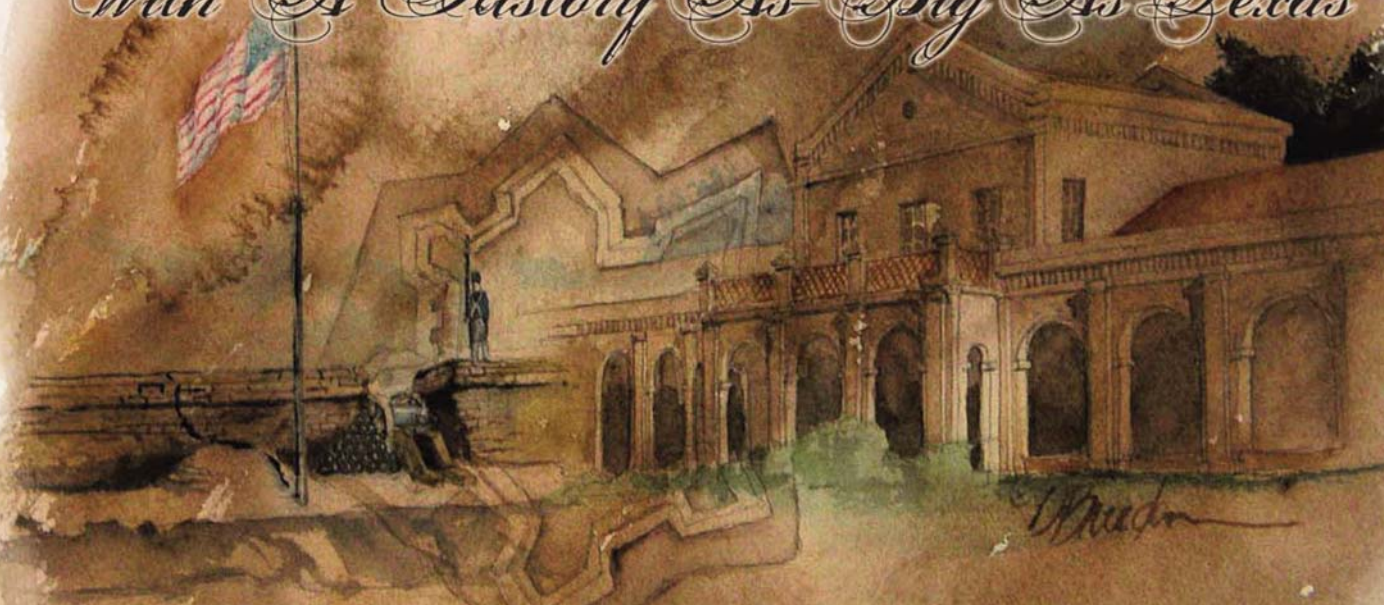


BROWNSVILLE

With A History As Big As Texas



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THE BATTLE of PALO ALTO
The First Battle of The Mexican War

THE BATTLE of RESACA de la PALMA
MAY, 1846

THE BATTLE of PALMITO HILL
The Last Battle of The Civil War

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Brownsville, Texas

You're Going To Love Brownsville!



Brownsville is a semi-tropical paradise of stately palm trees, ever-blooming bougainvilleas, exotic birds, and warm Gulf breezes. Steeped in a rich South Texas heritage and located on the banks of the Rio Grande, Brownsville is a perfect two nation leisure travel destination with Matamoros, Mexico, just steps away and two beautiful Gulf of Mexico beaches less than half an hour away.

The rich heritage of two countries separated by the once mighty Rio Grande, but joined by hundreds of years of tradition, history and family welcomes you. The many festivals throughout the year bring the local culture alive -- a great chance for you to join in on the fun. We're on the border, by the beach.



Brownsville offers contemporary fine arts, shopping, golf courses, and many hospitality services. Brownsville is a dynamic, bustling city with a great climate and lush landscape that is ready to welcome you with open arms.

Naturally speaking, Texas Parks & Wildlife Magazine says that, "No matter what time of year you visit, birds and butterflies will be abundant here in this land 'south of winter.'" As our guest, you get to enjoy all this, our favorable cost of living and many great values. This year, do like the birds, come, stay in Brownsville.

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Accommodations



Brownsville's variety of lodgings can accommodate any budget, location, need, or lifestyle. Hotel development is ongoing, which means visitors have everexpanding options from which to choose. One thing for certain is that staying here means affordability and solid values for you.

Selecting Brownsville as your place to stay gives you flexibility to conveniently tour all parts of the Rio Grande Valley and northeast Mexico. Generally, the hotels are located on the north entrance to town with several in Historic Downtown Brownsville, ranging from full service to budget and suite versions.



Brownsville and the Rio Grande Valley have many species of the flora and fauna to share with visitors. The Gladys Porter Zoo is Brownsville's internationally-known zoological and botanical park. This intriguing zoo is a most visitor-friendly oasis and a unique haven for over 1,500 rare species of mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, and insects amidst natural settings with ever-blooming plant life and also serves as a rehabilitation center.

For those staying several months, many apartment, house, and condominium units are available for rent. Locations vary from convenient in-town to country, waterside sites that are suitable for all vacation activities.

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Restaurants & Nightlife



New dining establishments continue to open in Brownsville and expand your dining options. Brownsville eateries will satisfy most every taste while providing broad selections of national, regional and international cuisine including delicious steaks, seafood, barbecue, American, Asian, Italian and Mexican classics.

Brownsville offers a South Texas flavor like no other. From a casual fajita taco dinner to quesadillas, enchiladas, guacamole and salsa, Brownsville serves visitors an unforgettable Mexican dining experience. To complement a good meal, don't forget to order a world-famous Margarita or an icecold cerveza. A dozen tasty tamales are always close by at many of our local family-owned tamale businesses.



On the south side of the Rio Grande, Matamoros restaurants are very accessible and serve up a wide variety of authentic Mexican cuisine including handmade corn and flour tortillas filled with queso flameado or tender charbroiled cabrito.

Evenings come to life in Brownsville at many restaurants, bars and dance clubs. While visiting Brownsville, schedule in an evening and listen to a live band on an outdoor deck or patio at one of our local establishments. We're waiting for you to start making your memories in Brownsville.

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