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-South Padre Island — WELCOME!



On behalf of the South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau, our residents, and hospitality partners, we welcome you to visit South Padre Island, the only tropical island in Texas.

It is a great privilege to have your organization consider South Padre Island for your next meeting or conference, and we hope that you'll find our tropical backdrop, innovative meeting venues, and excellent lodging options the perfect balance between work and play.

Explore our barrier island. Experience our vibe, and you'll see why the compact nature of South Padre Island allows for easy access to beach and bayside activities, dining, shopping, entertainment, and nature attractions.

Located on the Texas Gulf Coast, 25 miles north of the Mexican border, the compact nature of the destination allows for easy access to beach and bayside activities, dining, shopping, entertainment, and nature attractions. Mild, semi-arid weather means lots of sunny days, with an average annual temperature of 74 degrees.

—South Padre Island — AT A GLANCE

Sun, Surf & Sand

Trade-in hot meetings in the office for a refreshing tropical island retreat. Meet in paradise and reinvigorate your coworker's spirits with sunny days, pristine beaches, and coastal breezes. Let your team relax and be at ease, knowing our experienced team will handle your meeting. Our sales staff can help accommodate your group regardless of size and needs.

With over 34 miles of beach, 300+ days of sunshine, and all forms of entertainment from water sports to live music, South Padre Island, is the perfect tropical retreat in Texas. Meeting planners love South Padre Island's setting and accommodations for events of all sizes.

• Our Convention Centre provides ample space for your next meeting or convention, with numerous customizable space configurations to fit your needs.

• Our full-service partners offer additional meeting space options to expand the Island's offerings beyond the traditional Convention Centre space, and we have several alternate venues where meetings can be held.

• South Padre Island is easily accessible by land or air. With three airports in the area, visitors have a wide array of options for which airline they want to fly on.

• Once on South Padre Island, transportation is easy between taxis, golf carts, bicycles, and a free metro service. Visitors can traverse South Padre Island in comfort and ease.

• Focus on teamwork while being out in the sun. We have various activities that will have attendees connecting while enjoying our amazing Laguna Madre Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.

Keep reading to learn more about our offerings.



-South Padre Island — MAP



Plan A Meeting That Attendees Will Actually Want To Attend

We believe that the destination where you choose to hold your next meeting or conference should have a role and responsibility in creating a magical experience for your attendees. The South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau makes planning conventions, meetings, and events a breeze! Our team offers customizable and complementary support services to create a meeting experience that cannot be duplicated by other destinations.

ATTENDANCE BUILDING

Probably one of your biggest concerns as a meeting planner is building your attendance. This something our team is ready to jump in and help you with. We can help promote your event with access to photos or promotional items, help you work with hotel partners to provide attendee welcome packages, or package information about our destination in any way you like.

CREATING A BETTER EXPERIENCE

Logistics are always challenging, especially when working remote from the destination. Our Meeting Advisors do everything they can to make this process work as smoothly as possible. Let us help you with group room blocking, custom group dining experiences, on-site and off-site registration support, transportation solutions, and visitor information assistance.

ENHANCED OFF-SITE SUPPORT

One of the best things about South Padre Island is that it is a great place for leisure activities. Don't make the meeting stop at the Convention Centre doors! From unique, off-site alternative meeting spaces to spousal and family excursions during the meeting, to recommendations for local support services, our Meeting Advisors make every aspect before, during, and after your meeting a refreshing and unique experience.



-South Padre Island — CVB SERVICES

TEAM BUILDING

Trust falls are a thing of the past! Team building on South Padre Island is all about motivation and personalized experiences. There are several group activities with options for large or small groups, designed to help refresh and re-energize teams on our island paradise. Our Meeting Advisors can help you design a customized team building experience for your group.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

Build Sandcastles in the Sun

Here on South Padre Island, we take sandcastle building seriously. We provide the experts and equipment; you provide the enthusiasm and the group! With a variety of packages available, there's an option that fits your crew. Take a sandcastle lesson from some of the best sand artists in the world!

Boost Morale, Mid-Air

Your attendees will check a few things off their bucket list while learning team building skills they can take back to the office. Groups can zipline or skydive with coworkers. Their adrenaline will be pumping with a variety of activities including parasailing.

Work Together on the Water

If catching waves, snorkeling, or even kayaking gets your group's blood pumping, South Padre Island is the perfect place! There are more than half a dozen activities that will have attendees connecting, all while enjoying our amazing Laguna Madre Bay and Gulf of Mexico.

All services listed above are offered at the discretion of the South Padre Island Convention & Visitors Bureau based on program size guidelines and available staffing for the requested dates. Your Sales Manager will coordinate the available services in the planning process prior to group arrival.



— South Padre Island — MEETING FACILITIES



22,500 sq. ft. Exhibit Hall Space | 9,000 sq. ft. Breakout Room Space | 2,633 sq. ft. Conference Auditorium

Convention Centre

Thank you for considering our destination for your next group meeting or conference. Our goal is to provide you with excellent service to ensure your meeting is a memorable and magical experience that exceeds your expectations. We wish to establish a partnership with you based on trust and confidence that prompts you to return many times to the Island and the South Padre Island Convention Centre for your convention and special event needs.

Ideally suited for conventions with up to 1,800 attendees, South Padre Island offers the flexibility, amenities, and value you need for a successful meeting or event. Our team of experienced Meeting Advisors, with more than 50 years of combined experience, are here to be your meeting planning partners. They will help you create the perfect event with their Island expertise and complementary resources.

The South Padre Island Convention Centre was designed to be both aesthetically pleasing and functional, to impress attendees while serving the needs of the event planner. The Centre's 45,000 total square feet of versatile convention and exhibit space ensures great flexibility for you and your attendees. And our terrace overlooking the calm waters of the Laguna Madre Bay is a spectacular spot for twilight receptions.

Meetings on South Padre Island are magical – we offer one of the most beautiful and affordable meeting destinations in the state and is the perfect "Meet. Sleep. Play." approach that will leave your attendees motivated and inspired. Together, we will produce an exceptional event experience for you and your attendees. We hope it will be the first of many.

-South Padre Island - CONVENTION CENTRE



ROOM	DIMENSIONS	THEATER	CLASSROOM	EXHIBIT	BANQUET/ OVAL
Lobby	71'x235' (10,630 sq. ft.)	500	300	(30) 10'x10'	350 (10)
Exhibit Hall	150'x150' (22,500 sq. ft.)	2,700	1,196	(100) 10'x10'	1,100 (10)

ROOM	DIMENSIONS	THEATER	CLASSROOM	U-SHAPE	HOLLOW SQUARE	BANQUET/ OVAL	
Conference Theater	49.68'x53' (2,633 sq. ft.)	260	150	55	70	160	
Room 101	28.5'x37' (1,055 sq. ft.)	98	48	32	30	60	
Room 102	28.5'x37' (1,055 sq. ft.)	98	48	32	30	60	
Room 103	28.5'x37' (1,055 sq. ft.)	98	48	32	30	60	
Room 104	28.5'x37' (1,055 sq. ft.)	98	48	32	30	60	
Room 201	28.5'x37' (1,055 sq. ft.)	98	48	32	30	60	
Room 202	58.5′x37′ (2,165 sq. ft.)	250	168	64	80	150	
Room 203	33'x28.5' (941 sq. ft.)	98	48	32	30	60	
Sun Terrace (covered)	76'x76' (4,776 sq. ft.)	250	-	-	-	220	

Capacity based on maximum seating available

—South Padre Island — HOTEL MEETING VENUES

HOLIDAY INN RESORT

100 Padre Blvd • (956) 761-1160 14,266 sq. ft. total meeting space (GSF) 9,000 sq. ft. largest meeting room (GSF)

- 216 Rooms
- 20 Suites
- 3 Accessible Rooms
- 75 Singles
- 132 Doubles
- Kitchenettes

- Restaurant on-site
- Complimentary
 - Self & Motorcoach Parking
- Complimentary WiFi
- Room Service

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT

6700 Padre Blvd • (956) 433-0590

12,000 sq. ft. total meeting space (GSF) 7,500 sq. ft. largest meeting room (GSF)

- 200 Large Suites
- Balcony in every room
- 15,000 ft² for meeting
- & event space
- Beachside swimming pool
- On-site restaurant
- Bar in Lobby

- Oceanside Bar,
- Restaurant and
- Event Venue
- Room Service
- Fitness Room
- Spa





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— South Padre Island — HOTEL MEETING VENUES

HILTON GARDEN INN

7010 Padre Blvd • (956) 761-8700 8,965 sq. ft. total meeting space (GSF) 7,261 sq. ft. largest meeting room (GSF)

- 156 Rooms
- Complimentary WiFi
- 54 Suites
- Room Service
- 8 Accessible Rooms
- Room ServiceFitness Room
- 28 Singles
- Pool
- 128 Doubles
- Restaurant on-site
- Complimentary
 Self Parking

ISLA GRAND BEACH RESORT

500 Padre Blvd • (956) 761-6511

10,792 sq. ft. total meeting space (GSF) 6,000 sq. ft. largest meeting room (GSF)

- 191 Rooms
- 61 Suites
- 4 Accessible Rooms
- 50 Singles
- 78 Doubles
- Kitchenettes
- Restaurant on-site

- Complimentary
- Self & Motorcoach Parking
- Complimentary WiFi
- Room Service
- Fitness Room
- Pool







---South Padre Island ---HOTEL MEETING VENUES

PEARL SOUTH PADRE RESORT

310 Padre Blvd • (956) 761-6551

- 7,326 sq. ft. total meeting space (GSF)
- 3,456 sq. ft. largest meeting room (GSF)
- 256 Rooms
- 63 Suites
- 5 Accessible Rooms
- 72 Singles
- 116 Doubles
- Kitchenettes
- Restaurant on-site
- Complimentary Self & Motorcoach Parking
- Complimentary WiFi
- Room Service
- Fitness Room
- Spa
- Pool





— South Padre Island — SELECT SERVICE HOTELS



SELECT SERVICE HOTELS	# of Rooms	Total Meeting Space (GSF)	Largest Meeting Room (GSF)	# of Restaurants	Free WiFi	Free Self Parking	Motorcoach Parking	Room Service	Kitchenettes	Fitness Room	Spa	Pool
Holiday Innn Express Hotel & Suites 6502 Padre Blvd 956-761-8844		1,400	1,400	0	*	*	*	-	-	*	-	*
The Inn at South Padre 1709 Padre Blvd 956-761-5658		555	555	0	*	*	*	-	*	-	-	*
The Copa Inn & Suites 350 Padre Blvd 956-761-6000		3,750	2,000	0	*	*	-	-	-	*	-	*
The Quinta Inn & Suites 7000 Padre Blvd 956-772-7000		3,750	2,000	1	*	*	-	-	-	*	-	*



—South Padre Island — ALTERNATIVE VENUES

CASA MARIPOSA (956) 778-6095 • casamariposa.com

CLAYTON'S BEACH BAR & GRILL (956) 761-5900 • claytonsbeachbar.com

ISLA BLANCA PARK (CAMERON COUNTY) (956) 761-5494 • co.cameron.tx.us

LONGBOARD BAR & GRILL (956) 772-7022 • longboardspi.com

LOUIE'S BACKYARD (956) 761-6406 • Ibyspi.com NAMAR EVENT CENTER (956) 761-2350 • namareventcenter.com

PENINSULA ISLAND RESORT & SPA (956)761-2514 • peninsulaislandresort.com

PORT ISABEL EVENT & CULTURAL CENTER (956) 943-0720 • pieventcenter.com

SPI BIRDING, NATURE CENTER & ALLIGATOR SANCTUARY (956) 761-6801 • spibirding.com



WELCOME TO SOUTH PADRE ISLAND. WHERE WEARING A TIE ISN'T JUST FROWNED UPON. IT'S ACTUALLY BANNED.

Declaring that ties are "detrimental to the welfare of the island," the City Council officially decreed in 1997 that they be "banished from our land and waters forever." Anyone caught sporting the offending neckwear risks having it snipped off – and being fined the amount of one tie.

This is all in good fun, of course – the "no tie" ordinance has yet to be enforced – but it's in keeping with the island's laid-back, informal atmosphere. In a place where relaxation is encouraged, and flip-flops and shorts are considered formal wear, there's simply no need for buttoned-up business attire.

> So skip the tie – and the socks while you're at it – and embrace the casual local lifestyle. After all, who needs reminding

> > of the daily grind when you're on island time?

NO TIE

ZONE

--- South Padre Island ---PRIVATE DINING GROUP OPTIONS

Group dining on South Padre Island is a feast for the eyes and taste buds. Attendees can enjoy culinary classics and local Island treats while sitting bay or beachside.

BLACKBEARDS' RESTAURANT

South Padre Island fixture since 1978 serving fried seafood, burgers and sandwiches in a casual, family environment. (956) 761-2962 • blackbeardsspi.com *Private Dining Capacity: Up to 65*

DADDY'S SEAFOOD & CAJUN KITCHEN

Casual dining offering Cajun-inspired seafood, including pastas and po'boys with a full bar and fish market.

(956) 761-1975 • daddysrestaurant.com *Private Dining Capacity: Up to 75*

GABRIELLA'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Welcoming, family-friendly venue offering Italian classics, brick oven pizza, and beers on tap. (956) 761-6111 • gabriellasspi.com *Private Dining Capacity: Up to 45*

LIAM'S STEAKHOUSE & OYSTER BAR

Fine waterfront dining on the Island featuring steak, seafood, and wine. (956) 761-4700 • liamssteakhouse.com *Private Dining Capacity: Up to 65 Accepts Reservations.*

LOUIE'S BACKYARD

Casual surf and turf with decks overlooking the Laguna Madre Bay. (956) 761-6406 • lbyspi.com *Private Dining Capacity: Up to 250*

PADRE ISLAND BREWING CO.

Gastropub crafting burgers, steaks, seafood, beer and more in a casual ambience with a second story deck.

(956) 761-9585 • pibrewingcompany.com *Private Dining Capacity: Up to 55*

PARROT EYES RESTAURANT-BAR & WATERSPORTS

Waterfront, family dining featuring burgers and sandwiches to South of the Border cuisine. (956) 772-9040 • parroteyesspi.com *Private Dining Capacity: Up to 80*

SEA RANCH RESTAURANT

Wild-caught seafood, plus steaks and pastas, at a colorful, bi-level establishment with marina views. (956) 761-1314 • searanchrestaurant.com *Private Dining Capacity: Up to 40*

ROCOTTO GRILL

Acclaimed peruvian cuisine in a high energy environment. Situated by the beach offering an exquisite mix of tropcial flavors. (956) 299-4316 *Private Dining Capacity: Up to 50*



-South Padre Island — BLEISURE

It is a fact that meeting attendance increases in destinations that people naturally want to visit. What, then, could be better than a meeting on your own tropical island? That's just what you get when you hold your next meeting on South Padre Island. Your guests will not only want to attend, but they will want to come early, stay late, and bring their spouse or entire family. You get great attendance and they get an extra vacation! That's a win-win solution.



Your Meeting Advisor can even help you develop custom itineraries for your attendees and their guests, like this family playcation option.

DAY 1

EXPLORE THE ISLAND

Choose from a variety of tours and cruises that offer everything from snorkeling, dolphin watching, eco-tours, bay and deep sea fishing, sunset and dinner cruises.

BEACH TIME

Grab the beach ball and head to one of the Island's beach access points to soak up the sun!

FAMILY FRIENDLY DINING

The Island offers several casual, family-style dining options for food enthusiasts of all ages.

DAY 2

LEARNING COMES NATURALLY

Wave hello and learn about endangered sea turtles and their marine environments at Sea Turtle, Inc.

TAKE FLIGHT

Enjoy the unique habitat that draws wildlife of all kinds at the SPI Birding, Nature Center & Alligator Sanctuary.

DAY 2

CAST OFF

From nearshore (bay) to offshore waters, the fishing scene is welcoming and fun.Enjoy guided tours that'll show you all the local fishing hotspots.

THERE BE PIRATES!

Swashbuckle your way through a high-seas adventure on the Black Dragon Pirate Ship for an interactive cruise filled with stories, treasure hunts and more.

-South Padre Island TEAM BUILDING

Golf Courses

Spend a relaxing day around the Island at one of Rio Grande Valley's top golf courses.

LAGUNA VISTA

South Padre Island Golf Club

Full-service golf club featuring an 18-hole course, instruction & a Pro Shop amid laguna views.

1 Golf House Road | Laguna Vista, TX (956) 943-5678 | spigolf.com

BROWNSVILLE

River Bend Resort & Country Club

An 18-hole course open to the public and features 6,828 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 72.

4541 US-281 | Brownsville, TX (956) 548-0192 | riverbendresort.us

Brownsville Golf Center

An 18-hole municipal golf course featuring a putting and chipping practice facility, full-service food and beverage bar and a fully equipped Pro Shop.

1800 W. San Marcelo Blvd. | Brownsville, TX (956) 541-2582

Valley International Country Club

An 18-hole course built on both sides of the coastal tributary, water comes into play on 12 holes.

301 McFadden Dr. | Brownsville, TX (956) 548-9199 | valleyinternationalgolf.com

RANCHO VIEJO

Rancho Viejo Resort & Country Club

A golf-oriented community that stretches across 1,400 verdant acres in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

1 Rancho Viejo Dr. | Rancho Viejo, TX (956) 350-4000 | rvrcc.com

HARLINGEN

Tony Butler Golf Course

A 27-hole facility complete with driving range, putting and chipping greens, Pro Shop and short order kitchen. Features an 18-hole course measuring 6,400 yards (par 71) and a 9-hole course measuring 2,600 yards (par 35).

2640 Golf Course Dr. | Harlingen, TX (956) 216-5970 | tonybutlergc.com

Treasure Hills Country Club

An 18-hole public golf course built on rolling terrain, the wide fairways present nice targets off the tee, and the elevated greens require taking an extra club every now and then.

3205 N. Augusta National Dr. | Harlingen, TX (956) 425-1700 | treasurehillsgolfclub.com



-South Padre Island AFTER THE MEETING

Wellness & Self Care -

Meeting attendees and guests they bring along with them will be looking for stress relieving activities. There are numerous options for wellness and self care on the Island. Whether they want to treat themselves with a massage, rent bikes for some exercise, get in some yoga on the beach, or take a seaside horseback ride, there are so many options for visitors. Your Meeting Advisor can help build a custom list that aligns with your meeting theme, but below you can see just some of the available wellness activities.



Crystal Rose Salon & Spa (956) 772-8166 5800 Padre Blvd. #102 thecrystalrosesalon.com

Julie Loves Hair

(214) 850-7438 112 W Pompano St. julieloveshair.weebly.com

Sapphire Spa

(956) 389-8888 310-A Padre Blvd. sapphireluxuryspa.com

Venus Nails and Spa (956) 772-9933 2600 Padre Blvd., Ste. F venusspaspi.com

Virginia's Salon & Spa (956) 943-5651

408 E Queen Isabella Blvd. virginiassalonandspa.com

Island Fitness

956-761-4220 5800 Padre Blvd., Ste. 201 spislandfitness.biz

Laguna Madre Yoga Meditation & Dance Center (956) 761-9642 5009 Padre Blvd, Ste. 12 lagunamadreyoga.com

Lavina's Natural Nail Care

(956) 761-4421 5009 Padre Blvd., Ste. 7

Massage & Healing Arts

Center (956) 761-1814 2100 Padre Blvd. spimassage.com

TND Nail Salon (956) 761-1429

3305 Padre Blvd. # A

Sommer Sculpt

(956) 755-9155 Beach Access #20 sommersculpt.com

Art Business Incubator

South Padre Island (956) 433-8097 2500 Padre Blvd., Ste. 1 abispi.com Art Space (956) 761-2112 1817 Padre Blvd., Ste. 1 spiartspace.com

Cristo de los Pescadores Isla Blanca Park State Road 100

Painting & Vino

(855) 410-8330 South Padre Island paintingandvino.com

Port Isabel Lighthouse

(800) 527-6102 421 E. Queen Isabella Blvd. thc.texas.gov

Museums of Port Isabel

(956) 943-7602 317 E. Railroad Ave. portisabelhistory.com

--- South Padre Island ---WEDDING AND SPECIAL EVENTS

What more do you need for the perfect wedding or special event? Anniversaries, birthdays, and an array of family celebrations. South Padre Island doesn't just give you the most magical day of your life, they also give your guests a vacation they'll never forget. Where Texas hospitality meets sun, surf, and sand.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Alexa Ocean Ray Photography (956) 433-6125 • aorphoto.com

David Pezzat (956) 266-3286 • davidpezzat.com

D. Gabriel Photography Studios (956) 533-0011 • dgabrielstudios.com

Freddy Rodriguez (956) 241-2846 • freddy-rodriguez.com

Jay Caballero (866) 580-5511 • jaycaballero.com

Sea Love (808) 781-7456 •sealovephotography

EVENT PLANNERS & RENTALS

Beach Weddings by Sammi Kaye (956) 572-3529 • weddingssouthpadre.com

Casa Mariposa (956) 778-6095 • casamariposaspi.com

South Padre Beach Ceremony (956) 433-9448 • southpadrebeachceremony.com

Wed Beach by Maury Collections (956) 293-4651 • maurycollections.com

Weddings by Wendi (956) 507-0806

CHURCHES

Chapel by the Sea (956) 761-5636 • chapelbytheseaspi.com

Island Baptist Church (956) 761-5029 • islandbaptist.info



BEACH PERMIT

All beach weddings require a permit. The permit informs all interested parties of the wedding details, helps ensure your wedding does not restrict the use of the beach to others, and provides you with State and local beach rules and regulations. For ceremonies held on the beach within the City of South Padre Island, please contact City Hall at (956) 761-6456.

FLORAL & DECOR

Bridgeview Flowers & Gifts (956) 943-4344

FULL SERVICE SALONS

Crystal Rose Salon & Spa (956) 772-8166 • thecrystalrosesalon.com

Brenda's Salon (956) 943-7303

Sapphire Spa (956) 389-8888 • sapphireluxuryspa.com

T & D Nails (956) 761-1429

Venus Nails & Spa (956) 772-9933 • venusspaspi.com

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Cameron County Courthouse (956) 544-0817 co.cameron.tx.us

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—South Padre Island — TRANSPORTATION

The only tropical island in Texas, South Padre Island is easily accessible by land and air.

By Land

- From Austin: 340 miles
- From Dallas: 531 miles
- From Houston 367 miles
- From San Antonio: 285 miles
- From El Paso: 815 miles

By Air

- Brownsville/ South Padre Island International Airport 30 min drive from the Island | flybrownsville.com
- Valley International Airport (Harlingen)
 50 min drive from the Island | flythevalley.com
- McAllen International Airport
 - 1.5 hour drive from the Island | mcallenairport.com

Getting Around the Island

Island Metro offers free transportation to beach access points, lodging, dining and attractions.



-South Padre Island — MEET OUR TEAM

Whether it's a wedding, meeting, or conference, the South Padre Island Sales Team is ready to be your meeting planning partners and make your next event a magical experience.



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