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Houston has no shortage of top-notch accommodations, though not all of them share a past rich enough to deem them a tourist destination. The following are our preferred hotels.

TEAM HOTELS

Official Big 12 Team Headquarters

The Westin Galleria Houston
5060 West Alabama, Houston,
Tx, 77022
(713) 961-8100

Official SEC Team Headquarters

Hilton Americas - Houston
1600 Lamar Street Houston,
Texas 77010
(713) 739-8000



OFFICIAL VIP & MEDIA HOTEL

Four Seasons Hotel Houston 1300
Lamar Street
Houston, TX 77010
(713) 650-1300

Additional Hotel Partners

SEC Band

Omni Houston Hotel 4
Riverway
Houston, TX, 77056
(713) 871-8181

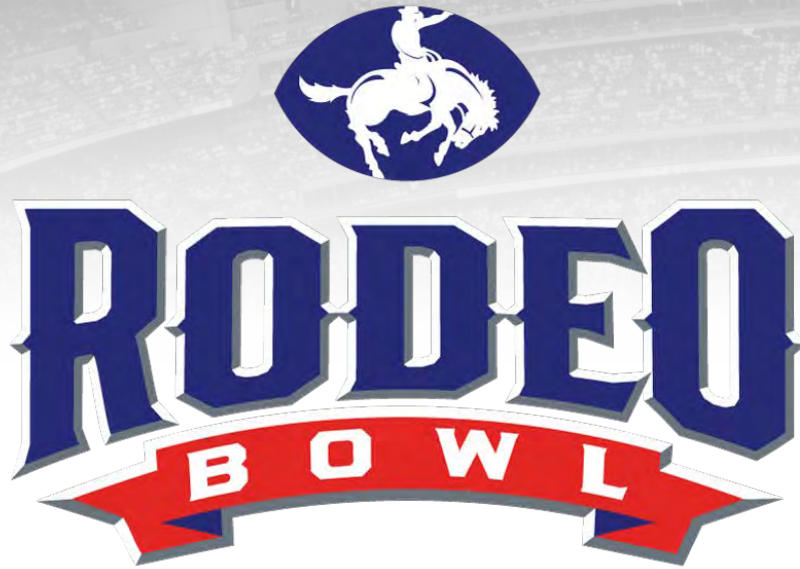
Big 12 Band

DoubleTree Galleria
5353 Westheimer Rd
Houston, TX 77056
(713) 961-9000

Fan Hotel

Westin Med Center
1709 Dryden Rd
Houston, TX, 77030
(713) 730-2404





RODEO BOWL

PRESENTED BY **Kroger**

Every year, both teams enjoy an evening filled with various rodeo themed shenanigans, delicious barbecue, and live Texas Country music. The private event at NRG Arena is part of the Bowl Week activities benefitting DePelchin Children's Center, Houston's oldest children's charity and the Official Charity Partner of the TaxAct Texas Bowl.

Players from the BIG 12 and SEC compete in rodeo themed activities and round out the night with Texas barbecue from the legendary Goode Company.



BOWL WEEK FAN EVENTS



Karbach Kickoff Concert

Kickoff Bowl Week with LIVE Music at The Rustic Downtown on Tuesday, December 27th at 8:00 PM with Kolby Cooper! Bowl Week officially begins with the Karbach Kickoff Concert! Enjoy fantastic music, raffles, merchandise, and other fan-centric activities.

[Enter here to experience all the fun!](#)



Karbach Love Street TexFest

Karbach Love Street TexFest, the official pregame party for the TaxAct Texas Bowl, will start at 4:00 PM in Bud Light Plaza at NRG Stadium before the game. Love Street TexFest is a free event on Wednesday, December 28th, featuring live music from Jacob Stelly starting at 6:00 PM, great food and drinks, giveaways, contests, and more!



TEAM LUNCHEON



Kickoff Bowl Week for a great cause!

The 2022 TaxAct Texas Bowl Team Luncheon is on sale now with all proceeds benefiting DePelchin Children's Center. Join our Big 12 and SEC teams, coaches, Gridiron Legends and fellow alumni to celebrate the culture, heritage and football tradition of the Lone Star State. [Click here and sign up today!](#)



THE 2022 GRIDIRON LEGENDS GOLF TOURNAMENT WAS ANOTHER CLASSIC!

The Gridiron Legends Golf Tournament provides a rare opportunity to golf with some of the most notable names in Texas sports history at the storied Champions Golf Club, founded by golf legends Jack Burke, Jr. and the late Jimmy Demaret. Since 1957, Champions Golf Club has hosted numerous prestigious events such as the Ryder Cup, U.S. Open and Champions International, crowning winners from Arnold Palmer to Tiger Woods.

Guests enjoyed a round of golf at the prestigious Champions Golf Club as well as the exclusive opportunity to interact with Texas Sports Legends like Wade Phillips, Robert Brazile, Dan Pastorini, Bubba Bean and more!

Thank you to all who supported this unforgettable event.



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RODNEY HAMPTON

Rodney Hampton, a Houston native, played in 104 games (85 starts) during his NFL career all with the New York Giants. During his career, Hampton garnered two Pro Bowl appearances and rushed for 6,897 yards and scored 49 rushing touchdowns. His 6,897 rushing yards were the most in franchise history until he was surpassed by Tiki Barber in 2004. During his best season in 1992, Hampton rushed for 1,141 yards, 14 scores while averaging 71.3 yards on the ground per game. During Hampton's rookie season, he helped the Giants claim Super Bowl XXV, a 20-19 victory over the Buffalo Bills. The Kashmere High School alum attended the University of Georgia, where he was a first-round pick (24th overall) in the 1990 NFL Draft. While in Athens, Georgia, Hampton posted 2,668 rushing yards, 22 touchdowns and averaged 5.7 yards per rush.

WARREN MOON

Warren Moon was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2006 for his career performance over 17 seasons in the NFL. After six years in the CFL, Moon joined the Houston Oilers in 1984 and set a new club record with 3,338 passing yards in his first season. He found the most success in the 1990 NFL season when he led the league in passing yards (4,689), attempts (584), completions (362) and touchdowns (33). Moon was named Offensive Player of the Year and joined Dan Marino and Dan Fouts as the only quarterbacks to post back-to-back 4,000-passing yards seasons. He would later spend time with the Minnesota Vikings and the Seattle Seahawks, before ending his NFL career with the Kansas City Chiefs. Over the span of his NFL career, Moon recorded four 4,000-yard passing seasons, 49,325 passing yards, nine Pro Bowls and 291 touchdowns. Moon was born in Los Angeles, California and attended West Los Angeles College for two years before joining the football team at University of Washington. His induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame marked the first time a black quarterback and the first time an undrafted quarter earned this honor. He's also the only player in both the Pro Football Hall of Fame and the Canadian Football Hall of Fame.





ELMO WRIGHT

Elmo Wright was a star wide receiver at the University of Houston and earned himself a spot in the College Football Hall of Fame in 2020. Wright is most notably remembered for being the first football player to ever perform an end zone dance, as he would high-step into the endzone after a long touchdown reception for Houston. To this day, he still owns school records in all-purpose career average yards per play (21.0), yards per reception in a season (27.9 in 1968), career yards per reception (21.9), 200-yard receiving games in a season (2 in 1968 and 1969) and 200-yard career receiving games (4). Following his collegiate career, Wright was chosen by the Kansas City Chiefs in the first round of the 1971 NFL Draft where he would play for four seasons. He returned to Houston in 1975 when he briefly spent time with the Houston Oilers and the New England Patriots. Wright was born in Brazoria, Texas and won two-consecutive high school state championships (1965 and 1966). He still resides in Houston, Texas and volunteers with the local YMCA Chapter. He's also a member of the University of Houston Athletics Hall of Honor and the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame.

ED "Too Tall" JONES

Ed "Too Tall" Jones played his entire career with the Dallas Cowboys, appearing in 224 games and starting 203 of those contests. He was three-time Pro Bowl selection, earned a spot on the 1982 Associated Press All-Pro team and helped Dallas to a 1977 Super Bowl XII victory over the Denver Broncos. "Too Tall" registered 106.0 career sacks, which ranks top 50 in the NFL's all-time sack leader ranks. His most productive season rushing the passer came in 1985, when he started all 16 games and recorded a career-best 13.0 sacks, which ranked as the eight-most that season. Jones retired at the end of the 1989 season, playing the most games by any Cowboys players (232) in franchise history. After signing with Tennessee State to play basketball, Jones shifted focus after two years at the school to concentrate on football. Jones became a two-time All-American and won the Black College Football National Championship in 1971 and 1973. He ranks third in school sacks in a season (12.0) and fifth in career sacks (38.0). From there, he was the first overall pick in the 1974 NFL Draft, becoming the first football player from a historically black college to go that high in the NFL draft.



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SANTANA DOTSON

Santana Dotson was drafted by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the fifth round (132nd overall) of the 1992 NFL Draft, finishing second in the NFL Associated Press Defensive Rookie of the Year voting. Dotson played in 152 games (129 starts) over a 10-year NFL career with the Buccaneers and Green Bay Packers. He registered 49.0 career sacks which included 13 tackles for loss, six fumble recoveries and 460 total tackles. In his first season with the Green Bay Packers in 1996, Dotson helped the team to a Super Bowl XXXI victory, a 35-21 triumph over the New England Patriots. Dotson was a three-year starter at Baylor, finishing his career with 193 tackles, 18.0 sacks and four forced fumbles. He was a three-time all-conference pick and a consensus first-team All-American as a senior in 1991, when he had 60 tackles, 4.0 sacks and two blocked kicks. Dotson attended Yates High School in Houston where he was part of the 1985 5A state championship team.

PARKING MAP



The parking lots open four hours before kick-off.

Platinum lot opens five hours before kick-off.



NRG STADIUM CLEAR BAG POLICY

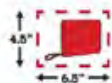
NRG STADIUM CLEAR BAG POLICY

In an effort to enhance public safety, NRG Stadium has modified its security policy by limiting the size and style of bags allowed in the stadium.

MEASURE YOUR BAG HERE



CLEAR BAG SIZE



CLUTCH BAG SIZE

NON-APPROVED BAGS



FAQ

WHY DO WE HAVE THIS? To enhance public safety and to make stadium access more efficient.

IS THERE A BAG STORAGE FOR GUESTS WHO BRING BAGS? We do not provide a place to store bags and belongings on-site for guests.

WHY ISN'T THIS ADVERTISED? The Clear Bag Policy is advertised through direct communication to our Season Ticket Members, on the back of every ticket, on HoustonTexans.com and LSSE.net.

WHY DO I SEE OTHER BAGS? Medically necessary bags are allowed inside the stadium after they have been screened.

CAN I TALK TO SOMEONE ABOUT THE CLEAR BAG POLICY? You may speak with any supervisor, visit the guest services booths and by contacting us directly by texting 832.241.0202

HOW LONG AS THE CLEAR BAG POLICY BEEN IN EFFECT? Fall of 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT WWW.NFL.COM/ALLCLEAR

To provide a safer environment for the public and significantly expedite fan entry into stadiums, Lone Star Sports & Entertainment ("LSSE") has implemented a policy this year that limits the size and type of bags that may be brought into stadiums. LSSE strongly encourages fans to not bring any type of bags, but those outlined here. Fans will be able to carry the following style and size bag, package, or container at stadium plaza areas, stadium gates, or when approaching queue lines of fans awaiting entry into the stadium:

- Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12." -or-
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziploc bag or similar)
- Small clutch bags, approximately the size of a hand, with or without a handle or strap can be taken into the stadium with one of the clear plastic bags
- An exception will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection at a gate designated for this purpose.

Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: purses larger than a clutch bag, coolers, briefcases, backpacks, fanny packs, cinch bags, non-approved seat cushions*, luggage of any kind, computer bags and camera bags or any bag larger than the permissible size.

Fans will continue to be able to enjoy their tailgate activities in the parking lots and to do so with greater safety and the knowledge that their entry into the stadium will be smoother and faster. They also will continue to be able to carry items allowed into the stadium, such as binoculars, cameras, and smart phones

*Non-approved seat cushions include large traditional seat cushions that have pockets, zippers, compartments, or covers. Please see your club guest services office to have your seat cushion examined.





HOUSTON ATTRACTIONS

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF HOUSTON

Ranked one of the country's top children's museums by MSN.com and Child magazine, CMH is the most-attended museum in the nation for its size, serving more than 750,000 people annually. Bring the kids to enjoy all 90,000 square feet of jam-packed, hands-on exhibit and educational fun.

www.cmhouston.org

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, HOUSTON

Founded in 1900, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston's collection numbers more than 65,000 works and embraces the art of antiquity to the present. Recognized as one of the premier art museums in the country, MFAH anchors the Museum District with exhibitions divided between two gallery buildings, a sculpture garden and two house museums. Art from major civilizations and antiquity to the present are on view. Admission is free all day on Thursdays. www.mfah.org



SPACE CENTER HOUSTON

With more than 400 space artifacts including flown spacecraft, the largest collection of moon rocks on public display and at multiple major seasonal exhibits a year, Space Center Houston offers an array of exciting attractions for people of all ages.

www.spacecenter.org/

HOUSTON ZOO

Serving as a 55-acre oasis in the heart of Houston, and neighbors with the world renowned Texas Medical Center, the Houston Zoo is home to wildlife from all corners of the globe. Gorillas, giraffes, elephants, storks, tortoises and many more species are waiting to teach you something you did not know about animals. www.houstonzoo.org

THE HEALTH MUSEUM

affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is a multi-sensory and ever-evolving interactive experience featuring health science advances and the intricacies and implications of how bodies work. The Health Museum offers year-long programs and camps for all ages, special events, corporate rentals and exhibitions including the DeBakey Cell Lab.

www.thehealthmuseum.org

HOUSTON MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE

The Houston Museum of Natural Science, is one of the most heavily attended museums in the U.S. The museum also makes room for the Wortham IMAX Theatre, Cockrell Butterfly Center and Burke Baker Planetarium, while the George Observatory is located off-site in Brazos Bend State Park. www.hmns.org





DINING

CHEAP EATS

No matter what you're craving, there are plenty of affordable options to choose from in Houston. Located in Downtown's historic district - within walking distance of several boutique hotels - Frank's Pizza is known for its cheap, New York-style pizza served late into the night. Hungry for home-style Vietnamese? Head to Huynh. There are plenty of familiar dishes - pho (soup), bun (vermicelli salad) and soft spring rolls. Set across the street from the wildly successful Goode Co. Barbeque, Goode Company Hamburgers & Taqueria boasts a loyal following that call the hefty mesquite-grilled burgers and succulent chicken-breast sandwiches the best in town.

HOUSTON BBQ

Houston is home to some of the country's best barbecue. Known for our briskets, sausage and ribs, pit masters serve up generous portions of perfectly smoked meats daily. If fancy things like a waiter or an actual dining room are what you're looking for, Byron's Gourmet BBQ isn't your place. If you're looking for no-frills, down home, smokehouse-style meats of all kinds, this spot has you covered. Killen's Barbecue is one you won't want to miss. The pitmaster's BBQ joint has been named the #2 best BBQ in the nation by the Food Network. Don't let yourself leave without trying the amazingly tender beef ribs or fatty brisket. Then of course there's Goode Company Texas Bar-B-Q. The first Goode Co. Texas Bar-B-Que restaurant opened in 1977. Even though Goode has since added burgers and seafood to his lineup, barbecue remains the company's mainstay.



SOURCE: OFFICIAL VISITORS GUIDE TO HOUSTON



GASTROPUBS

Upscale bars serving chef-driven, late-night grub — what's not to like? . Kick back at Craft F&B, a gastropub in The Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Park, the latest venture of Houston Rockets owner and Landry's owner Tillman Fertitta. On the menu you'll find wood-fired pizzas, juicy burgers and tasty appetizers like the guacamole, wings and "junk fries," waffle-cut fries topped with bison chilli, barbecue burnt ends and chipotle cheese sauce. Housed in a historic building downtown, Hearsay Gastro Lounge is helping lead the neighborhood's after-dark resurgence as expert mixologists pair perfect cocktails with fancy burgers, fresh **fish and plates** for sharing.

A LA MODE

Summer is coming to an end here in Houston, but the heat is still around. What better way to cool off than with a scoop of ice cream or a refreshing ice pop? We've rounded up some of Houston's top spots for frozen treats. Hank's Ice Cream Parlor, a family run ice cream parlor near NRG Stadium founded by the late Hank Wiggins, has been selling handmade, old-fashioned ice cream for 20 years. Dolce Neve Gelato, which arrived in Houston March 2017, serves gelato prepared the traditional way, free of artificial ingredients and hydrogenated fats. If you're in for a little adventure, head to Cloud10 Cremery in Rice Village to sample of of pastry chef Chris Leung's small-batch creations.



SHOPPING

The nation's fourth largest city is home to a Project Runway winner and more than a dozen distinctive shopping areas, with retail that runs the gamut from vintage to today's hottest designers.

RIVER OAKS SHOPPING CENTER

Built in 1927 and made over in 2007, River Oaks was the first "shopping center" in Houston and one of the first in the country to cater to cars. The Art Deco-style spot offers fashion-forward boutiques and gift-ready retailers such as 310 Rosemont, Bath Junkie, La Mode Lingerie, Luke's Locker (for custom-fit sneakers), Starbucks and more than a dozen buzz-worthy restaurants.

www.riveroaksshoppingcenter.com

UPTOWN PARK

Snag a space in front of your favorite hotspot and walk anywhere in this convenient arrangement of boutiques, restaurants, spas, wine and sports bars. More than 50 shops dot the chic shopping center, including Longoria Collection, Lenny e Cia, High Gloss, M Penner, Crave Cupcakes (yum!), Berripop, The Tasting Room and Baker Furniture. www.uptownparkhouston.com

GALLERIA

Multitaskers and shopaholics rejoice in the glory of the Galleria and its 375-plus stores and grand ice rink, flanked by Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, Nordstrom and Macy's. Akin to the luxury designer names offered on Fifth Avenue or Rodeo Drive, the sprawling mall also boasts Tory Burch and Betsey Johnson boutiques, plus J. Crew, Charming Charlie and Aveda. www.galleriahouston.com

RIVER OAKS DISTRICT

Built in October of 2015, the 14-acre outdoor luxury boutique shopping center located inside the Houston Loop offers world-class high-fashion brands like Cartier, Dior, Hermès, and Tom Ford, street-side cafes, fine-dining, and entertainment venues. River Oaks District is a shopping and dining destination designed to be enjoyed by a leisurely stroll and offers includes valet, garage and street-side parking. The iPic Theater is the ultimate pairing of movies, with luxury seating, gourmet food, and delicious cocktails for the film loving connoisseur. Shopping and dining at River Oaks District is designed to be a respite amidst the Houston metro providing a satisfying rejuvenation unlike anywhere in the city.

www.riveroaksdistrict.com

HISTORIC HEIGHTS

Surround yourself with the charm of Victorian houses and quaint streets (19th Street, Yale and Studewood) while shopping the eclectic fashion, furniture, art and gifts in one of the most historic 'hoods in Houston. Score vintage fashion at Retropolis and Buffalo Exchange, designer menswear at Harold's, kitchen accoutrements at Penzey's Spices and furniture finds at Antiques on 19th and Historic Heights Antiques. www.houstonheights.org

HIGHLAND VILLAGE

Drive into the palm treelined shopping center and take advantage of complimentary valet service for a totally different experience that's a short drive from the Galleria. There's also James Avery, the Apple Store, Anthropologie, Lulu Lemon and J.Crew, as well as the popular Sprinkles Cupcakes. www.shophighlandvillage.com

RICE VILLAGE

In this quaint cluster of shops and restaurants, a few blocks from the Rice University campus, expect the latest from local fashionistas Elaine Turner, a chic accessories designer, and Project Runway winner Chloe Dao's renowned Lot 8 boutique. Other tenants include Half-Price Books, Naked Body + Bath, and staples like Victoria's Secret, Chico's and Banana Republic. www.ricevillageonline.com

DOWNTOWN

At the center of the shopping district is Macy's in the historical location of Houston's oldest department store. Blocks away, The Shops at Houston Center houses a variety of retailers — from Jos. A Banks Clothiers to Dress Barn — or at the nearby Houston Pavilions, find stores like Forever 21, BCBG and Books-A-Million. www.downtownhouston.org

UPPER KIRBY

This area, centered around the corner of Westheimer and Kirby, has easy access to high profile names in retail, trendy boutiques, and popular eateries. Step into famed Tootsies, a well-edited department store with special pieces from local and international designers. Upper Kirby sits amidst some of Houston's most affluent and established residential neighborhoods.

www.upperkirbydistrict.org



NIGHTLIFE

There's never a dull moment when it comes to Houston's nightlife scene. Whether you're looking for high-energy dance clubs or Texas honk tonks, action-packed sports pubs or low-key wine bars, there's something for every taste. From laid-back lounges and quaint hideaways to hipster hangouts and see-to-be-seen clubs, H-Town has it all. Read on for our go-to guide to Houston's hottest scenes.

DOWNTOWN

Houston's central business district is booming, and the after-work energy spills into adjacent Midtown. Downtown, scenesters swivel on cowhide stools at Hotel Icon's Line & Lariat. Raise money for charity every time you buy a drink at the OKRA Charity Saloon. Nearby, La Carafe offers romance in its historic locale, while energetic crowds swarm GreenStreet for nights at Pete's Dueling Piano Bar, House of Blues and Lucky Strike Lanes.

MIDTOWN

In Midtown, party people flock to packed night clubs like Clè and popular bars like 3rd Floor, Little Woodrows, The Dogwood and Shot Bar Houston. Midtowners also flock to Howl at the Moon for piano shows from all genres of music and 13 Celcius for wallet-friendly wines.

RICE VILLAGE AND WEST UNIVERSITY

Laid-back bars and quaint hideaways nestle among the city's tony residential areas. West Ave, at the intersection of Kirby and Westheimer, is building a reputation as a place to see and be seen with hot spots like Cru Wine Bar. Close by is the The Owl Bar, a popular place to go both during the day and night. Rice Village - the walkable retail strip named for the university - fills nightly with a fresh-faced crowd along Morningside Drive, where a series of pubs (Little Woodrow's, The Volcano, and The Ginger Man) offer nightly specials and a casual atmosphere.

MONTROSE

The scene along Westheimer Curve defines the edgy, gay-friendly Montrose neighborhood. Club kings and drag queens provide theater on the streets, while a smattering of hipsters flock to lounges, such as Anvil for signature sips made with fresh ingredients and

homemade liquors. Want to lay low? Head for Poison Girl, where cheap drinks, pinball machines and amateur poetry readings draw the laid-back crowd. Mainstays such as Montrose Mining Company and Meteor offer colorful scenes. At the latter, hot boys shake it in shower stalls set on the dance floor.

WASHINGTON AVENUE

A glittering, fresh-faced crowd swarms this eclectic mix of laid-back lounges, honky-tonk bars and see-and-be-seen clubs. With scarce parking, The Wave shuttle service transports a well-heeled crowd from pre-game cocktails at Soma Sushi to the velvet ropes marking slick, dance-driven nightclubs like Roosevelt. Classic spots like Canyon Creek and Max's Wine Dive remain popular, as do newcomers like the east end-set Liberty Station and organic-focused Sugarcane bar.

WHEN IN TEXAS...TOP MARGARITAS IN HOUSTON

1. **Anvil Bar & Refuge** | Known for its artfully-prepared libations made with fresh, locally-sourced ingredients.
2. **Anejo's** | This "Elevated Tex-Mex" restaurant's margaritas are hand-crafted with fresh-squeezed lime, local raw honey and 100% agave tequila.
3. **Berryhill Baja Grill** | The original silver frozen margarita has been named one of the best in the city by The Daily Meal.
4. **Churrascos** | Spice things up with a Habanero margarita, served straight up!
5. **El Big Bad** | This downtown Mexican eatery is known for its wide selection of tequilas. Sip the cucumber mint or blueberry halapeno cilantro with a great view of Houston.