

Guide to Houston



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Getting There

There are two major airports that service the Houston Area: William P. Hobby Airport and George W. Bush Intercontinental Airport. There is a bus station in the middle of downtown. Amtrak trains have routes coming from Louisiana to California. Major interstates include: I-10, I-69, I-45

Getting Around:

Getting around Houston is pretty easy...that is if you have a car. Houston is probably the least pedestrian city there is. This is mostly because it is so spread out, but there are still options for getting around. Of course the first is driving, there is also the METRO system, which consists of a light rail and a network of buses.

***Tip: Try to catch metro buses at peak travel times (rush hour). Off-peak times may result in long waits, sometime up to an hour before the next bus!**



Things to Do

- Museums:

Houston is home to many unique museums from the museum of photography to the museum of print. Here are here

are the 4 most popular and some of their featuers:



1. Museum of Natural Science:

- Butterfly exhibit
- Planetarium
- IMAX theatre
- Gem collection

2. Health Museum:

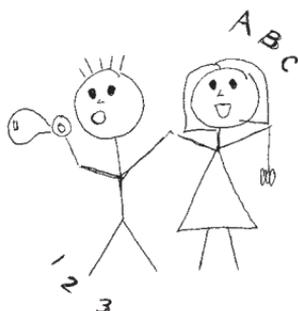
- Body exhibit
- 4D theatre

3. Museum of Fine Arts:

- Contemporary and historical art exhibits
- Independent film screenings

- Herman Park

Relax next to the fountain or feed the ducks at this retreat form the city.



- Zoo

Animals everywhere! Have you ever seen a polar bear in Texas?



- Aquarium

Take a train ride through the shark tank. Pet the stingrays, and take a picture with a white tiger. Don't forget to take a break at the Aquarium restaurant or on Fridays head to the bar for some drinks and maybe even dancing.

- Theatre District

See a show. Watch a Broadway play at Theatre Under the Stars or listen to the Houston Symphony at Jones Hall. There is something for everyone at one of many of Houston's theatres.

- Sports

Catch a Rockets game at Toyota Center, then head over to Minute Maid Park. Cool off with the Aeros, Houston's very own hockey team or head to Dynamo Stadium for a soccer game!



***Tip: Get free general admission to the Museum of fine arts on Thursdays and free admission to the zoo on the first Tuesday of each month.**

Shopping

Galleria:

Located in what is considered “uptown”, for many, this is the number one shopping destination in Houston. Why? It’s HUGE. All of the department stores we know and many more are located within 5 sections here. Not to mention ballrooms, and the Westin hotel for special occasions. There is even a year round ice skating rink in the middle.



Houston Pavilions:

Relatively new, the Houston Pavilions provide a small shopping escape in the middle of downtown. Shops include Forever 21 and Zara along with some restaurants and evening attractions.

Rice Village:

Right off of the light rail, Rice Village offers small boutiques for those who are looking for something unique.

Outlets:

Mostly located about 30-45 minutes away from the center of town, there are a few outlets that offer great deals.

***Tip: There are many local malls throughout the city.**

Food

Houston is all about food. You're never more than 5 minutes away from satisfying hunger! Indian, Thai, Jamaican, Italian, Mexican, it's all here.



