



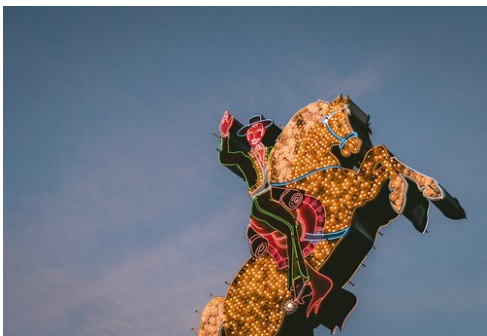
# Houston, Texas

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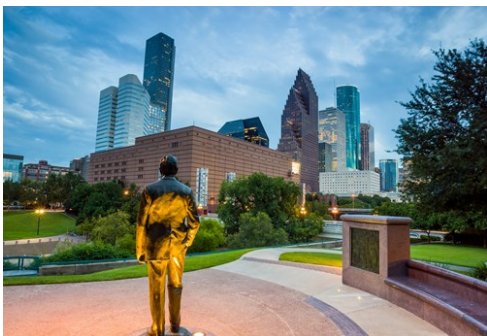


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Located in Texas, the fourth largest city in the U.S. is known for NASA, its annual rodeo and the largest medical complex in the world, the Texas Medical Center. However, Houston has matured into a complete and downright hip vacation destination for the savvy traveler. The city is a diverse metropolis where no ethnicity comprises a majority of the population. This mix of cultures has contributed to making Houston a city of superb cuisine and world-class culture, entertainment and shopping. It's no surprise that Houston now attracts visitors from all over the world.



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## THE CITY



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A Texas city far away from the cliché landscape of cattle ranches. As the country's fourth biggest city, Houston delivers all the delights visitors seek in restaurants, attractions and entertainment with its unique cultural character. Houston's major attractions continue to grow along the accessible main highways and roads, which makes Houston a relatively easy city to navigate despite its rapid development. Known for its oil and gas heritage, the Houston area is home to 2.3 million residents in an extensive area of 627 square miles (1,623.92 km<sup>2</sup>). In addition, Houston holds second place in the U.S. for the number of Fortune 500 company headquarters located in the city, which makes Houston a powerful global city.

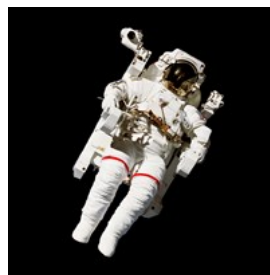
## DO & SEE



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There is always something to do in Houston. Wander around the Houston Heights community, spend the day exploring the Museum District, which boasts nineteen museums, galleries, and cultural centers, including the Menil Collection, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Houston Museum of Natural Science. These museums draw over 8.7 million visitors to the district each year. Other world-class attractions you should not miss are the NASA Johnson Space Center, the Hermann Park Conservancy and the beautiful Galveston Island.

### **NASA Johnson Space Center**



Space Center Houston, the official visitor center for NASA, features interactive exhibits, attractions and presentations that not only educate, but also entertain visitors. Learn about the history of space exploration in museum exhibits and short films and get a unique chance to touch a moon rock. Take a tram-tour to the Mission Control, the Astronaut Training Facility and the Rocket Park, where a life-size Saturn V rocket ship is on display.

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Address: 1601 NASA Parkway - Houston, TX



Opening hours: Mon - Fri 10h - 17h, Sat - Sun 9h - 18h. Hours of operation subject to change without notice due to unforeseen events or circumstances.

Phone: +1 281 244 2100

Internet: [www.nasa.gov/centers/johnson](http://www.nasa.gov/centers/johnson)

Email: [SCHinfo@spacecenter.org](mailto:SCHinfo@spacecenter.org)

### San Jacinto Monument & Museum Of History



A great piece of Texas history. Located in the battlefield where Texas gained its independence from Mexico, this museum, situated at the base of the 567-foot tall San Jacinto Monument, holds one of the largest collections of Texan art, artifacts, and history. Take an elevator ride to the top of the tower to get beautiful views of the area where the battles took place.

Photo: Tijuana Brass/WikimediaCommons (image cropped)

Address: One Monument Circle - La Porte, TX

Opening hours: Open daily from 9h - 18h

Phone: +1 281 479 2421

Tickets: Admission to the Monument and Museum is always free. Special attractions are priced

Internet: [www.sanjacinto-museum.org](http://www.sanjacinto-museum.org)

Email: [sjm@sanjacinto-museum.org](mailto:sjm@sanjacinto-museum.org)

### Downtown Aquarium



Visitors can walk through the aquarium exhibits and amaze themselves with an unexpected exhibit of white tigers. Outside, a Ferris wheel and other rides make for a fair-like atmosphere. There's a train that takes you around the small complex, stopping in the middle of an acrylic tunnel tank filled with sharks that swim above you. The aquarium contains, all in all, more than 200 species of marine life. Apart from the exhibits and fun

rides, the Downtown Aquarium also features a restaurant, a bar, a ballroom, and a gift shop.

Photo: Ed Schipul/WikimediaCommons (image cropped)

Address: 410 Bagby Street - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Sun - Thu 10h - 20h30, Fri - Sat 10h - 22h

Phone: +1 713 223 3474

Internet:

[www.aquariumrestaurants.com/downtownaquariumhouston](http://www.aquariumrestaurants.com/downtownaquariumhouston)

### Hermann Park Conservancy



Recently named one of America's great public spaces, this massive green area in the heart of Houston is a great opportunity for those

looking to mingle with the locals, do some outdoor activities or just lay down on the grass and relax. Around the park, you'll find paddle boats for rent, jogging and bike trails, a bird island, a golf course, a Japanese garden, the Miller Outdoor Theater as well as the Houston Zoo.

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Address: 6100 Hermann Park Drive - Houston, TX

Public Transport: METRORail: There are three stops near the Park: Hermann Park/Rice University stop at Fannin and Sunset. Memorial Hermann Hospital/Houston Zoo stop at Cambridge and Fannin. Museum District stop between Ewing and Binz

Opening hours: Mon - Sun 6h - 23h

Phone: +1 713 524 5876

Internet: [www.hermannpark.org](http://www.hermannpark.org)

Email: [info@hermannpark.org](mailto:info@hermannpark.org)

## Houston Museum of Natural Science



One of the most heavily attended museums in the U.S., the Houston Museum of Natural Science showcases within its permanent exhibits a

paleontology hall, the McFerrin Fabergé collection, a gems and minerals hall, as well as an energy hall. You'll also find an IMAX theater, a planetarium, plus world-class traveling exhibitions.

Photo: SP\_Boy/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5555 Hermann Park Drive - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Sun 9h - 18h, Thu 9h - 21h

Phone: +1 713 639 4629

Tickets: Permanent Exhibits Free on Thursdays 14h - 17h

Internet: [www.hmns.org](http://www.hmns.org)

Email: [webmaster@hmns.org](mailto:webmaster@hmns.org)

More Info: HMNS is located at Hermann Park across the street from the Miller Outdoor Theater

## Downtown Houston



Downtown Houston is quickly becoming an excellent urban walking area and people-watching hot spot. Just a quick stop off the Metro Light Rail,

indulge yourself in Broadway shows, concerts, live music, a vibrant museum community, professional and university sports, and an international social scene. A series of underground walkways, called "the tunnels," provides a protected way to tour downtown.

Photo: Silvio Ligutti/Shutterstock.com

Address: Downtown Houston

## The Kemah Boardwalk



Less than 30 miles from downtown Houston, this boardwalk offers a fun day for the entire family. From carnival rides to shopping and dining

destinations, all with an ocean view. Check the calendar of festivals and events that take place here all year long.

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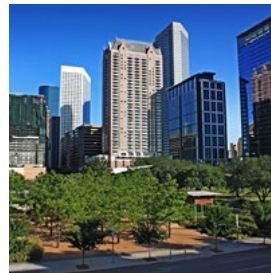
Address: 215 Kipp Avenue - Kemah, TX

Opening hours: Sun - Thu 10h30 - 22h, Fri - Sat 10h30 - 23h

Phone: +1 877 285 3624

Internet: [www.kemahboardwalk.com](http://www.kemahboardwalk.com)

## Discovery Green Parks



Hiking and biking trails, as well as walking tours help locals and visitors stay active while taking in the tranquility of the scenery. The Discovery

Green Park features a lake, restaurants, a children's area and multiple recreational areas. It also hosts events such as concerts and outdoor movies. Other parks such as Hermann, Sam Houston can be found downtown, while Memorial Park is just west of downtown.

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Address: 1500 McKinney - Houston, TX

Public Transport: METRORail: Take the Green or Purple Line and get off at the Convention District stop

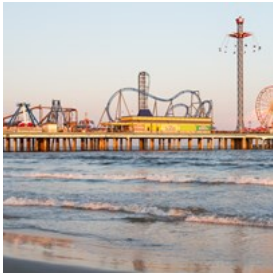
Opening hours: Open daily (including holidays) from 6h - 23h.

Hours for events vary

Phone: +1 713 400 7336

Internet: [www.discoverygreen.com](http://www.discoverygreen.com)

## Galveston



The seaside town of Galveston is a popular weekend getaway and it has become a regular departure destination for cruise ships. You should bring your walking shoes since the island offers 14 museums and 20 art galleries, but don't forget to spend some time relaxing in the sun and on the beach.

Photo: Carlos Bruzos/Shutterstock.com

Address: Galveston Island

Phone: +1 888 939 8680

Internet: [www.galveston.com](http://www.galveston.com)

Email: [info@galveston.com](mailto:info@galveston.com)

## Battleship Texas



The Battleship Texas in La Porte provides an educational experience for visitors. It takes about three hours to tour the ship on the inside and on the decks. There is also a great video that tells the story of the Battleship Texas and the important role it has played in both World Wars.

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Address: 3523 Independence Parkway South - La Porte, TX

Opening hours: Open daily from 10h - 17h

Phone: +1 281 479 2431

Tickets: No fee to enter the grounds; Tour Fees (required to enter the Battleship) 12 - 64 years old : \$12 Daily

Internet: [www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/battleship-texas](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/battleship-texas)

## Museum of Fine Arts



The Museum of Fine Arts offers a fantastic collection spanning classical to modern art, and every period in between. This huge museum has two gallery buildings, a sculpture garden, visitors center, library, café, movie theater, two art schools, two house museums, and two gift shops.

Photo: Hequals2henry/WikimediaCommons (image cropped)

Address: 1001 Bissonnet Street - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Tue - Wed 10h - 17h, Thu 10h - 21h, Fri - Sat 10h - 19h, Sun 12h15 - 19h. Closed on Mondays

Phone: +1 713 639 7300

Internet: [www.mfah.org](http://www.mfah.org)

Email: [guestservices@mfah.org](mailto:guestservices@mfah.org)

## Children's Museum Of Houston



The Children's Museum Of Houston is a huge playground with innovative and interactive exhibits for kids up to 12 years old. This is the place for family fun and children's activities. You can easily spend the whole day here.

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Address: 1500 Binz Street - Houston, TX

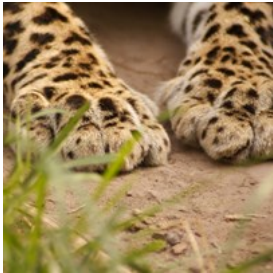
Opening hours: Mon - Wed 10h - 18h, Thu 10h - 20h, Fri - Sat 10h - 18h, Sun 12h - 18h

Phone: +1 713 522 1138

Internet: [www.cmhouston.org](http://www.cmhouston.org)

Email: [info@cmhouston.org](mailto:info@cmhouston.org)

## Houston Zoo



The Houston Zoo has over 6,000 animals housed in natural settings, with beautiful trees and flowers. This is a great place to

experience animal life and its different ecosystems.

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Address: 6200 Hermann Park Drive - Houston, TX

Public Transport: Exit Hermann Park/Rice U Station (at Fannin and Sunset) or Memorial Hermann Hospital/Houston Zoo Station (on Fannin between Cambridge and Ross Sterling)

Opening hours: Open daily from 9h - 19h. Doors close at 18h.

Open late Friday and Saturday evenings

Phone: +1 713 533 6500

Internet: [www.houstonzoo.org](http://www.houstonzoo.org)

## iFLY Indoor Skydiving



If you ever dreamed of flying then you should head over to iFLY Indoor Skydiving. Here you can experience the rush of skydiving without

jumping from an airplane, just you floating in a vertical wind tunnel with the help of professional instructors. No skills are needed, and it is suitable for both kids and adults.

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Address: 9540 Katy Freeway - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Thu 10h - 21h, Fri 10h - 22h, Sat 9h - 22h, Sun 9h - 21h

Phone: +1 281 942 4359

Internet: [www.iflyworld.com/houston-memorial](http://www.iflyworld.com/houston-memorial)

Email: [info.houston@iflyworld.com](mailto:info.houston@iflyworld.com)

## Art Car Museum



This small and funky museum also known as "Garage Mahal" is exactly what it sounds like. It hosts a small rotating exhibition of quirky and

over-the-top cars, as well as interesting temporary exhibits of all kinds, not only automobile-related. Even if you're not into cars, this museum is a guarantee of a fun and unique experience.

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Address: 140 Heights Boulevard - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Wed - Sun 11h - 18h. Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays

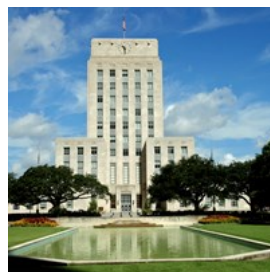
Phone: +1 713 861 5526

Tickets: Free Admission

Internet: [www.artcarmuseum.com](http://www.artcarmuseum.com)

Email: [info@artcarmuseum.com](mailto:info@artcarmuseum.com)

## City Hall



Houston's city government is housed in this 1939 Art Deco building, northwest of Tranquility Park. It can be admired from the

outside, but the visitor's center on the first floor is also worth a peek.

Photo: Ed Schipul/Flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: 901 Bagby Street - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 9h30 - 17h. Closed on Saturdays and Sundays

Phone: +1 713 437 5559

Internet: [www.houstontx.gov/events/cityhall.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/events/cityhall.html)



## Holocaust Museum Houston



An emotional, but inspirational experience. This building shaped as a cylinder houses a memorial and museum dedicated to the victims

of the Holocaust. Be warned, the exhibitions can be difficult to explore due to the graphic photos and videos.

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Address: 9220 Kirby Drive, Suite 100 - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 9h - 17h, Sat 10h - 17h, Sun 12h - 17h

Phone: +1 713 942 8000

Tickets: Free admission on Sundays. Admission is always free for children, students, HMH members and college-level students with valid school ID.

Internet: [www.hmh.org](http://www.hmh.org)

Email: [info@hmh.org](mailto:info@hmh.org)

More Info: The Museum is not recommended for children under age 10

## Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens



Former home of Houston philanthropist and collector Ima Hogg, this gigantic 28-room mansion was donated by her and turned into a museum

where visitors have a chance to experience the elegant lifestyle from 1620 to 1870 through a collection of American furniture and artwork. The beautiful gardens and surrounding wooded areas make for a lovely and relaxing stroll.

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Address: 6003 Memorial Drive - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Tue - Sat 10h - 17h, Sun 13h - 17h. Closed on Mondays

Phone: +1 713 639 7750

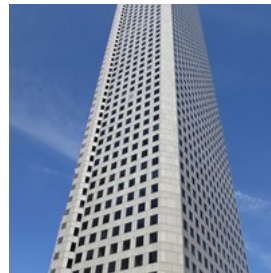
Internet:

[www.mfah.org/visit/bayou-bend-collection-and-gardens](http://www.mfah.org/visit/bayou-bend-collection-and-gardens)

Email: [bayoubend@mfah.org](mailto:bayoubend@mfah.org)

More Info: No guided tours in August

## JPMorgan Chase Tower



Look up and admire the tallest building in Texas. The JPMorgan Chase Tower was built in 1981. Unfortunately, the tower's observation deck on the 60th floor is closed indefinitely.

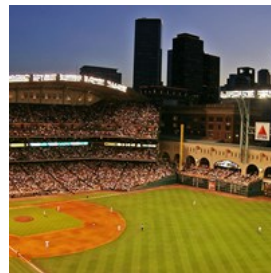
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Address: 600 Travis Street - Houston, TX

Phone: +1 713 223 0441

Internet: [www.chasetower.com](http://www.chasetower.com)

## Minute Maid Park



This imposing baseball stadium is the home of the Houston Astros. If you can catch a game here during your visit, go and marvel at the stadium's

retractable roof, air conditioning system, and even the great views of the downtown skyline from the higher decks.

Photo: AlphaTangoBravo/Adam Baker/WikimediaCommons (image cropped)

Address: 501 Crawford Street - Houston, TX

Phone: +1 713 259 8000

Internet: [houston.astros.mlb.com/hou/ballpark/index.jsp](http://houston.astros.mlb.com/hou/ballpark/index.jsp)

More Info: The gates open two hours prior to game time

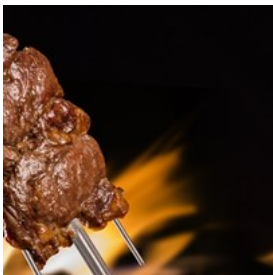
## DINING



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More than 8,000 restaurants await, ranging from international cuisine and fresh seafood, from the Gulf to barbecue, Tex-Mex and Asian flavors. There are so many quality venues to choose from that one might have to work hard to find a favorite restaurant. Houston has become a new hip culinary hot spot. The attitude here blends Southern gentility with Texas hospitality, so you'll find service to be both gracious and friendly. Best of all, you can eat very well at prices that never cease to amaze the experienced traveler.

### Fogo de Chão - Brazilian Steakhouse



Traditional Brazilian barbecue is served, wherein the meat is cooked on skewers and carved right in front of you. The restaurant also offers a wide selection of salads, as well as delicious desserts.

Photo: Paulo Vilela/Shutterstock.com

Address: 8250 Westheimer Road - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Thu 11h - 14h, 17h - 22h, Fri 11h - 14h, 17h - 22h30, Sat 11h30 - 22h30, Sun 11h30 - 21h

Phone: +1 713 978 6500

Internet: [www.fogodechao.com](http://www.fogodechao.com)

Email: [info@fogodechao.com](mailto:info@fogodechao.com)

### Taste of Texas



The only one of its kind, Taste of Texas has been a Houston steakhouse favorite since its opening in 1977. Patrons can choose their own steak in the butcher shop and enjoy some of the best wait staff service while surrounded by refined Texas decor.

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Address: 10505 Katy Freeway - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Thu 11h - 22h, Fri 11h - 23h, Sat 15h - 23h, Sun 15h - 22h

Phone: +1 713 932 6901

Internet: [www.tasteoftexas.com](http://www.tasteoftexas.com)

### Américas River Oaks



Located in the posh River Oaks Shopping Center and sporting a jaw-dropping, new-age design, Américas gets its inspiration from the foods and cooking techniques of the Latin countries, delivering a tasty menu that merges the bold, rich flavors of South America with touches of the Caribbean and Mexico.

Photo: Alexey Laputin/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2040 West Gray Street - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Thu 11h - 21h, Fri 11h - 22h, Sat 12h - 22h, Sun 10h30 - 20h

Phone: +1 713 200 1492

Internet: [www.americasrestaurant.com](http://www.americasrestaurant.com)

Email: [aro@cordua.com](mailto:aro@cordua.com)



### Guadalajara del Centro



An extensive Tex-Mex menu complements the south-of-the-border flair at this bustling eatery.

The popular restaurant and cantina has a solid

reputation for creative yet consistent cuisine that ranges from traditional fajitas and enchiladas to festive seafood dishes with a Southwestern kick.

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Address: 1201 San Jacinto Street - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Thu 11h - 22h, Fri - Sat 11h - 23h, Sun 12h - 21h

Phone: +1 713 650 0101

Internet: www.guad.com

### Goode Company Barbecue



This urbanized Texas-decorated barbecue joint is wildly popular among locals, thanks to the expertly smoked brisket and a

variety of platters. Sausage (from a well-guarded recipe), fresh pies and bread are made daily. In addition, Goode also offers smoked duck and chicken.

Additional locations at 8911 Katy Freeway, 20102 Northwest Freeway and 8865 Six Pines Drive.

Photo: bonchan/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5109 Kirby Drive - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Open daily from 11h - 22h

Phone: +1 713 522 2530

Internet: www.goodecompany.com

Email: customercare@goodecompany.com

### Treebeard's



Gumbo, shrimp salad, red beans and rice, fried chicken and catfish, along with highly satisfying butter cakes make this Old Market Square

lunch-only eatery a favorite among many diners.

Additional locations at 1200 McKinney Street, 1117 Texas Avenue, and 1100 Louisiana Street.

Photo: WilliamEdwards14/Shutterstock.com

Address: 315 Travis Street - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 11h - 14h30

Phone: +1 713 228 2622

Internet: www.treebeards.com

### Goode Company Taqueria & Hamburgers



Enchiladas, tacos, chicken and beef platters, pork chops, quail and catfish along with sides of refried beans, guacamole and rice attract many

budget-minded hungry visitors. It lies just across the street from Goode Company Barbecue, in a good centralized location.

Photo: El Nariz/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4902 Kirby Drive - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Tue 6h30 - 21h, Wed - Fri 6h30 - 22h, Sat 7h30 - 22h, Sun 7h30 - 21h

Phone: +1 713 520 9153

Internet: www.goodecompany.com

Email: customercare@goodecompany.com

### Ninfa's



"The best Mexican food in Texas since Texas was in Mexico," Ninfa's likes to boast. An absolute favorite in the hearts and stomachs of Houston

residents, it is as much a landmark as it is a restaurant. Their famous green salsa and always fresh-made tortillas are an experience. A must for any visitor to the city.

Photo: nadianb/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2704 Navigation Boulevard - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Thu 11h - 22h, Fri 11h - 23h, Sat 10h - 23h, Sun 10h - 22h

Phone: +1 713 228 1175

Internet: www.ninfas.com

### The Breakfast Klub



This come-as-you-are hot spot offers unlikely combinations like catfish with grits, chicken wings and waffles as well as more traditional

breakfast favorites from around the country.

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Address: 3711 Travis Street - Houston, TX

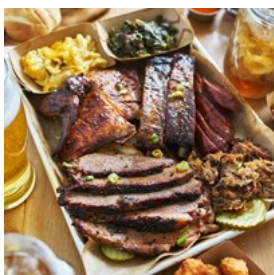
Opening hours: Mon - Thu 7h - 14h, Fri 7h - 14h, 22h - 3h, Sat 8h - 14h, 22h - 3h, Sun 8h - 14h

Phone: +1 713 528 8561

Internet: www.thebreakfastklub.com

Email: info@thebreakfastklub.com

### Pappas Bar-B-Q



A local favorite for slow-smoked, lean and juicy Texas barbecue. It also features side dishes made from scratch daily. Ask for the refreshing

watermelon juice.

Over fifteen additional locations throughout Houston.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com

Address: 8777 South Main - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Thu 11h - 22h, Fri - Sat 11h - 23h, Sun 11h - 22h

Phone: +1 713 432 1107

Internet: www.pappasbbq.com

More Info: Breakfast (6h30 - 10h) available Drive-Thru only. Drive-Thru every day from 10h - 23h

### Uchi



Uchi is an upscale sushi restaurant with an intimate and sophisticated atmosphere. The entire restaurant revolves

around the open kitchen and sushi bar. You should try the chef's ten-course daily tasting menu if you really want to eat something special.

Photo: rawpixel.com/Pexels.com

Address: 904 Westheimer Road - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Sun - Thu 17h - 22h, Fri - Sat 17h - 23h

Phone: + 713 522 4808

Internet: www.uchirestaurants.com

Email: info@uchirestaurants.com

### Niko Niko's Greek



One of the most popular Greek restaurants in Houston, Niko Niko's Greek was established in 1977 and offers great flavors from Greece,

including a gluten free and vegetarian menu. You can either order at the counter and enjoy your food at the patio or order online from their three Houston locations.

Additional locations at 1040 West Sam Houston

Parkway North and 301 Milam.

Photo: rawf8/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2520 Montrose Boulevard - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Thu 10h - 22h, Fri - Sat 10h - 23h, Sun 10h - 21h

Phone: +1 713 528 4976

Internet: www.nikonikos.com

Email: nikonikos@nikonikos.com

More Info: Extended Breakfast on the Weekends, until 13h

### Kim Son Restaurant



If you are craving traditional Vietnamese and Chinese cuisine, you should head over to Kim Son Restaurant. The chefs proudly use only the freshest ingredients and continuously strive to improve the quality of their food. On the menu you'll find mouth-watering dishes such as "chicken lettuce wrap" and "BBQ pork and eggplant."

Photo: Sharon Chen/Unsplash.com

Address: 2001 Jefferson Street - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Thu 11h - 22h, Fri - Sat 11h - 23h, Sun 11h - 22h

Phone: +1 713 222 2461

Internet: www.kimson.com

### Romano's Pizza



As the name reveals, this is an Italian restaurant serving pizza and pasta dishes. Besides pizza, the menu offers cannoli, chicken parmigiana, veal scallopini, salads and much more. This is a great place to dine with friends and family.

Photo: Pixabay/Pexels.com

Address: 1528 West Gray - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Thu 11h - 22h, Fri - Sat 11h - 23h, Sun

12h - 21h

Phone: +1 713 526 1182

Internet: www.romanoshouston.com

### Max's Wine Dive



Wine isn't the only thing to get here, although it is a highlight, as they offer an impressive selection. Portions here are enormous, but you'll kick yourself if you don't finish your meal, which will consist of some interesting combinations such as "Lobster Thermadelphia" and "Texas Haute Dog," and they will never fail to impress.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4720 Washington Avenue - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon 11h - 24h, Tue - Thu 16h - 24h, Fri 11h - 1h, Sat 10h - 1h, Sun 10h - 24h

Phone: +1 713 880 8737

Internet: www.maxswinedive.com

Email: infoMWD@maxswinedive.com

### Baba Yega



The location is as important as the food at this vegetarian favorite. Hosting weekend brunches and a full bar, this cafe is a great place for outdoor dining under a giant oak tree or on the covered patio right by a waterfall.

Photo: FrauTori/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2607 Grant Street - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Tue - Thu 11h - 21h, Fri 11h - 22h, Sat 10h - 22h, Sun 9h30 - 21h

Phone: +1 713 522 0042

Internet: www.babayega.com

Email: events@babayega.com



### Nidda Thai



For Thai food in Houston, you can't beat Nidda Thai. The service is always warm and attentive, and the food is tasty, but be sure not to underestimate how spicy it can get. "Thai hot" is probably too hot for any human.

Photo: jutamas/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1226 Westheimer Road - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Thu 11h - 14h45, 17h - 21h30, Fri 11h - 14h45, 17h - 22h, Sat 12h - 22h, Sun 12h - 21h30

Phone: +1 713 522 8895

Internet: [www.niddathaicuisine.com](http://www.niddathaicuisine.com)

### Benjy's in the Village



Benjy's specializes in what it calls "modern American cuisine", offering dishes such as seared sashimi-tuna pizza and pistachio-crust goat-cheese cakes. This is a true example of how Houston's modern culinary scene continues to push the boundaries and create truly inventive meals.

Photo: Ryzhkov Photography/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2424 Dunstan Road - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Open for brunch and dinner

Phone: +1 713 522 7602

Internet: [www.benjys.com](http://www.benjys.com)

Email: [village@benjys.com](mailto:village@benjys.com)

### Carrabba's



In true Italian fashion, the service here is as friendly as it gets, and it includes a birthday serenade from the staff, if you happen to come on

your birthday. The food is what you would expect: delicious Italian food with an American touch, piping hot and sizable.

Photo: Anna Shepulova/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3115 Kirby Drive - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Thu 11h - 22h, Fri 11h - 23h, Sat 12h - 23h, Sun 12h - 22h

Phone: +1 713 522 3131

Internet: [www.carrabbasoriginal.com](http://www.carrabbasoriginal.com)

Email: [Kirby@carrabbasoriginal.com](mailto:Kirby@carrabbasoriginal.com)

### CAFES



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Cafes are usually a world unto themselves, and Houston's are no exception, offering plenty of variety in atmosphere, food, drink, and entertainment. Jazz is often the music of choice, and it is usually helpful to call ahead to find out about the night's entertainment and menu specials.

### Backstreet Café



A jazz brunch is featured most Sundays between 11h - 15h in this 1930s River Oaks-area converted house. Their classics include steaks, jalapeno cheese muffins, shrimp, grits, and flavor-packed salads.

Photo: freeskyline/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1103 South Shepherd Drive - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Thu 11h - 22h, Fri 11h - 23h, Sat 10h - 23h, Sun 10h - 21h  
 Phone: +1 713 521 2239  
 Internet: [www.backstreetcafe.net](http://www.backstreetcafe.net)

### Sambuca Jazz Café



Live music plays every night of the week at this stylish supper club located in Houston's historic Rice Hotel.

Sambuca may call itself a jazz cafe, but various musical styles can be heard here, including Latin sounds on Salsa Thursdays.

Photo: bbernard/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 909 Texas Avenue - Houston, TX  
 Opening hours: Mon - Wed 11h - 23h, Thu - Fri 11h - 24h, Sat 16h - 24h, Sun 16h - 23h  
 Phone: +1 713 224 5299  
 Internet: [www.sambucarestaurant.com](http://www.sambucarestaurant.com)

### Brasil



Artsy types, poetry buffs and music lovers from all walks of life count this warm coffeehouse as a favorite. Brasil frequently hosts musicians of all

persuasions, from fusion jazz to experimental noise to ambient grooves. You might be able to catch a traveling poetry slam team or a group of local poets and writers giving a public reading.

Photo: Nathan Dumlao/Unsplash.com  
 Address: 2604 Dunlavy Street - Houston, TX  
 Opening hours: Mon - Tue 8h - 23h, Wed - Sat 8h - 24h, Sun 8h - 23h  
 Phone: +1 713 528 1993  
 Internet: [www.brasilcafehouston.com/](http://www.brasilcafehouston.com/)  
 Email: [hello@brasilcafehouston.com](mailto:hello@brasilcafehouston.com)

### Hungry's Café And Bistro



This restaurant serves soup, salad, sandwich combos, burgers, Greek and Mediterranean entrées, Southwestern pasta and chicken dishes.

Hungry's has also a separate low-carb menu.

Additional location at 14714 Memorial Drive.

Photo: Anna Shepulova/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 2356 Rice Boulevard - Houston, TX  
 Opening hours: Mon - Fri 11h - 22h, Sat - Sun 9h - 22h  
 Phone: +1 713 523 8652  
 Internet: [www.hungryscfe.com](http://www.hungryscfe.com)

### CoCo Crêpes, Waffles & Coffee



This is more than your typical coffeehouse. With 9 locations spread around Houston, CoCo Crêpes, Waffles & Coffee offers a wide selection of coffees,

teas, crêpes, paninis, soups, salads and desserts. The thin, delicate crêpes are available in a variety of flavors, or you can simply create your own.

Photo: margouillat photo/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 218 Gray Street - Houston, TX  
 Opening hours: Mon - Thu 6h30 - 23h, Fri - Sat 6h30 - 24h, Sun 7h - 22h  
 Phone: +1 713 521 0700  
 Internet: [www.cocoscrepes.com](http://www.cocoscrepes.com)  
 Email: [social@cocoscrepes.com](mailto:social@cocoscrepes.com)

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Houston's nightlife has been growing and developing into a different life from that known by previous generations, when most clubs and bars were located along Richmond Avenue. Now more places are opening throughout the city offering a much more varied and diversified array of night-time entertainment.

### Axelrad Beer Garden



Axelrad Beer Garden features a great selection of beer on tap, delicious bar food, live music and the crowd's favorite: a huge patio with

hammocks, so you can relax with your friends while sipping on one of their many craft beers.

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Address: 1517 Alabama Street - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Sun - Wed 12h - 1h, Thu - Sat 12h - 2h

Phone: +1 713 597 8800

Internet: [www.axelradbeergarden.com](http://www.axelradbeergarden.com)

Email: [drink@axelradbeergarden.com](mailto:drink@axelradbeergarden.com)

### Anvil Bar & Refuge



Set on the eclectic Westheimer Curve, this bar is known for its top-shelf drinks. Their expertise in the art of mixology has made an impression on Houston's nightlife. Anvil also offers a wide selection of beers.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1424 Westheimer Road - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Open daily from 16h - 2h

Phone: +1 713 523 1622

Internet: [www.anvilhouston.com](http://www.anvilhouston.com)

Email: [info@anvilhouston.com](mailto:info@anvilhouston.com)

### Belvedere



Expect a diverse mixture of cultures and high fashion in this dynamic night club, located in Uptown Park. There is a patio lounge where you can enjoy the sunset with a drink in your hand.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1131 Uptown Park Boulevard - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Thu, Fri & Sat 21h - 2h

Phone: +1 713 552 9271

Internet: [www.belvedereinfo.com](http://www.belvedereinfo.com)

Email: [elisha75@hotmail.com](mailto:elisha75@hotmail.com)

### Howl at the Moon



Piano dueling and choreographed dances create the excitement that has characterized and attracted a diverse and loyal clientele to this popular bar. Here you can order a bucket with your favorite drink and share with your friends.

Photo: Milos Batinic/Shutterstock.com



Address: 612 Hadley Street, Houston  
Opening hours: Thu - Sat 19h - 2h  
Phone: +1 713 658 9700  
Internet: [www.howlatthemoon.com](http://www.howlatthemoon.com)  
Email: [houston@howlatthemoon.com](mailto:houston@howlatthemoon.com)

### Wild West



If it's Country and Western feel that you are looking for, Wild West offers the music, dancing, and atmosphere you seek. You will find this venue in the heart of Houston's Richmond strip.

Photo: Olivier Le Queinec/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 6101 Richmond Avenue - Houston, TX  
Opening hours: Wed - Thu 19h - 2h, Fri 17h - 2h, Sat 19h - 2h, Sun 16h30 - 24h  
Phone: +1 713 266 3455  
Internet: [www.wildwesthouston.com](http://www.wildwesthouston.com)  
Email: [operations@wildwesthouston.com](mailto:operations@wildwesthouston.com)

### Club Tropicana



This is the place to go for the hottest Salsa, Bachata, Merengue, and Latin tracks. Club Tropicana also hosts live Latin bands and on

Tuesdays and Fridays you can get free salsa lessons.

Photo: 3523studio/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 3222 Fondren Road - Houston, TX  
Opening hours: Tue, Thu, Fri & Sat 21h - 2h  
Phone: +1 713 977 4188  
Email: [tropicana-houston@gmail.com](mailto:tropicana-houston@gmail.com)

### The Red Lion



This is a great neighborhood pub where you can have a night out with the locals. The friendly staff serves good food and offers an amazing selection of beers and single malt scotch.

Photo: Champiofoto/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 2316 Shepherd Drive - Houston, TX  
Opening hours: Open daily from 11h - 2h  
Phone: +1 713 529 8390  
Internet: [www.redlionhouston.com](http://www.redlionhouston.com)  
Email: [craig@redlionpubhouston.com](mailto:craig@redlionpubhouston.com)

### Pub Fiction



Pub Fiction is situated right next to downtown Houston in Midtown, an area frequented by young professionals and veteran party goers. Whether you are looking for brunch, lunch, Happy Hour, dinner, live music, DJs or Sports, Midtown and Pub Fiction have it all.

Photo: Deborah Kolb/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 2303 Smith Street - Houston, TX  
Opening hours: Mon - Fri 15h - 2h, Sat - Sun 10h30 - 2h  
Phone: +1 713 400 8400  
Internet: [www.pubfiction.com](http://www.pubfiction.com)  
Email: [mynextevent@pubfiction.com](mailto:mynextevent@pubfiction.com)

### 13 Celsius



This wine bar is located in a 1920s era, Mediterranean style building, in a former dry cleaners, to be precise. They take quality control very seriously here, and all the wines are stored

at 13 degrees Celsius (as the name suggests) and is handled very professionally.

Photo: Karn Samanvorawong/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 3000 Caroline Street - Houston, TX  
 Opening hours: Mon - Sat 16h - 2h, Sun 13h - 2h  
 Phone: +1 713 529 8466  
 Internet: [www.13celsius.com](http://www.13celsius.com)  
 Email: [info@13celsius.com](mailto:info@13celsius.com)

### The Flat



Music is the star here, courtesy of resident music-maker DJ Sun, though there is a steady flow of guest DJs bringing their own beats to the

dance floor. The ambiance is very laid-back, and it is as much a place to relax and have a bite to eat as it is a place to dance the night away.

Photo: Daxiao Productions/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 1701 Commonwealth Street - Houston, TX  
 Opening hours: Open daily from 16h - 2h  
 Phone: +1 713 360 7228  
 Internet: [www.theflathouston.com](http://www.theflathouston.com)  
 Email: [gm@theflathouston.com](mailto:gm@theflathouston.com)

### The Continental Club



This Houston franchise of the Austin original (opened in 1957) is every bit as characteristic, sporting the same neon exterior and red velvet

stage in this former general store from the 1920s. Expect loud music and plenty of dancing.

Photo: Annette Shaff/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 3700 Main Street - Houston, TX  
 Opening hours: Mon 20h - 24h, Thu 18h - 2h, Fri 19h - 2h, Sat 20h - 2h  
 Phone: +1 713 529 9899  
 Internet: [www.continentalclub.com](http://www.continentalclub.com)  
 Email: [pete@continentalclub.com](mailto:pete@continentalclub.com)

### Cézanne



This excellent jazz bar welcomes jazz lovers from around the world as well as some internationally renowned performers. The focus

here is strictly on music. Conversation is positively discouraged at this lovely piano bar.

Photo: Furtseff/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 4100 Montrose Boulevard - Houston, TX  
 Opening hours: Fri - Sat 21h - 24h  
 Phone: +1 713 522 9621  
 Internet: [www.cezannejazz.com](http://www.cezannejazz.com)  
 Email: [presenting@cezannejazz.com](mailto:presenting@cezannejazz.com)

### Marfreless



Hidden behind an unassuming and unmarked blue door, this interesting bar is, simply different. When it opened back in 1972, it had one

mission: to not have a theme. This allowed a truly eclectic group of "non-conformists and intellectuals" to gather naturally here.

Photo: S\_Photo/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 2006 Peden Street - Houston, TX  
 Opening hours: Mon - Sat 17h - 2h, Sun 19h - 2h  
 Phone: +1 281 630 6248  
 Internet: [www.marfrelesshouston.com](http://www.marfrelesshouston.com)  
 Email: [info@marfrelesshouston.com](mailto:info@marfrelesshouston.com)

### West Alabama Ice House



"Ice houses" are quite literally where people used to go to get ice. Today, however, they are open-air bars, and this is the oldest one in all of

Texas. It's a friendly place where everyone is

welcome (including dogs) and where strangers make a habit of buying a beer for their new friends at the neighboring picnic table.

Photo: antoniodiaz/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 1919 West Alabama Street - Houston, TX  
Opening hours: Mon - Fri 10h - 24h, Sat 10h - 1h, Sun 12h - 24h  
Phone: +1 713 528 6874  
Internet: [www.west-alabama-ice-house.com](http://www.west-alabama-ice-house.com)

### Poison Girl

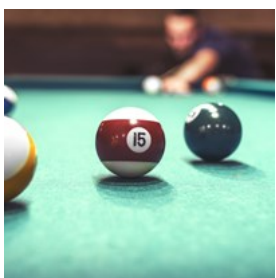


Crowds from all walks of life enjoy coming to Poison Girl for its unusual vibe, decor and entertainment options.

Artsy on the inside, great patio on the outside (Kool Aid man statue included), vintage pinball machines, the list goes on. Just check it out for yourself.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 1641 Westheimer Road, Suite B - Houston, TX  
Opening hours: Open daily from 15h - 2h  
Phone: +1 713 527 9929  
Internet: [www.poisongirlbar.com](http://www.poisongirlbar.com)

### Warren's Inn



A favorite among locals, this sports bar's jukebox was officially voted the best in Houston. Add a good selection of cheap beer and a friendly

atmosphere to this bar loved by many.

Photo: Denis Rozhnovsky/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 307 Travis Street - Houston, TX  
Opening hours: Mon - Fri 11h - 2h, Sat 12h - 2h, Sun 14h - 2h  
Phone: +1 713 247 9207

### Jones Plaza



Located right next to the Jones Hall for the Performing Arts and the JPMorgan Chase Tower, this central open-air venue holds concerts on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, spring through autumn.

Photo: Silvio Ligutti/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 601 Louisiana Street - Houston, TX  
Phone: +1 713 237 1439

### Rudyard's Pub



Loved by hipsters, this British pub hosts regular theatrical performances and small concerts, as well as darts championships. With a

selection of international beers and a great jukebox, visitors tend to become regulars.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 2010 Waugh Drive - Houston, TX  
Opening hours: Open daily from 11h30 - 2h  
Phone: +1 713 521 0521  
Internet: [www.rudyardspub.com](http://www.rudyardspub.com)  
Email: [rudyards@hotmail.com](mailto:rudyards@hotmail.com)



## SHOPPING



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Houston shopping has grown to meet almost any shopper's budget or whim: From upscale stores located in the Galleria to trendy boutiques and outlet malls. International shoppers can also claim a refund of the sales tax at the Tax Free processing centers located in the Galleria, Katy Mills mall and at Bush Intercontinental Airport. Requirements include passport, visa (if applicable), boarding pass or e-ticket and original sales receipts [www.taxfreetexas.com](http://www.taxfreetexas.com)

### The Galleria



In Uptown Houston, The Galleria is a wonderland for shoppers with discriminating taste and a budget to go with it. This is the fourth largest mall in the U.S. and an icon in the Houston retail scene, boasting some 375 stores and restaurants, an ice rink, two hotels and three office towers.

Photo: MJTH/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5085 Westheimer Road - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 10h - 21h, Sun 11h - 19h

Phone: +1 713 966 3500

Internet: [www.simon.com/mall/the-galleria](http://www.simon.com/mall/the-galleria)

Email: [chlane@simon.com](mailto:chlane@simon.com)

### Memorial City Mall



More than 1.6 million square feet of retail space, featuring several department stores, as well as 150 specialty stores. Mall

entertainment includes a 16-screen movie theater, a double-decker carousel and an ice skating arena.

Photo: Goodmorning3am/Shutterstock.com

Address: 303 Memorial City Way - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 10h - 21h, Sun 11h - 19h

Phone: +1 713 464 8640

Internet: [www.memorialcity.com](http://www.memorialcity.com)

Email: [info@memorialcity.com](mailto:info@memorialcity.com)

### Rice Village



Near the Rice University, you'll find this shopping area composed by an eclectic mix of national brand names and one-of-a-kind boutiques.

Rice Village is also home to some of the best and most-varied places to eat in Houston.

Photo: Ivanko80/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kirby and University Boulevard - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 10h - 21h, Sun 12h - 18h

Phone: +1 713 302 8918

Internet: [www.ricevillagedistrict.com](http://www.ricevillagedistrict.com)

### Houston Premium Outlets



This venue offers upscale outlet shopping at savings of 25 to 65 percent every day. The center features 145 designer and name-brand

outlet stores.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock.com

Address: 29300 Hempstead Road - Cypress, TX  
 Opening hours: Mon - Sat 10h - 21h, Sun 11h -19h  
 Phone: +1 281 304 5820  
 Internet: [www.premiumoutlets.com/houston](http://www.premiumoutlets.com/houston)  
 Email: [hmacmillan@simon.com](mailto:hmacmillan@simon.com)

### Uptown Park



Situated at an elegant Italian-style piazza, this upscale shopping mall offers European-style clothing and high-end stores, as well as specialty shops, boutiques, restaurants, and a spa.

Photo: [connel/Shutterstock.com](http://connel/Shutterstock.com)  
 Address: 1121 Uptown Park Boulevard - Houston, TX  
 Internet: [www.uptownparkhouston.com](http://www.uptownparkhouston.com)

### Westheimer Road



Walking down Westheimer Road, travelers can observe Houston's rapid growth and experience the vibrancy of this young city. Lower Westheimer, also known as the Westheimer Curve, is a winding road of offbeat and sometimes simply amazing shopping.

Photo: [Blazej Lyjak/Shutterstock.com](http://Blazej Lyjak/Shutterstock.com)  
 Address: Westheimer Road - Houston, TX

### Thompson's Antique Center



Here at Thompson's Antique Center you can find hidden treasures. This huge antique shopping center offers you the finest products, such as coins, furniture, jewelry, clothes, hats, artwork, books and much more.

Photo: [Martin Capek/Shutterstock.com](http://Martin Capek/Shutterstock.com)  
 Address: 9950 Hempstead Road, 600 Northwest Mall - Houston, TX  
 Opening hours: Mon - Sat 10h - 18h, Sun 12h - 18h  
 Phone: +1 713 688 4211  
 Internet: [www.antiquecenteroftexas.com](http://www.antiquecenteroftexas.com)  
 Email: [ctantiquecenter@yahoo.com](mailto:ctantiquecenter@yahoo.com)

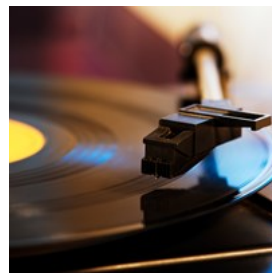
### Traders Village Marketplace



Traders Village Marketplace is a large flea market with children's rides, great Mexican and American food, several small beer kiosks and permanent vendors selling art, furniture, clothing, household goods, pets and other products.

Photo: [nito/Shutterstock.com](http://nito/Shutterstock.com)  
 Address: 7979 North Eldridge Parkway - Houston, TX  
 Opening hours: Open only on Saturdays and Sundays from 9h - 17h  
 Phone: +1 281 890 5500  
 Internet: [www.tradersvillage.com/houston](http://www.tradersvillage.com/houston)  
 Email: [houstoninfo@tradersvillage.com](mailto:houstoninfo@tradersvillage.com)

### Cactus Music



The welcoming staff is ready to help you with great music suggestions and pick out the perfect gift. Cactus Music also hosts international and local bands mostly during the weekends. In addition, the store is equipped with books, box sets, T-shirts, posters, DVDs, sundry souvenirs and art work.

Photo: [Ferenc Cegledi/Shutterstock.com](http://Ferenc Cegledi/Shutterstock.com)  
 Address: 2110 Portsmouth Street - Houston, TX  
 Opening hours: Mon - Sat 10h - 21h, Sun 12h - 19h  
 Phone: +1 713 526 9272  
 Internet: [www.cactusmusicctx.com](http://www.cactusmusicctx.com)

### DAO Chloe DAO



Chloe Dao is a top Houston designer and her boutique in Rice Village is popular among tourists and locals thanks to Dao winning the second season of the famous TV-show "Project Runway." Besides her own clothing line, shoppers can buy accessories and shoes.

Photo: Axel Bueckert/Shutterstock.com

Address: 6127 Kirby Drive - Houston, TX

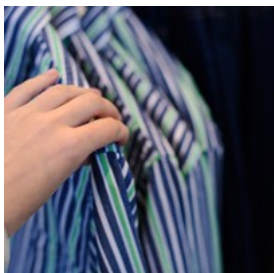
Opening hours: Mon - Sat 11h - 19h, Sun 12h - 17h

Phone: +1 713 807 1565

Internet: [www.chloedao.com](http://www.chloedao.com)

Email: [shop@chloedao.com](mailto:shop@chloedao.com)

### Hamilton Shirts



This family-owned store opened in 1883 specializing in bespoke and made-to-measure shirts of the highest quality. Hamilton makes shirts in the traditional way, taking custom measurements, and each garment is hand cut and sewn to perfection.

Photo: MrTrush/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5700 Richmond Avenue - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 9h30 - 17h

Phone: +1 713 780 8222

Internet: [www.hamiltonshirts.com](http://www.hamiltonshirts.com)

Email: [info@hamiltonshirts.com](mailto:info@hamiltonshirts.com)

### Kuhl-Linscomb



Kuhl-Linscomb is one of Houston's best and most diverse shopping spots, best known for its impeccable stock of items for the home. This is a

must-see five building complex that holds everything from jewelry, books, furniture, lighting, rugs, linens and home accessories to bath and beauty products and much more.

Photo: Juan Aunion/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2424 West Alabama Street - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 10h - 18h30, Sat 10h - 18h, Sun 13h - 18h

Phone: +1 713 526 6000

Internet: [www.kuhl-linscomb.com](http://www.kuhl-linscomb.com)

Email: [info@kuhl-linscomb.com](mailto:info@kuhl-linscomb.com)

### Pinto Ranch Fine Western Wear



Pinto Ranch offers a wide variety of high-class collections that embody the romanticism and traditions of the Old West with a modern style and handcrafted quality. They stock both men's and ladies' apparel, hats, belts, buckles, jewelry and handmade cowboy boots.

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Address: 1717 Post Oak Boulevard - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 10h - 18h30, Sat 10h - 18h, Sun 12h - 17h

Phone: +1 713 333 7900

Internet: [www.pintoranch.com](http://www.pintoranch.com)

Email: [store@pintoranch.com](mailto:store@pintoranch.com)

### Chocolate Bar



French style chocolaterie with a Texas twist, this is the place to indulge in chocolate pleasures in all forms, be it bar, cake, ice cream, or any other form you can think of. A must for anyone with a sweet-tooth.

Photo: Annto/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2521 University Boulevard - Houston, TX



Opening hours: Mon - Thu 11h - 21h30, Fri - Sat 11h - 23h,  
Sun 12h - 21h30

Phone: +1 713 520 8888

Internet: [www.theoriginalchocolatebar.com](http://www.theoriginalchocolatebar.com)

Email: [info@theoriginalchocolatebar.com](mailto:info@theoriginalchocolatebar.com)

### Brazos Bookstore



An independent bookstore that offers much more than just a chance to browse new titles. Opened in 1974 with the intention of promoting the emerging local literary scene, Brazos still hosts interactive book signings and author meetings, as well as a monthly book club.

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Address: 2421 Bissonnet Street - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 10h - 20h, Sun 12h - 18h

Phone: +1 713 523 0701

Internet: [www.brazosbookstore.com](http://www.brazosbookstore.com)

Email: [brazos@brazosbookstore.com](mailto:brazos@brazosbookstore.com)

### Buffalo Exchange



For a unique shopping/bartering experience, head over to Buffalo Exchange to buy, sell or trade clothes. They are picky, which means that the clothes you offer need to be in great condition and freshly laundered, but that also means that the clothes you leave with will be in top condition.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2901 South Shepherd Drive - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 10h - 21h, Sun 11h - 20h

Phone: +1 713 523 8701

Internet: [www.buffaloexchange.com](http://www.buffaloexchange.com)

Email: [contact@bufex.com](mailto:contact@bufex.com)

### Soundwaves



This is Houston's largest indie-music store, but it is also a skate and surf shop with a cool California vibe. Here, you can find a mix of good music in vinyl, as well as posters, swimsuits and skate accessories.

Photo: Oleg V. Ivanov/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3509 Montrose Boulevard - Houston, TX

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 10h - 20h, Sun 12h - 18h

Phone: +1 713 520 9283

Internet: [www.soundwaves.com](http://www.soundwaves.com)

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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### George Bush Houston Intercontinental Airport



The main airport serving the Houston area is a hub for Continental-United Airlines. All major U.S. airlines, plus Air Canada, Air France, British

Airways, KLM, Lufthansa, Qatar Airlines, Emirates, Singapore Airlines and Aeromexico also operate out of IAH. Nonstop service is available to approximately 110 domestic and 70 international destinations.

The airport is 20 miles (32 km) from downtown with regular Metro and bus service from the south side of Terminal C to downtown via the METRO Airport Direct. Super Shuttle offers collective transportation, and taxis can be hailed outside each terminal through ground transportation employees. Rental cars are available at the Consolidated Rental Car Facility.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: 2800 North Terminal Road - Houston, TX

Phone: +1 281 230 3100

Internet: [www.fly2houston.com](http://www.fly2houston.com)

### William P. Hobby Airport



Located 8 km (13 miles) southeast of downtown, Hobby serves as Houston's national airport with direct service to more than 32

destinations throughout the U.S. Bus, van, shuttle, taxi, and rental car service is available.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: 7800 Airport Boulevard - Houston, TX

Phone: +1 713 640 3000

Internet: [www.fly2houston.com](http://www.fly2houston.com)

### Passport / Visa



Citizens of the Schengen countries, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Japan, South Korea,

Taiwan and the Kingdom of Brunei can visit the United States for up to 90 days without applying for a visa (as well as citizens of Andorra, Lichtenstein, Monaco and San Marino). Citizens of these countries must obtain an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization) before traveling. All other travelers must obtain

a visa before visiting the United States.

International travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the country.

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### Public Transport



METRO Rail connects downtown Houston and Reliant Park, with stops at the museum district and medical center.

METRO bus routes cover the city. You can buy a METRO Q® Fare Card that works like an electronic wallet (you pay for each ride) or METRO Day Pass with unlimited rides on METRO for a day. You can buy these cards from the METRO RideStore, local food stores and kiosks.

Airport Direct services from Bush Intercontinental (IAH) Terminal C to the downtown Airport Direct Passenger Plaza (815 Pierce) has departures every 30 minutes.

Photo: Michael Zenaty

Internet: [www.ridemetro.org](http://www.ridemetro.org)

### Taxi



Numerous cab companies serve the Houston area: Yellow Cab Company: +1 713 236 1111 [www.houstonyellowcab.com](http://www.houstonyellowcab.com) Lone Star Cab Company: +1

713 794 0000

[www.lonestarcab.com](http://www.lonestarcab.com)

Fiesta Cab Company: +1 713 225 2666

[www.taxisfiesta.com](http://www.taxisfiesta.com)

United Cab Company: +1 713 699 0000  
[www.unitedcab.com](http://www.unitedcab.com)

Other options are the rideshare companies:  
Uber, Lyft and Arro.  
Rideshares specialized in airport transfers:  
Blacklane, SuperShuttle and Wingz.

### Post

US Post Office



Photo: Andy Fuchs  
Address: 401 Franklin Street - Houston, TX  
Phone: +1 800 275 8777  
Internet: [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)

### Pharmacy



There are numerous locations of Walgreen's, CVS, Wal-Mart, Target and various independent chain store retailers. One Walgreen's can be found

at:

Photo: Gemma Garner  
Address: 2612 Smith Street, Houston  
Opening hours: Walgreens Pharmacy: Mon - Fri 9h - 21h, Sat 9h - 18h, Sun 10h - 18h  
Phone: +1 713 529 2969  
Internet: [www.walgreens.com](http://www.walgreens.com)

### Telephone



Country Code: +1 Area  
Codes in Houston: 713,  
281, 346 and 832

Photo: Jardson Almeida

### Electricity



In the United States, the power sockets are of type A and B (Flat 2 or 3 prong plugs). The standard voltage is 120 V and the standard frequency is 60

Hz.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

### Population

2.3 million in the city.  
6.4 million in the metropolitan area.

### Currency

US dollar = 100 cents

### Opening hours

Normal opening hours: 8h - 17h. Shops are open until 21h.

### Internet

[www.houstontx.gov](http://www.houstontx.gov)

### Newspapers

The Houston Chronicle ([www.chron.com](http://www.chron.com)),  
Houston Business Journal ([www.bizjournals.com/houston](http://www.bizjournals.com/houston)),  
Houston Press ([www.houstonpress.com](http://www.houstonpress.com))

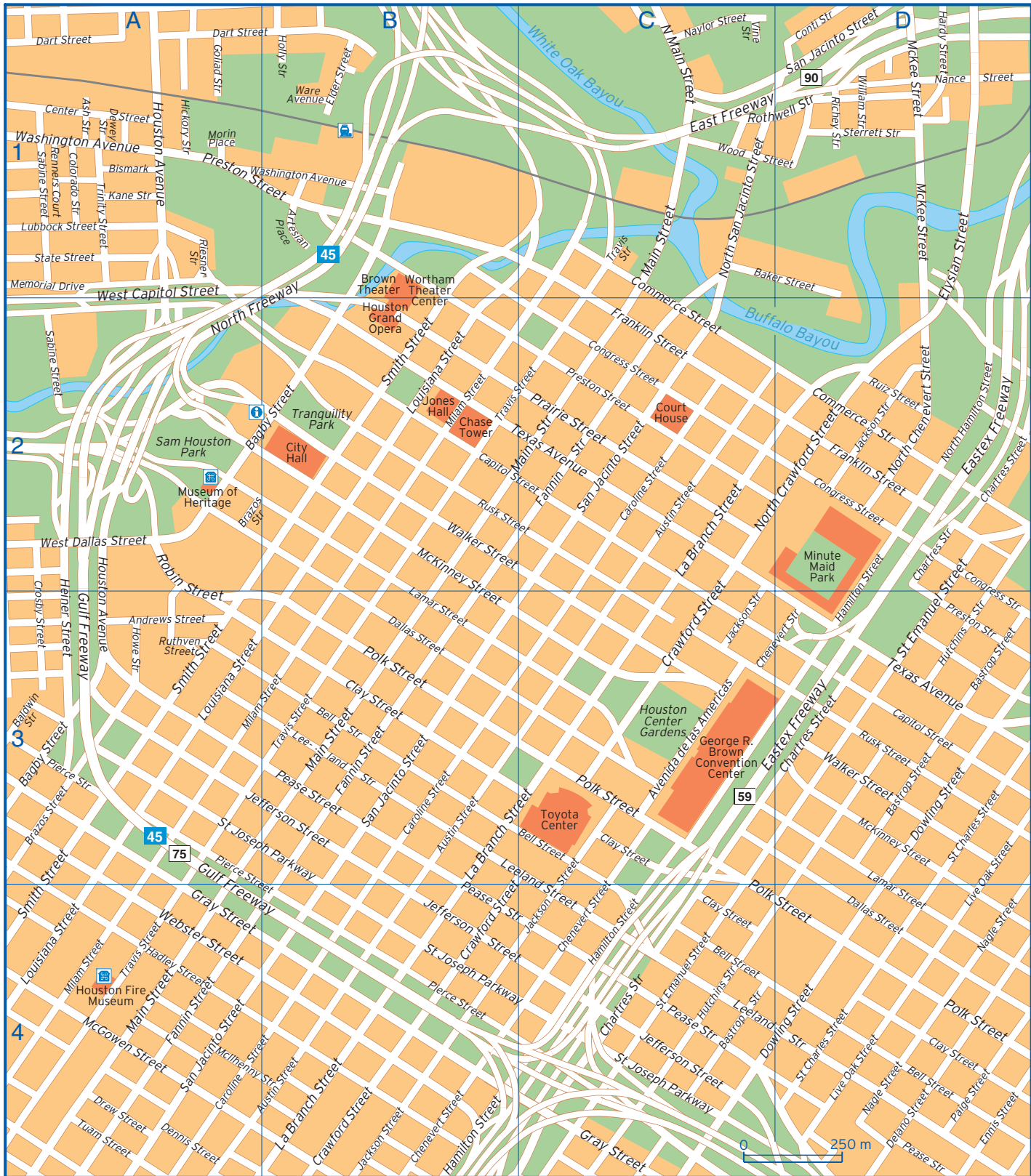
### Emergency numbers

911

### Tourist information

Houston Visitor Center  
1300 Avenida De Las Americas - Houston, TX  
+1 713 739 8000  
Mon - Sat 10h - 18h. Closed on Sundays.





Andrews Street	A3	Franklin Street	C2 D2	North Main Street	C1
Artesian Place	B1	Goliad Street	A1	North San Jacinto Street	C1
Ash Street	A1	Gray Street	A4 C4	Paige Street	D4
Austin Street	A4 B3 B4 C2	Gulf Freeway	A3 B4	Pease Street	B3 B4 C4 D4
Avenida de las Americas	C3	Hadley Street	A4	Pierce Street	A3 B4
Bagby Street	A2 A3 B2	Hamilton Street	B4 C4 D2 D3	Polk Street	B3 C3 C4 D4
Baker Street	C1 D1	Hardy Street	D1	Prairie Street	C2
Baldwin Street	A3	Heiner Street	A2 A3	Preston Street	A1 B1 C2 D3
Bastrop Street	C4 D3	Hickory Street	A1	Renners Court	A1
Bell Street	B3 C3 C4 D4	Holly Street	B1	Richey Street	D1
Bismark	A1	Houston Avenue	A1 A2 A3	Riesner Street	A1
Brazos Street	A2 A3 B2	Howe Street	A3	Robin Street	A2 A3
Capitol Street	B2 C2 D3	Hutchins Street	C4 D3	Rothwell Street	C1 D1
Caroline Street	A4 B3 C2	Jackson Street	B4 C3 C4 D2	Ruiz Street	D2
Center Street	A1	Jefferson Street	A3 B3 B4 C4	Rusk Street	B2 C2 D3
Chartres Street	C4 D2 D3	Kane Street	A1	Ruthven Street	A3
Chenevert Street	B4 C3 C4 D3	La Branch Street	B3 B4 C2 C3	Sabine Street	A1 A2
Clay Street	B3 C3 C4 D4	Lamar Street	B3 D3 D4	San Jacinto Street	A4 B3 C2 D1
Colorado Street	A1	Leeland Street	B3 C4	Smith Street	A3 A4 B2
Commerce Street	C1 C2 D2	Live Oak Street	D3 D4	St Charles Street	D3 D4
Congress Street	C2 D2 D3	Louisiana Street	A3 A4 B2	St Emanuel Street	C4 D2 D3
Conti Street	D1	Lubbock Street	A1	St Joseph Parkway	A3 B3 B4 C4
Crawford Street	B4 C2 C3 C4	Main Street	A4 B2 B3 C1 C2	State Street	A1
Crosby Street	A2 A3	McGowen Street	A4	Sterrett Street	D1
Dallas Street	B3 D4	McIlhenny Street	A4 B4	Texas Avenue	B2 C2 D3
Dart Street	A1 B1	McKee Street	D1	Travis Street	A4 B2 B3 C1 C2
Delano Street	D4	McKinney Street	B2 B3 D3	Trinity Street	A1
Dennis Street	A4	Memorial Drive	A1	Tuam Street	A4
Dewey Street	A1	Milam Street	A3 A4 B2 B3	Vine Street	C1
Dowling Street	C4 D3 D4	Morin Place	A1	Walker Street	B2 D3
Drew Street	A4	Nagle Street	D4	Ware Avenue	B1
East Freeway	C1 D1	Nance Street	D1	Washington Avenue	A1 B1
Eastex Freeway	C3 D2 D3	Naylor Street	C1	Webster Street	A4
Elder Street	B1	North Chenevert Street	D2	West Capitol Street	A1 A2
Elysian Street	D1 D2	North Crawford Street	C2 D2	West Dallas Street	A2
Ennis Street	D4	North Freeway	A2 B1	William Street	D1
Fannin Street	A4 B3 C2	North Hamilton Street	D2	Wood Street	C1