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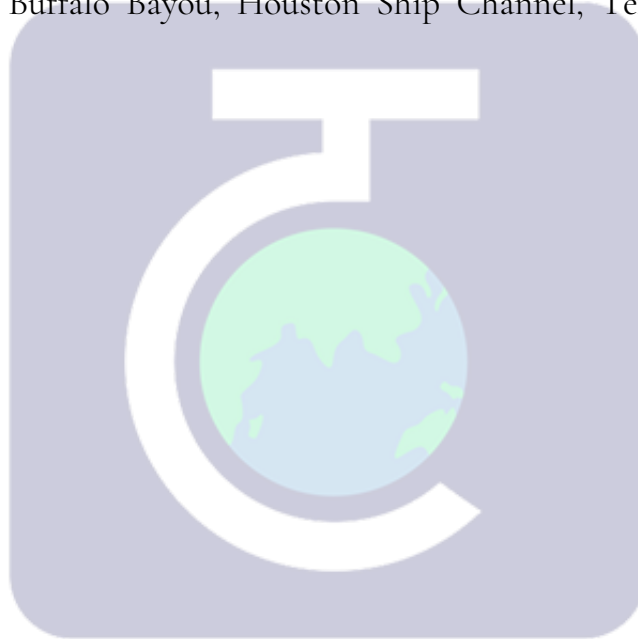
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### 1. Geographical location

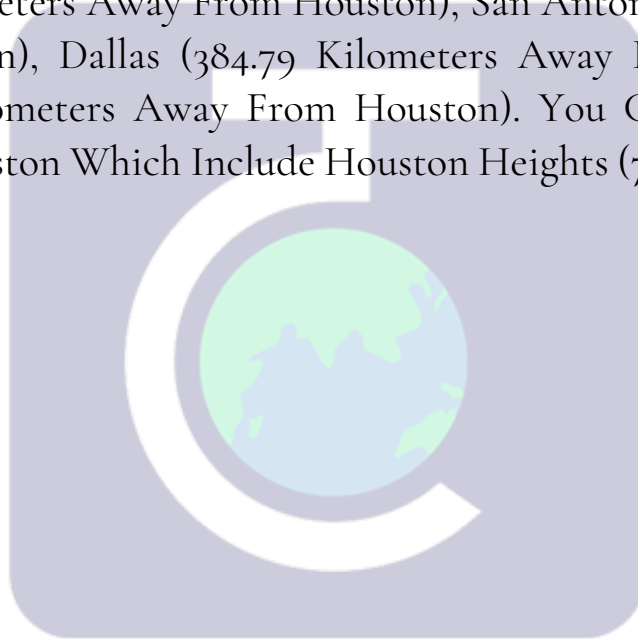
Houston is located near Gulf of Mexico, in Southeast Texas. It's the most populated city of Texas and the 4th most populated city in the U.S. The total area of Houston is around 1554 square kilometers out of which 931.81 kilometers is covered by land and 35.41 kilometers is water. Most of the Houston is flat land, which is why floods are a common occurrence in this area. This city is mostly built on marshy land and swamps. There are four major Bayou in Houston which include Buffalo Bayou, Houston Ship Channel, Texas Medical Center and Galveston.



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### 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

When Visiting Houston, You Can Also Visit Some Other Cities That Are Located About 30.58 Kilometers Away. These Include West University Place (9.66 Kilometers Away From Houston), Deer Park (33.15 Kilometers Away From Houston), Pearland (37.34 Kilometers Away From Houston) And Stafford (34.44 Kilometers Away From Houston). Some Major Cities Near Houston Include Austin (266.19 Kilometers Away From Houston), San Antonio (317.20 Kilometers Away From Houston), Dallas (384.79 Kilometers Away From Houston) And Garland (405.72 Kilometers Away From Houston). You Can Also Visit Some Small Towns In Houston Which Include Houston Heights (7.89 Kilometers Away From Houston).



**Index****3. Significance**

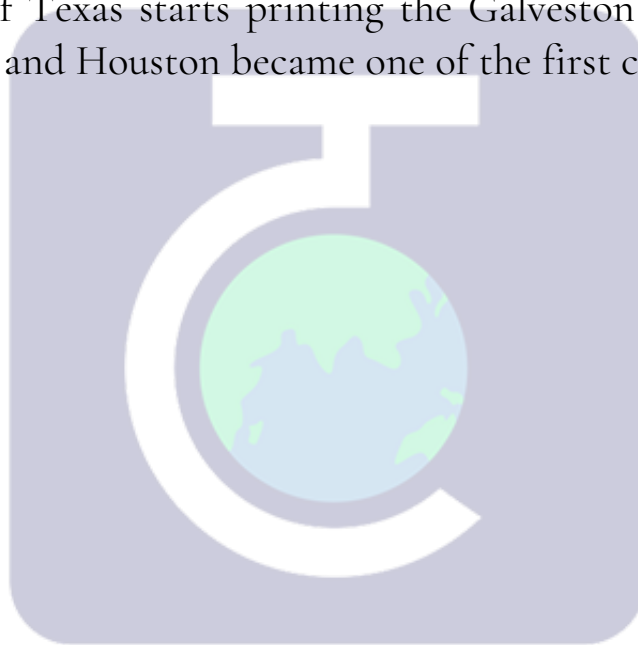
Downtown Houston is home to Bayou Place entertainment complex, movies, restaurants, plazas, and parks. The Bayou Music Center in Houston stages stage plays, live concerts, and stand-up comedy. At the Space Center Houston, there are numerous interactive exhibits which include a shuttle stimulator, moon rocks, and presentations on the history of the manned space flight program by NASA. Home to 337 parks, Houston has the largest total area of green space and parks in the nation. At Sam Houston Park, lies restored and reconstructed homes originally built between 1823 and 1905.



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### 4. History

General Sam Houston won the battle of San Jacinto with his Texas army on the 21st of April 1836. He later founded the city of Houston on the 30th of August 1836 with brothers Augustus C. and John K. Together the brothers paid just \$1.40 per acre of land for the 6,642 acres of land which is now known as Houston. The chamber of Commerce was later established in 1840 and one of the first publication houses of Texas starts printing the Galveston Daily News. In 1842 Texas became a state and Houston became one of the first cities in this state.



## 5. Cultural identity

The locals in Houston have a huge southern influence. When you're visiting the city you will find a change in the accent of people living here in comparison to the rest of USA. Houston is hugely influenced by Texas and they are proud of their roots. This city hosts a Livestock and Rodeo show every year where the locals proudly display their rodeo.





**Index****6. Natural resources**

Bayu is what Houston is most known for. The city takes utmost care to ensure they preserve this natural resource. The government and the locals put in a lot of effort to ensure they do their best to conserve these resources. There are also a number of other conservation programs Houston is famous for, these include water and solar power plants.



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**7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)****7.1. Paid****7.1.1. Holocaust Museum Houston**

Address : 5401 Caroline St, Houston, TX 77004, USA

Zipcode : 77004

Location : 29.7251529, -95.3856596

Contact : +1 713-942-8000

Website : <http://www.hmh.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Binz St @ San Jacinto St Bus Station

Entry Fee : General Admission: \$12 Senior (age 65+)/ Active-duty military personnel: \$8 Students/College-level students with valid ID: Free Each Thursday from 14:00hrs-17:00hrs: Free

Open & Close Timing : Museum Hours Monday to Friday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Sunday: 12:00hrs-17:00hrs The Boniuk Library Monday to Friday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

**7.1.2. Downtown Aquarium**

Address : 410 Bagby St, Houston, TX 77002, USA

Zipcode : 77002

Location : 29.7642703, -95.36737920000002

Contact : +1 713-223-3474

Website

<http://www.aquariumrestaurants.com/downtownaquariumhouston/default.asp>

Nearest Public Transport : Preston St @ bagby St Bus Station

Entry Fee : Aquarium Adventure Exhibit Adults: \$11.99 Seniors (age 65+): \$9.99 Children (under 42"): \$8.99 Children (under age 2): Free

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Thursday: 10:00hrs-21:00hrs Friday and Saturday: 10:00hrs-22:30hrs Sunday: 10:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.3. Children's Museum of Houston

Address : 1500 Binz St, Houston, TX 77004, USA

Zipcode : 77004

Location : 29.72281199999999, -95.38522

Contact : +1 713-522-1138

Website : <http://www.cmhouston.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Binz St @ Crawford St Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults/Children (above age 1): \$12 Senior (above age 65): \$11 Children (below age 1): Free Thursday (17:00hrs-20:00hrs): Free Admission

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Thursday: 10:00hrs-20:00hrs Sunday: 12:00hrs-18:00hrs Monday: Closed

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.4. Houston Zoo

Address : 6200 Hermann Park Dr, Houston, TX 77030, USA

Zipcode : 77030

Location : 29.7161368, -95.39009920000001

Contact : +1 713-533-6500

Website : <http://www.houstonzoo.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Cambridge St @ Fannin St Bus Station

Entry Fee : Children (age 1 and Under): Free Children (age 2-11): \$14 Adults (age 12-64): \$18 Senior (age 65+): \$11.50

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.5. Space Center Houston

Address : 1601 NASA Road 1, Houston, TX 77058, USA

Zipcode : 77058

Location : 29.551826, -95.09715799999998

Contact : +1 281-244-2100

Website : <http://spacecenter.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Space Center Houston Bus Station

Entry Fee : Kids (age 4-11): \$24.95 Adults (age 12-64): \$29.95 Seniors (age 65+): \$27.95 Children (age 0-3): Free

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.6. Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Address : 3 NRG Pkwy, Houston, TX 77054, USA

Zipcode : 77054

Location : 29.687572, -95.41185200000001

Contact : +1 832-667-1000

Website : <http://www.rodeohouston.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Kirby Dr @ MC Nee Rd Bus Station

Entry Fee : Tickets for individual performances range from \$18 to \$350 depending on the show and the seating arrangement. Visit the website for more information.

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 08:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.7. Museum of Fine Arts

Address : 1001 Bissonnet St, Houston, TX 77005, USA

Zipcode : 77005

Location : 29.72560529999999, -95.39053869999998

Contact : +1 713-639-7300

Website : <https://www.mfah.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Main St @ Ewing Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult (above age 19): \$15 Senior (age 65+ with ID): \$10 Military (with ID): \$10 College Student (age 19+ with ID): \$7.50 Youth (age 13-18): \$7.50 Child (age 12 and younger): Free

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday and Wednesday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Thursday: 10:00hrs-21:00hrs Friday and Saturday: 10:00hrs-19:00hrs Sunday: 12:15hrs-19:00hrs Monday: Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.8. George Ranch Historical Park

Address : 10215 FM 762 Rd, Richmond, TX 77469, USA

Zipcode : 77469

Location : 29.49748719999999, -95.68249579999997

Contact : +1 281-343-0218

Website : <http://www.georgeranch.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : SH6 Missouri city PR Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Adults: \$10 Seniors (age 62+): \$9 Children (age 5-15): \$5 Children (age 4 and under): Free

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Saturday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Sunday and Monday: Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.9. The Health Museum

Address : 1515 Hermann Dr, Houston, TX 77004, USA

Zipcode : 77004

Location : 29.72169800000001, -95.38598999999999

Contact : +1 713-521-1515

Website : <http://www.thehealthmuseum.org/index.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : Binz St @ Crawford St Bus Station

Entry Fee : Museum Members: Free Children (under age 3): Free Adult: \$10.00

Child (age 3 - 12): \$8.00 Senior (age 65 & above): \$8.00

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday:  
09:00hrs-17:00hrs Thursday: 09:00hrs-19:00hrs Sunday: 12:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.10. Houston Museum of Natural Science

Address : 5555 Hermann Park Dr, Houston, TX 77030, USA

Zipcode : 77030

Location : 29.72199320000001, -95.38986520000003

Contact : +1 713-639-4629

Website : <http://www.hmns.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Main St @ Remington Lane Bus Station

Entry Fee : Permanent Exhibits Adult (age 12 and up): \$25 Child (age 3-11): \$15

Children (age 2 and under): Free College Students with ID: \$15 Seniors (age 62+):

\$15 Military (with ID): \$8 Groups (10+): \$8 Planetarium Adult: \$9 Child: (age 3-11):

\$8 Seniors (age 62+): \$8 College Students with ID: \$8 Military (with ID): \$6

Groups (10+): \$6 Visit the website for more information

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 25 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.11. Toyota Center

Address : 1510 Polk St, Houston, TX 77002, United States

Zipcode : 77002

Location : 29.7507604, -95.3621005

Contact : +1 713 758 7200

Website : <http://www.houstontoyotacenter.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Polk St @ Austin St Bus Station

Entry Fee : Tour Price Adults: \$7.00 Youth (age 14 & under): \$5.00 Kids (age 2 and under): Free Seniors (age 65+): \$5.00

Open & Close Timing : Tour Hours Tuesdays and Thursdays: At 10:00hrs and at 13:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.12. NRG Stadium

Address : NRG Pkwy, Houston, TX 77054, USA

Zipcode : 77054

Location : 29.6847219, -95.41070739999998

Contact : +1 832-667-1400

Website : <http://nrgpark.com/nrg-stadium>

Nearest Public Transport : TMC Transit Center Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Tour Price Adults: \$6 Children (age 3-12): \$5 Seniors (age 65+): \$5 Groups of 15 or more: \$5 per person Children (age 2 and under): Free

Open & Close Timing : Tour Hours Tuesdays and Thursdays: At 10:15hrs, 12:00hrs, and 14:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.13. Minute Maid Park

Address : 501 Crawford St, Houston, TX 77002, United States

Zipcode : 77002

Location : 29.7572684, -95.35551850000002

Contact : +1 713-259-8000

Website : <http://houston.astro.mlb.com/hou/ballpark/index.jsp>

Nearest Public Transport : Crawford St @ Preston St Bus Station

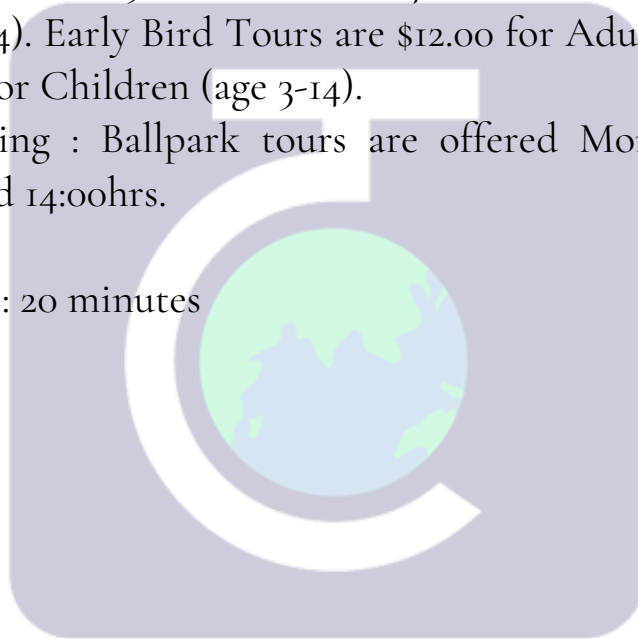
Entry Fee : Tours prices are \$9.00 for Adults, \$7.00 for Seniors (age 65+), and \$5.00 for Children (age 3-14). Early Bird Tours are \$12.00 for Adults, \$10.00 for Seniors (age 65+), and \$8.00 for Children (age 3-14).

Open & Close Timing : Ballpark tours are offered Monday to Saturday at 10:00hrs, 12:00hrs, and 14:00hrs.

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes





## 7.2. Free

### 7.2.1. Gerald D. Hines Waterwall Park

Address : 2800 Post Oak Blvd, Houston, TX 77056, USA

Zipcode : 77056

Location : 29.736339, -95.46128590000001

Contact : +1 713-621-2011

Website : <http://www.uptown-houston.com/news/page/water-wall-park>

Nearest Public Transport : Post Oak Blvd @ Alabama St Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.2. Discovery Green

Address : 1500 McKinney St, Houston, TX 77010, USA

Zipcode : 77010

Location : 29.753131, -95.3596523

Contact : +1 713-400-7336

Website : <http://www.discoverygreen.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Avenida De Las Americas @ Walker St Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Discovery Green Daily: 06:00hrs-23:00hrs Gateway

Fountain Daily: 09:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.3. McGovern Centennial Gardens

Address : 1500 Hermann Dr, Houston, TX 77004, USA

Zipcode : 77004

Location : 29.7215285, -95.38810460000002

Contact : +1 713-524-5876

Website : <http://www.hermannpark.org/centennial-year/mcgovern-centennial->

gardens-cherie-flores-garden-pavilion/

Nearest Public Transport : Main St @ Remington Ln Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : November 6, 2016 to March 13, 2017 Daily: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs March 14 to May 26, 2017 Daily: 09:00hrs-19:00hrs May 27 to September 5, 2017 Daily: 09:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.4. Memorial City Mall

Address : 303 Memorial City Way, Houston, TX 77024, USA

Zipcode : 77024

Location : 29.78183659999999, -95.53886320000004

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.5. Miller Outdoor Theatre

Address : 6000 Hermann Park Dr, Houston, TX 77030, USA

Zipcode : 77030

Location : 29.7191812, -95.38866810000002

Contact : +1 832-487-7102

Website : <http://milleroutdoortheatre.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Main St @ Sunset Blvd Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 11:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.6. Art Car Museum

Address : 140 Heights Blvd, Houston, TX 77007, USA

Zipcode : 77007

Location : 29.7720331, -95.39686660000001

Contact : +1 713-861-5526

Website : <http://artcarmuseum.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Heights Blvd @ Kohler St Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday to Saturday, and Sunday: 11:00hrs-18:00hrs  
Monday and Tuesday: Closed

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.7. Houston Arboretum & Nature Center

Address : 4501 Woodway Dr, Houston, TX 77024, USA

Zipcode : 77024

Location : 29.76520499999999, -95.45206200000001

Contact : +1 713-681-8433

Website : <http://houstonarboretum.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Woodway Dr @ Memorial Dr Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 07:00hrs-19:30hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.8. Glenwood Cemetery

Address : 2525 Washington Ave, Houston, TX 77007, USA

Zipcode : 77007

Location : 29.7653437, -95.38492159999998

Contact : +1 713-864-7886

Website : <http://www.glenwoodcemetery.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Sawyer St. @ Lubbock St Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 07:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.9. Waugh Drive Bat Colony

Address : Waugh Dr, Houston, TX 77002, USA

Zipcode : 77002

Location : 29.7617445, -95.39851809999999

Contact : +1 713-752-0314

Website : <http://www.waughbatmonitor.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Waugh Dr @ Allen Pkwy Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.10. The Menil Collection

Address : 1533 Sul Ross St, Houston, TX 77006, USA

Zipcode : 77006

Location : 29.73734, -95.39850999999999

Contact : +1 713-525-9400

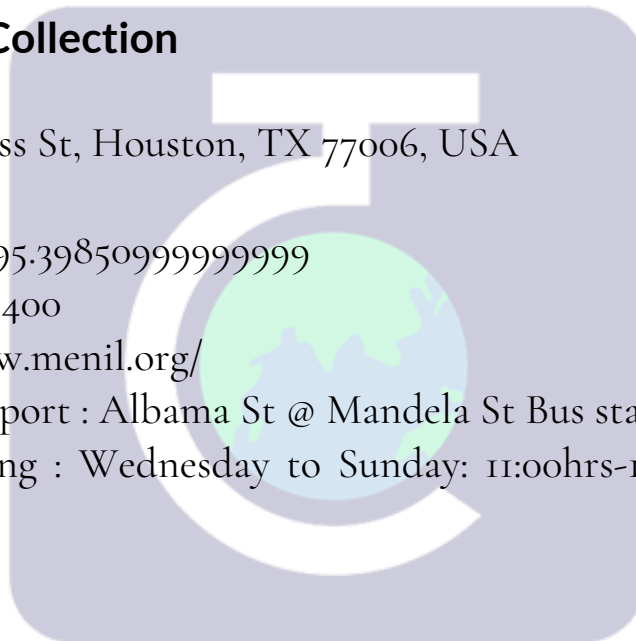
Website : <https://www.menil.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Albama St @ Mandela St Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday to Sunday: 11:00hrs-19:00hrs Monday and Tuesday: Closed

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No



### 7.2.11. The Woodlands Mall

Address : 1201 Lake Woodlands Dr, The Woodlands, TX 77380, USA

Zipcode : 77380

Location : 30.1642284, -95.45537709999996

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.12. The Galleria

Address : 5085 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77056, USA

Zipcode : 77056

Location : 29.7391955, -95.4634342

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.13. Willowbrook Mall

Address : 2000 Willowbrook Dr, Houston, TX 77070, USA

Zipcode : 77070

Location : 29.96014529999999, -95.53912980000001

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.14. Houston Center

Zipcode : 0

Location : 29.7549595, -95.3625768

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.15. Meyerland Plaza

Zipcode : 0

Location : 29.6872022, -95.46192129999997

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.16. PlazAmericas

Zipcode : 0

Location : 29.7076149, -95.51580480000001

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.17. West Oaks Mall

Zipcode : 0

Location : 29.7321381, -95.64829099999997

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



## 8. Key sites sports & adventure

- **Glider and Sailplane Soaring -**

Address : 17109 Hwy 36 W, Wallis, TX 77485, USA

Location : 29.6108273,-96.0279138999999

Contact No : +1 979-478-2323

Website : <http://www.houstonsoaring.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Katy Mills mall, entrance 8 Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fees : Adults: \$90 Children: \$60

Time Required : 4

Wait Time : 25 minutes

- **Skydiving -**

Address : 16111 FM 521 Rd, Rosharon, TX 77583, United States

Location : 29.35913,-95.460461

Contact No : +1 281-369-3337

Website : <http://houston.skydivespaceland.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : SH6 Missouri City PR Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fees : Weekdays: \$199 Weekends: \$219

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday: 08:00hrs-17:30hrs Saturday & Sunday: 07:30hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 4

Wait Time : 30 minutes

- **Paintball -**

Address : 2315 Telephone Rd, Houston, TX 77023, United States

Location : 29.7208277,-95.3216023999999

Contact No : +1 281-892-1148

Website : <http://www.urbanwarzonepaintball.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Telephone Rd @ hackney St Bus Station

Entry Fees : 1-5 players: \$40 6-19 players: \$50 20-40 players: \$40

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Thursday, Sunday: 11:00hrs-18:00hrs

Friday: 11:00hrs-22:00hrs Saturday: 10:00hrs-22:00hrs Monday: Closed

Time Required : 2

Wait Time : 20 minutes





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### 9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Houston Rockets is the only well-loved basketball team of Texas. The Houston Rockets always seem to have great games. The fans as well as the staff that work at their home arena (Toyota Center), have so much respect for the players. Houston Texans is a professional American football (rugby) team in the city. The team plays in NFL (National Football League) as a member club of the American Football Conference South Division. Joe K. Butler Sports Complex, Dyer Stadium and Rice Stadium are some of the local stadiums in Houston, Texas.

- **Rice Stadium:**

Address : 6100 Main St, Houston, TX 77005, USA

Location : 29.71632970000001,-95.40932609999999

Contact No : +1 713-348-4077

Website : <http://www.riceowls.com/facilities/rice-stadium.html>

- **Joe K. Butler Sports Complex:**

Address : 13755 Main St, Houston, TX 77085, USA

Location : 29.6352189,-95.48835789999998

Contact No : +1 713-726-2125

## 10. Spas and relaxation

- **Dolce Vita Day Spa:**

Address : 2503 S Shepherd Dr, Houston, TX 77019, USA

Location : 29.7435461,-95.41058379999998

Contact No : +1 713-521-2100

Website : <http://www.dolcevitaspahouston.com/>

- **Zalla Massage:**

Address : 1411 Haddon St, Houston, TX 77006, USA

Location : 29.751812,-95.39831900000001

Contact No : +1 281-974-2823

Website : <http://zallamassage.com/>

- **Sensia Studio and Japanese Day Spa:**

Address : 1711 Post Oak Blvd, Houston, TX 77056, USA

Location : 29.749802,-95.46013699999997

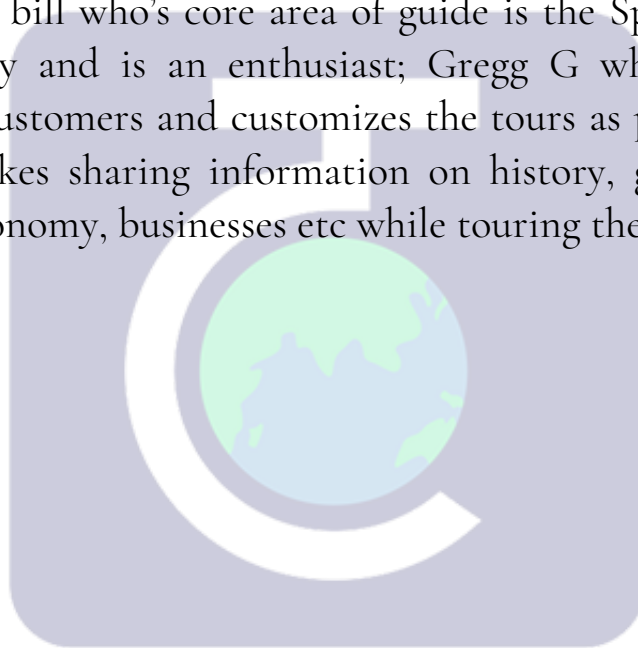
Contact No : +1 713-627-0070

Website : <http://www.sensiastudio.com/>

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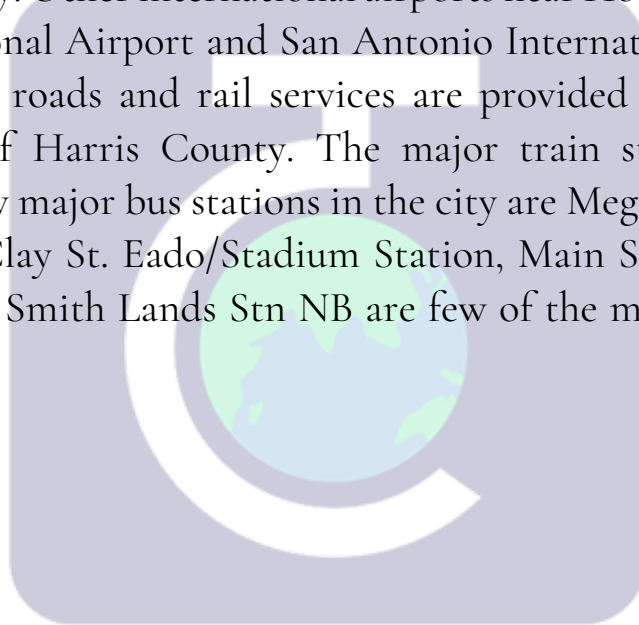
### 11. Key local guides and tours

You sure do get the best bang for your buck with Houston Holiday Lights Tour. It's also a great choice for families with children and seniors. This lovely bus tour is an excellent way to start your holiday season! Want to start a holiday tradition? Bring along your friends and family. They'll love to make Houston Holiday Lights Tour part of their yearly holiday tradition! Few of the famous local guides in the city are Rocket Man bill who's core area of guide is the Space Center Houston and he's too friendly and is an enthusiast; Gregg G who works as per the convenience of the customers and customizes the tours as per their preferences; and Keith R who likes sharing information on history, government, politics, diversity, growth, economy, businesses etc while touring the city.



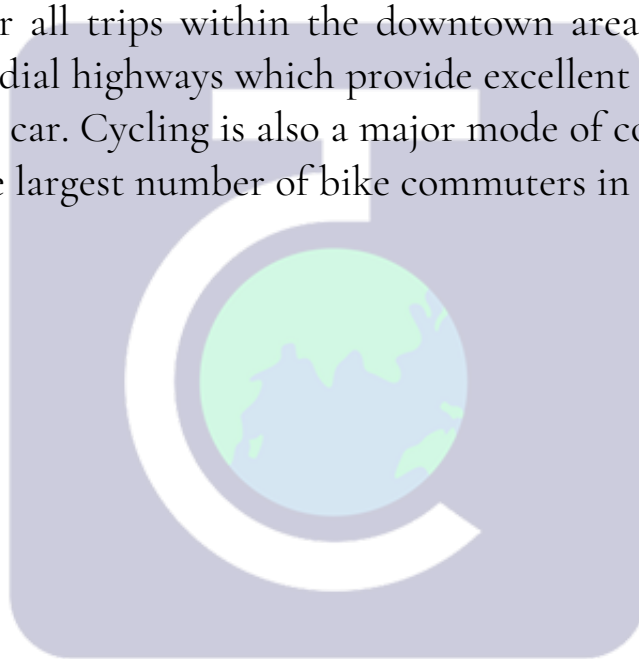
## 12. Transportation hubs

William P. Hobby Airport is the main airport in Houston. The airport is around 28.5 kilometers (22 minutes) from the city center. This is however a domestic airport, so if you're travelling from outside the country you need to choose an international airport. The George Bush Intercontinental Airport is the closest international airport to Houston and is located around 33.80 kilometers (22 minutes) from the city. Other international airports near Houston include Austin-Bergstrom International Airport and San Antonio International Airport. Public transport like buses, roads and rail services are provided by the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County. The major train station in the city is Houston Station. Few major bus stations in the city are Megabus, Downtown TC, and Louisiana St & Clay St. Eado/Stadium Station, Main Street Square Stn NB, UH-Downtown, and Smith Lands Stn NB are few of the main light rail stations in the city.



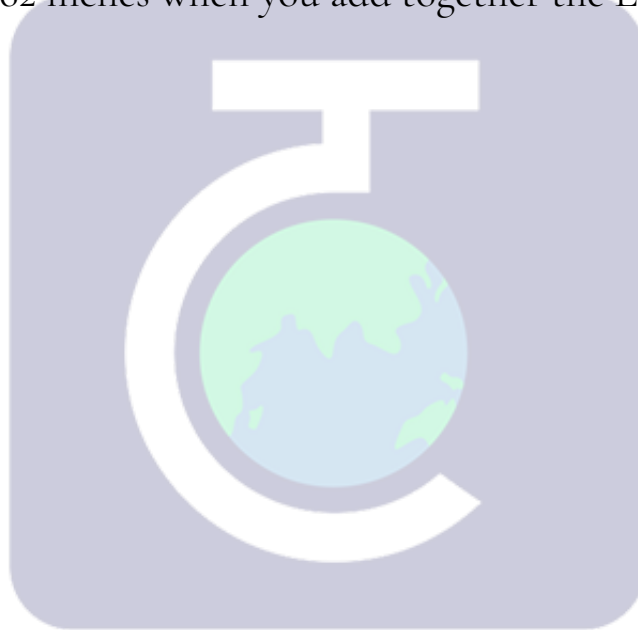
**Index****13. Transportation cost**

METRO is the public bus and rail system in Houston and is close to nearly all points within the city. A single ride on the METROBus or the METRORail costs \$1.25. Transfers are not offered to cash-paying customers. A day pass for riding on the METRO goes for \$3 and a monthly pass charges you with \$45.50. With more than 2,200 taxis operating in Houston it's much easy getting around. A flat taxi rate of \$6 applies for all trips within the downtown area. Houston also has a system of ring and radial highways which provide excellent access to the markets outside the region by car. Cycling is also a major mode of commuting in the city. The city boasts of the largest number of bike commuters in Texas.



**Index****14. Baggage allowance**

The Greyhound bus Charges \$15 for additional checked baggage, first carry on and checked baggage is free with Greyhound. With greyhound express you are allowed 1 carry on free of charge 2nd carry on is \$15 weighing no more than 11kgs and must be stored in the overhead compartment or under the seat in front of you. The first checked baggage is Free of charge as well weighing no more than 23kgs and measuring 62 inches when you add together the L + W + H.



**Index****15. Must try food and local savouries**

While in the Space city of Texas, one must definitely try their favourite dishes like Shrimp Chippewa, Pasta weesie and fried shrimp with remoulade sauce.



## 16. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **Brennan's of Houston:**

Address : 3300 Smith St, Houston, TX 77006, USA

Location : 29.7430238,-95.3814706

Contact No : +1 713-522-9711

Website : <http://www.brennanshouston.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday: 11:00hrs-14:00hrs and 17:45hrs-22:00hrs Sunday: 10:00hrs-14:00hrs and 17:45hrs-22:00hrs

- **Carrabba's:**

Address : 3115 Kirby Dr, Houston, TX 77098, USA

Location : 29.7364688,-95.418366600000

Contact No : +1 713-522-3131

Website : <http://www.carrabbasoriginal.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday: 11:00hrs-22:00hrs Friday: 11:00hrs-23:00hrs Saturday: 12:00hrs-23:00hrs Sunday: 12:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Christie's Seafood & Steaks:**

Address : 6029 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77057, USA



Location : 29.737043,-95.489610999999

Contact No : +1 713-978-6563

Website : <http://m.mainstreethub.com/christies-restaurant>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday: 11:00hrs-22:00hrs Friday and Saturday: 11:00hrs-22:30hrs Sunday: 11:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Etoile Cuisine Et Bar:**

Address : 1101-11 Uptown Park Blvd, Houston, TX 77056, USA

Location : 29.7565701,-95.4572546

Contact No : +1 832-668-5808

Website : <http://etoilecuisine.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday: 11:00hrs-15:00hrs & 17:00hrs-22:00hrs Friday and Saturday: 11:00hrs-15:00hrs & 17:00hrs-22:30hrs Sunday: 11:00hrs-15:00hrs & 17:00hrs-21:00hrs

- **Taste of Texas:**

Address : 10505 Katy Fwy, Houston, TX 77024, United States

Location : 29.7827816,-95.5569145

Contact No : +1 713-932-6901

Website : <http://www.tasteoftexas.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday: 11:00hrs-22:00hrs Friday: 11:00hrs-23:00hrs Saturday: 15:00hrs-23:00hrs Sunday: 15:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Aladdin Mediterranean Cuisine:**

Address : 912 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77006, USA

Location : 29.7448666,-95.391064499999

Contact No : +1 713-942-2321

Website : <http://aladdinshouston.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday: 10:30hrs-22:00hrs Saturday: 11:00hrs-22:30hrs Sunday: 11:00hrs-21:00hrs

- **Moving Sidewalk:**

Address : 306 Main St, Houston, TX 77002, USA

Location : 29.7621253,-95.3611947

Website : <http://www.movingsidewalkbar.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday: 17:00hrs-02:00hrs Sunday: Closed

- **Numbers Night Club:**

Address : 300 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77006, United States

Location : 29.744746,-95.384943000000

Contact No : +1 713-521-1121

Website : <http://numbersnightclub.com/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday: 21:00hrs-02:00hrs Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday: Closed

- **Clé:**

Address : 2301 Main St, Houston, TX 77002, USA

Location : 29.746869,-95.3725303

Contact No : +1 713-955-2302

Website : <https://clehouston.com/>

Open / Close Time : Thursday to Saturday: 22:00hrs-02:00hrs Sunday to Wednesday: Closed

- **Fox Hollow:**

Address : 4617 Nett St, Houston, TX 77007, USA

Location : 29.7716721,-95.408082299999

Contact No : +1 713-869-2117

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Thursday: 16:30hrs-23:00hrs Friday and  
Saturday: 16:30hrs-02:00hrs



**Index****17. Average meal cost**

When visiting Houston, be ready to spend on food. An average meal costs \$32.53 and in case of the most expensive meal, it costs \$63.05 on average. Domestic beer on the other hand costs approximately \$2.41 while high quality red table wine costs \$15. A combo meals costs \$7.



**Index****18. Shopping**

Houston has so many excellent shopping malls. Whether you want selection, convenience or accessibility; you will get it in Houston malls. Go to Conroe Outlet Center for a pleasant landscape while shopping, at Katty Mills for great bargains and wonderful place to eat from. Other wonderful malls include The Galleria, Uptown Park, Center at Post Oak, Rice Village, The Shops at Houston Center, and Woodland Mall.



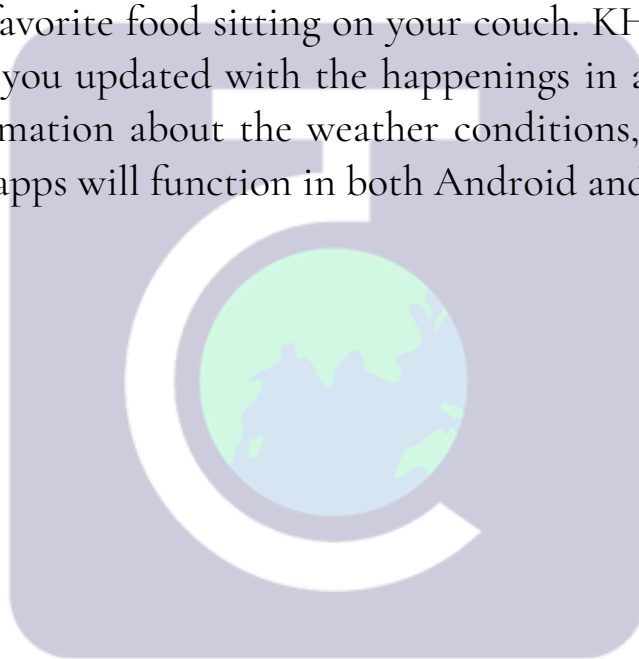
**Index****19. Tourist benefits**

There are no tourist benefits for tax refund in the city of Houston. As a tourist, you are expected to pay all the applicable taxes such as VAT and service fees wherever required. Most restaurants will charge you a service fee for their services provided. If you're looking to buy some items without tax, you can check out various duty free stores at the airports. Check the limit on the number of things you can carry back.



**Index****20. Essential local apps**

Travel Apps have become essential to make ones travel hassle free. These apps come in handy for a wide variety of travel needs ranging from booking flight tickets to finding a good spot to eat. Few of the most popular travel apps for use in Houston include Uber helps you to book a cab anywhere in the city. Flavour is an app that has more than 300 restaurants filtered by neighborhood & cuisine. You can order your favorite food sitting on your couch. KHOU11 Houston news is an app that keeps you updated with the happenings in and around Houston, Texas. You get information about the weather conditions, traffic reports, local news and more. The apps will function in both Android and iOS platforms.



**Index****21. Driving**

Foreign driver's license and international license are not accepted by the authorities in the Houston. If you wish to drive, you could apply for a temporary driver's license if the period of your visit is short. You will be asked to submit copies of your immigration and naturalization documents. The license granted after due consideration of these documents will have the words "Temporary Visitor" printed on it along with date of expiry of immigration documents.





**Index****22. Travel essentials**

Power sockets in the city are Standard Type A or Type B. They may be two pins or three pins. The voltage level is set at 110V and the frequency is set at 60Hz. You could check if your appliances are compatible with the voltage levels and frequency by checking the sticker at the bottom of the appliances. If the voltage level shown at the bottom varies considerably, it's best to take a power converter.



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## 24. Local currency

The local currency used in Houston, Texas is the US Dollar.



**Index****25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

Houston has plenty of banks, ATMs and currency exchange centres. You may not want to carry too much cash as majority of the hotel, cafe and restaurant in Houston accepts credit cards and debit cards. You can use the card for shopping, eating out and other entertainment activity. However, it would be advisable to carry a small amount of cash for meeting emergencies. You may also need cash for using public transport and for shopping at small outlets and road side stalls.



## 26. Staying connected

AT&T is the most recommended network in the US. It offers great reception and international calling plans. The T Mobile network also offers services in the city. However, calling rates in the Unites States are extremely expensive. If the period of your visit is short, you could also opt to buy a cheap prepaid phone. Further, almost every hotel, restaurant and cafe offers Wi-Fi and Internet facility. A small amount pertaining to use of such facility may be added to the bill.



## 27. Time Zone

Houston, Texas follows the time zone- Central Time Zone UTC-o6:00.



## 28. Languages

With over 90 languages spoken in Houston City, majority of its residents speak English and Spanish. Others include Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, French, Russian, German and Asian languages.



**Index****29. Political Scenario**

The city follows a mayor council form of government. The mayor along with the 16 members constitutes the Houston City council. The term of office of a mayor is four years. The city is politically divided and the power shifts between the Republicans and Democrats. It has been observed that the Republicans dominate the wealthier part of the city whereas the Democrats dominate the working class and minorities.





**Index****30. Economic Scenario**

Energy industry is the mainstay of the city's economy. Houston is known for its oil and natural gas extraction and also for the manufacture of oilfield equipment's. Apart from the energy industry biomedical research and aeronautics is also major contributors to the economy. The city has low unemployment rates and has been showing a positive and consistent economic growth trend. Its economy is based on aeronautics, manufacturing and transportation industry.



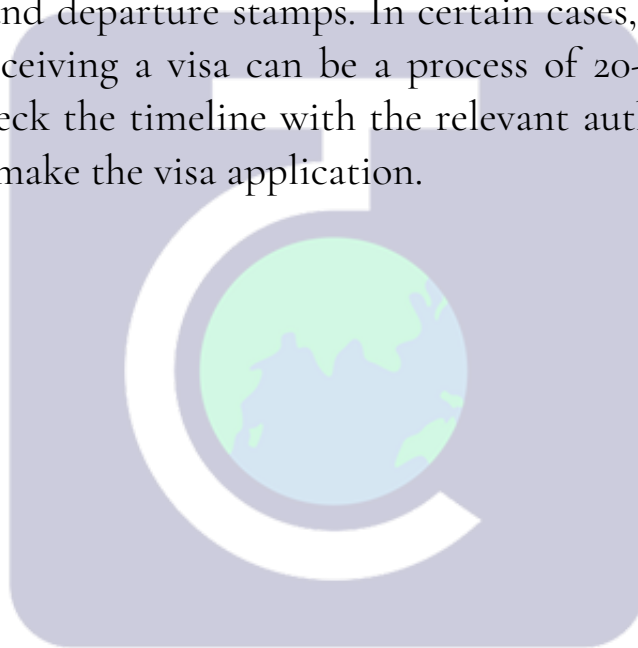
**Index****31. Religious belief**

When it comes to religion, 58.40% of people living in Houston are religious with 18.44% catholics, 1.10% LDS, 9.25% another Christian faith; 0.53% Jewish, 0.63% eastern faith; and 2.86% affiliated with the Islamic faith.



## 32. Visa requirements

If you want to visit Houston as a tourist you need a B2 visa to enter the city. There are certain procedures you need to follow if you want to visit this city. You need to get your visa approved which is done at the embassy office. You can get a visiting visa for up to 3 months depending on the nature of your visit and the time you plan of spending there. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application.



**Index****33. Essential vaccination**

No vaccinations are required for entry to the states but you may want get a tetanus booster just to be safe.



**Index****34. Theft and Safety**

Crime in Houston is the highest in the state of Texas. Basic things to follow when in Houston is staying away from deserted areas after dark and keeping purses and wallets in a secure location. Even when you park your vehicle, you should keep valuables out of sight. Houston is known for various crimes like assault, car theft, home invasion and property damage. You can also file online reports for damages under \$5,000.



**Index****35. Embassy/Consulate**

There are a number of embassy offices located in various countries for Houston. You need to find the closest embassy office and submit your visa proposal there. Make sure you attach all your required documents at the time of applying for a visa. A normal visa procedure takes around 15 days. For more information, please visit <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-of/united-states>.



## 36. Accessibility

Houston is a wheelchair accessible city. The airport and roads here are safe for people who are wheelchair bound. There are also a number of hotels in the city that cater to people who are restricted to movement.



**Index****37. Emergencies**

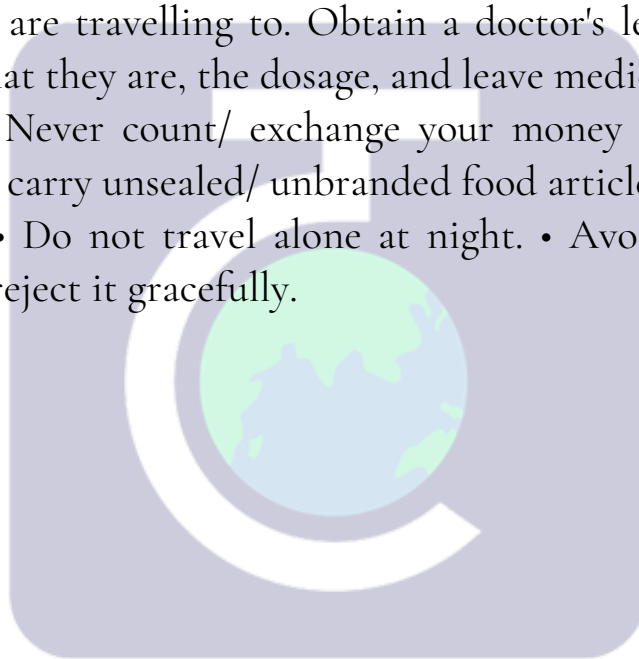
Medical support is freely available in Houston at every nook and corner. There are a number of hospitals situated in this city which are easily accessible. For any SOS services, please call 911. The major hospitals in the city are Texas medical center, Houston Methodist hospital and East Houston regional medical center.





**Index****38. Do's and Don'ts**

Do's: • Do keep an eye on your belongings at all times, especially in the tourist areas. • Carry minimum cash and valuable items whilst exploring the city. • Exchange greetings with everyone you meet. It lasts at least a minute or two. • Arrange for sufficient medicines to meet your personal medical needs. Check with the embassy of the country you are visiting to ensure your medicine is legal in the countries you are travelling to. Obtain a doctor's letter stating who the medicines are for, what they are, the dosage, and leave medicines in their original packaging. Don'ts: • Never count/ exchange your money on the street. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. • Do not travel alone at night. • Avoid saying no to food offered by a local or reject it gracefully.



**Index****39.Tipping basics**

Tipping is not something that is common in restaurants in Houston. Most restaurants include the tip in the total bill and they do not expect customers to pay an additional tip to the waiters. You could however tip the staff at the hotel, your taxi driver and small vendors in the city.



**Index****40.Pet info**

Houston is a pet friendly city. You will find a number of hotels that are pet friendly here. There are also some places that you can visit along with your pet in Houston. Restaurants too allow pet owners to come in with their pets. If you want to travel to Houston with your pet you will need a pet visa. You need to apply for this visa when you apply for you visa. There are a few formalities you need to complete before you can travel with your pet.



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### Conclusion – Why to select this destination

*Houston city is named after General Sam Houston, the president of Texas who won the Battle of San Jacinto. Houston offers almost everything; from a savory barbecue, upscale shopping, music, art, and activities, to the thrills of space age. It is also known as the Space City. NASA's Johnson Space Center known for its Mission Control is located here. The Space Center has more than four hundred space artifacts. It inspires youngsters to learn about STEM - science, technology, engineering, mathematics. You can visit the Downtown Aquarium to see the captivating, colorful undersea landscapes, sharks, piranhas and venomous stingrays. The Houston Museum of Natural Science has four floors which include the Cullen Hall of Gems and Minerals, Morian Paleontology Hall, Hall of Ancient Egypt and Hall of the Americas. If you love shopping, you must visit the Galleria where you will find all the leading brands of jewelry, fine apparel and gifts, like Cartier, Macy's, Tiffany & Co., Gucci. Houston is considered to be the most diverse city in Texas and U.S. Houston's population consists of people from various religious and ethnic backgrounds. Many cultural exhibits and institutions in the Museum District attract nearly seven million visitors annually. Resident companies perform all the year round in Theater District. Houston is a global city and is strong in almost all fields like international trade, business, culture, entertainment, fashion, media, education, research, science, medicine, technology and sports.*

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