

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN GALVESTON ATTRACTIONS

Welcome to the Historic Downtown Strand Seaport District – a 70-block district located along Galveston Harbor just steps away from the Galveston Cruise Terminal. Once known as “The Wall Street of the South,” this charming historic district is famous for its majestic iron-front buildings that house unique boutiques, coastal-inspired art galleries, gift shops, museums, restaurants and other entertaining attractions. There is plenty to do and see! While you’re exploring, feel free to share with us on social media and don’t forget to tag our pages at [Facebook.com/VisitGalvestonIsland](https://www.facebook.com/VisitGalvestonIsland) and Twitter: @GalvestonIsland.

PIER 21 AREA

Texas Seaport Museum & 1877 Tall Ship ELISSA

Share the adventure of the high seas at the Texas Seaport Museum, where you can tour 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.

(Harborside Drive and 21st)

www.galvestonhistory.org

Pier 21 Theater

Learn about Galveston’s fascinating history at the Pier 21 Theater, showing *The Great Storm* – a short documentary telling the story of Galveston’s recovery after the deadliest natural disaster in U.S. history. The theater also shows *The Pirate Island of Jean Lafitte* and *Galveston: Gateway on the Gulf*. *(Harborside Drive and 21st)*

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Historic Harbor Tour + Dolphin Watch

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. *(Harborside Drive and 21st)*

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Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig & Museum

Take a leisurely, self-guided tour through the retired Ocean Star jack-up rig, which now serves as a museum and educational facility. *(Harborside Drive and 20th)*

www.oceanstaroec.com

JetBoat Thrill Rides

On this 20-minute, thrilling jet boat ride passengers will experience intense speeds, right angle turns and “The Hamilton Spin,” a maneuver that spins the boat 360° on its axis throwing a head-high wall of water into the air – and onto passengers! *(Harborside Drive and 21st)*

<http://suntimewatersports.com>

THE STRAND

LaKing’s Confectionery

Step back in time at this old-fashioned ice cream parlor and candy factory, famous for its saltwater taffy, fudge and other delicious treats made in-store. During summer months, watch the LaKing’s master candy maker give a live taffy-making demonstration on the shop’s cast iron wheel. *(Strand and 24th)*

www.lakingsconfectionery.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. (*Strand and 23rd*)

www.piratesgulfoast.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. (*Strand and 23rd*)

www.hauntedmayfieldmanor.com

Saengerfest Park

Visit this quaint urban park located in the heart of The Strand, featuring a life size chess set, an old-fashioned London-style phone booth and a performance stage – host to movie and music nights throughout the year. (*Strand and 23rd*)

www.galveston.com/saengerfestpark

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. (*Strand and 25th*)

www.galvestonrrmuseum.com

POSTOFFICE STREET & BEYOND

The Grand 1894 Opera House 1894

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 with no seat more than 70 feet from the stage. (*Postoffice and 21st*)

www.thegrand.com

Moody Mansion

Come tour this 1895 historic mansion filled with opulent furnishings and heirlooms from one of Texas's most powerful families. (*Broadway and 26th*)

www.moodymansion.org

Downtown Dining

Fisherman's Wharf (Pier 21)

EatCetera (408 25th Street)

Riondo's Ristorante (2328 Strand)

Shrimp N' Stuff (216 23rd Street)

Tremont Café/The Rooftop Bar (2300 Mechanic)

Black Pearl Oyster Bar (327 23rd Street)

MOD Coffeehouse (2126 Postoffice)

Saltwater Grill (2017 Postoffice)

Gumbo Bar (2107 Postoffice)

Rudy & Paco Restaurant (2028 Postoffice)

Vargas Cut & Catch (2102 Postoffice)