SO SUCCESSFUL.

SO PADRE

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND
MEETING PLANNER GUIDE

MEETINGS & GROUPS / 2019
SO READY.

SO PADRE
Plan your next meeting on South Padre Island, the only tropical island in Texas. 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.

MAKE IT YOURS.
On behalf of the South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau, our residents and hospitality partners, I welcome you to 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.

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Ed Caum
CVB Director
From horseback riding to sandcastle building lessons, you’ll find activities for your group that are sure to inspire.
Welcome to South Padre Island and 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 successful occasion that exceeds your expectations. We wish to establish with you a relationship of 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. Let our friendly and attentive staff, with more than 50 years of combined experience, assist in making your next meeting or event a breeze 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 better than ever -- South Padre Island offers one of the most 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. We hope it will be the first of many.

So Ready. So Padre.

Gene Rios
Group Business Development Director
Meet Our Team

Whether it’s a wedding, meeting or conference, the South Padre Island Sales Team is ready to assist and make your next event a success.

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South Padre Island

AT A GLANCE

SUN, SURF & SAND
Mild, semi-arid weather means lots of sunny days, with an average annual temperature of 74 degrees. Take a sandcastle lesson from some of the best sand artists in the state!

GETTING TO THE ISLAND
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
www.flybrownsville.com

Valley International Airport (Harlingen)
50 min drive from the Island
www.flythevalley.com

McAllen International Airport
1.5 hour drive from the Island
www.mcallenairport.com

GETTING AROUND THE ISLAND
Island Metro offers free transportation to beach access points, lodging, dining and attractions.
**SO NATURAL.**
Dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of sea turtles, learn the importance of protecting sea life at Sea Turtle, Inc. Explore the birds, flora, fauna and the environment of South Padre Island, the Laguna Madre Bay and the Gulf of Mexico with an emphasis on conservation and environmental awareness at the SPI Birding, Nature Center & Alligator Sanctuary.

**SO MEMORABLE.**
Surf manmade waves, blast uphill and down on thrilling water coasters at Beach Park at Isla Blanca, or join Captain Black-Hearted Andy, “Scourge of the Laguna Madre,” and his jolly crew on the interactive Black Dragon Pirate Cruise.

**SO THRILLING.**
From flyboarding, kiteboarding, windsurfing, snorkeling, kayaking, and more, South Padre Island’s calm, warm waters make it the ideal setting to practice, or perfect, your water sport skills.

**SO ENTICING.**
Experience the bold, tropical flavors of the Island — a mix of coastal cuisine and authentic Mexican dishes. South Padre Island also boasts an impressive lineup of live music year round, including many local artists who call the Island home. Where music meets the beach, support and discover local music!

**COUNTLESS WAYS TO STAY**
In your mind, you’re already here. Choose from a wide selection of beach and bayside hotels and vacation rentals, all perfectly situated to help you explore the Island’s activities and attractions.
Step outside the main door of the South Padre Island Convention Centre to discover why South Padre Island is the ideal destination for your convention, meeting or tradeshow. The Centre occupies 30 acres on the scenic Laguna Madre Bay with 45,000 square feet that can be configured almost any way you like.

• 22,500 square feet of exhibit hall space
• 9,000 square feet of breakout room space
• 2,633 square foot conference auditorium
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Capacity based on maximum seating available
FULL SERVICE HOTELS

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
- 54 Suites
- 8 Accessible Rooms
- 28 Singles
- 128 Doubles
- Restaurant onsite
- Complimentary Self Parking
- Complimentary WiFi
- Room Service
- Fitness Room
- Pool

SCHLITTERBAHN BEACH 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 onsite
- Complimentary Self & Motorcoach Parking
- Complimentary WiFi
- Room Service
- Fitness Room
- Pool

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 onsite
- Complimentary Self & Motorcoach Parking
- Complimentary WiFi
- Room Service
- Fitness Room
- Pool
PEARL SOUTH PADRE

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

NEW & NOTABLE

COURTYARD MARRIOTT

6700 Padre Blvd • (956) 433-0590

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

Courtyard by Marriott Beachfront Hotel will be a luxury addition to South Padre Island. With over 200 well-appointed large guest rooms, suites, and condo rentals, this South Padre Island hotel will feature over 10,000 square feet of meeting and event space. Courtyard by Marriott will also contain a signature bistro and bar in the lobby. The crowning feature of our beachfront hotel is Bar Louie, our ocean side bar, restaurant, and event venue.
Trust falls are a thing of the past! Team building on South Padre Island is all about motivation and personalized experiences.

**SO EPIC.**

*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.

**SO THRILLING.**

*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.

**SO REFRESHING.**

*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 the Gulf of Mexico.
SO SERENE.
*Communicate Without Distractions*

There are several group activities with options for large or small groups, designed to help refresh and re-energize teams on our island paradise. Attendees can practice their swing at the SPI Golf Course or explore the Island on a Segway tour.
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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 • lbyspi.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
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.

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

DADDY’S SEAFOOD & CAJUN KITCHEN
(956) 761-1975 • daddysrestaurant.com
Cuisine: Casual dining offering Cajun-inspired seafood, including pastas and po’boys with a full bar and fish market. Private Dining Capacity: Up to 75

GABRIELLA’S ITALIAN RESTAURANT
(956) 761-6111 • gabriellasspi.com
Cuisine: Welcoming, family-friendly venue offering Italian classics, brickoven pizza, and beers on tap. Private Dining Capacity: Up to 45

LIAM’S STEAKHOUSE & OYSTER BAR
(956) 761-4700 • liamssteakhouse.com

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

PADRE ISLAND BREWING CO.
(956) 761-9585 • pibrewingcompany.com
Cuisine: Gastropub crafting burgers, steaks, seafood, beer and more in a casual ambience with a second story deck. Private Dining Capacity: Up to 55

PARROT EYES RESTAURANT - BAR & WATERSPORTS
(956) 772-9040 • parroteyesspi.com
Cuisine: Waterfront, family dining featuring burgers and sandwiches to South of the Border cuisine. Private Dining Capacity: Up to 80

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

THE SHRIMP HAUS
(956) 772-9772 • shrimphaus.com
Cuisine: Casual, beachfront dining offering a shrimp-centric seafood menu with live music. Private Dining Capacity: Up to 400
CONVENTION SERVICES

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 memorable experiences for your attendees.

ATTENDANCE BUILDING

Promote your event with access to photos or request promotional items, attendee welcome bags or information about our destination.

CREATING A BETTER EXPERIENCE

Let us help you with group room blocking, onsite and offsite registration support, transportation solutions, and visitor information assistance.

ENHANCED OFFSITE SUPPORT

Recommendations for local support services: activities, spousal excursions, and private group dining options.

TEAMBUILDING

We can assist with customized projects and team building experiences for your group!

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.
What more do you need for the perfect wedding or special event? Where Texas hospitality meets sun, surf and sand.

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

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

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

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

Iliasis Muniz Photography  
(956) 433-1771  
iliasmunizphotography.com

Island Event Photos  
(956) 323-6660 • islandeventphotos.com

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

Timeless by Tiffany Photography  
(956) 204-9665 • timelessbytiffany.com

**FULL SERVICE SALONS**

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

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

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

**EVENT PLANNERS & RENTALS**

Beach Bride Guides  
(956) 323-6660 • beachbrideguides.com

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

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

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

South Padre Island Beach Ceremony  
(956) 433-9448  
southpadreislandbeachceremony.com

**CHURCHES**

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

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

**FLORAL & DECOR**

Bridgeview Flowers & Gifts  
(956) 943-4344
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.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

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

OFFICIANTS

Judith Beat • (956) 433-5121
Jeff George • (956) 454-2378
Judge Salli Gonzalez • (956) 427-8057
Rev. Dan Jenkins • (956) 560-1317
Justice of the Peace
Judge Bennie Ochoa, III • (956) 433-2520
Pastor Bill Waddell • (956) 433-9448

SPECIAL EVENTS

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.