

DAY TRIP IN PORT ARTHUR



We've got you for just one day this time. This brochure features a popular one-day itinerary. Read up on some highlights for your next visit:

Tour **Museum of the Gulf Coast** and **Pompeian Villa**.

Boardwalk with view of Intracoastal Canal, behind Port Arthur City Hall and Jefferson County Subcourthouse.

Cross the scenic **Martin Luther King Bridge** to view Pleasure Island and Sabine Lake, a hot spot for birding, pier fishing, sailing and disc golf. You may view a ship coming in at the busy Port of Port Arthur.

Faith Trail ★ In addition to Buu Mon Buddhist Temple Gardens, Port Arthur features additional breathtaking shrines. Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine and the Queen of Peace shrine represent the city's Hispanic and Vietnamese cultures.

Sea Rim State Park ★ Active outdoor lovers can walk the Gambusia Nature Trail boardwalk through the bird-filled marsh and view 5 miles of natural beach. Kayaking anyone? Don't tease the gators.

Port Arthur will keep you coming back.
Include these area stops next time

PORT ARTHUR

Buu Mon Buddhist Temple (409) 543-2803 (409) 982-9319. No fee; registration required, donations welcome.

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, no fee.

Queen of Peace Shrine and Gardens, no fee.

Rose Hill historic home (409) 985-7292, fee, reservation required.

Sabine Pass Battleground – (979) 345-4656, no fee.

Veterans Memorial Park, no fee.

NEDERLAND

Dutch Windmill Museum/Tex Ritter Park and Museum & La Maison Des Acadien Museum, (409) 722-0279, \$25 bus fee, tour with costumed docents. Reservations required.

GROVES

Snooper's Paradise, (409) 962-8427, no fee to view vast showrooms of antiques. Reservations required.

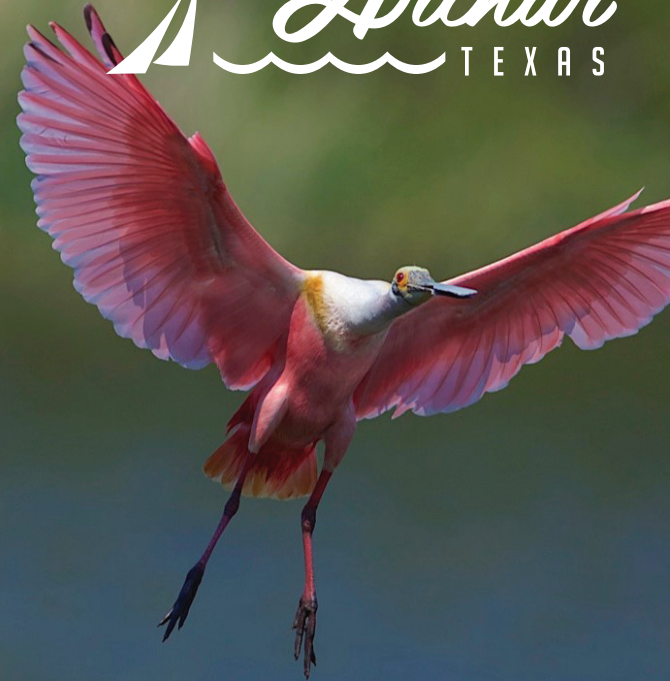
PORT NECHES

La Maison Beausoleil Museum, (409) 722-9154, no fee, reservation required.

FANNETT

Gator Country, (409)794-9453, see Big Al, Big Tex and other gators in their habitat. Fee, reservation required. www.gatorrescue.com

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Port Arthur's Cajun flavor, natural waterside vibe and dramatic history are ready for your adventures. Enjoy it all in a day that will leave you hungry for more!

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Your group will LOVE Port Arthur. We've outlined one of our favorite itineraries for your enjoyment. Groups of 15 or more may complete the tour of both sites for \$7 total; reservations required. Break for lunch and head for other adventures. *Mix and match ideas for future visits; you'll want to come back!*

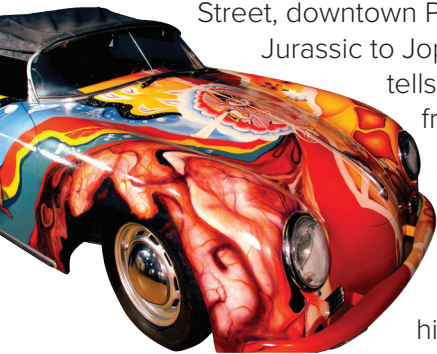


A DAY IN PORT ARTHUR

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or Noon | Arrive at **Museum of the Gulf Coast** where half of your group will stay to tour while the other half heads to Pompeiian Villa, just down the road. The Villa group will finish first and return to the Museum to browse the gift shop as the Museum tour concludes. **Fee:** \$7 total to tour both Museum and Pompeiian Villa. **Group fee:** Museum only: \$3 a person; for Villa only, \$4. (409) 982-7000. Reservations required.

Groups will switch venues after the return downtown from a lunch destination of their choosing.

Museum of the Gulf Coast ★ 700 Procter Street, downtown Port Arthur. From Jurassic to Joplin, the museum tells the region's story from prehistoric times to the present. Sections on coastal history, the petroleum industry, maritime history and a gallery for ever-changing



temporary exhibitions round out the first floor. The second floor Hall of Fame showcases musicians, athletes and area notables including The Big Bopper, Jimmy Johnson, Robert Rauschenberg, Tex Ritter, George Jones and Janis Joplin. Pose with a replica of Janis Joplin's psychedelic Porsche and peruse Joplin tokens in the gift shop. (409) 982-7000. Reservations required.

Route: Enter Museum parking lot from Lakeshore Drive. As a bonus, look for the Port Arthur Rotary International Avenue of Flags across from the lot, along the seawall. Flags honor nations of ships that frequently pass through our port.

LUNCH TEMPTATIONS

11:30 or Noon: Depart for lunch at your choice of restaurant. Call restaurant in advance with estimated arrival time and number in party. visitportarthurtx.com offers ideas of our flavors, including:

Larry's French Market & Cajun Restaurant, Groves, (409) 962-3381, reservations required.

The Courtyard Café, Groves, (409) 962-2850, reservations required

Luby's Cafeteria, Texas 73, (409) 962-0261, call ahead.

Luby's Cafeteria, Central Mall, (409) 724-0043, call ahead.



1:30 - 2:30 or 3 p.m. | Pompeiian Villa/Museum – Return downtown to where groups switch to tour the Villa and Museum.

Pompeiian Villa ★ 1953 Lakeshore Drive. This pink home is a replica of a Pompeiian home of 79 A.D., featuring a Roman peristyle. Built by a barbed wire king, and later used as a fishing getaway, it was purchased for \$10,000 in Texas Company (later Texaco) stock. (409) 983-5977. Monteel Copple, hostess. Reservations for tours of both sites required through Museum of the Gulf Coast.

3:00 p.m. | Rose Hill ★ 100 Woodworth Boulevard. This waterfront home was built in 1906 for Rome Hatch Woodworth, a banker and mayor of Port Arthur. \$1 fee. (409) 985-7292, Advance reservations required.

Travel along the seawall to seek out ships and barges. Look for the ramp and yellow gate to the seawall entry near 1500 Lakeshore Drive. The wall exit at Woodworth Boulevard is right at the historic Rose Hill.

3:30 or 4 p.m. | Head home with Port Arthur memories. Come again!

IMPORTANT NOTES:

This day-group itinerary is self-guided. Call us for step-on guide information.

Contact each attraction to make reservations and confirm your group's arrangements.

For additional attractions,
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