

GET TO KNOW



CORPUS CHRISTI

DIVE INTO THE COAST





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Explore MILES OF SANDY SHORES

Coast over to more than 100 miles of sandy shores beneath abundant sunshine and a gentle breeze. Spend the day relaxing on the plush sand while enjoying the stunning views and the sounds of crashing waves or conquer the waters by trying a new water sport. As the sun goes down, gather your group and find a good camping spot for a relaxing trip to the beach.

PADRE ISLAND NATIONAL SEASHORE
20420 PARK RD 22



LOCAL FAVORITE

Every year, thousands of endangered Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtles are nested and hatched in **Corpus Christi**, then released into the **Gulf of Mexico**. Nesting areas are marked by red lollipop stakes and must be avoided for the safety of the turtles.



Beach Key



**PARKING PERMIT
REQUIRED**



**CAMPING/
RV PARKING**



**ENTRY
FEE**



**NO VEHICLE
ACCESS**

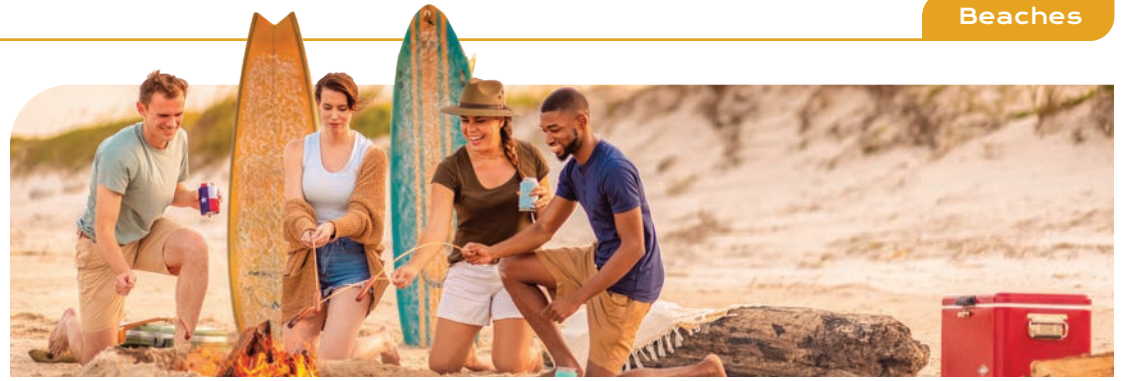


**SHOWERS/
RESTROOMS**



**BONFIRES
PERMITTED**

Beaches



NORTH BEACH
201 SURFSIDE BLVD.



MUSTANG ISLAND STATE PARK
9394 TX-361



PADRE BALLI PARK
15820 PARK RD 22



WHITECAP BEACH
14802 WHITECAP BLVD.



MCGEE BEACH
602 S SHORELINE BLVD.



**NORTH PACKERY
CHANNEL BEACH**
ZAHN RD & HWY 361



Discover BOLD ATTRACTIONS

Explore Corpus Christi's bold attractions for a unique experience on the coast. Visit museums with a rich cultural heritage, connect with the outdoors at a nature center, and experience an underwater adventure during your visit to the Gulf Coast Capital.

 **TEXAS STATE AQUARIUM**
2710 N. SHORELINE BLVD.



LOCAL FAVORITE

Enjoy a modified aquarium visit designed for sensory sensitivities the last Sunday during winter and spring.

Dive into an underwater adventure with over 250 species from the Gulf and the Caribbean, visit a 4D theater, check out an outdoor dolphin show, take the kids to the **H-E-B Splash Park**, and get a behind the scenes view of the treatment and rehabilitation of marine mammals, raptors, shorebirds, and sea turtles at the **Port of Corpus Christi for Wildlife Rescue Center** at the **Texas State Aquarium**.

 **SOUTH TEXAS BOTANICAL GARDENS & NATURE CENTER**
8545 S. STAPLES ST.



Enjoy a moment where art and nature intertwine at The **South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center**. Find 182 acres of gardens and exhibits, flora and fauna, birding spots, reptiles, parrots, a butterfly house, and other wildlife throughout the garden.


 **ART MUSEUM OF SOUTH TEXAS**
1902 N SHORELINE BLVD.



Discover over 1,900 works of art, including paintings, photographs, ceramics, large installation pieces, and more. Grab a bite to eat at **Elizabeth's**, located inside the museum, and choose from their selection of vibrant, Mediterranean-inspired cuisine and cocktails, while enjoying the breathtaking waterfront views of the harbor.

Attractions



 **CORPUS CHRISTI MUSEUM OF SCIENCE & HISTORY**
1900 N CHAPARRAL ST.

Take a trip through Asia in the **Texas State Museum of Asian Cultures & Education Center**, and immerse yourself in a hands-on experience with the history and art of many Asian cultures, participate in storytelling and Asian folklore, and even view live weapon demonstrations. There's even a wide variety of activities like origami, calligraphy, games, chopstick lessons, and more for all ages.

 **TEXAS STATE MUSEUM OF ASIAN CULTURES & EDUCATION CENTER**
1809 N CHAPARRAL ST.



Explore over 500 years of South Texas history in the **Corpus Christi Museum of Science & History**, from early explorers and colonizers to the history of the shipwrecks, and dive into the museum's interactive displays and innovative programs in history, culture, and science.

 **INSTITUTO DE CULTURA HISPANICA**
1617 N CHAPARRAL ST.



The **Instituto de Cultura Hispanica**, created in 1976, is housed in the Lichtenstein House in the historic **Heritage Park**. Visitors can learn about the diverse cultures of several Hispanic countries through art exhibits, folkloric displays, artifacts, English and Spanish recitals, cultural celebrations, and fundraising activities. Additionally, the museum features rotating exhibits throughout the year, providing a never-ending learning experience.

 **USS LEXINGTON MUSEUM**
2914 N SHORELINE BLVD.



COAST YOUR OWN WAY ATTRACTIONS PASS

Explore the best of Corpus Christi with our 3- or 5-day passes, providing **full admission to five of our top attractions**.



Jump aboard and discover the history of her role in WWII, learn the history of the **Blue Ghost**, try the escape rooms, test your skills at the virtual battle stations, experience the flight simulator, view the 3D theater, get up close to vintage aircraft, climb the ladders, and walk the narrow passageways and dark corridors of the **WWII Aircraft Carrier**.

Savor THE FLAVORS OF THE COAST

Eat like the locals with some of the freshest seafood on The Island at **Doc's Seafood and Steaks** or **Snoopy's Pier** while taking in stunning waterfront views. Try mouthwatering Tex-Mex food at **El Camino** or opt for family-friendly locations like **Brewster's Street Icehouse** where you can enjoy food, live music, and plenty of play area for the kids. If you're looking for something light, stop by **Island Joe's** for coffee and a pastry, or swing by **Elizabeth's** at the **Art Museum of South Texas** for Mediterranean-inspired cuisine and breathtaking harbor views.



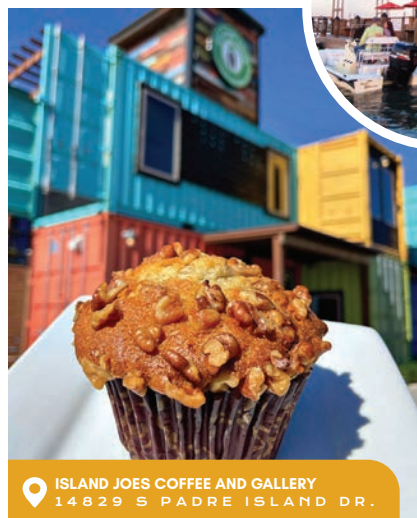
EL CAMINO
312 N CHAPARRAL ST.



ELIZABETH'S
1902 N SHORELINE BLVD.



SNOOPY'S PIER
13313 S PADRE ISLAND DR.



ISLAND JOES COFFEE AND GALLERY
14829 S PADRE ISLAND DR.



DOC'S SEAFOOD AND STEAKS
13309 S PADRE ISLAND DR.



BREWSTER'S STREET ICEHOUSE
1724 N TANCAHUA ST.



THE ANNEX
312 N CHAPARRAL ST.



THE GOLDFISH
724 N MESQUITE ST.



NUECES BREWING
401 S WATER ST.



BAR UNDER THE SUN | BUS
702 N CHAPARRAL ST.

LOCAL FAVORITE
BUS gets its name from the building's historic past as the **Greyhound Bus Station**.



MARGARITA PASS
Along with beautiful beaches and sunny skies, Corpus Christi also knows how to make a mean margarita.



Nothing beats a cold margarita on the patio, especially after a long day of touring Corpus Christi. Kick back and relax with live music and food while sampling frozen, salty, or spicy margs or choose from a variety of hand-crafted local brews at popular spots around the city. Be sure to download the **free Margarita Pass** and **Beer Trail Passport** to earn prizes while supporting local bars, restaurants, and breweries.

WELCOME TO CORPUS CHRISTI

The Gulf Coast Capital



Experience FESTIVITIES ON THE COAST

You haven't fully experienced **Corpus Christi** without attending one of its unique festivals and events. Coast over and join us as we roll out the best in music, art, food, culture, and fun.



BAREFOOT MARDI GRAS | FEBRUARY

Corpus Christi and Cajun culture come together on the beach for the annual Barefoot Mardi Gras celebration with music, a parade, food, and more, so kick off your shoes and enjoy a one-of-a-kind experience celebrating Mardi Gras on the coast.



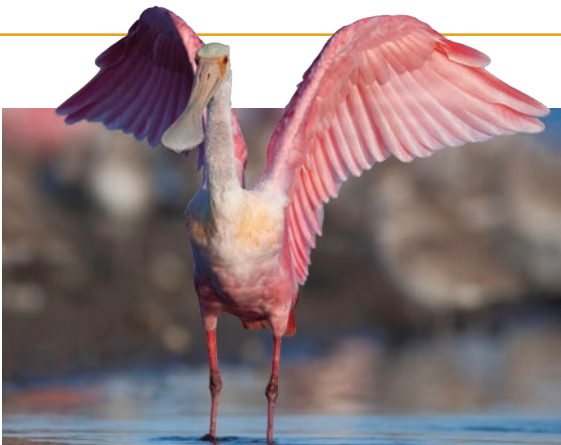
TEXAS JAZZ FESTIVAL | OCTOBER

Jazz makes its way to **Heritage Park** for the longest and largest free-running festival in the world. Coast over and join us for live music, food, and market vendors.



DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS | NOVEMBER

Honor and celebrate this annual tradition of life and culture in **Downtown Corpus Christi** amid food trucks, sugar skulls, costumes, vendors, music, arts, ofrendas, and more.



BIRDIEST FESTIVAL IN AMERICA | APRIL

Celebrate spring migration at the **South Texas Botanical Gardens and Nature Center** with birdwatching trips, educational components, and enjoy wildlife shows, BBQ, trade shows, artisan booths, and more for your coastal adventure.



TEXAS SANDFEST | APRIL

Coast over to **Port Aransas**, just a short drive away from **Corpus Christi** to see magnificent sculptures made only from sand at the largest native sand sculpture competition in the U.S.



BEACH TO BAY RELAY | MAY

Join runners from around the world at Beach to Bay, the largest relay marathon in the U.S. The course winds along the shoreline, through the **Naval Air Station**, over the **JFK Causeway** and finishes along the beautiful **Ocean Drive**.

BUC DAYS & RODEO CORPUS CHRISTI | MAY

Experience the longest running pirate festival with carnival rides, rodeo, professional bull riding, concerts, and the Buc Days Illuminated Night Parade.



EVENTS CALENDAR

Make the most out of your time in Corpus Christi. Enjoy live music, shopping experiences, foodie and family events, and more.



Embrace NATURE ON THE COAST

Welcome to Corpus Christi, where the great outdoors beckons with abundant sunshine, miles of sandy shores, nature trails, and more. Connecting with nature is a breeze, whether you're a seasoned adventurer or nature enthusiast, and Corpus Christi has some of the best activities on the coast including camping, walking through nature trails, fishing, water sports, and more.

PARKS AND TRAILS

From well-known parks to scenic trails, there are plenty of places to explore diverse natural habitat and wildlife, take a scenic nature walk, or have a day of family fun and learning for outdoor enthusiasts.

FISHING

Fishing on the coast is great year-round with abundant waters, great weather, and plenty of locations to cast a line. Whether you choose to fish from a pier, the shore, kayak, or go deep sea, fishing is great way to connect with the outdoors and embrace our coastal gem.

CAMPING

Pack up your gear and head to year-round camping sites where mild temperatures meet ample space and beautiful views. Choose from public-use sites with water, electricity, and bayside views or opt for primitive campsites and customize your camping trip while adhering to safety rules and regulations.

WATER SPORTS

Experience life to the fullest on the gulf waters where sunshine, warm temps, and a consistent breeze create the best conditions possible for every type of water sport. Whether you prefer an adrenaline rush with surfing and kiteboarding or something calm like fishing, there are plenty of options for every water sport enthusiast of all ages and skill levels.

BIRDING

Corpus Christi is known as the "Birdiest City in America," and thanks to the presence of protected environments, Corpus Christi offers a year-round haven for hundreds of bird species. Grab your binoculars and cameras, and come witness the nesting, feeding, wading, and flight of some of the country's most interesting birds.



GLOW RIDE
BOOK A TOUR:
GLOWRIDETOURLS.COM



WATER DOG FLOATING YOGA
98 COOPERS ALLEY
L-HEAD SLIP



GLOW ROW
BOOK A TOUR:
GLOWROW.COM



HORSES ON THE BEACH
19136 PARK RD 22



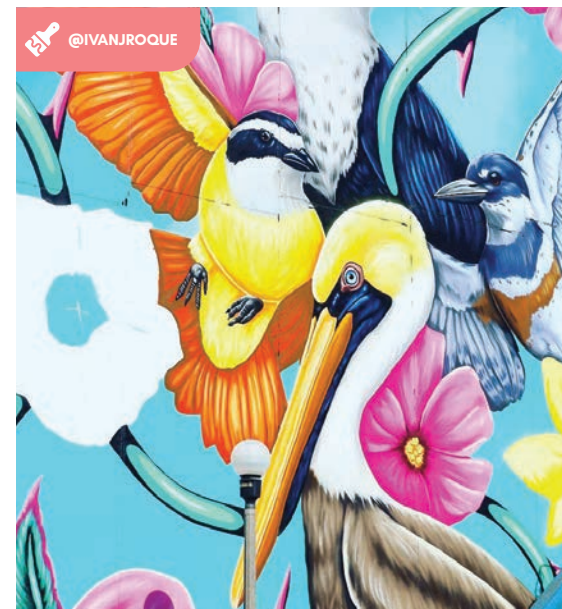
LEARN ABOUT OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Discover the beauty of the coast and create a memorable experience.



Journey THROUGH THE OUTDOOR ART SCENE

Discover an immersive journey of large-scale masterpieces in vivid colors and intricate designs that celebrate the city's spirit through tales of local history, diversity, and creativity. Wander through this vibrant tapestry of talent as you embrace the artistic essence that adorns the streets of this coastal gem.



Outdoor Art Scene



CORPUS CHRISTI VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER

The **Corpus Christi Visitor Information Center** is the information hub for locals and visitors in search of creating memorable experiences in the Gulf Coast Capital. Our knowledgeable staff is here to assist you with all your coastal adventures and more.

While you're there, meet our friendly Gulf Coasters, shop for locally made goods and souvenirs, and enjoy some vibrant and colorful instagrammable moments in the shop. Don't forget to pick up pamphlets with information, coupons, and discounts to enjoy everything Corpus Christi has to offer.

309 N WATER ST. D
361-561-2000



IN CORPUS CHRISTI, WE COAST OUR OWN WAY.

FROM THE CITY TO THE BEACH, THE COAST
IS MORE THAN OUR PART OF THE STATE.
COASTING... IS OUR STATE OF MIND.

WE TAKE OUR TIME AND TAKE WHAT'S OURS

WE KNOW WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE STAND FOR

WE DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY & CELEBRATE WHAT MAKES US THE SAME

THIS WAY OF LIFE IS BIGGER THAN OUR BEACHES

WE ARE THE GULF COAST CAPITAL OF TEXAS

WE ARE THE CASUALLY CHARMING, THE COLLECTIVELY COOL,
THE CREATIVELY CURIOUS. WE ARE THE GULF COAST CAPITAL.



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