



## GALVESTON MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

**Artist Boat:** Artist Boat offers a variety of two-hour and four-hour guided interpretive tours to places of natural significance on Galveston Island and Galveston Bay via kayak. Eco-Art Kayak Adventures include a watercolor demonstration, providing the chance to create a personalized souvenir and express your artistic side during a relaxing break. Contact: 409-770-0722 or [www.artistboat.org](http://www.artistboat.org)

**Beach Parks:** Galveston is home to 32 miles of beaches where you can enjoy a wide variety of beach activities, including surfing, swimming, boating or simply lounging on the sand. The island's five public beach parks offer special amenities, such as free events and concerts, outdoor showers, restrooms, concessions and more! The beaches are great for group activities, such as sandcastle building. Contact: [www.galveston.com/beachparks](http://www.galveston.com/beachparks)

**Bishop's Palace:** The unique design and history of this 1892 historic mansion will amaze you as you tour through several floors of the home, which has survived numerous hurricanes since it was built. Contact: 409-762-2475 or [www.galvestonhistory.org](http://www.galvestonhistory.org)



**Dash Beardsley Ghost Tours:** Paranormal expert Dash Beardsley will lead you on an exciting tour of Galveston's ghostly history. Dash offers year-round tours in Galveston's downtown district, cemeteries and beyond. Contact: [www.ghosttoursofgalvestonisland.com](http://www.ghosttoursofgalvestonisland.com).



**Galveston Railroad Museum:** Towering at the head of The Strand, the Galveston Railroad Museum boasts one of the largest restored railroad collections in the southwest, and one of the five largest in the country, with more than 20,000 railroad items, including more than 40 engines and cars. Contact: 409-765-5700 or [www.galvestonrrmuseum.com](http://www.galvestonrrmuseum.com)

**Galveston Tree Sculptures:** Come aboard Galveston Island Tours' electric shuttle bus and tour the Galveston Tree Sculptures, beautiful creations in the island's historic East End that came from Oak trees damaged by Hurricane Ike in 2008. Contact: [www.galvestonislandtours.com](http://www.galvestonislandtours.com) or 409-765-8687. Take the free, self-guided tour by downloading the online brochure.



**Galveston Island Historic Pleasure Pier:** Located on the Gulf of Mexico, this pleasure pier amusement park brings the glory of Galveston's famous history into the present with thrill rides for adults and kids, midway games, shopping, live music and entertainment, and a full-service restaurant. The amusement park is located on a pier standing over the Gulf of Mexico in the same location a pleasure pier stood in Galveston during the 1940s. Contact: [www.pleasurepier.com](http://www.pleasurepier.com)



**Galveston Island State Park:** The Galveston Island State Park is a great place for kayaking, birding and nature exploration, offering visitors access to the Gulf of Mexico and Galveston Bay. Witness herons and pelicans flying overhead, travel back in time to when the Karankawas made Galveston Island their winter home and discover how restoration scientists have restored wetlands and fisheries. This 1,200-acre state park hosts many examples of barrier island habitats explored easily from the beach or by walking trails. Contact: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/galveston-island>





**Harbor Tours:** Come aboard the Seagull II for sightings of the island's playful dolphins and a view of the island from the sea on this exciting one-hour boat tour of Galveston's harbor. Contact: 409-763-1877 or [www.galvestonhistory.org](http://www.galvestonhistory.org). Also check out Bay Watch Dolphin Tours at [www.galvestonbaywatch.com](http://www.galvestonbaywatch.com).

**Haunted Mayfield Manor:** Get spooked by Texas' only year-round haunted house, which is housed in a building that served as a morgue after the 1900 Storm – the deadliest natural disaster in United States history. Contact: 409-762-6677 or [www.hauntedmayfieldmanor.com](http://www.hauntedmayfieldmanor.com)

**Historic Downtown Galveston:** Peruse boutiques, shops, art galleries and museums housed in beautiful, iron-front Victorian buildings. The district's most popular street, known as The Strand, is the center of downtown activity with tempting offerings like the old-fashioned candy shop LaKing's Confectionery, Saengerfest Park and more.



**Lone Star Flight Museum:** Come explore one of the finest and most rare collections of restored war aircrafts in the world. Uniquely, many of these "war birds" still fly today and are open for rides. See the island and the Gulf of Mexico from the sky! Contact: 409-740-7722 or [www.lsfm.org](http://www.lsfm.org)

**Moody Mansion:** Come tour this 1895 historic mansion filled with opulent furnishings and heirlooms from one of Texas's most powerful families. Contact: 409-762-7668 or [www.moodymansion.org](http://www.moodymansion.org)



**Moody Gardens:** The Rainforest Pyramid at Moody Gardens allows you to see endangered species, plants and free-roaming animals in an amazing rainforest replica. The Aquarium Pyramid features penguins, tropical fish, sharks and other marine life from four oceans around the world. Moody Gardens is also home to a Discovery Museum, historic paddlewheel boat cruises on Offats Bayou, Palm Beach water park, 3D, 4D and Ridefilm theaters, and the Moody Gardens Golf Course. Contact: 800-582-4673 or [www.moodygardens.org](http://www.moodygardens.org)

**Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig & Museum:** Take a leisurely, self-guided tour through Ocean Star jack-up rig, which now serves as a museum and educational facility. Contact: 409-766-7827 or [www.oceanstaroec.com](http://www.oceanstaroec.com)

**Pirates! Legends of the Gulf Coast:** Explore the history of pirates in Galveston and along the Gulf Coast in this interactive museum that includes a variety of exhibits, a deck of a pirate ship, a captain's cabin and actors portraying the crew of the notorious Jean Laffite who settled in Galveston during the early 1800s. Contact: 409-762-6677 or [www.piratesgulfcoast.com](http://www.piratesgulfcoast.com)



**Schlitterbahn Galveston Island Waterpark:** Splash into one of the hottest, coolest times in Texas! Schlitterbahn features uphill water coasters, water slides, kid's playgrounds, whitewater rapids, a wave pool, hot tubs, plus the Boogie Bahn surf ride. And, the exclusive Transportainment river system makes Schlitterbahn Galveston Island Waterpark the ultimate family friendly destination. Contact: 409-770-WAVE or <http://schlitterbahn.com/gal>

**Texas Seaport Museum:** Share the adventure of the high seas at the Texas Seaport Museum, home of the celebrated 1877 Tall Ship ELISSA. The museum also tells the story of seaborne commerce and immigration in Galveston, which was the second busiest immigration port in U.S. history. Contact: 409-763-1877 or [www.galvestonhistory.org](http://www.galvestonhistory.org)



**The Grand 1894 Opera House:** Come tour "The Official Opera House of Texas," which is one of the few remaining theatres of its era in Texas and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Grand hosts live performances year-round. Contact 409-765-1894 or [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com)

