

# MEET GALVESTON



Meetings & Events  
Quick Reference Guide

*Sea* your meetings differently







# GALVESTON AT A GLANCE

**32** MILES OF BEACHES  
**GROUPS SIZES** ranging from **20-2,000**  
**40** miles from nearest airport

**300,000** total square feet of meeting space island-wide  
**150** restaurants

**2,500** VACATION RENTALS  
**5,000** HOTEL ROOMS

**77°** HIGH  
**68°** LOW  
**1,500** internet-capable devices connect to our **FREE** convention center **WiFi**.

**FREE CONVENTION CENTER PARKING**  
**FREE TRANSPORTATION** between convention center and contracted hotels



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## DESTINATION SERVICES

As local experts with extensive in-market relationships, your Destination Services Team can provide meeting and event planners with a comprehensive view of Galveston Island.

Our team is the best first point of contact to help planners find the right fit for any event. Our completely complimentary services save you time, effort and help you make the smartest decisions.

Your Destination Services Team is comprised of a site expert and an engagement expert who ensure that you receive all-inclusive assistance with every aspect of your event - from planning to executing to post event follow-up. We have you covered! Contact us today!

Are you ready for Island Time?

### SITE SERVICES

- ▲ Team-building opportunities available throughout the island
- ▲ Social responsibility connections
- ▲ Coordinate site inspections
- ▲ Venue suggestions (unique venues, private dining options, meeting space, etc.)
- ▲ Vendor recommendations
- ▲ Guest itineraries designed by interest and timeframe
- ▲ Spouse & family activities
- ▲ Brochures & maps
- ▲ Island discounts offered to all attendees
- ▲ On-site assistance (based on contracted hotel rooms)
- ▲ Official welcome from City representative
- ▲ Provide economic impact post event

### ENGAGEMENT SERVICES

- ▲ Attendance building with planning and strategizing
- ▲ Theme assistance including event logos, slogans, etc.
- ▲ Photography & digital art
- ▲ Video (customized & generic)
- ▲ Website assistance
- ▲ Social Media Resources including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.
- ▲ Media assistance
- ▲ Publicity assistance including a news release on your behalf (depends on contracted hotel rooms)
- ▲ Customized e-templates
- ▲ On-site social engagement assistance



## GET STARTED!

**Your first step?** Discover all the in-kind and cash incentives for which you may qualify! Contact the Galveston Island Convention & Visitors Bureau to get the best head start possible on planning a successful, stress-free meeting.

- [meetgalveston.com](http://meetgalveston.com)
- [meetings@galvestoncvb.com](mailto:meetings@galvestoncvb.com)
- 866-505-4456 x 146** or **409-797-5146**



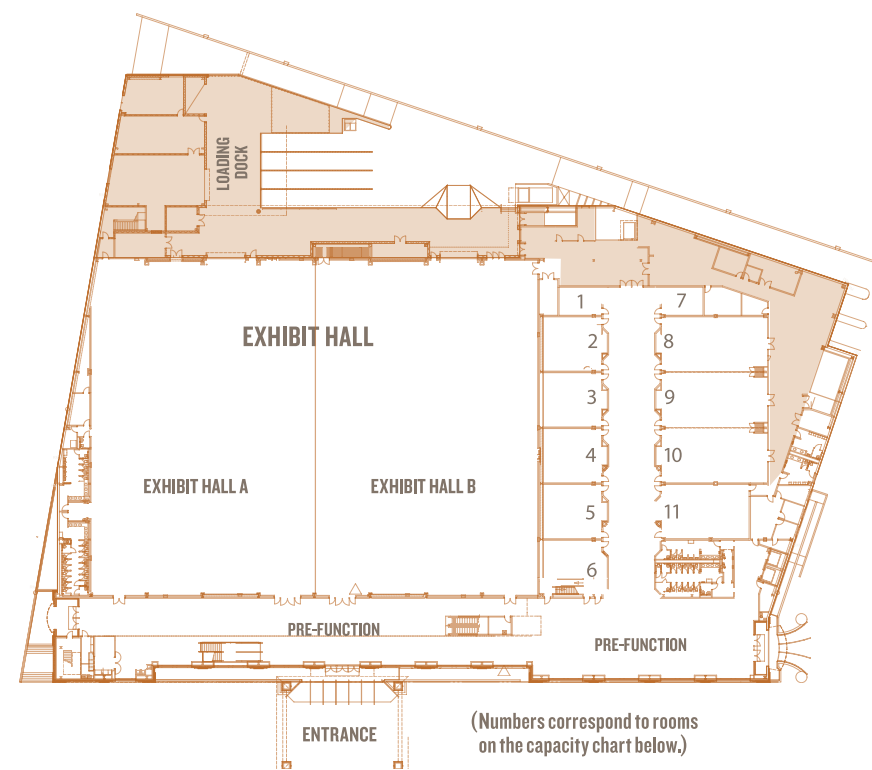
## GALVESTON ISLAND CONVENTION CENTER:

# Expansive space, with views to match

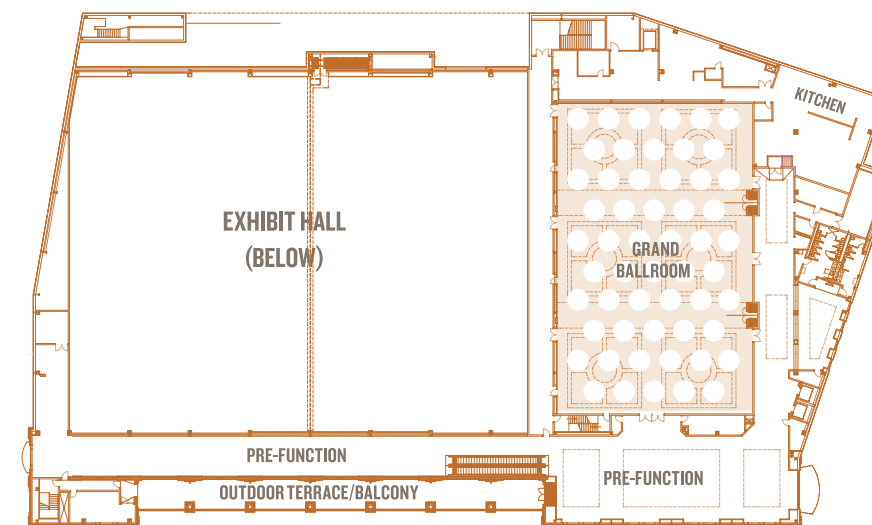


Located on Galveston's famous Seawall Boulevard, The Galveston Island Convention Center at the San Luis Resort is the perfect destination for any type of meeting or event. Check out why meeting planners are giving rave reviews:

- ▲ 140,000 square feet
- ▲ Breathtaking views of the Gulf of Mexico
- ▲ 43,100 square-foot exhibition hall, column-free
- ▲ 15,500 square-foot grand ballroom
- ▲ 12,000 square feet of breakout meeting space
- ▲ 29,000 feet of pre-function space
- ▲ 700 guest rooms adjacent to the center
- ▲ Another 1,400 rooms within 2 miles
- ▲ FREE wireless internet for up to 1,500 devices
- ▲ FREE shuttle service to/from contracted hotels
- ▲ FREE on-site covered parking



Room	Square Feet	Ceiling Height	Classroom	Hollow Square	Theater	Banquet	Reception	Exhibits (8' x 10')	Exhibits (10' x 10')
Exhibit Hall	43,100	30'	2,950	—	4,700	3,550	4,500	270	215
Exhibit Hall A	21,550	30'	1,475	—	2,350	1,775	2,250	135	107
Exhibit Hall B	21,550	30'	1,475	—	2,350	1,775	2,250	135	107
1) Windward Boardroom	370	20'	20	12	44	30	40	—	—
2) Schooner	950	20'	70	24	110	80	105	—	—
3) Clipper	950	20'	70	24	110	80	105	—	—
4) Harbor	950	20'	70	24	110	80	105	—	—
5) Spinnaker	950	20'	70	24	110	80	105	—	—
6) Helm	660	20'	50	18	74	50	68	—	—
7) Leeward Boardroom	370	20'	—	12	—	30	—	—	—
Galleon	5,100	20'	350	—	575	430	650	30	24
8) Galleon III	1,700	20'	115	46	190	140	180	—	—
9) Galleon II	1,700	20'	115	46	190	140	180	—	—
10) Galleon I	1,700	20'	115	46	190	140	180	—	—
11) Yacht	1,400	20'	100	38	155	110	180	—	—



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Grand Ballroom	15,500	20'	1,030	—	1,660	1,250	1,575	96	75
Grand Ballroom A	5,150	20'	340	—	550	415	525	30	25
Grand Ballroom B	5,150	20'	340	—	550	415	525	30	25
Grand Ballroom C	5,150	20'	340	—	550	415	525	30	25

LEVEL ONE

LEVEL TWO



# Galveston Island hotels deliver convenience, amenities

Coordinating lodging is often a complex task. The sheer number of variables (location, rate, capacity, amenities, meeting space, to name a few) can be enough to make your head spin. Below, we give you a head start. Whether you're looking for a full-service property featuring a luxurious spa, a boutique hotel experience, or simply a budget-friendly

place to lay your head, Galveston Island has a broad range of properties appropriate for any event. And, because of the compact size of the island, coordinating a group at multiple hotels is a breeze. With more than 5,000 hotel rooms on the island, we have both the space and amenities you want for your next meeting.

Limited Service Hotels	# of Rooms	# of Suites	Accessible Rooms	Single Rooms	Double 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
<b>Best Western Galveston West Beach Hotel</b> 8710 Seawall Blvd www.bestwestern.com	115	10	4	65	71	-	-	-	★	★	★	★	-	★	-	★
<b>Best Western Plus Galveston Suites</b> 8502 Seawall Blvd www.bestwestern.com	96	96	5	-	-	-	-	-	★	★	★	-	-	★	-	★
<b>Casa del Mar Beachfront Suites</b> 6102 Seawall Blvd www.casadelmartx.com	128	128	-	-	-	2,400	1,750	-	★	★	★	-	★	-	-	★
<b>Comfort Suites</b> 3606 89th Street 409-741-9977	57	57	4	23	30	800	800	0	★	★	★	-	-	★	★	★
<b>Courtyard by Marriott</b> 9500 Seawall Blvd www.marriott.com/glscy	85	12	10	52	21	1,200	1,200	1	★	★	★	★	-	★	-	★
<b>Four Points by Sheraton</b> 2300 Seawall Blvd www.fourpointsgalveston.com	125	10	8	36	76	2,000	2,000	1	★	★	★	★	-	★	-	★
<b>Holiday Inn Express</b> 8628 Seawall Blvd www.galveston.com/holidayinnexpress	81	18	5	21	60	7,200	7,200	-	★	★	-	-	-	★	-	★
<b>Inn at the Waterpark</b> 2525 Jones Rd www.innatthewaterpark.com	143	-	8	9	134	750	750	1	★	★	★	★	-	-	-	★
<b>Red Roof Inn</b> 5914 Seawall Blvd www.redroof.com/galveston	151	-	5	21	100	2,117	725	-	★	★	-	-	-	-	-	★
<b>Springhill Suites by Marriott</b> 6303 Broadway St www.marriott.com/glssh	74	74	6	34	40	416	416	-	★	★	-	-	★	★	-	★
<b>Towneplace Suites By Marriott</b> 9540 Seawall Blvd www.marriott.com/glsts	87	87	8	62	11	-	-	-	★	★	★	★	★	★	-	★

## Full Service Hotels

	# of Rooms	# of Suites	Accessible Rooms	Single Rooms	Double 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
<b>DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Galveston Beach</b> 1702 Seawall Blvd www.galvestonbeach.doubletree.com	97	6	6	91	6	1,618	1,035	2	★	★	★	★	-	★	-	★
<b>Hilton Galveston Island Resort</b> 5400 Seawall Blvd www.galvestonhilton.com	239	3	10	106	130	15,000	3,500	1	★	★	★	★	-	★	-	★
<b>Holiday Inn Resort Galveston</b> 5002 Seawall Blvd www.galvestonholidayinn.com	178	1	8	128	50	5,000	1,920	1	★	★	★	★	-	★	-	★
<b>Hotel Galvez &amp; Spa, a Wyndham Grand Hotel</b> 2024 Seawall Blvd www.hotelgalvez.com	224	6	6	132	82	13,231	4,550	1	★	★	★	★	-	★	★	★
<b>Moody Gardens Hotel, Spa &amp; Convention Center</b> Seven Hope Blvd www.moodygardenshotel.com	418	23	23	209	209	30,000	15,180	3	★	★	★	★	-	★	★	★
<b>The San Luis Resort, Spa &amp; Conference Center</b> 5222 Seawall Blvd www.sanluisresort.com	243	35	1	122	87	40,000	6,000	4	★	★	★	★	-	★	★	★
<b>The Tremont House, a Wyndham Grand Hotel</b> 2300 Ship's Mechanic Row www.thetremonthouse.com	119	17	2	64	38	15,776	7,946	1	★	-	★	★	-	★	-	-





## DINNER FOR TWO OR DINNER FOR TWO HUNDRED?

# Top Restaurants with Private Dining

### BUBBA GUMP'S

409-766-4952  
www.bubbagump.com/locations/galveston/  
Cuisine: **American**  
Private Dining Capacity: **150**

### FARLEY GIRLS

409-497-4454  
www.farelygirls.com  
Cuisine: **American**  
Private Dining Capacity: **200**

### FISHERMAN'S WHARF

409-765-5708  
www.fishermanswharfgalveston.com  
Cuisine: **Seafood**  
Private Dining Capacity: **50-265**

### GAIDO'S FAMOUS SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

409-761-5517  
www.gaidos.com  
Cuisine: **Seafood**  
Private Dining Capacity: **250**

### MARIO'S SEAWALL

409-750-8888  
www.mariosseawall.com  
Cuisine: **Italian**  
Private Dining Capacity: **120**

### OLYMPIA GRILL @ PIER 21

409-765-0021  
Cuisine: **Mediterranean**  
Private Dining Capacity: **65-250**

### RIONDO'S RESTAURANT

409-621-9595  
www.riondos.com  
Cuisine: **Italian**  
Private Dining Capacity: **120**

### SALSA'S

409-621-2630  
www.salsasgalveston.com  
Cuisine: **Mexican**  
Private Dining Capacity: **90-100**

### THE SPOT AND TIKI BAR

409-621-5237  
www.thespotgalveston.com  
Cuisine: **American**  
Private Dining Capacity: **50-100**

### WILLIE G'S

409-762-3030  
www.williegs.com/locations/galveston  
Cuisine: **Seafood**  
Private Dining Capacity: **150**

*For a complete list of restaurants, visit [galveston.com/cuisine](http://galveston.com/cuisine)*

## SPICE THINGS UP WITH A CHANGE OF SCENE

# Top Off-Site Venues

### 1877 TALL SHIP ELISSA & TEXAS SEAPORT MUSEUM

Max Capacity: **500**  
galvestonhistory.org/attractions/maritime-heritage/texas-seaport-museum-elissa-rentals

### 1880 GARTEN VEREIN

Max Capacity: **300**  
galvestonhistory.org/attractions/architectural-heritage/garten-verein

### AQUARIUM PYRAMID AT MOODY GARDENS

Max Capacity: **500**  
moodygardens.com/attractions/aquarium\_pyramid/aquarium

### EAST BEACH PAVILION

Max Capacity: **150**  
galvestonbeachinfo.com/east\_beach

### COLONEL PADDLEWHEEL

Max Capacity: **350**  
moodygardens.com/attractions/colonel\_paddlewheel\_boat

### GALVESTON ISLAND BREWING

Max Capacity: **350**  
galvestonislandbrewing.com

### GALVESTON ISLAND HISTORIC PLEASURE PIER

Max Capacity: **1500**  
pleasurepier.com

### GALVESTON RAILROAD MUSEUM

Max Capacity: **350**  
galvestonrrmuseum

### OCEAN STAR OFFSHORE DRILLING RIG & MUSEUM

Max Capacity: **300**  
oceanstaroec.com

### SEA STAR BASE

Max Capacity: **350**  
ssbgalveston.org

### SEAWOLF PARK

Max Capacity: **500**  
galvestonbeachinfo.com/seawolf\_park

### STUTTGARDEN TAVERN

Max Capacity: **525**  
stuttgartertavern.com

### THE BRYAN MUSEUM

Max Capacity: **650**  
thebryanmuseum.org

### THE GRAND 1894 OPERA HOUSE

Max Capacity: **350**  
thegrand.com

*For a complete list of venues, visit [galveston.com/special-event-venues](http://galveston.com/special-event-venues)*



1877 Tall Ship Elissa



Historic Pleasure Pier



Aquarium Pyramid at Moody Gardens





## ALL WORK & NO PLAY? NO WAY.

# Get Out & About

### HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

In Galveston, even shopping and dining are historic, cultural experiences. The Historic Downtown Strand District, consisting of 36 blocks on the port side of the island, features more than 100 shops, restaurants, attractions, and art galleries, and is a perfect place for browsing, buying, or simply soaking up the history of this island city.

The Historic Downtown Strand District was the heart of Galveston in the late 1800s and early 1900s, when the city was known as the “Wall Street of the Southwest.” Many of the Greek- and Victorian-style buildings built during that era remain today. Horse-drawn carriages still travel the streets of the Strand, which is the center of Mardi Gras celebrations each February. Or opt for the quaint yet modern Galveston Island Trolley to travel around town.

### OUTDOOR FUN

Galveston’s 32 miles of beaches are perfect for soaking up the sun and enjoying surfing, sailing, pier or charter fishing, swimming, or simple relaxation. But the beach isn’t the only outdoor attraction. With consistently mild temperatures, Galveston is a year-round outdoor destination. Golfers will delight in the Moody Gardens Premier Public Golf Course, a links-style, par-72 course perfected by the PGA Tour pros at Jacobsen Hardy Golf Course Design. It’s an ideal venue for group outings, too.

For attendees who aren’t golfers or beach bums, there are plenty of other ways to enjoy the island, including fishing, birding, volleyball, horseback riding, biking and kayaking.



## TOP ANNUAL EVENTS

**JANUARY:** Chili Quest & Beer Fest • Galveston Restaurant Week

**FEBRUARY:** Mardi Gras! Galveston

**MARCH:** SpringFest

**APRIL:** The Grand Kids Festival • FeatherFest and Nature Photofest • Galveston Wine Festival • Ironman 70.3 • Third Coast Music Festival • Galveston Beach Revue • Earth Day

**MAY:** Historic Homes Tour • Yaga’s Wild Game Cook-Off • Memorial Day Ceremony

**JUNE:** Back Garden Tour • Juneteenth Celebration

**JULY:** July 4th Parade & Fireworks

**AUGUST:** AIA Sandcastle Competition

**SEPTEMBER:** Galveston Island Wild Texas Shrimp Festival

**OCTOBER:** Ghosts of Galveston • ARToberFEST • Oktoberfest • Greek Festival • Harvest Moon Regatta

**NOVEMBER:** Lone Star Motorcycle Rally • Veteran’s Day Salute • Moody Gardens Festival of Lights • Winter Wonder Island events begin • ICE LAND Ice Sculptures at Moody Gardens

**DECEMBER:** Victorian Homes Tour • Dickens on The Strand • Moody Gardens Festival of Lights • ICE LAND Ice Sculptures at Moody Gardens

### EVENT PLANNER

## Insider Tips

**1** Place your meeting or event mid-week for the best hotel rates.

**3** Start your RFP with the Galveston Island CVB, you might qualify for incentive funds.

**4** Bring your group to the beach for a shrimp and crawfish boil at the East Beach Pavilion with spectacular views, band stand, and restrooms.

**2** Explore Pier 21’s one-of-a-kind museums including the Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig Museum, Texas Seaport Museum and 1877 Tall Ship ELISSA.

Or, host a private party on the Historic Pleasure Pier, one of only 4 in the U.S.!



**5** Create a memorable event by holding your smaller interactive meeting in the foyer space of the Galveston Island Convention Center with a spectacular view of the Gulf of Mexico.

**8** Save on food and beverage costs compared to major cities. Plus, most hotels offer free parking.

**9** Create a lasting impression with unique eco-tourism and historic voluntourism projects.

**10** Immerse yourself in the world’s largest collection of Southwestern artifacts at The Bryan Museum.

**12** Explore Pier 19 where Galveston Island chefs come to pick the best fresh seafood the Gulf has to offer!



Rudy & Paco's

**6** Dine at Rudy & Paco's, a “Top 100 Best Restaurants in America” by OpenTable.

**7** Free transportation is offered from contracted hotels to the Galveston Island Convention Center.



Bryan Museum



The Grand Opera House



## ACCESSIBILITY

# Getting here is easy!



A meeting on an island beach town sounds like it might be difficult to get to. But located only 50 miles away from Houston, Galveston is an island oasis that's surprisingly accessible.

The nation's fourth largest city, Houston is home to Bush Intercontinental Airport and William P. Hobby Airport, which offer hundreds of direct daily flights, translating into maximum flexibility for scheduling. Shuttles are available to Galveston Island from both airports. Ground transportation from both airports follows a direct route south, along Interstate 45.

Chartered planes, private jets and helicopters can fly directly to the Island via Scholes International Airport, which can accommodate planes the size of a Boeing 767 or smaller.

## TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

### GALVESTON EXPRESS

409.762.4397  
galvestonexpress.com

### GALVESTON SHUTTLE BUS

409.740.5466  
galvestonshuttlebuses.com

### GALVESTON LIMOUSINE

409.744.5466  
galvestonlimo.com

### LYFT: lyft.com

### UBER: get.uber.com



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*Where the Texas Coast Begins.*

## Plan your next event on Galveston Island!

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pinterest.com/[galvestonisland](https://www.pinterest.com/galvestonisland)

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