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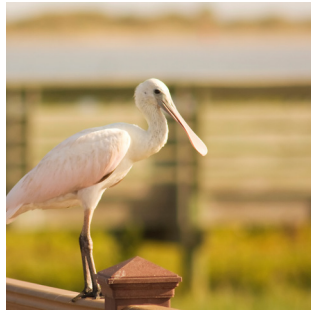
## SOUTH PADRE ISLAND MEETING PLANNER GUIDE

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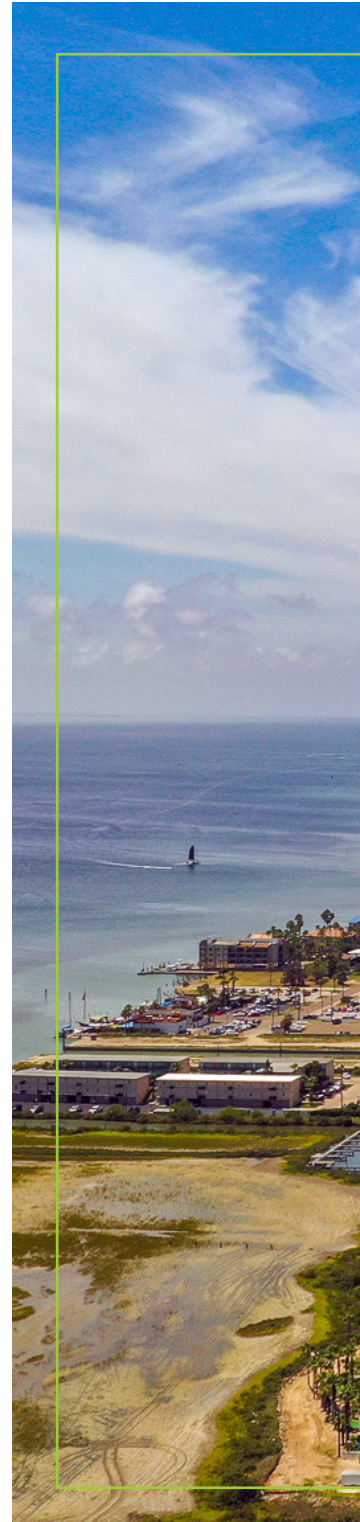
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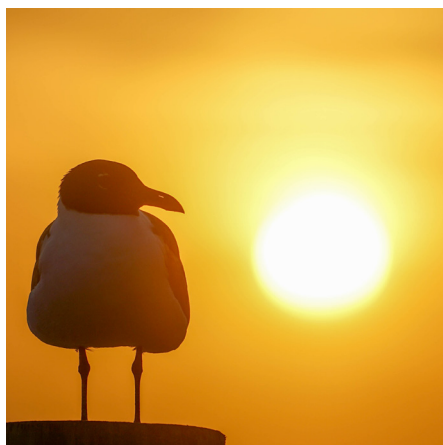


SO READY.

• SO PADRE •







## SO ACCESSIBLE.

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.**



# WELCOME! BIENVENIDOS!

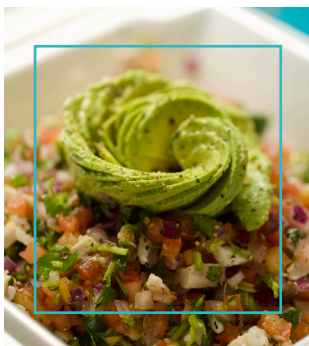
On behalf of the South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau, our residents and hospitality partners, I welcome you to South Padre Island, the only tropical island in Texas.

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.

**So Successful. So Padre.**

**Ed Caum**  
CVB Director





## SO MOTIVATIONAL. SO PADRE.

From horseback riding to sandcastle building lessons, you'll find activities for your group that are sure to inspire.



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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](http://www.flybrownsville.com)

#### **Valley International Airport (Harlingen)**

*50 min drive from the Island*  
[www.flythevalley.com](http://www.flythevalley.com)

#### **McAllen International Airport**

*1.5 hour drive from the Island*  
[www.mcallenairport.com](http://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.





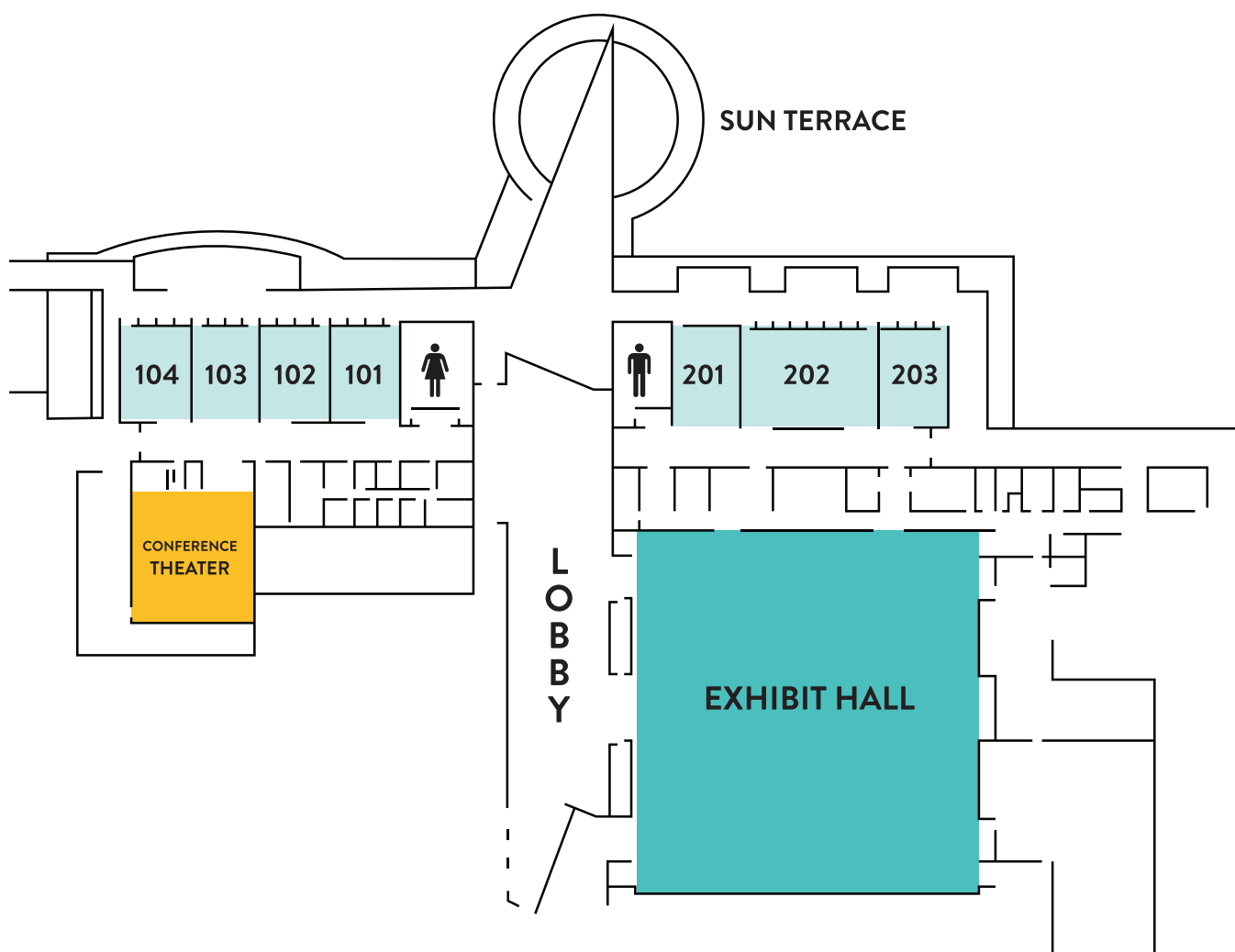
# CONVENTION CENTRE

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7355 Padre Boulevard

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

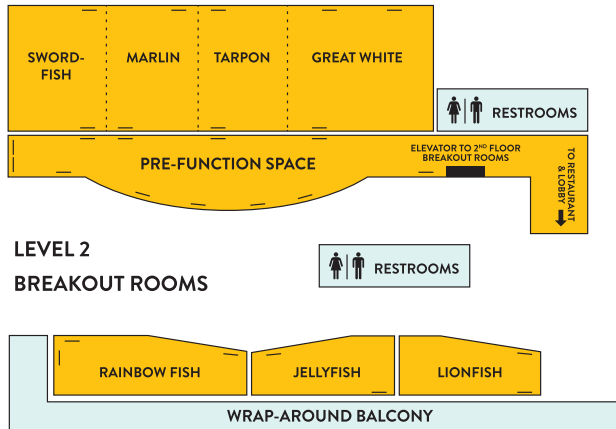


ROOM	DIMENSIONS	THEATER	CLASSROOM	EXHIBIT	BANQUET/ OVAL
Lobby	71'x235' (10,630 sq. ft.)	500	300	(30) 10'x10'	350 (10)
Exhibit Hall	150'x150' (22,500 sq. ft.)	2,700	1,196	(100) 10'x10'	1,100 (10)

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

# FULL SERVICE HOTELS

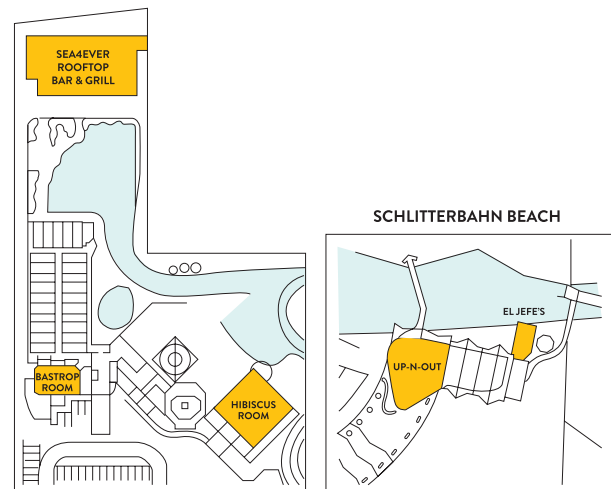
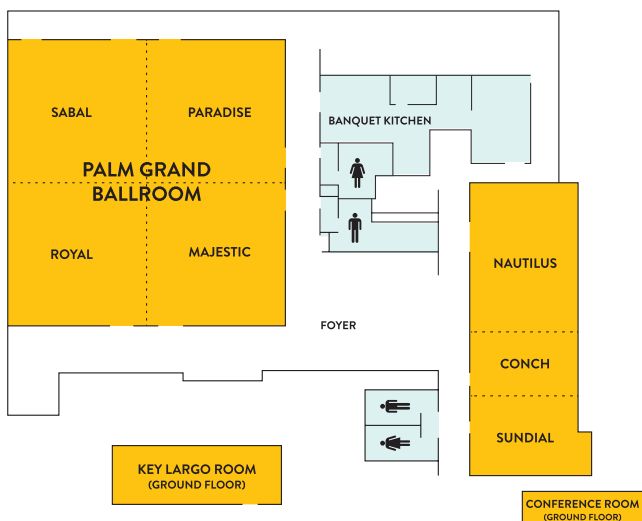


## HILTON GARDEN INN

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)

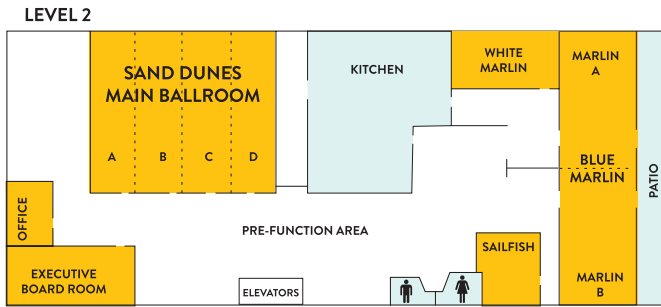
- 216 Rooms
- 20 Suites
- 3 Accessible Rooms
- 75 Singles
- 132 Doubles
- Kitchenettes
- Restaurant onsite
- Complimentary Self & Motorcoach Parking
- Complimentary WiFi
- Room Service
- Fitness Room
- Pool

## 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)

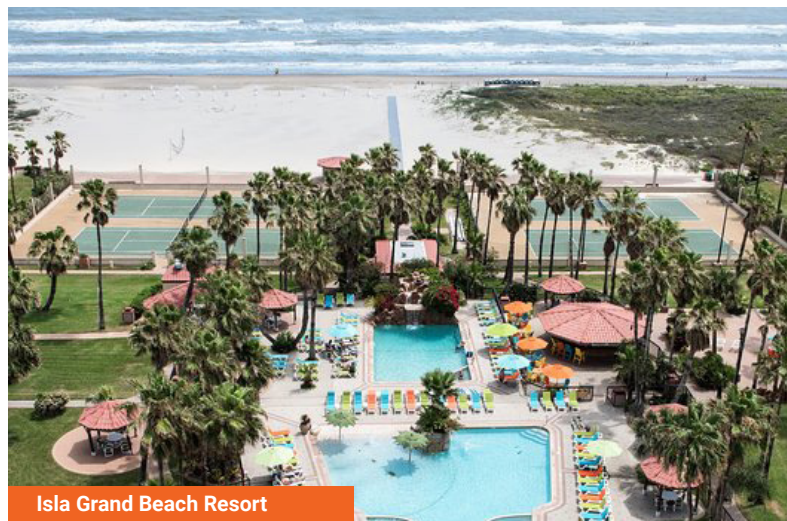
Courtyard by Marriott Beachfront Hotel will be a luxury addition to South Padre Island. With over 200 well-appointed large guest rooms, suites, and condo rentals, this South Padre Island hotel will feature over 10,000 square feet of meeting and event space. Courtyard by Marriott will also contain a signature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



Pearl South Padre



Schlitterbahn Beach Resort



Isla Grand Beach Resort



Hilton Garden Inn

# SO IN SYNC.

## TEAM BUILDING IDEAS FOR YOUR MEETING

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.

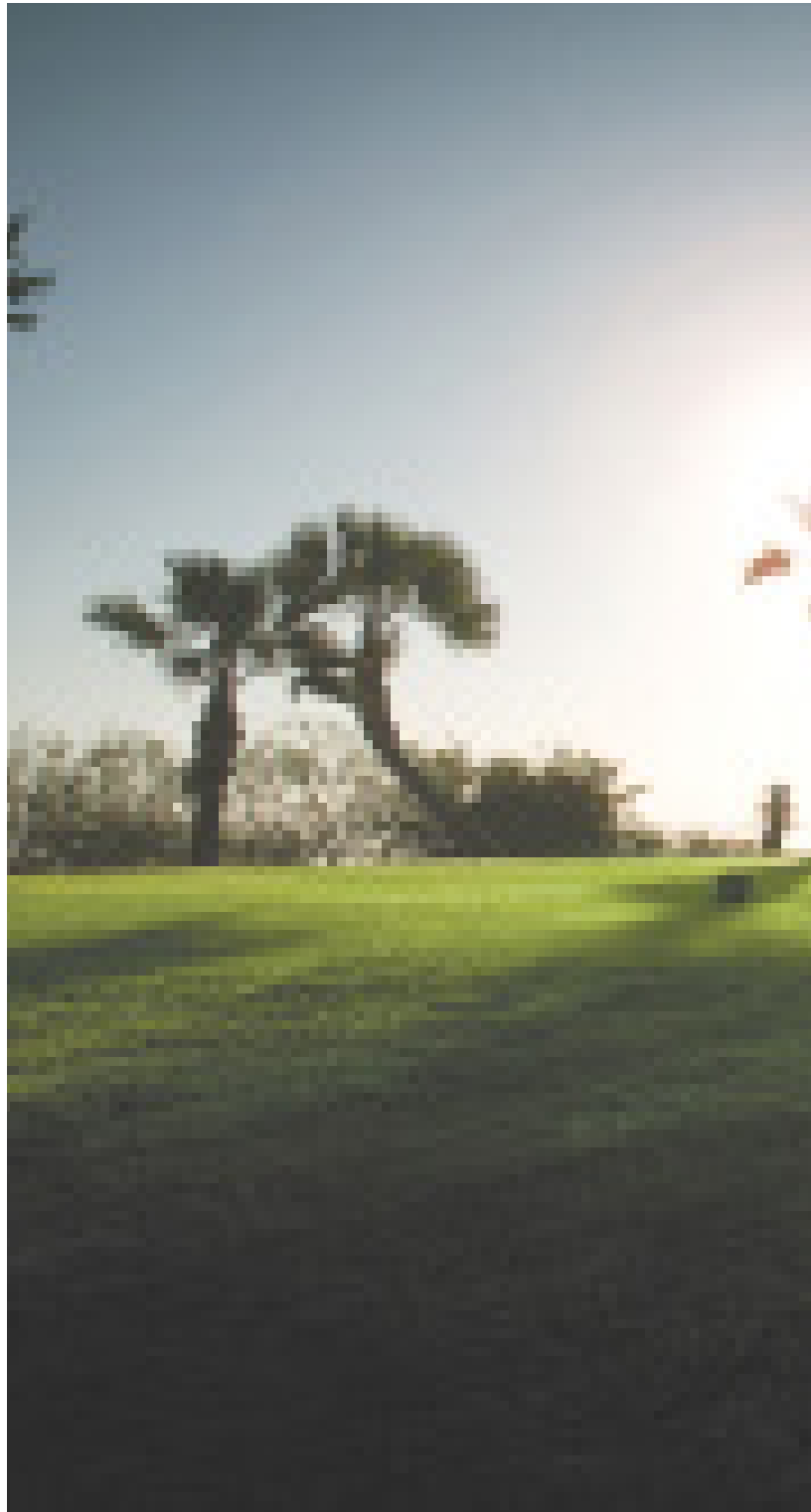
*Boost Morale, Mid-Air*

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](#).

PROPERTY NAME	NUMBER OF ROOMS	TOTAL MEETING SPACE (GSF)	LARGEST MEETING ROOM (GSF)	RESTAURANT ON SITE	COMPLIMENTARY WIFI	COMPLIMENTARY PARKING	MOTORCOACH PARKING	ROOM SERVICE	KITCHENETTES	FITNESS ROOM	SPA	POOL
<b>COMFORT SUITES</b> 912 Padre Blvd.   (956) 772-9020	74	960	960	-	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	*
<b>HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL &amp; SUITES</b> 6502 Padre Blvd.   (956) 761-8844	104	1,400	1,400	-	*	*	*	-	-	*	-	*
<b>LA COPA INN &amp; SUITES</b> 350 Padre Blvd.   (956) 761-6000	146	3,750	2,000	-	*	*	-	-	-	*	-	*
<b>LA QUINTA INN &amp; SUITES</b> 7000 Padre Blvd.   (956) 772-7000	147	3,750	2,000	*	*	*	-	*	-	*	-	*
<b>SUITES AT SUNCHASE</b> 1004 Padre Blvd.   (956) 761-7711	87	3,000	3,000	-	*	*	*	-	*	-	-	*
<b>THE INN AT SOUTH PADRE</b> 1709 Padre Blvd.   (956) 761-5658	91	555	555	-	*	*	*	-	*	-	-	*
<b>RAMADA</b> 6200 Padre Blvd.   (956) 761-4744	150	888	888	*	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	*
<b>TIKI CONDOMINIUMS</b> 6608 Padre Blvd.   (956) 761-2694	144	1,684	1,684	-	*	*	*	-	*	-	-	*

## SELECT SERVICE HOTELS





## ALTERNATIVE VENUES

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### **CASA MARIPOSA**

(956) 778-6095 • [casamariposa.com](http://casamariposa.com)

### **CLAYTON'S BEACH BAR & GRILL**

(956) 761-5900 • [claytonsbeachbar.com](http://claytonsbeachbar.com)

### **ISLA BLANCA PARK (CAMERON COUNTY)**

(956) 761-5494 • [co.cameron.tx.us](http://co.cameron.tx.us)

### **LONGBOARD BAR & GRILL**

(956) 772-7022 • [longboardspi.com](http://longboardspi.com)

### **LOUIE'S BACKYARD**

(956) 761-6406 • [lbyspi.com](http://lbyspi.com)

### **NAMAR EVENT CENTER**

(956) 761-2350 • [namareventcenter.com](http://namareventcenter.com)

### **PENINSULA ISLAND RESORT & SPA**

(956) 761-2514 • [peninsulaislandresort.com](http://peninsulaislandresort.com)

### **PORT ISABEL EVENT & CULTURAL CENTER**

(956) 943-0720 • [pieventcenter.com](http://pieventcenter.com)

### **SPI BIRDING, NATURE CENTER & ALLIGATOR SANCTUARY**

(956) 761-6801 • [spibirding.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://liamssteakhouse.com)

**Cuisine:** Fine waterfront dining on the Island featuring steak, seafood, and wine.  
Private Dining Capacity: **Up to 65**  
Accepts Reservations.

## LOUIE'S BACKYARD

(956) 761-6406 • [lbyspi.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

## ENHANCED OFFSITE SUPPORT

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

## CREATING A BETTER EXPERIENCE

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

## 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.*



# WEDDING & SPECIAL EVENTS

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

## PHOTOGRAPHY

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### David Pezzat

(956) 266-3286 • davidpezzat.com

### D. Gabriel Photography Studios

(956) 533-0011 • dgabrielstudios.com

### Freddy Rodriguez

(956) 241-2846 • freddy-rodriguez.com

### Ilias 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

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### 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

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### 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

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### Chapel by the Sea

(956) 761-5636 • chapelbytheseaspi.com

### Island Baptist Church

(956) 761-5029 • islandbaptist.info

## FLORAL & DECOR

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### 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](http://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.





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