



Gallivanting Galveston, 2017

Miles and miles of beaches, surf and sun.
Time to get naked and romp in the sun!

Okay, maybe not such a pretty sight and the chamber of commerce might take a dim view of the decline in tourism, so probably ought to perish that thought!

(If you decide to anyway, remember to iron out all the wrinkles ☺)



Galveston is one of the most popular vacation destinations in Texas though, but lucky for us, school vacation and the tourist season will be over, and although maybe not completely desolate, you shouldn't have any trouble finding parking along the thirty-two miles of beaches.

All along the shores, dinner cruises, paddlewheel boats and charters are readily available. There are many attractions and things to do around the Galveston/Houston area so if you have the time, you may want to come early or stay over.

For the reunion we have a block of rooms set aside until a cutoff date of the 29th of September. Make your reservation prior to that date to ensure yourself a room.

Information for scheduling purposes:

Reunion Dates: 15th of October through the 18th of October.

Lodging: Hotel Galvez

Room rates: \$129.00/night for either single or double.

Check-In time is 4:00 PM **Check-Out time** is 12:00PM

Reservations can be made by calling the Reservations Department at 409-515-2154.

Identify yourself as a **VP-1 POP's** member to receive the special group rate.

Amenities include: Complimentary bottled water, coffee, newspapers in room, 20% off Spa Services at the hotel, Complimentary WiFi, toll-free local calls.

For more information about the Galvez you can call 409-515-2154 or visit:

<https://www.hotelquests.com/galveston/tx/hotel-galvez-spa-a-wyndham-grand-hotel/110796>



Proposed Schedule

The schedule was modified slightly so the meeting would interfere with those flying out on Wednesday.

Day	Date	Time	Location
Sunday	15 October 2017	whenever you arrive	Welcome Aboard Diner on your own
Monday	16 October 2017	0800 – 1600	Planned Activity Those not going to NASA are free to roam the strand or visit the other local attractions. Dinner on your own
Tuesday	17 October 2017	0800 – 1000 1000 – 1200 1230-1400 1400-1800 1830 - ?	Breakfast Meeting Local Sights Lunch Open Tour Downtown Galveston Visit local Galveston sights? Dinner Luau No Host Bar
Wednesday	18 October 2017		West Parlor Hotel Galvez Hotel shuttle or trolley Your rental or Car Pool Gilligan's Island Theme Breakfast and/or departure day for those not staying over to take in the sights.

**** NASA** is located about 45 minutes north from Galveston. We will need a head count for the people wanting to visit NASA so transportation can be arranged and tickets reserved. Reserved tickets are \$15.95 apiece, and for stragglers, tickets purchased at the gate will be \$17.95. I will reserve the tickets at the end of September but don't wait until the last minute to let me know. I collect the money for tickets in Galveston just prior to departure to NASA, but I'll need the head count before that. Please let me know by email or phone if you plan to attend and how many tickets so I can reserve tickets. ffink1@comcast.net or leave a message at 281-395-5734. So far I have four confirmed attendees. For further info about JSC visit: <https://spacecenter.org/>

Logistics

- **Airports:** Houston has two airports. George Bush and Hobby airport.
 - **NOTE:** George Bush is located north of Houston and the drive could take two hours or more to drive to Galveston. If you have to come in to George Bush, just follow the sign to I-45 south then follow the directions to the Galvez below.
 - **Hobby** is the suggested airport to use if available. It is located south of Houston and about 45 minutes north of Galveston Island (depending upon traffic naturally?)
 - When exiting out of Hobby Airport, make a right onto Airport Blvd.
 - Follow Airport Blvd about 2 miles to I-45 and take I-45 south.
 - **Airlines that fly out of Hobby:**
 - Southwest Airlines
 - American Airlines
 - United Airlines
 - Frontier Airlines
 - Spirit
- **Transportation:**
 - **Airport Shuttle to Galveston from Hobby:** About \$60.00 one way.
 - **Car Rentals:** Parking is free at the Hotel Galvez if you drive a rental or have your own car.
- **Directions from the airport to the hotel Galvez:**
 - Follow I-45 south about until you cross the bridge into Galveston (I-45 turns into Broadway once on the island)
 - Continue to follow Broadway until you get to 25th Street and make a right.
 - Follow 25th to Seawall Blvd., and make a left.
 - The Hotel Galvez will be on your left.
- The Reunion registration fee:
 - \$120 per person (includes taxes and gratuities)
 - Includes one breakfast, one lunch and one dinner
 - Snacks, coffee, iced tea and sodas
 - Does not include tickets to NASA, Moody Gardens or other attractions
- Please send registration fees to **VP-1 POPs c/o Reisse Perin, 7721 W. Settlers Ave, Boise ID. 83704**

Other Activities available during your stay

- Arrive early and/or stay over, there's plenty to do while in our neck of the woods. (too much to do and see, and so little time):
 - **Moody Gardens:** located next to the Galveston beach front and is a short drive from the hotel so Car-pooling might be our best bet for those that would like to visit there and parking is free. Prices vary from about \$50 to 75 depending upon the number of attractions you want to attend at the gardens. There is also harbor cruise available on the stern-wheeler for \$8.95/person that leaves from Moody Gardens. For further Info about Moody Gardens visit: www.moodygardens.com
 - **Tall Ship Elissa:** For a different kind of sea experience, at the Texas Seaport Museum and Tall Ship Elissa you can climb aboard the ship for a firsthand view of this National Historic Landmark and American Treasure, this ship is over 120 years old and still sails out into the gulf several times a year:
<http://www.galveston.com/texasseaportmuseum/>
 - Visit the **Pleasure Pier** on the water front in Galveston (like a small Coney Island or Santa Monica Pier) For more info visit :
<http://www.pleasurepier.com/>
 - **The Kemah Boardwalk** located about an hour north of Galveston and about 5 miles east of NASA. For more info visit:
<http://www.kemahboardwalk.com/>
 - **The Lone Star Flight Museum:** Located just to the north of NASA at Ellington Field. There are lots of old aircraft, many are airworthy and can be seen around the country at the different air shows. Tickets: 8\$ with Military Discount. For more info visit :www.lonestarflight.org
 - **The San Jacinto Monument & Battleship Texas:** Both are located in the State Historic Site about an hour and a half north of Galveston. There is an admission fee for elevator to the top of the monument and a short historical movie: For more info visit: <http://www.sanjacinto-museum.org/> The Battleship Texas is located across from the monument, military discounts available. For more info visit: <http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/battleship-texas>
 - **High Island:** located at the eastern tip of Galveston Island. There are ferry's that run for free back and forth between the islands about every 20 minutes. Lots of empty beaches, a light house and lots of houses on stilts.
 - **Seawolf Park:** located on the mainland side of Galveston bay about 8 miles east from the bridge. Plenty of fishing from the point and there is a small maritime museum with a landlocked DE and submarine that is open to the public for a small fee. For more info visit: <http://www.galveston.com/seawolfpark/>
 - **Wings over Houston:** Consider staying over into the following weekend, Oct 21 & 22, and take in one of the largest air shows in the country at Ellington Field. <https://wingsoverhouston.com/>

- **Take a cruise out of Galveston:** The website for information for those interested in sailing on a cruise out of Galveston is as follows:
<http://www.galvestoncruises.com/> If you would like more information on cruises, call Jennifer at 800-593-8678. She's looking forward to working with you!



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It's Island Time!

I have had several people inquire about the cruises out of Galveston and who is going. Some want to take a cruise prior to the reunion and some after the reunion so coordinating the cruises will be up to the individual parties. I do have some names of the people who have indicated they would be cruising though. If you email me, I will pass on those names on to if you want to coordinate your cruise plans with theirs. So far I have four couples who have indicated they are interested in a cruise.

Some Local Attractions that are not scheduled but you are free to visit on your own are shown below



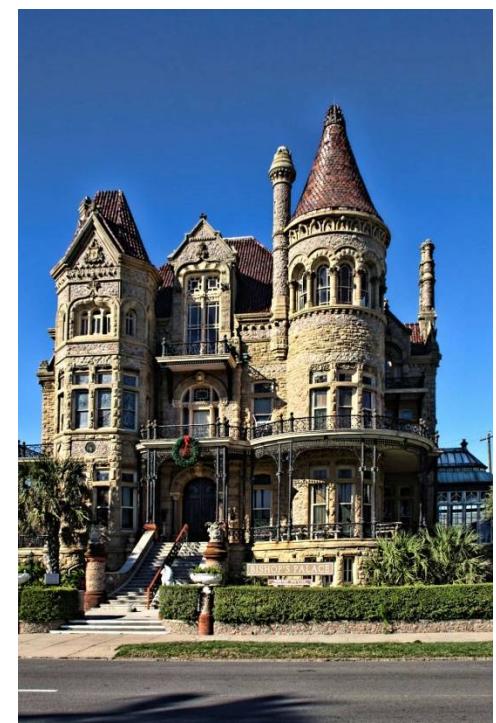
Moody Gardens in Galveston



Downtown sidewalk café



The Trolley to downtown



The Bishop Palace



The Moody Mansion



Elissa



Cruise Terminal



Pleasure Pier, Galveston



The Bolivar Peninsula, or High Island



Sea Wolf Park and fishing pier



The Battleship Texas and the San Jacinto Monument are located at the San Jacinto State Park directly east of Houston, about an hour north of Galveston. Both are open to the public daily, year round.

There is also the Lone Star Flight Museum pictured below, at Ellington Field located about 45 minutes north of Galveston and about a mile east I-45. (a few exits north of the NASA exit)



Reminder posting May 2017, call or email if you have questions.

Wings over Houston

