#### 4. HOLIDAY SPLASH AT SCHLITTERBAHN GALVESTON WATERPARK

Enjoy a sprinkle of holiday cheer while making a splash at Houston's only indoor waterpark. See Surfing Santa appearances, Bahn Borealis light show, Snow Globe Float, holiday friends, ornament factory, holiday meal packages and more. (Nov 25 - Dec 31) (Surfing Santa, Nov 25 - Dec 23)

#### 5. HOLIDAY SHOPPING IN GALVESTON'S HISTORIC DOWNTOWN DISTRICT

Find unique holiday gifts at the many boutiques, art galleries, antique shops and more within Galveston's 36-block historic downtown. (Nov 23 - Dec 24)

#### 6. 43RD ANNUAL DICKENS ON THE STRAND

Travel back in time as downtown Galveston's Strand Street is transformed into the Victorian London of Charles Dickens with this exciting festival. (Dec 2 - 4)

#### 7. SANTA TRAIN AT THE GALVESTON RAILROAD MUSEUM

Welcome Santa as he comes to town aboard the Galveston Railroad Museum's Harborside Express Train. (Dec 10)

#### 8. HOLIDAY WITH THE CRANES

Celebrate the magnificent 4-foot-tall Sandhill Cranes that arrive just in time for the holidays, with special events from sunrise to sunset. (Dec 10 - 11)

#### 9. CIRQUE JOYEUX NOEL DINNER AND SHOW AT MOODY GARDENS

A spectacular, exhilarating and joyous celebration of the Christmas season with an enchanting mix of food, circus, music, and comedy. (Dec 16 - 25)

#### **10. SANTA HUSTLE HALF MARATHON AND 5K**

Run with thousands of Santas through the streets of downtown Galveston and along the Gulf waters. (Dec 17 - 18) There is no better time to head to Galveston Island than the holiday season. The island offers great weather, incredible events, world-class attractions, award-winning Gulf seafood and a historic downtown full of unique gifts for your shopping pleasure.

To keep you in the holiday spirit, visitors to Galveston can experience the largest holiday lighting festival along the Gulf Coast, ice skating, Artic Slide, Victorian Christmas celebrations and more.

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# TOP 10 EVENTS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON:

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#### I. ICE LAND: ICE SCULPTURES

New Caribbean Christmas theme for 2016! Moody Gardens takes the holidays to a whole new level of cool! A skilled team of master ice carvers has charted your course for the ultimate Caribbean Christmas! Embark on a breathtaking undersea journey made of 2 million pounds of ice! Imagine, a towering oil rig ice slide takes you to the breathtaking Flower Garden Banks and the Gulf of Mexico as you encounter spectacular schools of beautiful tropical fish, eagle rays, turtles, sharks and more on your way to your island destination! Also be sure to check out Shivers Ice Bar. (Nov 12 - Jan 8)

#### 2. FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AT MOODY GARDENS

Brighten up the holidays! A mile-long trail with more than one million lights and lighted scenes take you around the Moody Gardens property with spectacular views of Galveston Bay. Enjoy the area's only outdoor skating rink, concession areas with hot chocolate and festive food, holiday buffets, live entertainment and more. (Nov 12 - Jan 8)

#### 3. THE GRAND 1894 OPERA HOUSE HOLIDAY SEASON

Celebrate the holidays with Grand entertainment - Loretta Lynn, the Queen of Country Music, ELF the Musical, Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, the Musical, and The Priests - presented in Galveston's magnificent, historic theatre. (Nov 13 - Dec 18)

### **2016 HOLIDAY EVENTS**

MOODY GARDENS ICE LAND: ICE SCULPTURES -CARIBBEAN CHRISTMAS November 12 – January 8

MOODY GARDENS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS November 12 – January 8

ELF. THE MUSICAL AT THE GRAND 1894 OPERA HOUSE November 13

**ISLAND ETC PRESENTS: "WINTER WONDERETTES"** November 18 – December 10 (weekends only)

RUDOLPH, THE RED-NOSED **REINDEER. THE MUSICAL AT** THE GRAND 1894 OPERA HOUSE November 19

HOLIDAY SPLASH AT SCHLITTERBAHN GALVESTON INDOOR WATERPARK November 25 – December 31 (Surfing Santa November 25 -December 23)

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS GIFT MARKET AT MOODY GARDENS November 25 – 26

HOTEL GALVEZ HOLIDAY LIGHTING **CELEBRATION SFREE** November 25

THE PRIESTS AT THE GRAND 1894 OPERA HOUSE November 27

ARTWALK SEREES November 26

43RD ANNUAL **DICKENS ON THE STRAND** December 2 – 4

**CHARLES DICKENS'** A CHRISTMAS CAROL AT THE GRAND 1894 OPERA HOUSE December 2 – 3

VICTORIAN HOLIDAY HOMES TOUR December 2

**VICTORIAN PIPE ORGAN** EXTRAVAGANZA AT TRINITY **EPISCOPAL CHURCH** December 3



**HOLIDAY HALF MARATHON** December 4

HOLIDAY WITH THE CRANES December 10 – 11 SANTA ON THE STRAND

December 10

SANTA TRAIN AT **GALVESTON RAILROAD MUSEUM** December 10

NUTCRACKER AFTERNOON TEA AT THE GRAND 1894 OPERA HOUSE December 10

SANTA'S NIGHT OUT December 10

THE NUTCRACKER BALLET AT THE GRAND 1894 OPERA HOUSE December 10 – 11

HOLIDAY CONCERT IN THE PARK December 10



SANTA ON THE STRAND FREE December 17

JERRY JEFF WALKER AT THE GRAND **1894 OPERA HOUSE** December 17

**CIRQUE JOYEUX NOEL DINNER AND** SHOW AT MOODY GARDENS December 16 – 25

SANTA HUSTLE HALF **MARATHON & 5K** December 17 – 18

LORETTA LYNN. QUEEN OF COUNTRY MUSIC AT THE GRAND 1894 OPERA HOUSE December 18

**12TH NIGHT CELEBRATION AT** MOODY MANSION SEREE January 6

### SANTA SIGHTINGS

PHOTOS WITH SANTA AT MOODY GARDENS November 12 – December 23

SANTA AT THE GRAND 1894 OPERA HOUSE (EDNA'S ROOM HOLIDAY ART MARKET) FREE November 26

**PORCH ROCKING WITH SANTA AT** THE BRYAN MUSEUM November 26

SUNDAY BRUNCH WITH SANTA AT HOTEL GALVEZ

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AT** RAINFOREST CAFÉ December 17 & 24

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AT** THE SAN LUIS RESORT December 18

**CHEER ON THE PIER!** 

Spend your Saturdays at the Pleasure Pier with Santa! Families can watch holiday movies, enjoy kids activities and rides! Activities at Santa's Workshop are from 12pm-4pm and include photos with Santa, letters to Santa and cookie decorating. Holiday movies are from 7:00pm -9:00pm. Schedule below.

Dec 10 - Polar Express

## **ONGOING MAGICAL ATTRACTIONS**

**1892 BISHOP'S PALACE TOURS** 1402 Broadway • 409.762.2475 www.galvestonhistorv.org

**1895 MOODY MANSION TOURS** 2618 Broadway • 409.762.7668 www.moodymansion.org

**BAYWATCH DOLPHIN TOURS** 2100 Harborside Drive • 832.859.4557

**COOL TOURS** 25th & Seawall Blvd • 409.539.5374 www.cooltoursgalveston.com

**GALVESTON ISLAND HISTORIC** PLEASURE PIER 25th & Seawall Blvd • 409.766.4920 www.pleasurepier.com

**GALVESTON HARBOR TOURS** Pier 22 • 409.763.1877 www.galvestonhistory.org



GALVESTON HISTORIC TOURS 409.789.9911 www.galvestonhistorictour.com

GALVESTON RAILROAD MUSEUM TOURS 25th & The Strand • 409.765.5700 www.galvestonrrmuseum.com

**GREAT STORM AT PIER 21** Theater Pier 21 • 409.763.8808 www.galvestonhistory.org



HAUNTED CHRISTMAS AT MAYFIELD MANOR 2313 Harborside • 409.762.6677 hauntedmayfieldmanor.com

LONE STAR FLIGHT MUSEUM TOURS 2002 Terminal Drive • 409.740.7722 www.lsfm.org

MOODY GARDENS One Hope Blvd • 800.582.4673 www.moodygardens.com

**OCEAN STAR DRILLING RIG** MUSEUM TOURS Pier 19 • 409.766.7827 www.oceanstaroec.com

**PIRATES! LEGENDS OF THE GULF COAST** 2313 Harborside Drive • 409.762.6677 www.piratesqulfcoast.com

SCHLITTERBAHN HEATED INDOOR WATERPARK 2026 Lockheed Drive • 409.770.9283 www.schlitterbahn.com

**TEXAS SEAPORT MUSEUM & 1877 TALL SHIP ELISSA TOURS** Pier 21 • 409.763.1877 www.galvestonhistory.org

THE BRYAN MUSEUM 1315 21st Street • 409.632.7685 www.thebryanmuseum.org



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