

THINGS TO DO IN GALVESTON

The 4 Districts of Downtown Galveston

- **The Strand:** Galveston Native George Mitchell led the extensive renovation of the area in the 1980s and today The Strand is a picturesque shopping and dining destination, as well as the hub of year-round special events and festivals. The district is home to one of the largest and most well-preserved concentrations of Victorian architecture in the country.
- **West Market:** With recent investments by the city, this burgeoning area west of the downtown district boasts old-fashioned, fabled establishments, including Maceo Spice and Import Company, where visitors can sit at a community table for a new experience every day; cocktail speakeasy Daiquiri Time Out, which features fresh, classic cocktails in a sleek, urban setting; and free-flowing Gypsy Joynt, offering eclectic fare locals crave and evening entertainment.
- **Pier 21:** This waterfront entertainment and dining district is located on Galveston's harbor in the Historic Strand Seaport area. Pier 21 features a variety of attractions, museums, restaurants, and the Harbor House Hotel and Marina. Several boat tours depart from Pier 21 and it offers a prime view of the Galveston Ship Channel. Wave at cruise passengers as they depart for their voyage and catch a glimpse of playful dolphins swimming in their wake.
- **Postoffice Street:** Lovers of fine art and culture will find their haven a stone's throw away from all the other bustling spots downtown. Galveston's Postoffice Street is widely known among locals for its vast selection of art galleries, chic boutiques and antiques, diverse eateries and The Grand 1894 Opera House. More than 25 historic buildings in the district have been restored and reinvented, including upscale loft residences

Interesting and Historic Buildings

- Ashton Villa
- The Grand 1894 Opera House
- Gresham's Castle
- 1892 Bishop's Palace
- 1895 Moody Mansion

Museums

- The Bryan Museum
- A&M for Turtle Sanctuary NOA
- Haunted Mayfield Manor
- Galveston Island Railroad Museum
- 1877 Tall Ship Elissa
- Texas Seaport Museum
- Ocean Star Offshore Oil Rig & Museum

Other Activities

- Fishing trip
- Golf outing
- La King's Confectionery: 2323 Strand St, Galveston, TX 77550, 409-762-6100 (ice cream and all kinds of candy)
- Boliver Ferry – The best free boat ride in Texas and an opportunity to see dolphins! 1000 Ferry Rd N, Galveston, TX 77550, 409-795-2230
- Walk the Strand and enjoy the variety of shops