

BEAUMONT

TEXAS WITH A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA



The Cajuns call it Lagniappe – meaning “a little something extra.” And that pretty much describes Beaumont. We are still pure Texas, but at the same time, our bayou roots make us a combination of two colorful cultures. From two stepping to Zydeco, enjoying scrumptious enchiladas, spicy-hot boiled crawfish or checking out museums specializing in everything from art to energy. Beaumont’s definitely got a Texas-sized portion of Lagniappe! And we’d love to share it with you. Here is a brief snapshot of the varied and diverse attractions that draw crowds and keep them coming back!

Downtown Beaumont Entertainment

Crockett Street, a premiere, downtown entertainment district, offers an expansive array of food, live music and dancing in one centrally located and highly charged area.

Restaurants include: Texas Star Bar and Grill, Spindletop Restaurant and Rio Rita's Cantina. A wide variety of clubs and bars create an assortment of musical styles ranging from the blues to a traditional Texas two-step. Antone's, Bobbie McGee's, Black Cat Lounge and the Dixie Dance Hall each deliver an inviting and unique atmosphere to make your evening a memorable one.



Crockett Street is an ideal entertainment district because of its accessibility and central location. Its leading edge trend in downtown revitalization and development of historic areas create a wonderful chance to experience the best of Beaumont. Located next to the Art Museum of Southeast Texas and in walking distance of the Texas Energy Museum and Fire Museum of Texas, you can visit the museums, enjoy a wonderful meal and dance the night away in one of Crockett Street's many restaurants and clubs.

Art: Southeast Texas is full of places and activities that authentically represent the stories and people of the past and present. That makes our area a prime cultural heritage tourism site, offering unique historic, cultural, art, and natural destinations for bus tours, families, and seasonal travelers.



Jefferson Theatre

Experience fabulous shows in a beautiful, nostalgic setting. After a \$6.5 million restoration, this grand theatre is once again full of life. Built in 1927, this breathtaking theatre was one of the first "cultural gems" in downtown Beaumont. It is featured on the National Register of Historic Places and was recently named "Best Restoration in Texas."

Edison Museum

Through interactive exhibits and more than 60 Edison artifacts, the museum commemorates the contributions of Thomas Alva Edison and his innovative and inventive mind.



The Fire Museum of Texas

Tour the official fire museum for the State of Texas. This landmark holds a wealth of fire fighting history and is a perfect place for children to learn the basics of fire safety, see historic fire fighting equipment, and get to sit in the driver's seat of a real fire truck! The Fire Museum is the home of the original World's Largest Fire Hydrant.



Art Museum of Southeast Texas

Enjoy national touring exhibits, view inspiring permanent collections, displays and more! Kids can learn about art with special hands on activities!

Texas Energy Museum

Explore a world-class museum with exhibits and multi-media displays that showcase the oil industry. Historical characters and animatronics share the story of Beaumont's Spindletop Lucas Gusher.



Classic Beaumont Attractions

McFaddin-Ward House

The beautiful McFaddin-Ward House Museum tells of the changing tastes of one family for over 50 years. Built in 1906, this Beaux Arts colonial structure contains three full floors of beautifully decorated rooms and treasures. The house has all of its original furniture including styles ranging from Colonial to Rococo Revival.



John Jay French Historical Home & Museum

Glimpse into daily life of the 19th century at Beaumont's oldest homestead. Constructed in 1845, the house is treasured for its collection of period furnishings and original family possessions, an operating blacksmith shop and tannery.

Shopping & Antiques

Go Shopping! Check out Parkdale Mall—a great shopping place that has recently been redesigned with an oil tycoon theme. Spend the afternoon hunting for antique treasures down the Calder Shopping Corridor. Looking for something really special? At the Art Studio, Inc find one-of-a-kind gifts made by local artists.



Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown Museum

See how oil changed the fate of Beaumont forever. Learn about the Lucas Gusher that blew in at Spindletop in 1901. Relive the excitement at the Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown Museum. Experience the true wild-catter spirit of another era when you see the gusher really blow! Walk through an actual reconstructed boomtown, complete with authentic clapboard buildings, artifacts and oil derricks.



Clifton Steamboat Museum

Step back and relive the spirit of military history at this two-story, 24,000 sq ft museum that honors military and civilian "Heroes...Past, Present and Future." Exhibits bring to life Civil War History, Texas History, and the Steamboat Era, as well as showcasing artifacts from WWII, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam War plus current Navy history. Of special interest is the Boy Scout exhibit featuring a display on Harry Brinkley Bass, a WWII Ace shot down over France, and the Ronne Expedition which highlights America's first lady to winter in the Antarctic in 1947.

Cowboy Harley Davidson

Beaumont is home to the largest Signature Harley Davidson Dealership in Texas!

Lamar University

Part of the Texas State University System, LU Pride can be felt throughout Beaumont. Visitors are invited to take a stroll around beautifully manicured campus grounds or visit on-campus museums and the Dishman Art Gallery.

Beaumont is a part of the Great Texas Birding Trail and your gateway to the Big Thicket National Preserve, a 97,000 acre international biosphere that boasts a rare ecosystem of plant and animal life. It is a mecca to scientists, birders, and nature lovers all over the world. Visitors enjoy hiking, canoeing, birding, swimming, and fishing!



Take a Swamp Tour and enjoy an exciting Bayou Safari with Adventures 2000+. You'll explore nearby cypress swamps packed with birds of all kinds and

even get to see the alligators up close.

Visit Heartstrings Ranch, a petting zoo, go horseback riding at the Tyrrell Park Riding Stables, play golf or miniature golf.

Ford Park

Located on the western edge of Beaumont, this multi-use entertainment complex boasts five different venues, including a 9,500 seat Arena, Exhibit Hall, and Pavilion, which is the largest amphitheater in Texas. Located right along I-10, Ford Park is the perfect spot to host a multitude of events such as rodeos, softball tournaments, concerts, and even our South Texas State Fair. Ford Arena is home to the Texas Wildcatters Professional Hockey Team. Ford Pavilion has a capacity of 18,000, and hosts major concerts with entertainment from both local artists and world renowned acts. Other Ford Park facilities include covered barns, 9-acre paved Midway, Softball/Baseball Complex, and RV Park. For a calendar of events, go to: www.fordparktx.com.



Beaumont is conveniently located in Southeast Texas on Interstate 10 near the Texas / Louisiana border and is only 90 miles east of Houston. Beaumont is a "hub city," and



you can plan to get here by car, boat, or by air service through the nearby Southeast Texas Regional Airport (BPT).

Hotels

1. MCM Elegante'
2. Best Value Inn
3. Days Inn-Beaumont Inn
4. Best Western Jefferson
5. Budget Inn
6. Comfort Inn & Suites
7. Courtyard by Marriott
8. Econo Lodge
9. Fairfield by Marriott
10. Hampton Inn
11. Holiday Inn Atrium Plaza
12. Holiday Inn Midtown
13. Howard Johnson Express
14. Interstate Inn
15. J&J Motel
16. LaQuinta
17. LaQuinta Inn & Suites
18. Motel 6
19. Premier Inn & Suites
20. Ramada Ltd.



21. Scottish Inn
22. Super 8 Motel
23. Super 8
24. Travel Inn
25. Travel Lodge

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