



ISLAND TIME

If Galveston were personified as an actual Texan, it would be much more than a beach tourist buying a boogie board and waiting in line for a Carnival cruise. Galveston is so full of Texas history, cultural riches, grit, and resilience in the face of turmoil (like the two devastatingly record-breaking hurricanes in the city's history) that as a person it would have multiple bragging rights: as neighborhood history buff and top local chef, fun-loving beach bum and art connoisseur, and musical talent and marine-life expert.

One of the best things about visiting a beachfront city is indulging in an ungodly amount of fresh (and let's be honest, fried) seafood. Galveston takes the crab cake (so to speak) when it comes to coastal cuisine. Tourists can eat like islanders at famous local joints like Gaido's, Willie G's, Blvd. Seafood, Sonny's Place, and Little Daddy's Gumbo Bar. While seafood is the superstar, Galveston is still Texas now y'all hear?! Don't miss out on a plate of nachos at the Tex-Mex favorite, Taquilo's. You won't leave the island hungry, though you may be carrying a few extra souvenir pounds.

Galveston also has an amplitude of art galleries, museums, and historic buildings, including one of the largest concentrations of pre-1900 architecture in the country. In fact, The Strand, the popular tourist area in the city's

massive downtown, is an official National Historic Landmark District.

Events are popping up left and right. In early April, for example, during the highly anticipated "Tall Ships" Festival, Galveston's coast will be dotted with gorgeous historical ships and sailboats to promote knowledge and preservation of these vessels (your margarita is still welcome).

For all its seafood, family-friendly beaches (it's not exactly spring break central like Padre, and they're proud of that), and innumerable retail wonders along the 10-mile Seawall, Galveston hasn't exactly been known for music. All that changes this month, with Third Coast Music Festival. Truly a weekend for everyone, this event has a SXSW-style multivenue format — from The Grand 1894 Opera House and the swanky Hotel Galvez to the laid-back Bubba's on The Strand and the 10th Annual Galveston Island Beach Revue.

With traditional Texas country acts like Jack Ingram, the zydeco beat of Geno Delafosse and the dreamy pop of El Lago (to name just a few), you'll need your two-steppin' shoes, your punk T-shirt, and even that fringed vest from your hippie days.

All in all, be careful imbibing your dose of island life, because you may never want to leave. You'll be visiting just one waterfront, but gaining countless memories.



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