

TRAVEL GUIDE

PORT ARTHUR





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WELCOME TO PORT ARTHUR, *the Cajun Capital of Texas*

Port Arthur thrives on its vibrant culture, steeped in Cajun and Creole heritage. Our cuisine is a delectable fusion of French, African, and Southern flavors, highlighted by iconic dishes such as crawfish étouffée and gumbo. The city's annual celebrations attract visitors from far and wide, featuring music that embodies the Cajun and Creole spirit. Port Arthur's deep-rooted connection to Cajun settlers adds to its distinctive allure and diverse array of traditions. Whether savoring its culinary delights or immersing oneself in its festive ambiance, Port Arthur promises an authentic Cajun experience with a Texas twist!



LOCAL
RESTAURANTS



LA MAISON
BEAUSOLEIL



LOCAL FESTIVALS



Four Ways to *Go Cajun* in the Cajun Capital:

- 1 *Learn our history at area Cajun homes*
- 2 *Cajun Two Step to live music at area restaurants*
- 3 *Try your Cajun survival skills by Crabbing*
- 4 *Treat your tastebuds with Cajun cuisine*
- 5 *Follow Visit Port Arthur's Cajun Trail at visitportarthurtx.com*



See pages 16-17 for Attraction listings



SEA RIM
STATE PARK

GET *Outdoors!*

Port Arthur is a wonderland of diverse outdoor adventures waiting to be explored. Charter a fishing trip on Sabine Lake, take a casual stroll through Sea Rim State Park, or hop on a fast-moving airboat swamp tour or kayak along scenic waterways. We have something for adventure seekers, nature lovers, water bugs, family outings and sports enthusiasts!



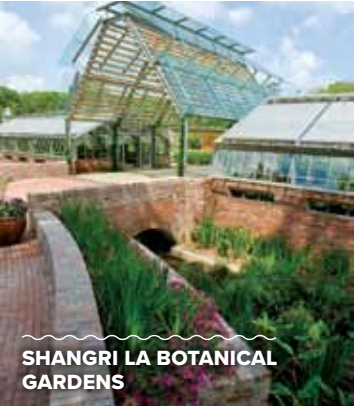
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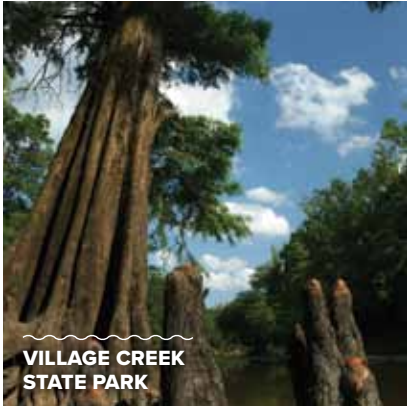
SABINE WOODS BIRDING SANCTUARY



BIG THICKET NATIONAL PRESERVE



SHANGRI LA BOTANICAL GARDENS



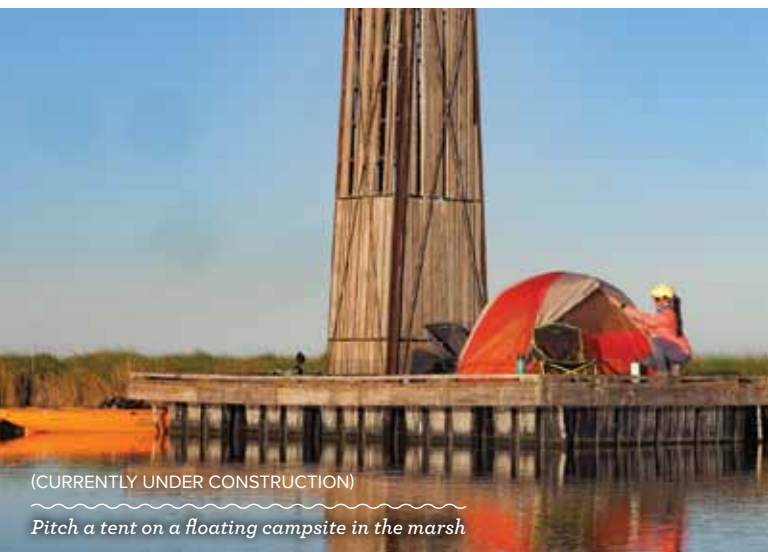
VILLAGE CREEK STATE PARK



MC FADDIN BEACH AND MC FADDIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Adventure SEEKERS!

Unleash your inner explorer and create lasting memories at our beaches, bayous, lakes and rivers.

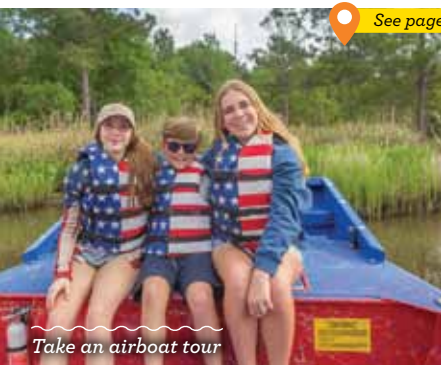


(CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION)

Pitch a tent on a floating campsite in the marsh



See pages 16-17 for Adventure listings



Take an airboat tour



Book a guided fishing trip

*Tee off at the Babe
Zaharias Golf Course*



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Set sail on Sabine Lake



Rent kayaks for a group paddle trip



Savor old fashioned sweets



Pet a baby gator at Gator Country

Play at the Pirate-ship themed Lakefront Park on Pleasure Island

Family Fun!



Enjoy bowling, laser tag and the food bar at Max Bowl



Did we mention the BBQ in Southeast Texas?

PORT ARTHUR *Top Three Cuisines*

We're known for our fresh Gulf caught Cajun seafood, authentic neighborhood Vietnamese and Southern Tex-Mex menus. Scan the QR code to browse all that Southeast Texas dining has to offer.



CAJUN



VIETNAMESE



TEX-MEX

Good Things Brewing!

- Neches Brewing Company
- Buckstin Brewing



CULINARY *Delights!*

Southeast Texas boasts a diverse culinary scene, featuring everything from fresh Gulf seafood and Tex-Mex specialties to authentic Vietnamese dishes and award-winning Texas BBQ. Whether you're in the mood for a casual waterfront eatery or a fine dining experience, Port Arthur has something to satisfy every craving.

Unwind at a local brewery, savor a collection of curated wine at **Meridian Wine Bar**, or listen to live music at **Dylan's Bar & Grill** or **Neches River Wheelhouse**. End your night out at Port Arthur's **Opulence Lounge**.



Nightlife





TEXAS ARTISTS MUSEUM

This Port Arthur gallery features Texas artists.



ART MUSEUM OF SETX



STARK MUSEUM OF ART

Curtains Up!



**PORT ARTHUR
LITTLE THEATRE**

PALT is an all-volunteer community troupe that's dazzled local audiences for more than 75 years.
palt.org

**BEAUMONT COMMUNITY
PLAYERS**

A talented group of thespians take the stage at the Betty Greenberg Center of Performing Arts entertaining the community for more than 75 years.
beaumontstages.com



LUTCHER THEATER

The Lutchter Theater in Orange hosts nationally touring Broadway productions of musical, dance, instrumental and children's shows.
lutchter.org

Faith TRAIL

QUEEN OF PEACE SHRINES AND GARDENS

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



BUU MON BUDDHIST TEMPLE



Get Inspired! Find your center and take in the tranquil views at our faith-based chapels, tropical gardens and architectural centers.

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

A 17-foot high bronze statue upon rocks that Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church parishioners brought from Mt. Tepeyak, Mexico City, where the Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego. The shrine includes a statue of Diego, a chapel that welcomes all and a wall for candles and prayer.

QUEEN OF PEACE SHRINES AND GARDENS


This Hoa-Binh (Area of Peace) features a garden and statue of the Virgin Mary, three times life size. Parishioners of Queen of Peace Vietnam Church built it in honor of the welcome they received by the city and citizens of Port Arthur.

BUU MON BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Bamboo, lotus and fruit gardens surround the temple featuring a four-tier pagoda tower that symbolizes the tenets of the Buddhist faith.

Museum of the Gulf Coast

Discover the rich cultural and natural history of the Gulf Coast region through a diverse collection of exhibits, including local art, music, sports and maritime history. Visitors can explore the lives and achievements of notable figures from the area, making it a unique and educational destination celebrating the heritage of Southeast Texas.



**SABINE PASS BATTLEGROUND
STATE HISTORICAL PARK**



ROSE HILL MANOR



VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK



POMPEIIAN VILLA

History BUFFS



LAMAR STATE COLLEGE PORT ARTHUR

Delve into the enduring legacy of Southeast Texas by exploring its rich architectural heritage and storied history, where each building and landmark tells a tale of the region's cultural evolution and historical significance.

SABINE PASS BATTLEGROUND STATE HISTORICAL PARK

On Sept. 8, 1863, the United States Navy attempted to invade Confederate Texas via Sabine Pass. Lt. Dick Dowling and 46 of his men used six cannons to defeat four gunboats and halt the invasion. A statue of Dowling stands in the waterside park. It's also a birding site and a boat launch.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK

Park walls bear the names of Jefferson and Orange County veterans serving from the Spanish American War to Desert Storm. Military transport and statues fill the park, near the Veterans Memorial Bridge and Rainbow Bridge.

ROSE HILL MANOR CLOSED FOR RENOVATION

An early mayor built the waterside home in 1906. It is on the National Register of Historic Places and is one of the oldest landmarks in Port Arthur. Tours by appointment.

POMPEIIAN VILLA

In 1900 this modest 10-room "cottage" was built for Isaac Ellwood, "the barbed wire King," as an authentic copy of a Pompeian home of 74 AD. Rooms are built around a traditional Roman peristyle, a three-sided courtyard to which each room has access. Call for tours.



Our area offers old-town shopping expeditions, mall action and the chance to peruse one of the south's largest antique stores.

CENTRAL MALL PORT ARTHUR

Offers Dillard's, JCPenney, Target, T.J. Maxx, B&B Theaters - Central Mall 10 and more. 409.727.5592 at U.S. 69 and F.M. 365

SHOP PORT NECHES

Mike's Old Fashioned Soda Fountain sets the tone for a vintage feel along Port Neches Avenue. Stroll down these blocks for old-new treasures, home décor and aromatic potions.

SHOP GROVES

Lincoln Avenue shops feature treasures such as jewelry, bags and other collectibles. Lunch at the Courtyard Cafe or stop for a treat at a local coffee shop. Snooper's Paradise, with 50+ showrooms, is considered one of the south's largest antiques inventories.



SHOP NEDERLAND

Boston Avenue is the heart of Nederland's old-town shopping district. Gaudie & Co. and Chatzkie's are among choices for up-to-the minute fashion and home styles. Enjoy a local coffee or oven-fired pizza with a local beer.

Festivals & Events

MARCH

Nederland Heritage Festival
409.724.2269

APRIL

Cajun Heritage Festival
409.835.2787

MAY

Port Neches RiverFest
409.722.9154

JUNE

Lotus Garden and Bamboo Festival
409.982.9319

Juneteenth Celebration
409.332.1709

JULY

4th of July Celebration at Doornbos Park
409.724.0773

4th of July at Lamar State College PA
409.984.6101

Salt Water Anglers Summer Classic
409.201.7418

SEPTEMBER

Mexican Heritage Festival
409.549.4919

OCTOBER

CavOILcade
409.293.7846

Groves Pecan Festival
409.962.3631

NOVEMBER

Port Neches Art Walk on the Avenue
409.722.9154

DECEMBER

Lighted Christmas Parade in Groves
409.962.3631

City of Port Arthur Annual Holiday Event and Parade
409.983.8105

Port Neches Christmas Parade
409.722.9154

Nederland Christmas Parade
409.722.0279



ATTRACTIONS

A.J.M Vuylsteke Home

1831 Lakeshore Dr.

Buu Mon Buddhist Temple & Lotus Gardens

2701 Procter St. | 409.880.5157
409.527.2003 | buumon.org

Italian Heritage Monument

4615 9th Ave. | 409.985.7822

Max Bowl

3500 Regional Drive | 409.722.8300
maxbowl.com

Museum of the Gulf Coast

700 Procter St. | 409.982.7000
museumofthegulfcoast.org

Pleasure Island

520 Pleasure Pier Blvd.
409.982.4675
visitportarthurtx.com/things-to-do/
pleasure-island

Pompeian Villa

1953 Lakeshore Dr. | 409.982.7000

Port Arthur Boardwalk

448 Lakeshore Dr. | 409.985.7822

Queen of Peace Shrine and Gardens

801 Ninth Ave. | 409.983.7676

Rainbow Bridge

Over the Neches River on Hwy 87

Rose Hill Manor

100 Woodworth Blvd. |
409.985.7292

Sabine Pass Battleground State Historical Park

6100 Dowling Road South,
Sabine Pass
409.332.8820 | 512.463.7948
visitsabinepassbattleground.com

Sea Rim State Park

19335 Hwy 87, Sabine Pass
409.971.2559
tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/sea-rim

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

3648 Staff Sgt. Lucian Adams Dr.
409.962.6777 | olg-pa.org

Veteran's Memorial Park

On Hwy 87, near the Veterans
Memorial Bridge
7626 Gulfway Drive 409.727.2173

Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center

2111 West Park Ave. | Orange
409.670.9113 | shangrilagardens.org

La Maison Beausoleil

Port Neches Park, Grigsby Ave.
Port Neches | 409.989.9211

Gator Country

IH-10 at exit 838 (FM 365) Beaumont
409.794.9453 | gatorrescue.com

BOATING

All American Airboat Tours

7069 Rainbow Lane, Port Arthur
832.524.8749

Gator Country Swamp Tours

409.794.9453 | gatorrescue.com

Dragon Lady Airboat Service

321.266.1498
dragonladyairboats.com

Neches River Adventures

409.651.5326
nechesriveradventures.org

Swamp and River Tours | 813 E.

Lutcher Drive, Orange
409.883.0856
swampandrivertours.com

Find out where to launch your boat through Texas Parks and Wildlife Department tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/boat/where

GOLF

Babe Zaharias Golf Course

3500 Jimmy Johnson Blvd.,
Port Arthur | 409.722.8286 |
thebabegc.com

Bayou Din Golf Club

8537 Labelle Rd., Beaumont
409.796.1327 | bayoudin.com

The Island Disc Golf Course

Pleasure Island | 409.982.4675

AIRPORTS

Jack Brooks Regional Airport (BPT)

6000 Airline Dr, Beaumont, TX

William P. Hobby Airport (HOU)

7800 Airport Blvd, Houston, TX

George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)

2800 N. Terminal Rd, Houston, TX



Go to visitportarthurtx.com to download our Southeast Texas Birding Guide

FISHING GUIDES

Captain Randy's Guide Service

409.719.6067 | fishsabine.com

Sabine Lake Guide Service

409.718.8782 | sabinefishing.com

Colburn's Sabine Connection

409.883.0723

sabineconnection.com

Have Boat Will Travel

Guide Service

409.786.2018 | 409.673.9211

fishsabinelake.com

Sabine Lake Lodge

409.673.4487

sabinelakelodge.com

Sabine Trails Guide Service

409.718.6600

Wakes-n-Drakes

409.697.6111 | wakesndrakes.com

Golden Hook Guide Service

409.673.3100

goldenhookguide.com

DEEP SEA & CRUISES

Happy Hooker Charters

409.454.1794

fb: [happyhookercharters](https://www.facebook.com/happyhookercharters)

MARINAS, BOAT RAMPS & SUPPLIES

Keith Lake Boat Ramp

Hwy. 87 | Port Arthur

Pleasure Island Marina

520 Pleasure Pier Blvd.

Port Arthur | 409.982.4675

Savannah Live Bait Shop

1948 Savannah Ave.

409.982.0800

Walter Umphrey State Park

3897 M.L.K./Pleasure Island

Port Arthur | 409.736.2851

Sea Pony Marina

7069 Rainbow Lane | Port Arthur

409.962.5284

Causeway Bait & Tackle

Pleasure Island

3897 M.L.K./Pleasure

Island | Port Arthur

409.985.4811

Fish or Hunt

3001 Hwy 73 | Port Arthur

409.736.1900

Port Neches Park

620 Grigsby | Port Neches

409.727.2182

4 Pier Boat Launch

4701 Broadway | Sabine Pass

409.983.8300

Sabine Pass Battleground State Historic Park

Hwy 87 | Sabine Pass

409.332.8820 | 512.463.7948

Sportsman Supply

5310 S. Gulfway/Hwy 87

Sabine Pass | 409.971.2535

Sabine Pass

Port Authority Marina

5960 So. First Ave.

409.971.2411

sabinepassportauthority.com

PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

Anahuac National

Wildlife Refuge

4017 FM 563, Anahuac

409.267.3337

fws.gov/refuge/Anahuac

McFaddin and Texas Point

National Wildlife Refuges

7950 S. Gulfway Dr.

Sabine Pass | 409.971.2909

fws.gov/refuge/mcfaddinfws.gov/refuge/texas_point

J.D. Murphree Wildlife

Management Area

Headquarters at 10 Parks &

Wildlife Dr. | Port Arthur

409.736.2551

twpd.state.tx.us/huntwild/hunt/wma/find_a_wma

Texas Parks and Wildlife

Department

Hunting Licenses, Pemics,

Dates | 800.895.4248

tpwd.texas.gov



Ben J Rogers Regional Visitor Center

5055 IH-South | Beaumont

TX 77705 (Exit 846)

Go to visitportarthurtx.com to download the Sabine Lake Area Waterways Guide





Lodging

PORT ARTHUR

Residence Inn by Marriott Port Arthur

marriott.com
2740 Jimmy Johnson Blvd
409.293.4021

Clarion Pointe

choicehotels.com
2600 Port Plaza Drive | 409.344.9786

Home 2 Suites

home2suites3.hilton.com
2750 Home Two Plaza
409.999.3464

Holiday Home Park Central

2929 Jimmy Johnson Blvd.
409.724.5000

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

hiexpress.com
3115 Central Mall | 409.853.4114

Hampton Inn & Suites

portarthursuites.hamptoninn.com
7660 Memorial Blvd. | 409.722.6999

Comfort Inn & Suites

choicehotels.com
7800 Memorial Blvd. | 409.729.0500

La Quinta Inn & Suites

laquinta.com
7540 Memorial Blvd.
409.722.8383 | 409.722.8385

TownePlace Suites by Marriott

marriott.com
2700 Port Plaza Drive | 409.722.2700

Days Inn & Suites

wyndhamhotels.com
7340 Memorial Blvd | 409.999.3430

Baymont Inn and Suites

wyndhamhotels.com/baymont
3801 Hwy. 73 | 409.962.9858

Cajun Cabins

pleasureislandtx.com
1900 T.B. Ellison Parkway
Pleasure Island | 409.982.6050

Super 8 Motel & Suites

super8.com
7700 Memorial Blvd. | 409.722.1012

Studio 6 Suites

staystudio6.com
3000 Jimmy Johnson Blvd.
409.729.6611

Rodeway

choicehotels.com
3838 Hwy 73 | 409.983.7255

Econolodge

choicehotels.com
4500 Hwy 73 | 409.962.4500

Mainstay Inn & Suites

choicehotels.com
7648 Memorial Blvd.
409.729.8880

Crystal Inn

2015 Hwy 73 | 409.983.8000

stayAPTsuites

stayapt.com
7800 Medical Center Blvd
409.207.1004

Staybridge Suites

8580 Medical Center Blvd
409.290.9000

Sabine Pass Motel

5623 Greenwich St. | Sabine Pass
409.213.5020

Sea Rim State Park Cabin

tpwd.texas.gov/state.parks/sea.rim/
fees.facilities/cabin
19335 S Gulfway Drive | Sabine Pass
409.971.2559

Aurora B & B

141 Woodworth Blvd.
409.983.4205

Hawthorne Suites by Wyndham

wyndhamhotels.com
7440 Memorial Blvd. | 409.722.1034

Hallmarc Studios

6900 Memorial Blvd./Hwy. 69
409.722.9120

Seagull Motel

6828 Gulfway Drive | 409.962.4437

The Rainbow Bridge, completed in 1938, is the second tallest on the Gulf Coast, standing as high as a 20-story building with 177 feet of river clearance. Its newer companion, the Veterans Memorial Bridge, is the only cable-stayed bridge on a Texas highway, offering 143 feet of navigational clearance.



Royal Inn

3015 Highway 73 | 409.736.1554

Relax Inn

2811 Memorial Blvd. | 409.985.9316

Driftwood Inn

3700 Memorial Blvd. | 409.985.8411

Quality Inn & Suites

qualityinn.com

8040 Memorial Hwy., Hwy.69

409.729.3434

Best Western Plus Mid County

bestwestern.com

7550 Anchor Drive | 409.237.5749

NEDERLAND

Candlewood Suites

candlewoodsuites.com

2125 Hwy 69 | 409.729.9543

Airport Inn

airportinn.ned.com/

200 No. Memorial Blvd.

409.729.3000

GROVES

Executive Inn

executiveinnngroves.com

5131 E Parkway St. | 409.962.5000

America's Best Value Inn

5201 East Parkway | 409.962.6611

Southwinds Inn

5101 E. Parkway | 409.962.3000

Super 8 Motel

super8.com

5001 East Parkway | 409.962.2200

RV PARKS

A.O.K. RV Park

2135 61st St/Spur 93

W. Port Arthur Road

409.781.3591 | 409.988.9274

Access RV Park/Cozy Cabins

2565 95th St. | Port Arthur

409.729.8000

Cajun Cabins RV Park

1900 MLK Blvd. | Port Arthur

409.983.3822

Pleasure Island RV Park

540 South Spoil Levee Rd.

Port Arthur | 409.651.4171

409.982.4675

Port Arthur RV Resort

2950 W. Hwy 365

409.736.3010

Driftwood RV Park

3700 Memorial Blvd/Hwy 69

Port Arthur | 409.985.8411

Drop On In RV Park

5241 Greenwich St. (off 87 S)

Port Arthur | 409.728.0227

409.728.1262

Sea Rim State Park

19335 State Hwy 87 | Sabine Pass

409.971.2559

Walter Umphrey State Park

3900 Martin Luther King Dr.,

Pleasure Island | Port Arthur

409.802.4320 | 409.736.2851

Waterview RV Resort on

Pleasure Island

150 Pleasure Pier Blvd | Port Arthur

409.543.7161

Golden Triangle RV Resort

5760 West Port Arthur Road

Port Arthur | 409.299.8208

Hidden Palms RV Park

412 FM 365 | Port Arthur

409.999.6066

New Lloyd's RV Park

350 Twin City Hwy/Hwy 347

Port Neches | 409.727.1666

In the Middle RV Park

9017 Hildebrandt Rd. | Beaumont

409.730.9198

Diamond M RV Park

2918 Hwy 69 | Nederland

409.344.4392

LaBelle RV

8351 FM 365 | LaBelle

409.796.2910 | 409.626.1586



Travel Times

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|---|---------------------|------------|
| ← | HOUSTON | 1.5 hours |
| ↓ | GALVESTON | 2 hours |
| ← | SAN ANTONIO | 4 hours |
| ↑ | DALLAS | 4.5 hours |
| → | LAKE CHARLES | 45 minutes |
| → | NEW ORLEANS | 4 hours |
| ← | AUSTIN | 4 hours |
| → | LAFAYETTE | 2 hours |

Visit *Port Arthur*
TEXAS

To request our Visitor Guide by mail:
409.985.7822 | visitportarthurtx.com

Convention & Visitors Bureau
3401 Cultural Center Dr
Port Arthur, TX 77642

