

# Top 10

## THINGS TO DO in HOUSTON

Houston offers a wide variety of activities for everyone. We are the 4th largest city in the United States, “the cultural capital of Texas” (*The New York Times*), and one of the “Best U.S. Cities for Affordable Getaways” (*Travel + Leisure*). The Greater Houston Convention & Visitors Bureau is your source to connect with our friendly hotels, attractions and restaurants.

Whether you're traveling here for business, looking for an exciting day trip or weekend getaway or embarking on a family friendly adventure, you'll find there's something for everyone in Houston.

### #1 MUSEUM DISTRICT

19 cultural institutions explored by 8.7 million annually

The district is the proud home of the **Museum of Fine Arts, Houston**, the nation's sixth largest art museum, offering guests 300,000 square feet of space dedicated to art dating back to the antiquities. Area highlights include— one of the largest paleontology halls in the U.S. (**Houston Museum of Natural Science**), a kid-run city (**Children's Museum of Houston**), plus the largest museum in the world dedicated to African-American soldiers (**Buffalo Soldiers Museum**).



### THEATER & PERFORMING ARTS

Opera, Ballet, Symphony, Theater, and so much more!

Houston's downtown **Theater District** spans 17 blocks and has nearly 13,000 seats in a concentrated downtown area, making it one of the largest in the country. Grammy, Tony and Emmy award-winning performances take place at **Wortham Center, Jones Hall and Alley Theatre**.

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### #3 PERFORMANCE VENUES

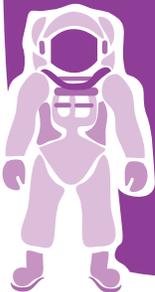
World class venues and facilities

To take in (or be a part of) an unforgettable musical or performance experience, consider one of our wonderful venues – such as **Miller Outdoor Theatre, House of Blues – Houston, Discovery Green**, and many more!

### #4 HOUSTON CITY PASS

Save time and money

Want to save money and still pack in the sightseeing? Pick up a **Houston CityPASS**. Whether you're experiencing a space shuttle landing at **Space Center Houston** or going wild with one of the 6,000 animals at the **Houston Zoo**, Houston's attractions offer endless adventure. CityPASS also includes admission to various museums throughout town.



### HOUSTON ACCOMMODATIONS

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Endless accommodation options all across town  
You will find a wide variety of accommodations, price points and convenient locations throughout the Greater Houston area – from large, luxury hotels and intimate, boutique properties to bed and breakfasts and extended stay options.



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## H-TOWN EATS

"America's newest capital of great food."  
- Food & Wine Magazine

More than **10,000 restaurants** showcase cuisine from over **35 countries** and **popular American locales**, ensuring that the city's food scene remains as ethnically diverse as its many residents. Restaurants are accommodating of large groups if pre-arranged.



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## TRANSPORTATION

23 miles of rail across downtown

METRORail's recently expanded light rail provides service along nearly **23 miles** of central Houston. Catch the wallet-friendly rail to more than **100 dining options**, **professional sports arenas**, **cultural institutions**, and the largest **medical center** in the world.

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## OFF THE BEATEN PATH

Houston's under-the-radar gems

The Art Car Museum is the only place you'll find a rolling cast iron bathtub. Discover more than 100 years of Texas history at the George Ranch Historical Park. The park's 480 acres of living history gives the audience hands-on experience working on a ranch. Our National Museum of Funeral History shows history from a one-of-a-kind perspective.



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## COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

World-renowned academic institutions

More than **315,000 students** are enrolled in over 500 degree and certification programs at **100+** colleges, community colleges, technical and trade schools in Houston. **Rice University**, **University of Houston**, **University of St. Thomas**, **Houston Baptist University**, **Texas Southern University**, **Baylor College of Medicine**, and many others are happy to call Houston home.



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## KEMAH BOARDWALK

Waterfront dining and retro amusement park rides

This 35 acre carnival-like atmosphere is complete with **carousel**, **Ferris wheel** and the 96 foot tall **Boardwalk Bullet** wooden roller coaster! Don't miss the arcade and Midway games. And for thrill seekers, there's the **Boardwalk Beast**, an adrenaline rush of a boat ride that takes passengers four miles into Galveston Bay at speeds up to 40 mph. Just 20 miles from downtown Houston, **Kemah Boardwalk** is a great coastal getaway.