

Texas Seaport Museum - Pier 21 - Home of the 1877 tall ship ELISSA

Tour I: Students will view the dramatic story of the tall ship ELISSA's rescue and restoration through the documentary *Passage to Galveston: The Story of ELISSA*, then tour the 1877 tall ship with a trained guide.
Time: 60 minutes

Tour II: Students K-3rd will use writing, numbers, and comparison skills while playing "Bingo" on board the ELISSA.
Time: 90 minutes

Tour III: Students in 4th-8th grades will participate in a scavenger hunt that will teach them about the historic Port of Galveston.
Time: 90 minutes

Tour IV Students studying immigrants and genealogy will have an opportunity to visit the Immigration exhibit, and use the museum's Immigration Database. The database contains the names of more than 133,000 immigrants who entered the United States through the Port of Galveston, which was known as the "Ellis Island of the West".
Time: 90 minutes

ALL ABOARD THE SEAGULL II, Pier 21

GALVESTON HISTORICAL FOUNDATION presents a unique educational experience on the SEAGULL II. From marine exploration to maritime history, the SEAGULL II is a floating classroom offering excursions and adventures. The SEAGULL II is located at Texas Seaport Museum, Pier 21

Narrated Harbor Tour #1: Enjoy 45 minutes of history, wildlife adventure, folklore and more. See Galveston and Galveston Bay from a unique perspective. Experience close-up encounters with big ships, dolphins and seabirds.
Time: 45 minutes

Narrated Harbor Tour #2: Social Studies takes on new life as students discover Galveston's historic harbor, the first and oldest seaport in Texas. Students experience an in-depth look at a working seaport and enjoy the ever-changing sights and sounds of maritime commerce and wildlife.
Time: 90 minutes.

Hands-on Tour #3: Floating Classroom/Laboratory
Students breathe the ocean air, study plankton through microscopic lens, pose challenging questions, use the scientific method, check their results with each other; and discuss their findings with the marine biologist aboard.
Time: 90 minutes.

Hands-on Tour #4: Floating Classroom Laboratory/Birding Excursion
Mysteries of the deep challenge students to take a hands-on, action packed, experimental approach to learning about their environment. With compasses, students will chart their course through harbor and bay. Students will trawl for fish and creatures far below, then examining them in hand and under microscope.
Time: 2 hours.

Ship-to-Shore Teacher Workshops: When learning is exciting, teaching is exhilarating. School districts encourage teachers to avail themselves of our curriculum offerings, which enable them to take back to their classrooms fresh approaches to their subjects and renewed enthusiasm for teaching.

PIER 21 THEATER, 21st Street at Harborside Drive

The Great Storm

This outstanding widescreen documentary takes students back to Victorian Galveston, Texas' wealthiest city, in the days before the 1900 hurricane. Witness the devastation of the deadliest natural disaster in United States history and the amazing story of the seawall's construction and the grade raising. *The Great Storm* is shown on the hour.
Time: 30 minutes

The Pirate Island of Jean Laffite

This widescreen film chronicles the adventures of the pirate Jean Laffite, who once called Galveston home. *The Pirate Island of Jean Laffite* begins every hour on the half-hour. Groups must arrive at least 5 minutes before the program begins to provide adequate time for seating.
Time: 30 minutes

PLEASE NOTE: Groups must arrive at least 5 minutes before either presentation begins to provide adequate time for seating. There is no admittance once the presentation begins
Bus parking is available in the Pier 21 area for \$10 per bus. The fee should be paid to the parking attendant at the Pier 21 lot.

GALVESTON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 2219 Market Street

Learn about the colorful history of the upper Texas coast in the impressively restored 1921 City National Bank Building.

Permanent exhibits include:

Galveston Lighthouses: Beacons of Hope

Students will learn how lighthouses and lightships protected the Texas coast. The Fresnel lens from the South Jetty Lighthouse is the feature of this exhibit.

Native Americans in Galveston County

Learn about Galveston Island's earliest cultures through realistic displays and archeological evidence.

Next Stop - Galveston Island: the Early Railroad in Galveston County [Opens in August]

Complete exhibit schedule and more information.

Time: 60 minutes

Cost: Free to Galveston County students; all others are 50 cents per student

1859 ASHTON VILLA, 2328 Broadway

Tours of this historic house museum focus on the material culture of the Victorian era. A trained guide describes the lives of the home's residents. The archeology exhibit in the carriage house gallery examines 19th Century material culture.

Time: 60 minutes

1839 SAMUEL MAY WILLIAMS HOUSE, 3601 Avenue P

Guided tours of the home of Samuel May Williams, Stephen F. Austin's personal secretary. Students will see an outstanding video presentation about the life and times of this pioneer entrepreneur.

Time: 60 minutes

1838 MICHEL B. MENARD HOUSE, 1601 33rd Street

Built for one of the founders of Galveston and a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence, the 1838 Michel B. Menard House is the oldest surviving house in Galveston.

Time: 60 minutes.

AMERICAN NATIONAL OBSERVATION AREA, 20th & Market Streets

Witness the effects people and nature have had on the geography of Galveston Island, Galveston Bay and Gulf of Mexico from the 20th floor of American National Insurance Company, Galveston's tallest building. Photomurals provide an overview of Galveston history.

Time: 45 minutes

THE STRAND DISCOVERY TOUR

With a trained guide, learn about the history and architecture of the former "Wall Street of the Southwest" during walking tours of this National Historic Landmark District. Use the curriculum guide, "Interview a Building", to teach 4th-8th grade students about architecture. Before visiting the Strand, students can "interview" their schools and homes to generate questions they will research on the Strand Discovery tour.

Time: 60 minutes

CEMETERY TOUR

As students walk the cemetery, they will hear stories of those interred, learn the symbolism on the markers, and observe the artwork of the monument builders.

Time: 90 minutes

NARRATED DRIVING TOURS OF GALVESTON

Guides board your bus and conduct informative tours to historic sites and other places of interest. Tours can be customized to fit your studies.

Time: 1 hour

ADVENTURES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

How do you make Galveston's rich past and future potential come alive for today's students? The program "Galveston Island: Adventures Beyond the Classroom" expands classrooms into the community as young people explore first-hand the wonders of Texas' premiere city of the 19th Century and home of the state's first port. A joint venture of GHF's Education Committee and the Galveston Independent School District, the program's newly released catalog discusses "Galveston's Past: A Place for Your Future" and presents a number of "co-curricular" activities, tours and resources.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Historic houses are decorated in holiday fashion appropriate to each house museum's period: the Texas frontier at the **1839 SAMUEL MAY WILLIAMS HOUSE** and a Victorian holidays at the **1838 MICHEL B. MENARD HOUSE** and **1859 ASHTON VILLA**. Arrangements can be made for holiday activities at the above sites.

MUSEUM SHOPS

Our museum shops contain many educational items and unique souvenirs. If you are allowing your students to shop, please inform the person taking your reservation so adequate time can be provided in your itinerary. Our museum shops require one adult chaperone for every ten students.

OTHER SERVICES

- Arrange tours of other local attractions
- Special tours during Island events
- Complete itineraries for all stops
- In-service programs