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Moody Gardens
Within Galveston Island's three glistening glass pyramids lies an IMAX 3-D Theater, Special FX-4D Theater, and a RideFilm Theater. Wildlife displays throughout the Rainforest, Aquarium and Discovery Pyramids. Outdoor fun includes a paddle boat ride on the bay and a man-made beach. Located at One Hope Boulevard on Galveston Island. Admission: (800) 582-4673 www.moodygardens.org

Kemah Boardwalk
Located between Houston and Galveston, this 35-acre attraction overlooks Galveston Bay with dining options, shopping, games and train rides. Also featured is the popular Boardwalk Bullet roller coaster, and the Inverter, an upside-down thrill ride. Located in Kemah off Hwy. 146 & 6th Street, turn left at Bradford Ave. (877) AT-KEMAH www.kemahboardwalk.com

Downtown Aquarium
Part restaurant, part exhibit, the aquarium features tanks filled with stingrays, sharks, and other exotic marine life. Themed habitats include the Louisiana Swamp exhibit filled with dwarf gators, crawfish and snapping turtles, as well as the White Tigers of the Maharaja's Temple exhibit. Located in downtown Houston at 410 Bagby Street at Memorial Drive. Admission: (713) 223-FISH www.downtownaquarium.com

Traders Village
Open every Saturday and Sunday year-round, this 60-acre marketplace hosts an average of 800 merchants and 1 million bargain-seekers each year. Vendors sell everything from jewelry and antiques to sports memorabilia and records. Admission is free, parking is \$3/car. (281) 890-5500 www.tradersvillage.com

Houston Zoo
Walk on the wild side with 4,500 animal residents. The 55-acre zoo fosters an appreciation for the ecosystems of the natural world. Nearby, Hermann Park Pavilion invites visitors to tour the park on a miniature train, or enjoy a paddle boat on the duck pond. Located in Hermann Park at 6200 Hermann Park Drive. Admission: (713) 533-6500 www.houstonzoo.org

Schlitterbahn Galveston Island Waterpark
Voted the No. 1 indoor waterpark in the world, Schlitterbahn is open year-round. The action-packed park features 32 aquatic adventures for summer and 12 attractions during the heated indoor season. Located in Galveston at 2026 Lockheed Street. Admission. Call for seasonal operating hours (409) 770-WAVE (9283), or visit www.schlitterbahn.com.

San Jacinto Battleground Historical Complex
The battleground marks the spot where Texas won its independence from Mexico. The park houses the towering San Jacinto Monument and Museum, with a 489-foot elevator ride to the top for a panoramic view. Located at One Monument Circle in La Porte, off Hwy. 225. (281) 479-2421 www.sanjacinto-museum.org

The Children's Museum of Houston
Ranked as one of the country's top children's museums. It features galleries of hands-on, minds-turned-on exhibits to educate and fascinate. Located at 1500 Binz in the Museum District. Admission: (713) 522-1138 www.cmhoustons.org

The Grand 1894 Opera House
Located on historic Postoffice Street, the Opera House is one of many historical gems on Galveston Island. Widely renowned and magnificently restored the theater has won awards for its excellence and has featured a long list of legendary performers. Located in Galveston at 2020 Postoffice Street. For performance information call (800) 821-1894 or visit www.thegrand.com.

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Lone Star Flight Museum
The museum houses a large collection of restored aircraft, historical photos and documentation in an impressive aircraft hanger. Experience historic flights aboard the B-17, B-25, AT-6 and Stearman. Located at 2002 Terminal Drive at Galveston International Airport (adjacent to Moody Gardens & Schlitterbahn). Admission: (888) 354-4488 www.lsfm.org

Sea Center Texas
Sea Center Texas is a marine aquarium, fish hatchery and nature center operated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). The center offers a variety of educational programs that promote the wise use and conservation of Texas marine resources. Located in Lake Jackson at 300 Medical Drive. (979) 292-0100 www.tpwd.state.tx.us/seacenter

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Funeral Museum
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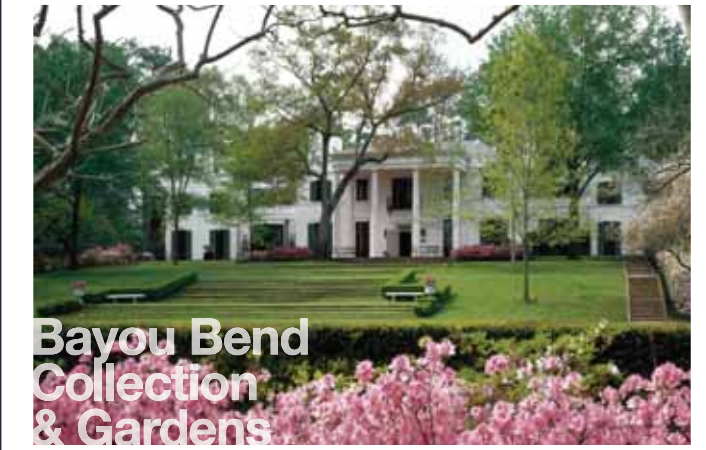
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