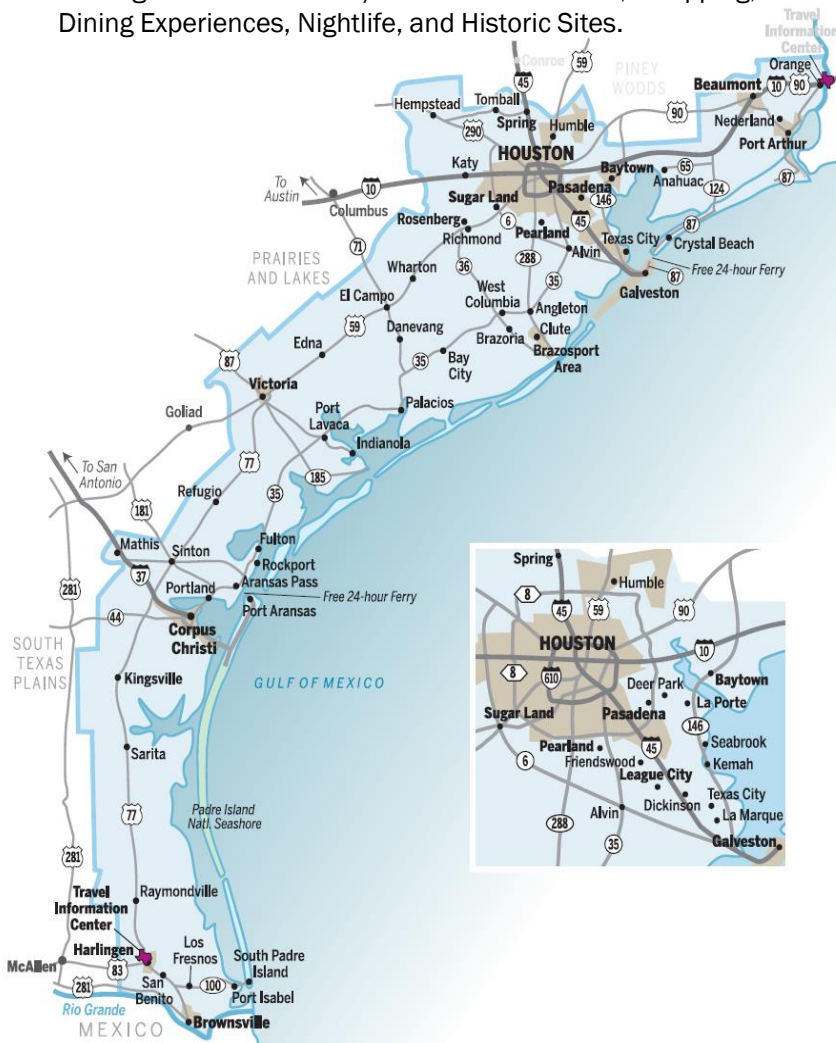


GULF COAST REGION

The Gulf Coast tourism region contains 20 counties and includes five prominent MSAs: Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land (which includes Galveston), Beaumont-Port Arthur, Corpus Christi, Victoria, and Brownsville. The Gulf Coast region's share of domestic travel to and within Texas ranked no. 2 out of the seven Texas tourism regions in 2017. This region saw an increase of total tourism spending in 2017 by +9.3%. Top tourism activities within the region include Beach/Waterfront Activities, Shopping, Dining Experiences, Nightlife, and Historic Sites.



BY THE NUMBERS



\$20.4 BILLION
Direct travel spending
in Texas in 2017



\$2.8 BILLION
Total hotel room
revenue in 2017



28.8 MILLION
Estimated room
nights sold in 2017



81.3% LEISURE
Purpose of stay from
domestic market

TRAVEL MEANS JOBS



168,900 JOBS
Directly supported by
tourism spending
within the region



3.7%
Tourism share of
employment in the
region

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