated milk. Historic building with antiques and gift items. Food and drink are available. Reservations needed to view inside.

## **HERITAGE SOCIETY MUSEUM OF WEIMAR:**

(979) 725-8535

Focuses on exhibits tracing the city's history with Main Street, an early country kitchen exhibit, a military room, a pharmacy exhibit, and a room dedicated to baseball enthusiasts.

## **JACKSON SQUARE:**

Includes an old train depot, a caboose, and the town gazebo.

## **NEW BIELAU TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERN CHURCH:**

Tour this primitive country church that was founded in 1886. Located 5 miles south of town.

## **RURAL TEXAS TOURISM, LLC:**

(979) 561-6667

Kick off the Saints and Souls Tour at renovated St. Michaels Catholic church with a 5<sup>th</sup> generation Czech Catholic from the area while hearing about the orphan train experience, interior architecture, statues, and stained glass. May combine this with tours of other churches or sites as well as Old West.

# Wharton

[Chamber of Commerce](#)

(979) 532-1862

## **1889 WHARTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE:**

The 1889 Wharton County Courthouse was restored in 2007 to its original appearance

## **20TH CENTURY TECHNOLOGY MUSEUM:**

(979) 282-8810

The 20th Century Technology Museum was founded to exhibit items that showcase the highlights of technological developments in the 20th century.

## **HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SHOPPING DISTRICT:**

A Mecca for the shopper and antique hunter. You can walk from shop to shop and when you're done, enjoy a great lunch or dinner from one of the fine downtown restaurants.

## **SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD DEPOT:**

(979) 532-1862

The Southern Pacific Railroad Depot was constructed in 1915. Plans are underway to restore this landmark and the surrounding area.

## **WHARTON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM:**

(979) 532-2600

The museum features exhibits covering all facets of Wharton County's heritage and the house where Dan Rather was born. Open year round, Monday through Friday from 9:30

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

## Winnie

**LARRY'S OLD TIME TRADE DAYS:** (409) 296-3300  
Includes a flea market, craft vendors, and exhibitors. Held every month on the weekend following the first Monday of the month.

**TEXAS RICE FESTIVAL:** (409) 296-4404  
Country fair atmosphere provides entertainment for people of all ages at the Winnie-Stowell County Park Wednesday, September 28 through Sunday, October 2, 2011.

## Woodville

Chamber of Commerce (409) 283-2632

**ALLAN SHIVERS MUSEUM:** (409) 283-3709  
Memorabilia of Allan Shivers, former Governor of Texas, elegant gowns of Mrs. Shivers, authentic Victorian dwelling and an African safari room.

**ANNUAL DOGWOOD FESTIVAL:** (409) 283-8346  
Festival includes arts and crafts, an antique car show, a parade of floats, clowns, motorcycles, and a pageant on the last two weekends in March and the first weekend in April.

**ANTIQUING AND SHOPPING:**  
Numerous shops are available.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL:** (409) 283-2272  
A pioneer demonstration, music, dance, food, artisans, and a Civil War confederate campsite highlight this East Texas folk life festival. Located at the Heritage Village Museum and held the third weekend in October.

**HERITAGE VILLAGE MUSEUM:** (409) 283-2272  
Unique collection of pioneer buildings and artifacts depict life in early Tyler County, circa 1840-1900.

## PART 2

### Other Places of Interest

### Church and Temple Tours

**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL: (Houston)** (713) 222-2593  
Treebeards is located in church dining hall.

**CHUNG MEI BUDDHIST TEMPLE: (Houston)** (281) 495-3100

Lunch at Tea Room

**CHURCHES AND MORE TOUR: (Fayette County)** (979) 561-6667  
See other churches in Fayette County that depict traditions and history of this great area.

**CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART (Houston)** (713) 659-1561

**CONGREGATION EMANUEL (Houston)** (713) 529-5771

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Houston)** (713) 620-6500

**HISTORICAL CHURCHES TOUR: (Fayette County)** (979) 561-6667  
See the Painted Churches as you never have before through eyes of a 5<sup>th</sup> generation Czech Catholic step on guide. Reduced rates available. Tour St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic church of Dubina, St. John the Baptist of Ammansville, St. Mary's of Praha, and St. Mary's of High Hill. Stories of settlers included.

**INTERFAITH MINISTRIES FOR GREATER HOUSTON:** (713) 533-4900  
Contact Interfaith Ministries for guided tours

**ISLAMIC DA`WAH CENTER (Houston)** (713) 223-3311

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH (Houston)** (713) 290-9087

**PAINTED CHURCHES TOUR:** (866) 504-5294  
German-Czech churches in the communities of High Hill, Praha, Ammannsville, and Dubin are included. Contact the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce to arrange guided tours.

**SAINTS & SOULS TOUR: (Fayette County)** (979) 561-6667  
A fifth generation Czech Catholic to the area is the step on guide who leads you through churches with stories, folklore and fun. Tour includes, St. Michaels Church of Weimer, Dubina's St. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church, Holy Rosary Catholic Church of Hostyn and Grotto, St. Rose Catholic Church of Schulenburg. Hear stories and history of saints and the orphan train experience.

**SHRI SWAMINARAYAN MANDIR (Stafford)** (281) 765 2277

## Colleges—Fine Arts

### **LONE STAR COLLEGE THEATRE ARTS:**

Cy-Fair (281) 290-3200  
Conroe (936) 273-7000  
Montgomery (936) 273-7000  
Kingwood (281) 312-1672

**COLLEGE OF THE MAINLAND:** (888) 258-8859  
Offers musical performances and stage productions throughout the year.

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, MOORES SCHOOL OF MUSIC:** (713) 743-3113

Offers many public concerts and stage productions throughout the year. Unless otherwise indicated, all performances have open seating.

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON - SHEPHERD SCHOOL OF MUSIC:** (713) 348-4854  
Offers musical performances throughout the year. Unless otherwise noted, admission to all events is free and tickets are not required.

## Opry Houses

**ALVIN OPRY:** (281) 431-2942  
Show time: 7 p.m. every Saturday night.

**BRENHAM OPRY:** (979) 661-4907  
Contact Bill Cavin  
Show time: 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. the first Friday of every month; Dinner: 6 p.m.

**HOMETOWN OPRY: (Pasadena)** (281) 479-4232  
Show time: 7:30 p.m. one Friday per month. Call for dates.

**LIBERTY OPRY:** (877) 729-9103  
Show time: 7 p.m. every Saturday.

**ROSENBERG OPRY:** (281) 342-2353  
Show time: 7:30 p.m. every third Friday.

**TEXAS OPRY JAMBOREE: (Magnolia)** (281) 356-6779  
Show time: 7:30 p.m. every Saturday night.

## Parks and Gardens

**ANTIQUEROSE EMPORIUM: (Brenham.)** (800) 441-0002  
Features eight acres of ornamental displays.

**ARMAND BAYOU NATURE CENTER: (Houston)** (281) 474-2551  
Featuring bison, raptors, and reptiles. Encompassing three ecosystems of hardwood forest, estuarine bayou with wetlands, and coastal tall grass prairie. The 2,500-acre wildlife refuge has more than 370 species of wildlife. Approximately five miles of walking trails with boardwalks, overlooks, and bird blind. Hours: Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Mondays.

**BASTROP GARDENS: (Bastrop)** (512) 303-5672  
Pick-your-own from the organic farm that features plants, trees, shrubs, veggies, and herbs to choose from.

**BAYOU BEND COLLECTION AND GARDENS: (Houston)** (713) 639-7750  
Bayou Bend, the magnificent home of Miss Ima Hogg, is best known for its superb collection of American decorative arts, innovative architecture, and gardens.

**BRAZOSPORT NATURE CENTER AND PLANETARIUM: (Clute)** (877) 265-7661  
Features an active program of sky shows and a hands-on exhibit of freeze-dried specimen of local flora and fauna. A ¾-mile, self-guided nature trail offers a view of East Texas bottomland.

**BROOKWOOD HORTICULTURE: (Brookshire)** (281) 375-2158  
Bedding, potted plants, and trees are sold on the premises.

**CIRCLE LAKE RETREAT CENTER: (Pinehurst)** (281) 356-6764  
Encompasses 45 acres of forest, gardens, and lakefront. There are fifteen acres of lakes where fishing for catfish, bass, perch, and blue gill is plentiful. The property boasts of a rose garden of over 350 varieties of roses that guests are free to cut and take. For those adventurous enough, there are canoes and paddle boats free of charge.

**EDITH L. MOORE NATURE SANCTUARY: (Houston)** (713) 464-4900  
Audubon Docent Guild: Offers a one-hour guided tour to visit the woods and pond habitats of this urban sanctuary. By appointment only, September through mid-May.

**ELLISON'S GREENHOUSES, INC: (Brenham)** (979) 836-6011  
Ellison's Greenhouses offers a variety of potted, blooming and foliage plants in different sizes and settings. Find exotic bromeliads, exquisite orchids, peculiarly looking kangaroo paws and zebra plants, colorful ornamental peppers, and more. Seasonal crops of poinsettias, including the Texas-sized Poinsettia, and Easter lilies. Design center has a supply of floral arrangements for all special occasions.

**RANCH HISTORICAL PARK: (Rosenberg/Richmond)** (281) 343-0218  
Today, the George Ranch is a 23,000-acre working ranch. The family's original home place is at the core of the George Ranch Historical Park where the legends and legacies of those who shaped this place come to life every day. Authentic locations, historic homes, costumed presenters and a remarkable story of determination and courage set the stage for trekking through Texas history.

**GEORGE RANCH HISTORICAL PARKS SPECIAL EVENTS:**

- **Campfire Christmas:** Join us for this historic holiday celebration! Enjoy a progressive Christmas dinner, music, hay ride, exclusive evening tours of the 1890s Davis Victorian Mansion and 1930s George Ranch Home. Finish up with dessert around the campfire with the George Ranch cowboys. Reservations are required.
- **Lone Star Stomp:** This is a gala like no other! A lively, Western-themed party that will let your inner star shine! Get gussied up, don't forget the bling, and join us for a great evening of dining, dancing, and socializing in the transformed George Ranch Covered Arena. Come shine like the star that you are.
- **Texian Market Days** - Texian Market Days offers families an affordable and educational weekend immersed in Texas history. Bring the whole family to this annual event held the fourth weekend in October

**HOUSTON ARBORETUM & NATURE CENTER: (Houston)** (713) 681-8433  
A 155-acre urban nature sanctuary located in Memorial Park offers over five miles of self-guided trails.

- HOUSTON GARDEN CENTER: (Houston)** (713) 284-1989  
Includes 90 varieties of roses, 2,722 plants, a Bulb Garden, a Fragrant Garden, a Perennial Garden, a Camellia Garden, a Friendship Pavilion, and an International Sculpture Garden.
- HUNTSVILLE STATE PARK: (Huntsville)** (936) 295-5644  
Park offers an extensive trail system, and an equestrian stable that provides guided trail rides (call (210) 861-0105 for reservations). The park also has a 210-acre lake, Lake Raven, with canoes and paddleboats for rent, and plentiful wildlife and birds, as well as great fishing. A CCC-built group facility is available for rent for weddings, parties and reunions.
- JAPANESE GARDENS, THE: (Houston)** (713) 284-1300  
Enjoy the quiet serenity and beauty of the traditional Japanese structures, a waterfall, pond, and gazebo. Visit the Tea House the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month for a tea ceremony.
- MAAS NURSERY: (Seabrook)** (281) 474-2488  
Maas Nursery specializes in the unique and the unusual. Garden clubs and other groups are welcome. Maas Nursery can provide free speakers for up to 50 attendees. Please call first. Hours of Operation: Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- MASONIC OAK PARK: (Brazoria)** (979) 798-6100  
Where Anson Jones and five others met and chartered the first Masonic Lodge in Texas.
- MERCER ARBORETUM & BOTANIC GARDENS: (Humble)** (281) 443-8731  
Mercer has over three hundred acres of East Texas Piney Woods showcasing the region's largest collection of native and cultivated plants. Reservations for guided or self-guided tours can be made Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- MISSION TEJAS STATE PARK: (Crockett)** (800) 792-1112  
Located on 118 acres. Tour two historic structures: Mission San Francisco De Los Tejas, the first Spanish mission in the province of Texas, and the Rice family log home, an original stagecoach house built between 1828 and 1838. Camping, picnicking, fishing, and hiking are also available.
- RUDY'S PEACH ORCHARD: (Spring)** (281) 367-4578  
Pick your own fruit from peaches, plums, nectarines, blackberries, watermelons, and tomatoes.
- SHANGRI LA BOTANICAL GARDENS: (Orange)** (409) 670-9113  
Located in the heart of Orange, Texas, the gardens of Shangri La encompass approximately 250 acres. On the grounds feature several greenhouses with hundreds of various plants and flowers, a bat house, a beaver colony, birds, and other wildlife.
- SHIMEK GARDENS: (Alvin/Manvel)** (281) 331-4395  
Over 750 different types of daylilies and hundreds of roses span these country acres. Peak season is May through June.

## Radio Station Tours

<b>KGLK-FM 107.5 - The Eagle</b>	(713) 963-1200
<b>KSBJ- FM 89.3 Contemporary Christian Music</b>	(281) 446-5725

## Restaurants

The following list of restaurants is meant as a planning tool only, not a list of endorsements or recommendations. Before planning any trip, it is recommended that you verify bus accessibility, driving directions, phone numbers, times, days, cost, and location.

### Alvin

Alvin Restaurant	1109 W Hwy. 6	(281) 331-0703
Kelly's Country Cooking	1100 Hwy. 35	(281) 585-5777

### Bacliff

Clifton's Seaside Diner	10 Grand Ave.	(281) 339-3474
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### Bastrop

Baxters on Main	919 Main St.	(512) 321-3577
Mimi G's Steak House	395 FM 1441	(512) 321-3814

### Baytown

Hibachi Grill & Buffet	3703 Garth Rd.	(281) 838-8168
Mustard Seed Tea Room, The	2224 N. Alexander Dr.	(281) 422-7100

### Beaumont

Floyds Cajun Seafood & Texas Steakhouse	2290 IH-10 South	(409) 842-0686
Katharine & Company Restaurant	1495 Calder Ave.	(409) 833-9919
Spindletop Seafood & Steak	290 Crockett St.	(409) 833-9688

### Bellville

Bellville Cafe	103 E. Main St.	(979) 865-8200
Big Hats & Little Whispers	24 N. Holland St.	(979) 865-1709
Newman's Bakery	504 E. Main St.	(979) 865-9804

### Brenham

Ant Street Inn Bed & Breakfast	107 West Commerce St.	(800) 481-1951
Country Inn Steakhouse	1000 East Horton	(979) 836-2396
Ernie's Restaurant	103 South Baylor St.	(979) 836-7545
K-Bob's Steakhouse	2120 Hwy. 290	(979) 836-7990

Must Be Heaven	107 W. Alamo St.	(979) 830-8536
Purcell's Country Style Buffet	2800 Hwy 36 South	(979) 836-9508
Southern Flyer Diner	3001 Aviation Way	(979) 836-5462
Volare Italian Restaurant	102 South Ross St.	(979) 836-1514

## **Bryan**

Cotton Patch Café	940 N. Earl Rudder Fwy.	(979) 774-0346
Glory Inn, The	6055 Hearne Rd.	(979) 589-3206
Hampton's Cafe	2516 South Texas Ave.	(979) 775-8811
Madden's Casual Gourmet	202 South Bryan	(979) 779-2558
Sodolak's Beefmasters Restaurant	3500 Hwy. 21 West	(979) 778-4999

## **Burton**

Brazos Belle Restaurant	600 North Main St.	(979) 289-2677
Burton Cafe	12513 Washington St.	(979) 289-2100

## **Calvert**

Cocoamoda Restaurant & Chocolates	518 South Main St.	(979) 278-2190
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## **Carmine**

J W's Steakhouse	122 S. Hauptstrasse	(979) 278-4240
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## **Chappell Hill**

Bevers Kitchen & Gifts	5162 Main St.	(979) 836-4178
Chappell Hill Meat Market & Cafe	8966 Hwy. 290 East	(979) 836-0850

## **Cleveland**

Backwoods Roadhouse	11310 FM 1725	(281) 592-2254
Captain R Seafood Diner	118 S Washington	(281) 592-2843
Hilltop Restaurant	235 Chain-O-Lakes Resort	(832) 397-4008

## **College Station**

Cheddar's	1701 University Dr. East	(979) 260-1701
Doc Green's Salads & Grill	1808 Texas Ave. South	(979) 764-3900
Fish Daddy's Grill House	1611 University Dr. East	(979) 260-1611
Terrazzo Coffee & Wine	405 University Dr. East	(979) 846-9463

## **Columbus**

Mikeska's Bar-B-Q	4053 Hwy 90	(979) 732-3101
Nancy's Steak House	2536 Hwy 715	(979) 732-9700
Schobels' Restaurant	2020 Milam St.	(979) 732-2385

## **Conroe**

Conroe's Incredible Pizza	230 S Loop 336 West	(936) 441-2222
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Coronelli's Villa Italia	203 Simonton St.	(936) 539-5589
Hyden's Restaurant & Oyster Bar	5104 Hwy. 105 West	(936) 441-3474
Piney Shores Resort	8350 Piney Shores Dr.	(936) 856-4692

## Crockett

Moosehead Café	412 E Houston Ave.	(936) 544-2033
Tchoupitoulas	208 E Goliad Ave.	(936) 545-2467

## Crystal Beach

CoCoNuts Restaurant Bar & Grill	1021 Hwy. 87	(409) 684-2626
Outrigger Grill	1035 Texas 87	(409) 684-6212

## Cypress

Bake Shoppe & Café, The	12724 Grant Rd.	(281) 320-2253
Buc-ee's	27106 Hwy. 290	
La Parmigiana Italian Oven	12758 Grant Rd.	(281) 251-6163
Piccomolo Italian Ice Cream	12702 Grant Rd.	(281) 257-9272

## Dickinson

Green Parrot Bar & Grill	2233 E. Bayshore Dr.	(281) 339-1392
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## El Campo

Firehouse Bar & Grill	1 North Mechanic St.	(979) 543-9400
Pincher's Boil'N Pot	2909 Hwy. 59 East	(979) 543-2645
Prasek's Hillje Smokehouse	29714 Hwy. 59	(979) 543-8312

## Ellinger

Hruska Kolache Shop	109 W. State Hwy. 71	(979) 378-2333
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## Fayetteville

Keilers Restaurant	107 West Fayette St.	(979) 378-2578
Orzak's Cafe	121 West Fayette St.	(979) 378-2719

## Friendswood

Charleston Tea Room & Cafe	154 South Friendswood Dr.	(281) 992-8327
Village Tea Room & Café	15403 Hope Village Rd.	(281) 482-6271

## Galveston

Casey's Seafood Cafe	3828 Seawall Blvd.	(409) 762-9625
Di Bella's Italian Restaurant	1902 31 <sup>st</sup> St.	(409) 763-9036
Chopin Mon Ami	1508 39th Street	(409) 762-2622
Fisherman's Wharf	Pier 22	(409) 765-5708
Fish Tails	2502 Seawall Blvd.	(409) 762-8545
Gaidos Seafood Restaurant	3800 Seawall Blvd.	(409) 762-9625

La King's Confectionery	2323 Strand St.	(409) 762-6100
Landry's	5310 Seawall Blvd.	(409) 744-1010
Luigi's Ristorante Italiano	2328 Strand St.	(409) 763-6500
Mosquito Cafe	628 14 <sup>th</sup> St.	(409) 763-1010
Shrimp 'N Stuff	39 <sup>th</sup> & Ave. O	(409) 763-2805
Spot Restaurant and Tiki Bar	3204 Seawall Blvd.	(409) 621-5237
Star Drug Store	510 23 <sup>rd</sup> St.	(409) 766-7719
Sunflower Bakery & Cafe	512 14 <sup>th</sup> St.	(409) 763-5500

## Giddings

Buc-ee's	2375 East Austin	(979) 238-6390
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## Gonzales

Gonzales Food Market Restaurant	311 St. Lawrence	(830) 672-3156
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## Groves

Esther's Seafood & Oyster Bar	9902 ½ Gulfway Dr.	(409) 962-6268
Larry's French Market & Cajun Restaurant	3701 Pure Atlanta Rd.	(409) 962-3394

## Hankamer

Country Boys Country Store	25777 I-10	(409) 374-2222
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## Hempstead

Las Fuentes Mexican Restaurant	601 10 <sup>th</sup> St.	(979) 826-2548
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## Houston

59 Diner	17695 Tomball Pkwy.	(832) 237-7559
Andre's Pastry Shop & Café	1101 Uptown Park Blvd.	(713) 877-9401
Aviator's Grill	20803 Stuebner Airline Rd.	(281) 370-6279
Barnaby's	414 West Gray	(713) 522-8898
Bells & Whistles Café	1501 Texas Ave.	(713) 224-1501
Biraporetti's	500 Louisiana St.	(713) 529-9191
Brady's Landing	8505 Cypress St.	(713) 928-9921
Brennan's Houston	3300 Smith	(713) 522-9711
British Isles Tea Shop	2366 Rice Blvd.	(713) 522-6868
China Garden Restaurant	1602 Leeland St.	(713) 652-0745
Carriage House Café	7955 Fallbrook Dr.	(281) 469-2002
Cavatore's Italian Restaurant	2120 Ella Blvd.	(713) 869-6622
Charivari Restaurant	2521 Bagby St.	(713) 521-7231
Cheesecake Factory, The	5015 Westheimer	(713) 840-0600
Chocolate Bar, The	1835 West Alabama	(713) 520-8599
Chocolate Bar, The	2521 University Blvd.	(713) 520-8888
Churrascos Restaurant	2055 Westheimer	(713) 517-8300
Chuy's Mexican Restaurant	2706 Westheimer	(713) 524-1700
Cleburne Cafeteria	3606 Bissonnet St.	(713) 667-2386
Corner Bakery Café	1000 Main St.	(713) 651-0854
County Line BBQ, The	13850 Cutten Rd.	(281) 537-2454

Cracker Barrel	14765 I-45/Airtex	(281) 872-0809
Demaris BBQ	9522 Hempstead Rd.	(713) 681-7204
Demaris BBQ	2911 S. Shepherd	(713) 529-7326
Dessert Gallery	1616 Post Oak	(713) 622-0007
Dessert Gallery	300 Kirby Dr., Ste. 106	(713) 522-9999
Dinner Bell Cafeteria	6520 Lawndale St.	(713) 928-3239
Doneraki Restaurant	2903 Woodridge Dr.	(713) 645-6400
Doneraki Restaurant	2836 Fulton	(713) 225-1243
Downtown Aquarium	410 Bagby St.	(713) 223-FISH
Epicure Café & European Pastries	2005 West Gray	(713) 520-6174
Escalante's Mexican Restaurant	4053 Westheimer	(713) 623-4200
Farrago	318 West Gray	(713) 523-6404
Fogo de Chao	8250 Westheimer Rd.	(713) 978-6500
Furr's Cafeteria	21005 Interstate 45	(281) 528-5455
Georgia's Farm to Market	12171 Katy Frwy.	(281) 940-0990
Goode Co Barbeque	5109 Kirby Dr.	(713) 522-5230
Goode Co Seafood	2621 Westpark	(713) 523-7154
Gravitas Restaurant	807 Taft	(713) 522-0995
Home Plate Grill	1800 Texas Ave.	(713) 222-1993
House of Blues Restaurant	1204 Caroline	(713) 652-5837
House of Pies	3112 Kirby Dr.	(713) 528-3816
Just Oxtails Soulfood	4027 Reed Rd.	(713) 733-8111
Katz's Deli and Bar	616 Westheimer	(713) 521-3838
Kenny & Ziggy's Deli	2327 Post Oak Blvd.	(713) 871-8883
Kim Son Restaurant	10603 Bellaire Blvd.	(281) 598-1777
Kim Son Restaurant	2001 Jefferson	(713) 222-2461
La Madeleine	6205 Kirby Dr.	(713) 942-7081
La Madeleine	2047-A West Gray	(713) 526-9666
Lake House Waterside Café	1600 McKinney St.	(713) 337-7319
Lasagna House III	217 FM 1960 West #D	(281) 580-7797
Massa's Seafood Grill	1331 Lamar	(713) 655-7925
Mayuri Indian Restaurant	5857 Westheimer, Ste. A	(713) 975-6565
Moo Hive Honey Ice Cream	6285 Bissonnet	(713) 774-4200
Mrs. Baird's Bakery	6650 N Houston-Roslyn Rd.	(713) 996-5000
Niko Niko's	2520 Montrose	(713) 528-4976
Ninfa's Restaurant	2704 Navigation Blvd.	(713) 228-1175
Path of Tea, The	2340 West Alabama St.	(713) 252-4473
Prince's-Houston's Hometown Burger	3899 Southwest Frwy.	(713) 626-9950
Red Lobster	302 FM 1960 West	(281) 440-6028
Romano's Macaroni Grill	5802 Westheimer	(713) 789-5515
Rudi Lechner's Restaurant	2503 South Gessner	(713) 782-1180
Ruggles	903 Westheimer	(713) 527-9400
Saltgrass Steakhouse	17275 Tomball Pkwy.	(281) 477-0952
Shade	250 West 19 <sup>th</sup> St.	(713) 863-7500
Shogun Japanese Grill & Sushi Bar	114 Vintage Park Blvd., Ste A	(832) 717-4777
Spaghetti Warehouse Restaurant	901 Commerce St.	(713) 229-9715
Steamboat House	8045 N. Sam Houston Pkwy.	(832) 912-1845
Sweet Sadies BBQ & Wings	2200 Spears Rd. Ste 600	(281) 397-6422
Sweet Tea Café	325 19 <sup>th</sup> St.	(713) 861-8006

Taste of Texas Restaurant	10505 Katy Frwy.	(713) 932-6901
Tea Cake French Bakery & Tea Room	820 FM 1960 West, Ste. 19	(281) 893-6869
Teotihuacan Mexican Café	1511 Airline Dr.	(713) 426-4420
Texas Roadhouse	124 FM 1960 East	(281) 821-7426
Treebeards: The Cloister	1117 Texas	(713) 229-8248
Vargo's	2401 Fondren Rd.	(713) 749-0471
Waterside Court & Catering	6550 Bertner St.	(713) 749-0471
Yia Yia Mary's Greek Kitchen	4747 San Felipe St.	(713) 840-8665

## Huffman

Cedar Landing Restaurant	10614 FM 1960 East	(281) 324-1173
Los Compadres Mexican Restaurant	24501 FM 2100	(281) 324-9611
Star Café	21522 FM 2100	(281) 324-4607

## Humble

Café East	260 1 <sup>st</sup> St.	(281) 548-0082
China Ko Restaurant	5421 FM 1960 West	(281) 361-8006
Culver's of Atascocita	5420 East Atascocita Rd.	(281) 812-8600
H. B. (Happy Buddah) Japanese Steakhouse	9556 FM 1950 West	(281) 446-3373
Hula Mama's	8550 FM 1960 West	(281) 710-7110
Humble City Café	200 East Main St.	(281) 319-0200
Italiano's Restaurant	217 FM 1960 East	(281) 860-2225
Lings Buffet	6730 Atascocita Rd., Ste 100	(281) 852-0118
Potatoe Patch Restaurant	2020 FM 1960 East	(281) 443-3530
Tin Roof BBQ	18918 Town Center Blvd.	(281) 852-5577
Walden on Lake Houston Country Club	18100 Walden Forest Dr.	(832) 445-2100

## Huntsville

Bob Luby's Seafood Grill	139 I-45 North	(936) 435-0944
Farmhouse Café	1004 14 <sup>th</sup> St.	(936) 435-1450
Farmhouse Sweets and Eats	1112 11 <sup>th</sup> St.	(936) 291-6988
Hitchin Post Restaurant	I-45 North	(936) 293-1400
Homestead Restaurant	1215 19 <sup>th</sup> St.	(936) 291-7366
Five Loaves Deli	1329 University Ave	(936) 439-9400
Junction Restaurant	2641 11 <sup>th</sup> St.	(936) 291-2183
McKenzie's Barbeque	1700 11 <sup>th</sup> St.	(936) 291-7347
New Zion Missionary Baptist BBQ	2601 Montgomery Rd.	(936) 295-2349
Rodeo Mexican Restaurant	617 I-45 North	(936) 438-8284

## Katy

Café East	935 South Mason Rd.	(281) 829-1616
Rainforest Café	5000 Mills Circle	(281) 644-6200
Ritters Frozen Custard	3427 North Fry Rd.	(281) 646-1211

## Kemah

Aquarium Restaurant	Kemah Boardwalk	(281) 334-9010
Flying Dutchman	9 Kemah Waterfront St.	(281) 334-7575
Joe's Crabshack	Kemah Boardwalk	(281) 334-2881

Landry's	Kemah Boardwalk	(281) 334-2513
T Bone Tom's Steakhouse	707 Hwy. 146	(281) 334-2133

## Kingwood

Carrabbas Restaurant	750 Kingwood Dr.	(281) 334-9010
El Rancho Mexican Restaurant	24551 Loop 494, Ste. 111	(281) 358-5660
Fuddrucker's	4630 Kingwood Dr.	(281) 361-7800
La Madeleine	4570 Kingwood Dr.	(281) 360-1681
Sharky's	1660 West Lake Houston Pkwy.	(281) 316-0660

## Kountze

Mama Jack's Restaurant	215 S Pine St.	(409) 246-3450
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## La Grange

F H's Brisket & Brew	3932 North US Hwy. 77	(979) 242-2458
Katy Sweet Confectioners	4321 Hwy 71 West	(800) 419-2056
La Marina Restaurant	1502 West State Hwy. 71	(979) 968-2065
Las Fuentes Mexican Restaurant	658 South Jefferson St.	(979) 968-8957
Weikel's Store & Bakery	2247 W SH-71	(979) 968-9413

## La Porte

Cornbread's Café	2501 Underwood	(281) 867-9231
Monument Inn Restaurant	4406 Independence Pkwy. S	(281) 479-1521

## Lake Jackson

Local Kitchen, Market & Bakery, The	120 That Way St.	(979) 297-9300
Picket Fence Restaurant, The	107 West Way, Ste. 7	(979) 297-7234
Wurst Haus Deli & Restaurant	102 This Way	(979) 297-3003

## League City

Wild Rose Tea Room	501 E Main St.	(281) 557-4433
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## Liberty

Ann's Seafood	1714 Grand Ave.	(936) 334-0306
Casa Don Boni	906 Main St.	(936) 334-8860
Chili's	2125 Hwy. 146	(936) 336-1222
Cookies Kitchen & Diner	1808 Sam Houston St.	(936) 336-9288
Duff's Seafood	1914 Grand Ave.	(936) 334-0306
Jax Hamburgers	428 Main St.	(936) 336-7887
Mas Amigos Mexican Restaurant	2400 North Main	(936) 336-2725
Sam's Steak & Seafood	906 North Main	(936) 334-8860
Simply Country Café	17174 Hwy. 146 North	(936) 298-2825

## Lockhart

Black's BBQ 215 North Main St. (512) 398-2712

## **Magnolia**

Hickory Hollow Restaurant 18535 FM 1488 Rd. (281) 356-7885  
Kemah Seafood Restaurant 203 Magnolia Blvd. (832) 934-0480  
Teas, Herbs & Orchids 32930 Decker Prairie Rd. (281) 256-2336

## **Mauriceville**

Tuffy's Eatery 11261 Hwy. 12 (209) 745-3170

## **Montgomery**

Caroline House Bed & Breakfast, The 811 Caroline St. (936) 697-0197  
Heritage House Restaurant 2016 Eva St. (936) 597-6100  
Old Montgomery Steak House 204 McCowan St. (936) 597-5155  
Rabbit Run 21149 Eva St. (936) 597-8009  
Vernon's Kuntry Katfish 5901 Hwy 105 West (936) 760-3386  
Vintage Garden Tea House 304 Caroline St. (936) 597-4004

## **Navasota/Anderson**

Bogart's Casa Blanca 1306 E Washington Ave. (936) 825-1696  
Cow Talk Steakhouse 7846 Hwy. 90 South (936) 825-6993  
Owls Nest Cafe 1033 Hwy. 90 S (936) 873-2288  
Mallet Brothers Barbeque 9339 State Hwy. 6 (936) 825-9440  
Martha's Bloomers 8101 Texas 6 (936) 825-7400  
Retreat Hill Winery & Vineyard 15551 FM 362 (936) 825-8282  
Wrangler Steakhouse 8731 Texas 6 (936) 870-3401

## **Nederland**

Cowboy Reds BBQ 1920 Nederland Ave. (409) 721-5774

## **Orange**

Old Orange Café 914 West Division Ave. (409) 883-2233  
Roberts Meat Market and Steakhouse 3720 W Park Ave. (409) 883-0979

## **Plantersville**

Relay Station Restaurant 15680 Hwy. 105 East (936) 894-3111

## **Port Arthur**

Schooner Restaurant, The 1507 Hwy 365 (409) 722-2323

## **Richmond**

Karl's At The Riverbend 5011 FM 723 (281) 238-9300

## **Rosenberg**

Another Time Soda Fountain & Café  
Schulze's BBQ Restaurant

800 Third St.  
1214 1<sup>st</sup> St.

(281) 232-2999  
(281) 342-4445

## **Roundtop**

Scotty & Friends  
Klumps Restaurant

109 Bauer Rummel Rd.  
101 South Washington

(979) 249-5512  
(979) 249-5696

## **San Leon**

Railean Rum Distillery

341 5<sup>th</sup> St.

(713) 545-2742

## **Schulenburg**

Frank's Restaurant  
Iron Horse Filling Station Restaurant  
Original Kountry bakery  
Paddy's Texas Kitchen

11 North Kessler Ave.  
405 Summit St.  
110 Kessler Ave.  
22 N Kessler

(979) 743-3555  
(979) 743-4392  
(979) 743-4342  
(979) 743-2900

## **Shenandoah**

Kebab House Mediterranean Cuisine  
Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen  
Red Robin Restaurant

18450 I-45 South  
18165 I-45 South  
19433 I-45

(936) 321-2646  
(936) 321-4200  
(281) 465-9896

## **Shiner**

Rena's Café  
Shiner Restaurant & Bar

203 S. Ave.  
103 East 7<sup>th</sup> St.

(361) 594-2822  
(361) 594-2898

## **Smithville**

Katy House Bed & Breakfast  
Zimmerhanzel's Bar-B-Que

201 Ramona St.  
307 Royston St.

(512) 237-4262  
(512) 237-4244

## **Snook**

Czech-Tex Steakhouse & BBQ

111 County Rd. 269

(979) 272-8501

## **Sommerville**

Sodolak's Original Country Inn

9711 Hwy. 60 North

(979) 272-6002

## **Spring**

Ellen's Café  
Puffabelly's Restaurant  
Rudy's Country Store & Bar-B-Que  
Wunsche Brothers Café & Saloon

307 Gentry St.  
100 Main St.  
20806 I-45 North  
103 Midway St.

(281) 353-9229  
(281) 350-3376  
(281) 288-0916  
(281) 350-1902

## **Stafford**

Sams Boat

12720 Southwest Frwy.

(281) 277-9333

## **Sugar Land**

Serenitea	13889 Southwest Frwy.	(281) 491-4588
P. F. Chang's China Bistro	2120 Lone Star Dr.	(281) 313-8650
Shiva Indian Restaurant	16556 Southwest Frwy.	(281) 494-2981

## **The Woodlands**

Benihana's	1720 Lake Woodlands Dr.	(281) 292-0061
Cheesecake Factory, The	1201 Lake Woodlands Dr.	(281) 419-3400
Genghis Grill	9300 Six Pines Dr.	(281) 298-4745
Romano's Macaroni Grill	1155 Lake Woodlands Dr.	(281) 367-3773

## **Tomball**

Goodson's Café	27931 Texas 249	(281) 351-1749
Harris County Smokehouse and Café	14239 FM 2920	(281) 351-4060
Le Gourmet Bistro	209 Commerce St.	(281) 341-4707
Matt Family Orchard	21110 Bauer Hockley Rd.	(281) 351-7676
Mel's Country Café	24814 Stanolind Rd.	(281) 255-6357
Whistle Stop Tea Room	107 Commerce St.	(281) 255-2455

## **Victoria**

Applebee's	6490 North Navarro	(361) 576-4411
Fossati's Delicatessen	302 South Main St.	(361) 576-3354
Furr's Family Dining	3603 North Navarro	(361) 576-1197
Pelican's Wharf Restaurant	2912 Houston Hwy.	(361) 578-5253
Ryan's Family Steakhouse	6702 North Navarro	(361) 573-0484

## **Waller**

Cielinto Lindo Restaurant	31303 FM 2920 Rd. # A	(936) 372-0854
Texas Specialtea Shoppe	26734 Clark Rd.	(936) 372-0097

## **Washington**

Lillian Farms Bed & Breakfast	12570 FM 155 E	(979) 421-6332
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## **Webster**

Chabuca's Steaks and Rotisserie	316 W Nasa Rd. 1	(281) 554-8000
Mystery Dinner Theatre	316 W Nasa Rd. 1	(281) 992-1888

## **Wellborn**

Hullabaloo Diner	15045 FM 2154	(979) 639-3002
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## **West Columbia**

Cowgirl's Kitchen	333 Best Brazos Ave.	(979) 345-2776
Elmo's Grill	454 South 17 <sup>th</sup> St.	(979) 345-5127

## Wharton

Pat A Cake on the Square

119 South Fulton St.

(979) 282-8000

## Woodville

Pickett House Restaurant

Hwy. 190 W

(800) 323-0389

## Shopping Malls and Outlets

### **HOUSTON PREMIUM OUTLETS:**

(281) 304-1670

Upscale, fashion conscious shoppers will find designer labels. Sign up for a tour online.

### **KATY MILLS MALL:**

(281) 644-5000

Katy Mills features hundreds of the best names in retail.

### **LA MARQUE OUTLET CENTER:**

(409) 938-3333

### **OUTLETS AT CONROE:**

(936) 756-0904

Brand name stores and specialty shops.

### **SAM MOON TRADING COMPANY:**

(936) 321-1400

Sam Moon was established in 1984 as a wholesale importer of general merchandise.

## Stage and Dinner Theaters

### **A. D. PLAYERS: (Houston)**

(713) 526-2721

A.D. Players is an ongoing theatrical ministry.

### **ALLEY THEATRE: (Houston)**

(713) 228-8421

Offers adult and children's performances, special Monday night events, special holiday performances, back stage tours, theatre classes for young people, and pre-show talks, and post-show discussions.

### **BAYTOWN LITTLE THEATER: (Baytown)**

(281) 424-7617

This incorporated, nonprofit cultural organization offers a variety of theatrical performances.

### **CLEAR CREEK COUNTRY THEATRE: (Houston)**

(281) 335-5228

Clear Creek Country Theatre has been serving the Bay Area since the 1960s.

### **COMPANY ONSTAGE: (Houston)**

(713) 726-1219

The Company Onstage Theater, founded in 1978, is one of Houston's oldest and most successful nonprofit community theaters.

### **COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE: (Houston)**

(713) 467-4497

One of Houston's oldest community theatres providing theatrical entertainment since 1956.

- CRIGHTON THEATRE: (Conroe)** (936) 539-5599  
Call for performances, dates, and times.
- DEER PARK DINNER THEATER: (Deer Park)** (281) 794-2448  
Performances presented by the Art Park Players.
- ENSEMBLE THEATRE: (Houston)** (713) 520-0055  
Call for performances, dates, and times.
- FORT BEND COMMUNITY THEATRE (Stafford)** (281) 208-3333
- GRAND 1894 OPERA HOUSE (Galveston)** (800) 821-1894
- HARBOUR PLAYHOUSE: (Dickinson)** (281) 337-7469  
Dramatic activity with live productions and classes in theatre arts for children, teens and adults.
- HOBBY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS: (Houston)** (713) 315-2400  
Home of Theatre under the stars (TUTS).
- MAIN STREET THEATER: (Houston)** (713) 524-6706  
Founded in 1975, Main Street Theater presents an articulate and compelling repertory in an intimate setting, creating memorable theatrical experiences for audiences of all ages.
- MASQUERADE THEATRE: (Houston)** (713) 861-7045  
Show time: 8 p.m. Matinee: 3 p.m.
- MURDER BY CHOCOLATE: (Bellville, Kemah, Webster)** (281) 992-1888  
While being served a delicious three-course dinner, a mystery occurs and everyone is suspect and will have a unique role in solving the mystery. Show time: 7 p.m.
- MUSIC BOX THEATER, THE** (713) 522-7722  
The Music Box Theater exists to provide audiences a unique mix of live popular music and original comedy in a relaxed club environment.
- OLD WEST MELODRAMA: (Old Town Spring)** (281) 992-1888  
A professional acting troupe dedicated to producing high quality melodramas and murder mysteries. Food and Preshow Entertainment: Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. Matinee: Sundays at 2 p.m. (Puffabelly's Restaurant in Old Town Spring).
- OWEN THEATRE: (Conroe)** (936) 539-4090  
The Owen Theatre is a newly renovated building owned by the City of Conroe and is a "State of the Art" facility seating 250 patrons. Home to the Crighton Players.
- PASADENA LITTLE THEATER: (Pasadena)** (713) 941-4636  
Show time: Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Matinee: Sundays at 3 p.m.
- PLAYHOUSE 1960: (Houston)** (281) 587-8243  
Playhouse 1960 is a nonprofit, community-based theater.

Show time: Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.

**STAFFORD OPERA HOUSE (Columbus)** (979) 732-5135

**STAGES REPERTORY THEATRE: (Houston)** (713) 527-0123

Dedicated to providing Houston's diverse audiences with challenging, provocative theater.

**THEATRE COMPANY, THE: (Bryan-College Station)** (979) 774-7774

Produces professional plays in an intimate setting at affordable prices for families. Show time: Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. Matinee: Sundays at 2 p.m.

**THEATER LAB HOUSTON: (Houston)** (713) 868-7516

Presenting the best in contemporary theater in the off-Broadway genre by internationally renowned playwrights. Show time: Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Matinee: Sundays at 5 p.m.

**THEATRE SOUTHWEST: (Houston)** (713) 661-9505

Show time: Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Matinee: Sundays at 3 p.m.

**THEATRE SUBURBIA: (Houston)** (713) 682-3525

Northwest Houston's longest running volunteer playhouse. Show time: Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. Matinee: Sundays at 3 p.m.

**UNITY THEATRE: (Brenham)** (979) 830-1460

Providing live entertainment through presentation, participation, and training. Show time: Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Matinee: Sundays at 4 p.m.

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SCHOOL OF THEATRE: (Houston)** (713) 743-2929

Show time: Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Matinee: Sundays at 2 p.m.

**WORTHAM THEATER: (Houston)** (713) 250-3600

Opera, Ballet and Special artist performances.

## Television Station Tours

**KPRC (NBC)** [Channel 2](#) (713) 222-2222

**KUHT (PBS)** [Channel 8](#) (713) 748-8888

**KHOU (CBS)** [Channel 11](#) (713) 526-1111

**KTRK (ABC)** [Channel 13](#) (713) 666-0713

**KRIV (FOX)** [Channel 26](#) (713) 479-2600

## Internet Travel Reference Sites

**ABOUT.COM TEXAS HISTORICAL:**

<http://gotexas.about.com/od/landmarksandhistoricsite/tp/TXHist.htm>

**AMERICAN HERITAGE:**

<http://www.americanheritage.com/>

**CHIFF.COM:**

<http://www.chiff.com/travel/texas.htm>

**GO TEXAS:**

<http://www.go-texas.net/>

**HOUSTON ARTS ALLIANCE:**

<http://www.artshound.com/>

**HOUSTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:**

<http://www.houstonchristmaslights.org/>

**HOUSTON CHRONICLE TRAVEL SECTION:**

<http://www.chron.com/travel>

**TEXAS STATE TRAVEL GUIDE:**

<http://traveltex.com/>

**TEXAS TRAVEL INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION:**

[www.ttia.org/](http://www.ttia.org/)

**TOURING TEXAS:**

<http://www.touringtexas.com/>

**TRAVEL.ORG:**

<http://travel.org/texas.html>

**TRAVEL SITES TEXAS:**

<http://www.travelsites.com/states/tx.html>

**TRIP ADVISOR:**

[http://www.tripadvisor.com/GoListDetail-i254-Historic\\_Sites\\_in\\_Texas.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/GoListDetail-i254-Historic_Sites_in_Texas.html)

**USA TODAY HISTORICAL TRAVEL:**

<http://traveltips.usatoday.com/historical-sites-east-texas-11471.html>

**VISIT HOUSTON:**

<http://www.visithoustontexas.com/>