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"The Healing Power Of Groups  
In A Fragmented World"

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Westin Galleria and  
Westin Oaks Houston Hotels

EXPANDED CITY GUIDE

## **WELCOME TO THE DIVERSE CITY OF HOUSTON!!**

Houston Group Psychotherapy Society (HGPS) welcomes all AGPA members and guests to Houston: cosmopolitan, trendy, diverse, and America's fourth-largest city. Our intention is to provide a warm, welcoming, comfortable and multi-cultural setting for the 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Group Psychotherapy Association, themed "The Healing Power of Groups in a Fragmented World."

Houston has something to offer everyone: world-class dining, arts and shopping mixed with trendy, distinct neighborhoods and wonderful outdoor green spaces. Take a stroll through the historic Heights, spend the day exploring the Museum District, visit eclectic antique shops and boutiques in Montrose, enjoy shopping in the Galleria area, and spend the evenings experiencing culinary delights and an array of nightlife opportunities. Of special interest, The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the largest in the world, will be taking place during your stay.

The members of the HGPS Hospitality Committee, Tony Aucoin, Ann Marie Buckley, Brittany Burch, Tom Carter, Linda Chase, Helen Chong, Jamie Cool, Patti Mosteller Davis, Jean Dixon, Mara Gittess, Dale Hill, Richard Newman, Audrey Ryman and Carol Vaughan, have worked in an attempt to provide a user-friendly and informative Guide of Houston to our AGPA visitors. We have included our favorite venues throughout Houston and hope you find it useful. **For an expanded guide, visit us online at [HGPS.org/connect18](http://HGPS.org/connect18).**

In addition to the Hospitality Guide, we will be hosting AGPA members and guests at our HGPS Hospitality Booth. There you will find an array of information and guides pertaining to transportation, dining, museums, arts, Livestock Show and Rodeo, and much more. We are staffing our hospitality booth throughout the conference and look forward to meeting each of you.

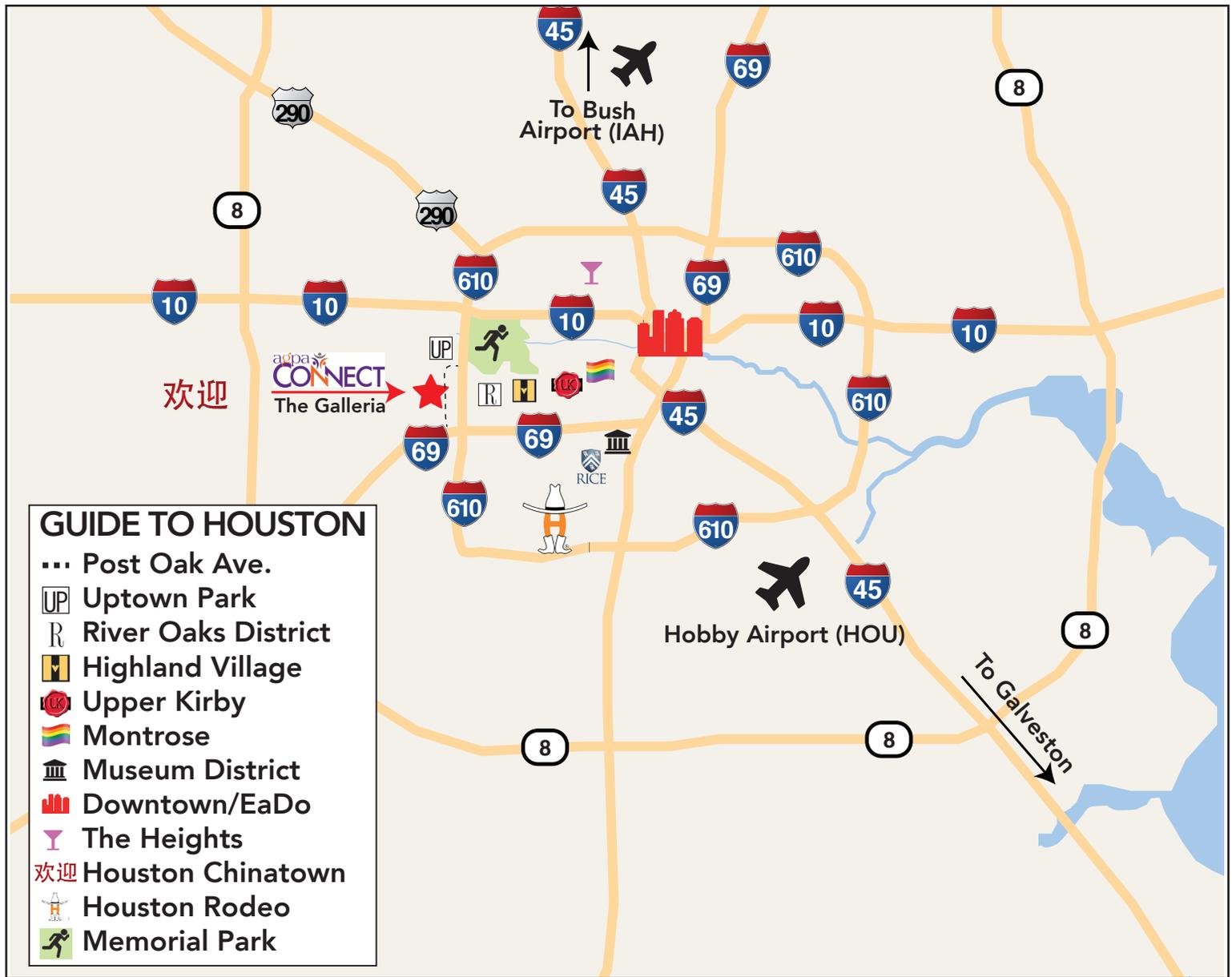
We hope you enjoy your time in Houston!

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**GUIDE TO HOUSTON**

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## Houston Restaurants: A Vibrant Culture of Global Culinary Arts.

We have selected restaurants for you to try; however, the listings are subjective and do not represent all the restaurants in the highlighted areas of our guide. Instead our focus is to offer a wide range of restaurants that mark the "Houston Restaurant Scene" as well as describe the culture of and entertainment in specific areas. Please note, it is speculated that more people eat out in Houston than in most major cities in the US. It is highly recommended to make advanced reservations. In addition, we also recommend that you confirm the location of any entertainment venues as some of them have been relocated. **For an expanded guide, visit us online at [HGPS.org/connect18](http://HGPS.org/connect18).**

## Getting Around Town

This year's conference is centrally located in the Galleria area and many of our recommendations are nearby. For getting around town, we suggest using Uber, Lyft or Yellow Cab. Houston also offers a Bike Share Program with 46 stations and 350+ bikes throughout Central Houston ([houston.bcycycle.com](http://houston.bcycycle.com)).



# The Galleria

Texas' largest shopping center and the seventh largest mall in the US, The Galleria features more than 400 stores and 50 dining options, an ice skating rink, three office towers, and the Westin Galleria and Westin Oaks hotels.

**Anchor stores:** Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom, Saks Fifth Ave. and Macy's

**Some Designer boutiques:** Chanel, Fendi, Gucci & Prada

**Notable shops:** Apple, Relax the Back, Tiffany's, Brookstone, DeBeers, and Faberge.

**Indoor ice-skating rink:** Public skating, skate rentals, classes, DJ skate nights. Lower level. 713-621-1500.

## Dining in the Galleria Proper

The restaurants listed below are all under the Galleria roof and can be reached by walking, without leaving the building. The Galleria covers several blocks so restaurant addresses vary.

### American 51fifteen

5175 Westheimer Rd, 713-963-8067

Second floor within Saks Fifth Ave.

Offering elevated American classic dishes and World Fusion cuisine amidst sleek décor worthy of its high fashion location. Brunch, lunch, dinner, happy hour. \$\$\$.

### Bazille

5192 Hidalgo, 832-201-2700,

Third floor within Nordstrom. Full-service restaurant with a casually sophisticated atmosphere features bistro cuisine and a full bar. Enjoy fresh salads, specialty entrées, signature cocktails, a wine list and house made desserts. Lunch and dinner. \$\$

### Daily Grill

5085 Westheimer Rd, 713-960-5997, Level 2. Near the Westin Galleria hotel.

Modern, casual chain offering steaks, seafood, salads, chicken pot pie, meatloaf and other American comfort food, plus a full bar. Breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner. \$-\$\$

### The Cheesecake Factory

5015 Westheimer Rd, 713-840-0600, Level 1

American chain restaurant offering a huge variety of selections made fresh from scratch daily including signature cheesecake. Lunch and dinner. \$\$.

### White Oak Kitchen + Drinks

5011 Westheimer Rd, 713-960-6588 Level 2. Within the Westin Oaks hotel.

New American Fare, casual ambiance, regional specialties, large selection including vegetarian, gluten free and low carb entrees. Early breakfast, lunch and dinner. \$-\$\$

### Asian

#### E\*Tao

5135 W. Alabama St, 713-965-0888, Level 2. Contemporary eatery offering a unique menu blending authentic flavors from regions of Thailand, Japan, Philippines, India and China. Dim sum, noodles, curries and more. Lunch and Dinner. \$\$

#### Kona Grill

5061 Westheimer Rd, 713-877-9191, Level 1. Global menu featuring fresh, wild caught fish, contemporary American favorites, sushi, specialty cocktails. Lunch, dinner, happy hour. \$\$

#### Mariposa at Neiman Marcus

2600 Post Oak Blvd., 713-621-7100, third floor in Neiman Marcus. Elegant restaurant serving creative sandwiches, seasonal fresh seafood, regionally inspired entrees, house-made desserts. Lunch. \$\$-\$\$\$

## **The Oceanaire Seafood Room**

5061 Westheimer Rd, 832-487-8862, Level 1. High end chain offering ultra-fresh seafood flown in daily, oyster bar. Also steaks and a deep wine list. Lunch and dinner. \$\$\$

## **South African**

### **Peli Peli**

5085 Westheimer Rd, 281-257-9500, Level 1. South African Fusion fine dining featuring South African delicacies including steak, seafood and chicken, all prepared in South African style. Rated Top 10 in Houston on Trip Advisor & Yelp, Best Restaurant Winner - 2017 (Houston Press), 2017 People's Choice Award Winner. Brunch, lunch and dinner. \$\$\$

## **Steaks**

### **Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House**

5061 Westheimer Rd, 713-355-2600, Level 1. Opulently outfitted chain restaurant specializing in prime steaks, fresh seafood and an extensive wine list. Business casual dress. Recommended by HGPS members. Lunch and dinner. \$\$\$\$

## **Food court**

Lower level adjacent to ice skating rink. Some good, some mediocre selections of foods available for walk up ordering \$-\$\$

## **Around the Galleria /Uptown Park Highland Village /Upper Kirby**

There are several high-end, bustling, shopping and dining destinations to visit within a short car ride or walk from The Galleria. Restaurant listings below will give approximate mileage from the Westin hotels in the Galleria. It is recommended to make advance reservations.

## **American**

### **Bosscat Kitchen and Libations**

4310 Westheimer, 281-501-1187. With 350 bottles of different whiskeys, the menu combines 'good ole' comfort food with contemporary flavors and cooking techniques. Seating outdoor/ indoor and caters to the younger set. Brunch, Lunch and dinner, \$\$, .5 miles.

### **Eloise Nichols Grill and Liquors**

2400 Midlane, # 100, 713-554-0136. The restaurant boasts Inventive cocktails paired with modern American comfort food; from a thoughtful menu to an open unrushed ambience, you can stay as long as you like. Brunch, Lunch, Dinner, late night, \$\$, .5 miles.

## **Houston's**

5888 Westheimer Rd., 713-975-1947. From cheeseburgers, steaks, fried shrimp and crab cakes, to reportedly the best ribs in town, Houston's boasts always the highest standards lunch and dinner. \$\$, 2.2 miles.

### **Kenny and Ziggy's**

2327 Post Oak Blvd., 713-871-8883. Combines a traditional New York Deli contemporary cuisine from their own bake goods to pickled cured meats. Lunch and dinner, \$\$\$, .2 miles.

### **Masraffs**

1750 Post Oak Blvd., 713-3551975. American cuisine with a touch of Southern Europe, fine dining in a contemporary plush ambience. Special occasion and business meals, lunch and dinner and bar menu, \$\$\$, .5 miles.

### **Moxie's Grill & Bar**

5000 Westheimer Rd. 346-511-6164. The new Moxie's offers globally inspired Canadian ethnic fusion food and drink, featuring Chipotle mango chicken and beef Vindaloo. Happy hour and late night, lunch and dinner. \$-\$\$, across from the Galleria.

## **Ouise's Table**

3939 San Felipe Rd., 713-528-2264. An Eclectic collection of Southern Comfort foods, evoking the ambiance of a Texas Manor house and traditional offerings of the Gulf Coast. Breakfast, Lunch and dinner. \$\$, 2 miles.

## **True Foods Kitchen**

1700 Post Oak Blvd., Blvd. Place 1, 281-605-2505. A place to enjoy delicious and rotating seasonal dishes that help you live well and healthy. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner. \$\$, .8 miles.

## **5000 Westheimer Shopping Center: across Westheimer from the Galleria**

**Cacao and Cardamom**, # 602, handmade chocolates.

**Creamistry**, #608, homemade ice cream.

**Nothing Bundt Cakes**, #108, Bundt cakes of all sizes.

**Organic Fast Food**, #602, lunch only, sandwiches and more.

## **Whole Foods Market**

1700 Post Oak Blvd. #100, Blvd. Place 1, 713-346-0537, open 7–10 daily. In addition to 500 local products this Whole Foods has an in house brewery, a wine bar, a taco and burger bar, Snap Kitchen, and grab and go lunches and dinners. .8 miles.

## **Asian**

### **Café Ginger**

2200 Post Oak Blvd., #140, 713-599-0022. The ambiance and décor will transfer you to the exotic Orient with authentic Chinese and Japanese dishes as well as a made to order Sushi bar. Lunch and dinner, \$\$, .4 miles.

### **Le Colonial**

4444 Westheimer in River Oaks District, 713-629-4444. A celebration of vivid flavors of 1920 French Colonial Southeast Asia; Vietnamese, French and contemporary Asia. Dining downstairs, lounge upstairs until 2:00 am. \$\$\$, .4 miles

### **Songkran Thai Kitchen**

1101 Uptown Park Suite 8, 713-993- 9096. Authentic Thai cuisine which values the robust and fresh flavors of Bangkok with a fresh blend of spices and sauces and signature dishes such as Heavenly Beef and Green Curry Chicken. Lunch and dinner, \$\$, 1.3 miles.

### **Sozo**

1700 Post Oak Blvd., Blvd. Place 1, 832-659-0613. Authentic Japanese, beautiful, elegant, and intimate, offering a variety of sushi and sashimi options, as well as curry and teriyaki entrees. Lunch and dinner daily, \$\$, .8 miles.

### **Yauatcha**

5045 Westheimer, 713-357-7588. A high end Chinese dim sum teahouse offering all day dining in the Galleria parking lot, north. Classic and contemporary dim sum, wok dishes and patisserie. \$\$\$, outside next to the Westin Oaks.

## **French**

### **Et Toille Cuisine and Bar**

1101 Uptown Park Suite 11, 832-668-5808. French/ European, Traditional and seasonal French food in an inviting and warm atmosphere. Feels like you're in Provence. Lunch and dinner, \$\$\$, 1.3 miles.

### **La Table, Chateau** *Elegant dining*

### **La Table, Marche** *Casual dining*

1800 Post Oak Blvd., 713-439-1000. French/ American which provides an ambiance of unpretentious luxury with a market driven menu that celebrates the freshest of seasons. Special occasions, brunch, lunch and dinner, \$\$\$, .5 miles.

## **Rise No 2, Salon de Soufflé & Wine Bistro**

1700 Post Oak Blvd., 713-850 -7473. French soufflés, savory and sweet. Owner Hedda Dowd remembers the soufflés her French mother and grandmother would make. “Why can’t we have soufflés in Texas”? Now she does. Lunch and dinner, \$\$, .8 miles.

## **Toulouse**

4444 Westheimer in River Oaks District, 713-871-0768. In the tradition of fine bistros, Toulouse has imaginative and seasonal menus, provides cozy tables open to the street, French specialties and delicious desserts. Brunch, lunch and dinner, \$\$\$, 5 miles.

## **Italian**

### **Ciao Bello**

5160 San Felipe at Sage Rd., 713-960-0333. Authentic Italian dining in a casual cozy atmosphere reminiscent of the Neapolitan countryside. Great bar. Tuscan staples like Italian Wedding soup and Osso Busco ravioli. Brunch, lunch and dinner, \$\$\$, 1 mile.

### **Grace’s**

3311 Kirby Dr., 713-728-6410. Known by her Italian family as the best cook they have ever known, this restaurant is a tribute to Grace Mandola. A grandmother of Houston Italian restaurateurs, Grace’s celebrates her Sunday menus as Italian Southern Comfort Food. Brunch, lunch and dinner. \$\$\$, 3.4miles.

## **North Italia**

1700 Post Oak Blvd., Blvd. Place, #109. 713-605-4030. Italian from scratch, handmade pastas and pizzas, seasonal ingredients from garden, farm and sea. Wine Bar. Trendy. Lunch and dinner, \$\$\$, .8 miles.

### **Piatto Ristorante**

4925 West Alabama, 713-871-9722. Owner, John Carrabba, created some of the menu from recipes passed through four Italian generations. Home style Italian with a private dining room and happy hour from 3:00 – 6:00. Lunch and dinner weekdays, dinner only on weekends. \$\$, 2 blocks.

### **Tony’s**

3755 Richmond, 713-622-6776. Naples influenced, Milan inspired, Houston cherished. Houston’s premier destination for innovative fine dining. Where beautiful products meet finely tuned details, from the house made ricotta with mint and citrus to the light soufflés for dessert. Lunch and Dinner weekdays, Dinner Saturday, \$\$\$\$, 1.8 miles.

**Carrabba’s**, 3115 Kirby Dr, 713-522-3131

The original. It’s still family owned and operated and not part of the national chain. Old-world service and great homemade Italian cooking. A Houston landmark, recommended by HGPS members. \$\$

## **Seafood**

### **Liberty Kitchen and Oysterette**

4224 San Felipe, 713-622-1010. Prides itself on its oyster, fresh seafood and whole fish display, showcasing the vastness of its seafood offering. Fresh shucked oysters, grilled and fried oysters and seafood towers. Brunch, lunch and dinner, \$\$\$, 1 mile.

### **McCormick and Schmick’s**

1151-01 Uptown Park Blvd., 713-840-7900. Brings the Pacific Northwest to Houston, from the Pacific Rim and Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico. Separate bar and bar menu, private and semi-private accommodations in the main dining area. Lunch and dinner, \$\$, Uptown Park, 1.3 miles

### **Truluck’s Seafood, Steak and Crab House**

5350 Westheimer, 713-783-7270. Savor fresh crab, flown in daily from the Florida Keys, shellfish and fresh catch seafood or juicy prime steaks. Lunch and dinner daily except Sundays, dinner only, happy hour 4:00 – 6:00. \$\$\$, .5 miles.

## **Southwestern and Mexican**

### **Café Annie**

1800 Post Oak Blvd., 713-840-1111. James Beard Award winning chef states that “a meal is a measure of its locality, the locality is Texas, specifically Houston.” Where Texas barbeque and Mexican combine to the distinct flavors of Café Annie. Lunch and dinner weekdays, Saturday dinner. \$\$\$, .5 miles.

### **Caracol Mexican Coastal Kitchen**

2200 Post Oak Blvd. #160, 713-622-9996. The menu is a culinary seafood tour along the Mexican coast starting with light items of seafood, moles and traditional dishes, to roasted short ribs, whole fish and roasted gulf oysters. Lunch and Dinner, \$\$\$, .4 miles

### **Escalante's, Tex – Mex and Tequila**

4053 Westheimer, 713-623-4200. Traditional Tex – Mex and hand crafted margaritas. From Chili con queso, Mexico City tacos and ceviche, to fajitas, carne asada, tacos al carbon and enchiladas, this restaurant touts the best Tex- Mex in Houston. Lunch and Dinner, closed Sundays. \$\$, Highland Village, 1.2 miles

## **Steaks**

### **Capital Grill**

5356 Westheimer, 713-623-4600. This special occasion high end eatery touts dry aged hand cut steaks cut on the premises, the freshest seafood, creative sides and an acclaimed wine list. Romantic atmosphere and good service. Dinner only, \$\$\$\$\$, .5 miles.

### **Morton's**

5000 Westheimer #190, 713-629-1946. Prime dry aged and custom cut steaks make this lovely special occasion spot claim “the best steak anywhere.” Lighter fare includes shrimp, oysters and Alaskan king crab all served with friendly, attentive wait staff. Weekdays, Lunch and Dinner, Dinner only weekends, \$\$\$\$\$, across the St. from the Galleria, upstairs.

### **Pappas Bros. Steak House**

5839 Westheimer, 713-780-7352. The classic steak house where in house aging is king producing perfect steaks. The leather booths are cushy and the service attentive and wine list legendary. Special occasions and power meals. Dinner only, \$\$\$\$\$, 1.2miles.

### **Steak 48**

4444 Westheimer, 713-322-7448. Features the best of prime steaks, seafood and shellfish. Interesting and unique appetizers, locally grown entrée and sides; gluten free and vegetarian options. Trendy, special occasions. Dinner only. \$\$\$\$\$, .5 miles

## Montrose/Museum District

(Approximately 6 miles from The Westin Galleria)

Dare to be different? The Montrose District, developed in 1911, is a pocket of eccentricity and diversity in the heart of Houston. From neon-lit tattoo parlors and 24-hour drive-thrus to tree-covered bungalows and quaint coffee shops. Spend an afternoon perusing Montrose's vast array of art galleries, eclectic boutiques, antique shops, unique eateries and "anything goes" atmosphere.

**Houston's Museum District** is an epicenter of art and culture with 19 cultural institutions, including Museum of Fine Arts Houston (nation's sixth largest art museum), Holocaust Museum (nation's fourth largest Holocaust Museum) and Museum of Natural Science (founded in 1909), nestled in picturesque Hermann Park. "The Houston Museum District Association is dedicated to collaborative efforts that maximize use of the artistic, scientific and educational resources of Houston Museum District institutions by all citizens of and visitors to Houston." For a more detailed listing of each location, please refer to <http://houmuse.org/>

### Art League Houston

1953 Montrose Blvd. (77006), 713-523-9530

<http://www.artleaguehouston.org>

### Asia Society Texas Center

1370 Southmore Blvd. (77004), 713-496-9901

<http://asiasociety.org/texas>

### Aurora Picture Show

2442 Bartlett St. (77098), 713-868-2101

<http://aurorapictureshow.org/>

### Buffalo Soldiers National Museum

3816 Caroline St. (77004), 713-942-8920

<http://www.buffalosoldiermuseum.com/>

### Children's Museum of Houston

1500 Binz St. (77004), 713-522-1138

<http://www.cmhouston.org/>

### Contemporary Arts Museum Houston

5216 Montrose Blvd. (77006), 713-284-8250

<http://camh.org/>

### Czech Center Museum Houston

4920 San Jacinto (77004), 713-528-2060

<http://www.czechcenter.org/>

### DiverseWorks

3400 Main St., Suite 292 (77002), 713-223-8346

<http://www.diverseworks.org/>

### Holocaust Museum Houston

9220 Kirby Dr., Suite 100 (77054), 713-942-8000

<http://hmh.org/>

### Houston Center for Contemporary Craft

4848 Main St. (77002), 713-529-4848

<https://www.crafthouston.org/>

### Houston Center for Photography

1441 West Alabama St. (77006), 713-529-4755

<http://www.hcponline.org/>

### Houston Museum of African American Culture

4807 Caroline St. (77004), 713-526-1015

<http://hmaac.org/>

### Houston Museum of Natural Science

5555 Hermann Park Dr. (77030), 713-639-4629

<http://www.hmns.org/>

### Lawndale Art Center

4912 Main St. (77002), 713-528-5858

<http://www.lawndaleartcenter.org/>

### Moody Center for the Arts

Rice University

6100 Main St., MS-480 (77005), 713-348-ARTS

<https://moody.rice.edu/>

### Rothko Chapel

3900 Yupon St. (77006), 713-524-9839

<http://rothkochapel.org/>

### The Health Museum

1515 Hermann Dr. (77004), 713-521-1515

<http://www.thehealthmuseum.org/>

### The Jung Center

5200 Montrose Blvd. (77006), 713-524-8253

<http://junghouston.org/>

### The Menil Collection

1533 Sul Ross St. (77006), 713-525-9400

<https://www.menil.org/>

### The Museum of Fine Arts Houston

1001 Bissonnet St. (77005), 713-639-7300

<https://www.mfah.org/>

## **Food:**

### **Cafes/Coffee Shops:**

#### **Brasil Cafe**

2604 Dunlavy St. (77006), 713-528-1993

Artsy Montrose coffeehouse with leafy green outside patio. \$\$  
cafe-brasil.net

#### **Empire Cafe'**

1732 Westheimer Road (77098), 713-528-5282

Comfortable European atmosphere with two outside patios in the midst of antique shops and eclectic boutiques. \$\$  
empirecafe.com

#### **Common Bond Cafe & Bakery**

1706 Westheimer Road (77098), 713-529-3535

Diverse selection of savory dishes, exceptional pastries and Viennoiseries and specialty coffees.\$  
commonbondcafe.com

#### **Inversion Coffee House**

1953 Montrose, Suite A (77006), 713-523-4866

Artistically Inspired. Brewed to Perfection. Great Location. \$  
inversioncoffeehouse.com

### **Bars/Bar and Grill:**

#### **Boheme**

307 Fairview St. (77006), 713-529-1099

Refurbished historical building surrounded by 6,000 sq. ft. garden. Bohemian, Old World Vibe. \$\$  
barboheme.com

#### **Max's Wine Dive**

214 Fairview St. (77006), 713-528-9200

Comfort Food and Boutique Wines. \$\$\$  
maxswinedive.com

#### **Revelry on Richmond**

1613 Richmond Ave. (77006), 832-538-0724

40 rotating craft beers on tap. \$\$  
revelryonrichmond.com

### **English Pubs**

#### **The Black Labrador**

4100 Montrose Blvd., Suite 8 (77006)713-529-1199

Authentic English Pub atmosphere serving traditional English fare and American dishes. \$\$  
blacklabradorpub.com

#### **Queen Vic**

2712 Richmond (77098), 713-533-0022

European comfort foods focusing on British and Indian inspired dishes. \$\$  
thequeenvicpub.com

### **Indian:**

#### **Indika**

516 Westheimer Road (77006), 713-524-2170

Innovative Indian food. \$\$\$  
indikausa.com

expanded edition

## **Healthy/Farm-to-Table:**

### **Canopy**

3939 Montrose Blvd. (77006), 713-528-6848

Fresh and healthy fare in a trendy, casual setting including an outdoor patio. \$\$  
canopyhouston.com

### **Roost**

1972 Fairview St. (77019), 713-523-7667

The 50-seat cafe' in Montrose is a farm-to-table concept. \$\$  
lloveroost.com

## **Neapolitan Pizzerias:**

### **Dolce Vita**

500 Westheimer Road (77006), 713-520-8222

Chef Marco Wiles' authentic Neapolitan pizzeria creates a cozy, casual atmosphere with an outdoor patio. \$\$  
dolcevitalhouston.com

## **Italian:**

### **Divino**

1830 W. Alabama St. (77098), 713-807-1123

Dimly lit, recently renovated, authentic Italian restaurant with homemade pastas. \$\$  
divinohouston.com

### **Da Marco \$\$\$\$**

1520 Westheimer Road (77006), 713-807-8857

Charming, cozy and superb sums up Marco Wiles' authentic fine-dining Italian restaurant. \$\$\$\$  
damarcohouston.com

### **Sorrento Ristorante Italiano**

415 Westheimer Rd, Suite 106 (77006), 713-527-0609

One of Houston's finest Italian restaurants with a romantic atmosphere. \$\$\$\$  
sorrentohouston.com

## **Italian Steakhouse:**

### **Bistecca**

224 Westheimer (77006), 832-804-8064

Hip, fun steakhouse that collides with contemporary Italian ristorante in a futuristic setting. \$\$\$  
bisteccahouston.com

## **Mexican:**

### **Cuchara Restaurant**

214 Fairview St. (77006), 713-942-0000

Authentic Mexican City Bistro. \$  
cuchararestaurant.com

### **El Real Tex-Mex**

1201 Westheimer Road (77006), 713-524-1201

Classic Tex-Mex in Montrose's restored Tower Theatre. \$\$  
elrealtexmex.com

### **Hugo's**

1600 Westheimer Road (77006), 713-524-7744

Executive Chef Hugo Ortega brings authentic Mexican cooking to Houston in a Latin-inspired setting. \$\$\$  
hugosrestaurant.net

## **Spanish:**

## **BCN Taste & Tradition**

4210 Roseland St. (77006), 832-834-3411

True Spanish food prepared by a Barcelona star chef. \$\$\$

bcnhouston.com

## **American (new):**

### **Bistro Menil**

1513 W. Alabama St. (77006), 713-904-3537

Bistro Menil, located on the lovely Menil Collection Museum campus, offers European-inspired, American fare. \$\$\$

bistromenil.com

### **Pax Americana**

4319 Montrose Blvd. (77006), 713-239-0228

Chef Adam Dorris offers an affordable small-plates menu of modernized American food. \$\$

paxamericanahtx.com

### **Underbelly**

1100 Westheimer Road (77006), 713-528-9800

Underbelly is the perfect title for "The Story of Houston Food," as told by Chef Chris Shepherd. \$\$

underbellyhouston.com

## **Seafood:**

### **Danton's Gulf Coast Seafood Kitchen**

4611 Montrose Blvd.(77006), 713-807-8883

A locally owned, casual yet fine dining Seafood and Steakhouse. \$\$\$

dantonsseafood.com

## **Sushi Bars/Japanese**

### **Uchi**

904 Westheimer Road (77006), 713-522-4808

Contemporary Japanese dining. \$\$\$

uchihouston.com

## **Chinese:**

### **Pepper Twins**

315 Fairview St. (77006), 832-649-7175

A cozy, Chinese restaurant offering mainstream Chinese food and Asian teas. \$

thecookinggirls.com

## **Vietnamese:**

### **Les Ba'get Vietnamese Cafe**

1717 Montrose Blvd. (77006), 832-548-1080

This modern, pint-size haunt serves traditional Vietnamese home cooking. \$

lesbaget.com

## **LGBTQ Houston**

With the largest LGBTQ community in the state of Texas, and one of the largest in the South, Houston has a rich gay history and an abundance of social and philanthropic organizations. More info can be found at [mygayhouston.com](http://mygayhouston.com) and [houston.culturemap.com](http://houston.culturemap.com)

### **RESTAURANTS**

#### **Baba Yega**

2607 Grant St.  
713-522-0042  
[babayega.com](http://babayega.com)

#### **Barnaby's**

604 Fairview (the original!)  
713-522-0106  
[barnabyscafe.com](http://barnabyscafe.com)

#### **Beaver's**

6025 Westheimer Rd  
713-714 - 4111  
[beavershouston.com](http://beavershouston.com)

### **BARS**

#### **F Bar**

202 Tuam St. (77006), 713-522-3227  
[fbarhouston.com](http://fbarhouston.com)

#### **Guava Lamp**

570 Waugh Dr. (77019), 713-524-3359  
[guavalamphouston.com](http://guavalamphouston.com)

#### **JR's**

808 Pacific St. (77006), 713-521-2519  
[jrsbarandgrill.com](http://jrsbarandgrill.com)

#### **Meteor**

2306 Genesee St. (77006), 713-521-0123

#### **Pearl Lounge**

4216 Washington Ave. (77007), 832-740-4933  
[pearlhouston.com](http://pearlhouston.com)

## **Downtown/EaDo** 🏢

Downtown Houston is known for its unique, award winning architecture, its dining, entertainment, and its theatre district, which is home to more theater seats than any city in North America outside New York City.

East Downtown Management District, known as EaDo, was once home to Houston's Chinatown. It is now referred to as "the art-soul of the city." EaDo provides a diverse mix of restaurants, theatres, nightclubs and art galleries. *Please confirm the location of any venues as some of them have been relocated due to Hurricane Harvey.*

### **Culture/Entertainment**

#### **GreenSt. Downtown**

832-320-1200

Four city blocks in the heart of downtown that have been transformed into a entertainment, dining, and music hub

[greenst.downtown.com](http://greenst.downtown.com)

GreenSt. highlights:

#### **The House of Blues**

1204 Caroline St. (77002), 832-667-7732

Houston's outpost of the Concert Venue and Restaurant.

[www.houseofblues.com/houston](http://www.houseofblues.com/houston)

#### **Lucky Strike Bowling Lanes and Lounge**

1201 San Jacinto (77002), 713-343-3300

Entertainment bar and restaurant that provides bowling lanes in an atmosphere of art and music

[www.bowlluckystrike.com](http://www.bowlluckystrike.com)

#### **Pete's Dueling Piano Bar**

1201 Fannin St. Suite 310 (77002), 713-337-7383

Interactive, live, piano performances

[www.petesduelingpianobar.com](http://www.petesduelingpianobar.com)

#### **Esperson Gallery**

1201 Fannin St., Suite 131 (77002), 713-412-1771

Works on canvas, cinema arts, photography, sculpture, and performance art

[www.espersongallery.com](http://www.espersongallery.com)

#### **Bayou Place**

713-227-0957

Another entertainment and dining hub (check the website for a full listing of information)

[www.bayouplace.com](http://www.bayouplace.com)

Bayou Place highlights:

#### **Revention Music Center**

520 Texas Ave. (77002), 713-230-1600

Concerts, theater, comedy and more

[www.reventionmusiccenter.com](http://www.reventionmusiccenter.com)

#### **The Wine Cellar**

540 Texas Ave., (77002), 713-225-2400

Casual food and wine bar with a large outdoor patio

[www.winecellarhouston.com](http://www.winecellarhouston.com)

### **Wortham Center**

501 Texas (77002), 713-237-1439

Home to Houston Ballet and Houston Grand Opera

[www.worthamcenter.org](http://www.worthamcenter.org)

### **Alley Theatre**

615 Texas (77002), 713-220-5700

One of the country's leading not-for-profit theaters. Tony Award recipient for Outstanding Regional Theatre

[www.alleytheatre.org](http://www.alleytheatre.org)

### **The Hobby Center**

800 Bagby (77002), 713-315-2400

Home to national touring Broadway Musicals

[www.thehobbycenter.org](http://www.thehobbycenter.org)

### **Jones Hall**

615 Louisiana (77002), 713-227-3974

Home of the Houston Symphony and the Society for Performing Arts

[www.joneshall.org](http://www.joneshall.org)

### **Talento Bilingüe de Houston**

333 South Jensen, (77003)

Not-for-profit Latino Cultural Arts Center which has maintained a strong presence for 40+ years

[www.tbhcenter.org](http://www.tbhcenter.org)

### **EaDo Playhouse**

2619 McKinney St. (77003), 832-210-5200

Offers new and original works and unique exploration of existing ones in an intimate setting [www.eadoplayhouse.com](http://www.eadoplayhouse.com)

[www.eadoplayhouse.com](http://www.eadoplayhouse.com)

### **Blue Box Theatre**

2020 Leeland St. (77003), 713-515-5050

Offers a Vegas-style dinner and show with weekly theme nights

[www.blueboxtheater.com](http://www.blueboxtheater.com)

### **Frenetic Theater**

5102 Navigation Blvd.(77011), 832-426-4624

Cutting edge and multimedia original art, theater, music, dance and film productions [www.freneticcore.net](http://www.freneticcore.net)

### **Texas Art Asylum**

1719 Live Oak #L (77003), 713-224-5220

"Cool stuff for reuse" for all you artists and crafters – inventory is stocked with "treasures" spared from trash to inspire creative reuse

[www.texasartasylum.com](http://www.texasartasylum.com)

### **Abstracts and More Art Gallery**

Provides exposure to emerging artists

2919 Leeland St., (77003)

### **Aerosol Warfare Gallery and Boutique**

2110 Jefferson (77003), 713-503-5714

Can be viewed by appt. – the 1st and only St./urban gallery and St. fashion boutique – offers a full installation space rather than just hanging canvas on walls

[www.aerosolwarfare.com](http://www.aerosolwarfare.com)

### **Super Happy Funland**

3801 Polk St.(77003), 713-880-2100

Venue for experimental music, underground jazz, outsider art, etc.

[www.superhappyfunland.com](http://www.superhappyfunland.com)

## **Warehouse Live**

813 Saint Emanuel St. (77003)

1920's era warehouse repurposed as a concert and event venue

[www.warehouselive.com](http://www.warehouselive.com)

## **8th Wonder Brewery**

Craft beers – offers tours

2202 Dallas St. (77003), 713-229-0868

[8thwonderbrew.com](http://8thwonderbrew.com)

## **Food/Restaurants**

### **Andes Cafe**

2311 Canal St., Suite 104, (77009), 832-659-0063

Stylish spot for South American fare \$\$

### **Azuma Downtown**

909 Texas St, (77002), 713-223-0909

Trendy eatery with a vast menu of traditional & inventive sushi along with teriyaki & udon noodles. \$\$

### **Bohemeo's**

708 Telephone Rd., (77023), 713-923-4277

Coffee house with art and live music, serving light bites and dessert. \$

### **Brother's Taco House**

1604 Dowling St. (77003), 713-223-0091

Known for their breakfast tacos, as well as their quesadillas, fajitas and tortas. \$ Line moves quickly!

### **Cafe TH**

2108 Pease St., Houston, TX 713-225-4766

A Vietnamese and French Bistro cafe offering pho, with many vegan and vegetarian options. BYOB \$

### **The Cajun Stop**

2130 Jefferson St. (77003), 713-222-8333

A New Orleans native serves authentic po boys and other Louisiana favorites. \$\$

### **Champ Burger American \$**

304 Sampson St. (77003), 713-227-2094

### **District 7 Grill**

1508 Hutchins St. (77003), 713-225-4950

Casual setting with great view of downtown and outside seating, serving traditional American food. \$\$

### **Hearsay Gastro Lounge**

218 Travis St, (77002), 713-225-8079

Upscale-casual pub & New American eatery serving innovative drinks in an 1880s brick building. \$\$

### **Huynh**

912 St Emanuel St. (77003), 713-224-8964

Family-owned, home-style Vietnamese, a Houston favorite. \$\$

### **Kim Son**

2001 Jefferson St. (77003), 713-222-2461

Neo-Chinese-style restaurant and banquet hall. Economically priced lunch menu with healthy choices, wok specialties and Mama La's rice platters. \$\$

### **Local Foods Downtown**

420 Main St. (77002), 713-227-0531

Counter-service deli using local & housemade ingredients in its soups, salads & giant sandwiches. \$\$

### **Phoenicia Specialty Foods Downtown**

1001 Austin St. (77010), 832-360-2222

28,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art food market featuring more than 10,000 products imported from more than 50 countries. One-stop gourmet shop offers vast wine selection, bakery, prepared foods and MKT Bar.

### **MKT Bar**

Casual, urban-chic spot in a market serving wine & beer paired with cafe fare & live music acts. \$\$

### **Moon Tower Inn American, Burgers**

3004 Canal St.(77003), 832-969-1934

Updated ice house with 60 different craft beers on tap. Classic and newfangled hot dogs on homemade pretzel rolls. \$\$

### **Morton's The Steakhouse**

1001 McKinney St. Ste A4 (77002), 713-659-3700

Upscale chain for aged prime beef, seafood & other traditional steakhouse fare in a clubby space. \$\$\$

### **Not Jus' Donuts**

2020 Emancipation Ave., (77003) 713-951-9211

Variety of homemade goodies, family-owned and operated. Cakes, cookies, donuts, pies and more. Closed on Sunday & Monday. \$\$

### **The Original Ninfas on Navigation**

2704 Navigation Blvd. (77003), 713-228-1175

Tex-Mex taqueria, high-energy scene known for great fajitas. Ninfa's bar is known for its eclectic mix of traditional favorites and modern creations. \$\$

### **Papa Charlie's Barbeque**

2012 Rusk St. (77003), 832-940-1719

Specializes in Central Texas-style barbecue, homemade sausage and side favorites. Extensive seating, big-screen TVs and locally brewed beers. \$\$

### **Sparkle's Hamburger Spot**

1515 Dowling St. (77003), 713-225-8044

Local favorite for Texas-size fare, including burgers, pork chops, fried chicken. Known for some of the best burgers in town. Limited seating, outside only. Can call and order ahead. \$

### **Quattro inside the Four Seasons Hotel**

1300 Lamar St. (77010), 713-650-1300

Fashionable, contemporary Italian fare in Euro-sleek style. Named as one of the top hotel restaurants by Zagat and USA Today in 2010. Award winning wine list. \$\$\$

### **Spindletop**

1200 Louisiana St.(77002), 713-375-4775

Revolving restaurant allows for 360-degree views of the city. Serving seasonal menu of upscale Southwestern-inspired seafood atop the Hyatt Hotel. \$\$\$

### **Your Pie**

1625 Main St. (77002), 832-767-2544

Diners choose their dough, sauce, cheese & toppings at this pizzeria chain with gelato & microbrews. \$

## The Heights

The Heights, approximately 15 minutes/8 miles from the hotel, was described by a National Geographic Traveler as an area that “maintains a quirky sense of individuality” and “flourishes as a destination for foodies, architecture buffs and creative types.” The Heights was one of the earliest planned communities in Texas.

A stroll along **19th St.** offers an array of boutique shops, coffee houses, and restaurants, as well as the newly restored **Heights Theater (theheightstheater.com)**, where local and national performers entertain the community. Also in the Heights is the **White Oak Music Hall (whiteoakmusichall.com)** which features regional and national touring acts.

**Doug’s Barbershop** on 11th St. was featured in the 1998 film *Rushmore*, directed by Wes Anderson.

While you’re in the area, why not swing by and snap a selfie at the **We Love Houston sign** at 1816 Thompson St?

## FOOD

### Field & Tides

705 E 11th St. (77008), 713-861-6143

“Field” is represented by locally sourced vegetables, pork, poultry, beef and game, while “Tides” is seafood that is locally sourced as well, with an emphasis on the Gulf. The upscale casual restaurant is open for lunch and dinner daily with brunch served on Saturday and Sunday.

fieldsandtides.com

### Ritual

602 Studewood St. (77008), 832-203-5180

From the Texas Gulf Coast and the South Texas Valley to the vast open spaces of the Hill Country, our inspiration comes from the local Ranchers and Farmers who raise grand livestock along with exceptional agriculture, helping our local communities and economy thrive. Our menu has been carefully crafted to be an expression of Texas, influenced by the diverse cultures and culinary styles that are held in such high esteem in our proud state of Texas.

ritualhouston.com

### Alice Blue

250 W 19th St. (77008), 713-864-2050

Alice Blue is a neighborhood restaurant and bar in the Houston Heights serving modern bistro cuisine based on classic European cooking techniques. Featuring a wine list that lies mostly in the old world with a focus on natural wines and a classic cocktail list, the bar/lounge area is a great place to meet friends or just stop in for a drink and a bite.

alicebluehouston.com

### Urban Eats

3414 Washington Ave. (77007), 832-834-4417

Urban Eats is inspired by family culinary treasures, crafted in house, procured locally, and delivered in three innovative dining experiences; our full service Bistro + Bar, fast-casual eatery, and gourmand market.

feasturbaneats.com

### Southern Goods

632 W 19th St (77008), 346-980-8152

Southern Goods is a restaurant, bar, and host to live music located on 19th St. in the Houston Heights. Our menu is an interpretation of traditional meets modern Southern cuisine. Chefs have cultivated dishes that are familiar, yet new. As new Ave.s for Southern inspired plates present themselves, the menu changes. The portions are meant to be shared with the table, in true Southern fashion, or enjoyed alone as a personal dish. You’ll want to try everything on the table. Be sure to order one of the signature cocktails or a craft beer from one of 24 taps.

southerngoodshouston.com

## **Coltivare**

3320 White Oak Dr. (77007), 713-637-4095

Briefly described as “a Heights Neighborhood Italian/American joint” definitely worth a try! Great outdoor garden/eating area on a nice Houston evening.

coltivarehouston.com

## **KA Sushi**

1901 N Shepherd Dr. (77008), 832-879-2118

KA Sushi refuses to define itself as either a drinking-focused izakaya or a fine Japanese restaurant. It straddles the line and insists on covering it all, with not only an extensive food menu but also a list of cocktails, Japanese whiskey, Scotch, cognac and other spirits that rivals those at Houston’s better bars.

kasushi.com

## **Houston Chinatown** 欢迎

Houston, the fourth largest city in the United States, has the biggest Asian population in the South. There are many attractions in Houston Chinatown. Below is a list of Houston Chinatown attractions/restaurants and Asian attractions throughout Houston.

## **CULTURE/ENTERTAINMENT**

### **Hong Kong City Mall (Hong Kong Supermarket)**

11021 Bellaire Blvd. (77072)

The biggest Asian indoor mall in the southeastern United States. Over two dozen restaurants and cafes and several dozen more offices and shops makes this place feel like a small city. The beautiful Asian architecture, colorful gardens, fountains filled with lily pads, and a enormous parking lot makes it a centerpiece for the Houston Asian community. Open 7 days a week.

### **Jade Buddha Temple**

6969 Westbranch Dr. (77072), 281-498-1616.

Built in 1989, Jade Buddha Temple covers two-and-a-half acres in southwest Houston and consists of the Grand Hall, Kwan-Yin Hall, the Youth Activity Center, a library, a dining hall, several living quarters, and a lotus pond with a statue of Kwan-Yin as its centerpiece. In addition to serving the religious and spiritual needs of its members, the Temple functions as a Buddhist study and research center for many different educational institutions, including Rice University, University of Houston, the University of Texas, and St. John’s School.

## **RESTAURANTS**

### **Dim Sum at Ocean Palace**

11215 Bellaire Blvd. (77072)

This two-story palace with a sweeping entrance overlooking the Hong Kong City Mall’s lily pad pond with fountains is a big food attraction in Chinatown. Inside you can expect tidy banquet-style decor, magnificent chandeliers, and Asian-themed decorations. Dim sum is served daily, but Sunday’s is the busiest day of the week.

### **MAMAK- Malaysian cuisine**

9889 Bellaire Blvd. Ste D238, (77036)

Roti appetizers, seafood & rice dishes are some of the offerings at this mod Malaysian eatery.

4.2 Stars (Google Review) \$\$

### **Kim Son Buffet**

10603 Bellaire Blvd. (77072)

Family-friendly chainlet serving a seemingly endless array of traditional Vietnamese & Chinese fare. 3.6 Stars (Google Review) \$\$

### **FuFu Cafe**

9889 Bellaire Blvd. #105 (77036)

This compact, bare-bones Chinese eatery is known for its soup dumplings. 3.8 Stars (Google Review) \$\$

### **Tan Tan--Vietnamese/Chinese food**

6816 Ranchester Dr, (77036)

Variety of Chinese-Vietnamese dishes & hot pot items served late-night in a bustling atmosphere. 4.0 Stars (Google Review) \$\$

### **Banana Leaf-Malaysian place**

9889 Bellaire Blvd. #311 (77036)

Small eatery serving a large menu of traditional Malaysian cuisine in a warm, high-ceilinged space. 4.1 Stars (Google Review) \$\$

### **Jasmine Asian Cuisine**

9938 Bellaire Blvd. (77036)

Comfortable, contemporary Vietnamese restaurant dishing a broad menu of favorites & lunch specials. 3.9 Stars (Google Review) \$\$

### **East Wall Chinese Rest**

9889 Bellaire Blvd. #301, (77036)

Quaint Cantonese eatery boasting classic decor & cuisine, including Peking duck & walnut shrimp. 4.3 Stars (Google Review) \$\$

### **Chez Beniget**

10623 Bellaire Blvd. # C100, (77072)

Chicory coffee, espresso drinks & homemade beignets whipped up in quaint quarters. 3.7 Stars (Google Review) \$

### **One Dragon Rest.**

9310 Bellaire Blvd. (77036)

Compact, straightforward eatery featuring traditional Shanghai-style Chinese cuisine. 4.1 Stars (Google Review) \$

### **Fungs Kitchen**

7320 Southwest Fwy #115 (77074)

Weekend dim sum & fresh-from-the-tank seafood accompany a vast menu of familiar Chinese dishes. 4.1 Stars (Google Review) \$\$

# ALL THINGS TEXAS!

## RODEO

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ promotes agriculture by providing a family-friendly live entertainment experience that educates the public, supports Texas youth, and showcases Western heritage. Since its beginning in 1932, the Rodeo has committed more than \$430 million to the youth of Texas.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is the largest livestock exhibitions and rodeo in the world. It also includes one of the richest regular-season rodeo events. It has been held at NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas, since 2003. The show features championship rodeo action, livestock competitions, concerts, a carnival, pig racing, barbecue and the Rodeo Uncorked! International Wine Competition, shopping, sales and livestock auctions. Traditional trail rides, which start in different areas of Texas and end in Houston, precede the Rodeo events.[6] The City of Houston celebrates this event with Go Texan Day, where residents are encouraged to dress in western wear the Friday before the rodeo begins.

For more information, visit [rodeohouston.com](http://rodeohouston.com), where you can see the lineup of concerts, buy tickets and plan an all day outing, Texas style!

## BARBECUE

Houston is home to many amazing barbecue joints. Some of the most highly rated are listed below. Some are quite a distance from the hotel but have been provided for the true bbq lover.

### **The Pit Room \$\$**

1201 Richmond St. (77006), 281-888-1929

<http://www.thepitroombbq.com/>

### **Tejas Chocolate Craftory \$\$**

200 N. Elm St. (77375), 832-761-0670

<http://tejaschocolate.com/>

### **Roegels Barbecue Co. \$\$**

2223 S. Voss (77057), 713-977-8725

<http://www.roegelsbarbecue.com/>

### **Pinkerton's Barbecue \$\$**

1504 Airline Dr. (77009), 713-802-2000

<http://www.pinkertonsbarbecue.com/>

### **Southern Q BBQ and Catering \$\$**

16540f Kuykendahl Road (77068), 832-250-4851

<http://www.southernqbbqcatering.com/>

### **Jackson St. Barbecue \$\$**

209 Jackson St. (77002), 713-224-2400

<http://jacksonstbbqhouston.com/>

### **Corkscrew \$\$**

26608 Keith St. (77373), 832-592-1184

<https://www.corkscrewbbq.com/>

### **Killen's BBQ \$\$**

3613 E. Broadway, Pearland (77581), 281-485-2272

<https://www.killensbarbecue.com/>

### **Gatlin's BBQ \$\$**

3510 Ella Blvd. (77018), 713-869-4227

<http://www.gatlinsbbq.com/>

### **Goode Company Barbecue \$\$**

5109 Kirby Dr. (77098), 713-522-2530

<https://www.goodecompany.com/>

## TACOS

Tacos are another staple of Houston food culture. If you love good street food, check out these awesome establishments.

### **Velvet Taco (near Heights)**

4819 Washington Ave. (77007) 832-834-5908  
velvettaco.com/houston

### **Eight Row Flint**

Bar & great tacos (Heights)  
1039 Yale St. (77008), 832-767-4002  
eightrowflint.com

## **Houston's Best Two-Stepping Spots:**

### **Firehouse Saloon**

5930 Southwest Freeway (77057), 281-513-1995  
firehousesaloon.com

### **Goode's Armadillo Palace**

5015 Kirby (77098), 713-526-9700  
<http://thearmadillopalace.com/>

### **Rebel's Honky Tonk**

5002 Washington (77007), 281-851-5224  
rebelshouston.com

Wild West Houston

6101 Richmond Ave. (77057), 713-266-3455  
<http://wildwesthouston.com/>

### **SSQQ Dance Studio**

1431 W 20th St., Unit C (77008), 713-869-0777  
ssqqdance.com

## **AGPA Extended Week Activities - Feb 24-March 4, 2018**

### **Sports and Concerts**

Go to [www.EventsTicketCenter.com](http://www.EventsTicketCenter.com) or [www.tickmaster.com](http://www.tickmaster.com)

*Some of the performances are not at the usual venues due to hurricane related flooding. Check the address when you book your tickets.*

### **Houston Rockets Basketball vs. Boston Celtics**

3/3/17, Toyota Center - 8.1 miles from hotel

### **Rice Owls Basketball vs. UTEP**

3/1/17, Tudor Fieldhouse - 5.5 miles from hotel

### **Outdoor Activities and Field Trips**

It's difficult to predict what the weather will be. Have a backup plan.

### **The Houston City Pass**

Allows access to a variety of venues at a reduced rate and no waiting in lines. Applies to seven venues, some of which are listed below.

[www.citypass.com/houston/plan-your-visit](http://www.citypass.com/houston/plan-your-visit)

### **Houston Museum of Natural Science**

9-5, 7days/week -5.5 Miles from hotel

Within Hermann Park and near the museum district wonderful activities and exhibits for children and adults

[www.hmns.org](http://www.hmns.org)

expanded edition

## **Children's Museum of Houston**

10-6, Mon-Sat, 12-6 Sun – 6.3 miles from hotel  
Excellent for K-8 aged kids; not so much for teens  
[www.CMHouston.org](http://www.CMHouston.org)

## **Houston Zoo**

within Hermann Park and near the Museum District – 5.9 miles from hotel  
[www.houstonzoo.org](http://www.houstonzoo.org)

## **Houston Downtown Library**

500 McKinney St. – 8.2 miles from hotel

## **Tours**

### **Buffalo Bayou Boat Tours**

Civil engineering and hydrology science - 6.3 miles from hotel  
Complete information on hiking, biking, rentals, and sites that were part of the early years of Houston's growth. Check website for availability of specific tours.  
[www.BuffaloBayou.org/visit](http://www.BuffaloBayou.org/visit)

### **Rice Design Alliance (Architecture) Tours**

[www.RiceDesignAlliance.org](http://www.RiceDesignAlliance.org)

## **Parks:**

### **Hermann Park**

6001 Fanin St. – 6.4 miles from hotel

### **Memorial Park**

Great for biking (Rentals via Memorial Park Bicycle Rentals) and Jogging –  
5.0 miles from hotel  
[www.buffalobayou.org/visit](http://www.buffalobayou.org/visit)

### **Discovery Green**

A park in the middle of downtown – 8.5 miles from hotel  
[www.discoverygreen.com](http://www.discoverygreen.com)

## **Day Trips Outside of Houston**

### **Johnson Space Center (NASA)**

10-5, 7days/wk, hours subject to change  
Especially interesting for latency age kids and teens – 33.9 miles from hotel  
<https://SpaceCenter.org>

### **Kemah Boardwalk**

Carnival rides, water feature, shopping, casual dining, and the Aquarium Restaurant – 41.5 miles from hotel  
[www.kemahboardwalk.com/visitor-info.asp](http://www.kemahboardwalk.com/visitor-info.asp)

### **Galveston**

Shopping on The Strand, Beaches, Pleasure Pier (carnival rides) – approx. 59 miles from hotel  
[www.Galveston.com](http://www.Galveston.com)

### **Moody Gardens**

Many family-fun exhibits, 3D movie theaters, aquarium. See website for complete information. 59 miles from hotel, in Galveston.  
[www.moodygardens.com](http://www.moodygardens.com)