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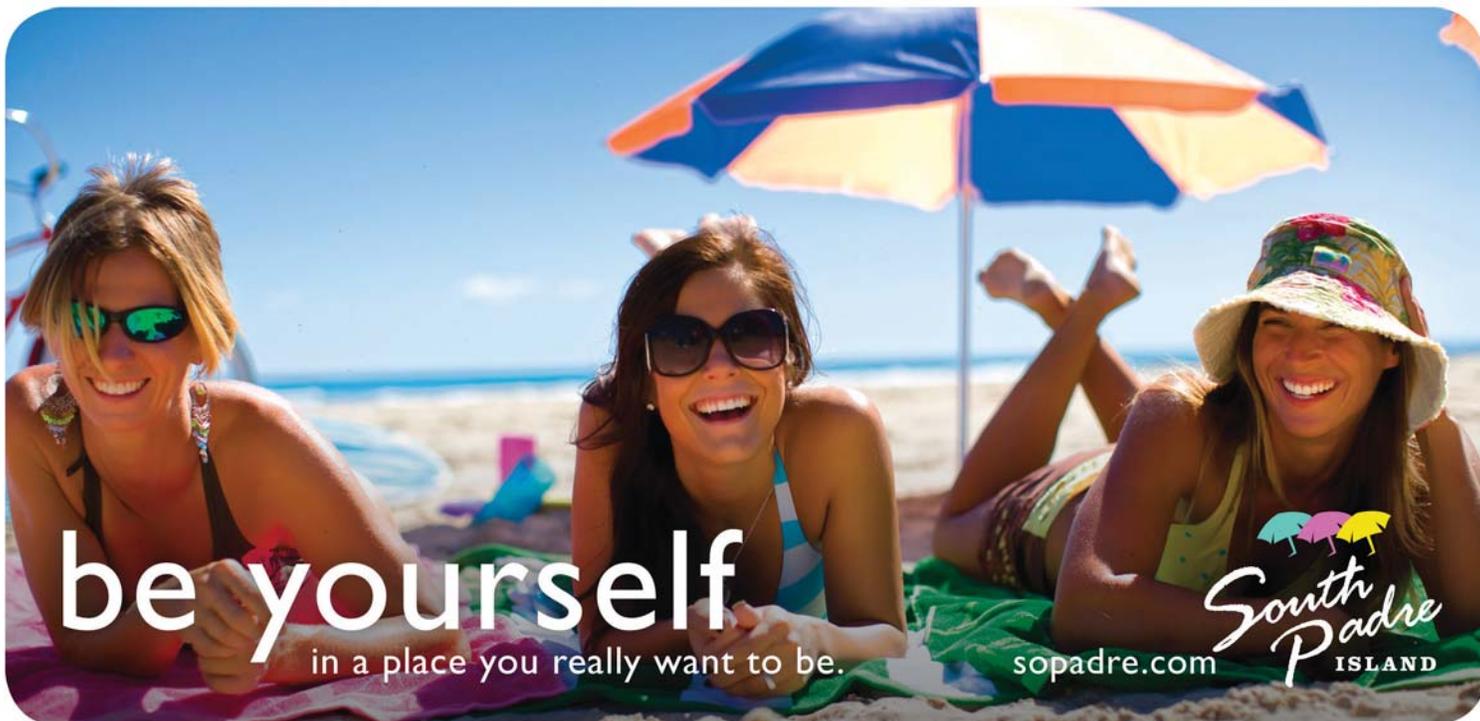
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You're Going To Love Brownsville!



Brownsville is a semi-tropical paradise of stately palm trees, ever-blooming bougainvilleas, exotic birds, and warm Gulf breezes. Steeped in a rich South Texas heritage and located on the banks of the Rio Grande, Brownsville is a perfect two nation leisure travel destination with Matamoros, Mexico, just steps away and two beautiful Gulf of Mexico beaches less than half an hour away.

The rich heritage of two countries separated by the once mighty Rio Grande, but joined by hundreds of years of tradition, history and family welcomes you. The many festivals throughout the year bring the local culture alive -- a great chance for you to join

in on the fun. We're on the border, by the beach.

Brownsville offers contemporary fine arts, shopping, golf courses, and many hospitality services. Brownsville is a dynamic, bustling city with a great climate and lush landscape that is ready to welcome you with open arms.

Naturally speaking, Texas Parks & Wildlife Magazine says that, "No matter what time of year you visit, birds and butterflies will be abundant here in this land 'south of winter.'" As our guest, you get to enjoy all this, our favorable cost of living and many great values. This year, do like the birds, come, stay in Brownsville.

Accommodations

Brownsville's variety of lodgings can accommodate any budget, location, need, or lifestyle. Hotel development is ongoing, which means visitors have ever-expanding options from which to choose. One thing for certain is that staying here means affordability and solid values for you.

Selecting Brownsville as your place to stay gives you flexibility to conveniently tour all parts of the Rio Grande Valley and northeast Mexico. Generally, the hotels are located on the north entrance to town with several in Historic Downtown Brownsville, ranging from full service to budget and suite versions. Restaurants

are available at some properties. Amenities range from pools to nightclubs with entertainment. The RV parks are situated throughout the city in quiet, shaded settings. Most offer a variety of services including guided activities during the winter season. Rental options range from all season to nightly.

For those staying several months, many apartment, house, and condominium units are available for rent. Locations vary from convenient in-town to country, waterside sites that are suitable for all vacation activities.

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Rooms: 44

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Price Range: \$\$\$; Rooms: 3

Deluxe Breakfast/Golf Package/ Fishing, Shopping & Mexico Tours Arranged

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CC, L, PH, LA, C, S, NS, TA, P

Range: \$\$\$

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Price Range: \$\$\$; Rooms: 90

Comfort Suites

651 Sunrise Blvd., Brownsville, TX 78526

☎ (956) 541-3332 ☎ (956) 621-2993

📧 www.choicehotels.com/hotel/tx966

📧 comfortbrownsville@oghotels.com

CC, PH, LA, C, S, NS, ER, ME, TA, COM, HA

Price Range: \$\$\$; Rooms: 75

37" flat Screen Plasma TVs, Free Deluxe Breakfast, Fitness Center, Business Center, Free WiFi, Swimming Pool, Meeting Room, Free Calls

Days Inn

715 N. Expressway 77/83, Brownsville, TX 78520

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📧 mypkpatel@yahoo.com

Price Range: \$\$\$

Fairwinds Executive Inn

1945 N. Expressway 77/83, Brownsville, TX 78520

☎ (956) 986-0333 ☎ (956) 546-3485

📧 mgr@executiveinntx.com

Price Range: \$\$\$; Rooms: 75

Flamingo Motel

1741 Central Blvd., Brownsville TX 78520

☎ (956) 546-2478 ☎ (956) 982-1806

Rooms: 29

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CC, PH, LA, C, S, K, NS, ER, ME, HA, COM, P, WIFI

Price Range: \$\$\$; Rooms: 98

Holiday Inn - Brownsville

3777 N. Expressway 77/83, Brownsville TX 78520

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CC, R, L, PH, C, S, NS, ER, PA, ME, TA, P, COM, HA

Room Service, Jacuzzi Suites, Refrigerators, Iron and Ironing Board, Secure Access.

Price Range: \$\$\$; Rooms: 141

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CC, PH, LA, C, S, NS, ER, ME, TA, HA, P, COM

Price Range: \$\$\$; Rooms: 74

Express Start Breakfast Bar

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CC, R, L, PH, LA, C, S, NS, ER, ME, TA, P, COM, H A

Business Center, Shuttle Service, Car Rental (National)

Price Range: \$\$\$; Rooms: 179



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Food service area, BBQ area, Whirlpool, and Business Center.

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🌐 www.LQ.com ☎ lq0242gm@laquinta.com

CC, PH, LA, C, S, NS, ER, PA, ME, TA, HA, COM, P

Price Range: \$\$\$; Rooms: 62

Motel 6

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Price Range: \$\$\$; Rooms: 158

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CC, R, L, PH, LA, C, S, NS, TA, HA, COM, P

Truck Parking, Free Continental Breakfast

Price Range: \$\$; Rooms: 44



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Price Range: \$\$\$; Rooms: 55

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CC, L, PH, LA, C, S, NS, ER, PA, MF, TA, HA, COM, P,

Sports Court & Putting Green, internet access, walking distance to

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Afternoon reception.

Price Range: \$\$, \$\$\$; Rooms: 99

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CC, PH, LA, C, K, NS, HA, COM

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Full Kitchens

Price Range: \$\$\$; Rooms: 121

Weekly Rates, Full Kitchens, Furnished Studios, Free Utilities, No

Lease, High Speed Internet Available, Vending Machines

Other

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Colonial Hotel-1147 E Levee St, (956) 541-9176

Gran Mansion-1801 Central Blvd., (956) 504-5454

Grande Motel-2004 Central Blvd, (956) 541-1961

Hotel Economico-708 E 12th, (956) 542-6739

La Quinta Inn-8280 N Expressway (956) 531-5900

La Vista Hotel-612 N Expressway (956) 584-1616

Motel Citrus/Citrus Courts-2054 Central Blvd., (956) 550-9077

Palace Inn Motel- 3575 W FM 3248 (Alton Gloor) (956) 350-3800

Pecan Tree-5533 N Expressway (956) 350-4202

Plaza Square Motor Lodge-2255 Central Blvd, (956) 546-5104

Red Roof Inn-2377 N Expressway (956) 504-2300

Sands Motel-2834 Central Blvd., (956) 542-4362

Tradewinds-550 Central Blvd., (956) 550-8011

University Inn-55 Sam Perl Blvd, (956) 546-0381

Average nightly room rate for two people:

\$ = up to \$50 \$\$ = \$51 - \$80 \$\$\$ = \$81 and up

Legend:

CC=Credit Cards Accepted, R=Restaurant, L=Lounge, PH=In Room

Phone, LA=Laundry, C=Cable, S=Suites, K=Kitchenette, NS=Non-

smoking, ER=Exercise Room, PA=Pets Allowed, MF=Meeting Facilities,

TA=Travel Agent Rates, P=Pool, COM=In Room Computer Port,

HA=Handicapped Accessible

APARTMENTS, HOUSE & CONDO RENTALS

Bebon's Bungalow Bayside Condo

214 W. Gardenia, South Padre Island, TX 78597

☎ (956) 793-3514 (956) 778-1183 (956) 986-0997

📧 agbebon@bisd.us

One bedroom w/King bed, fully furnished kitchenette, cable, washer, dryer and garage. Weekly and monthly rates available.

Brandywyne Apartments

605 Paredes Line Rd., Brownsville, TX 78521

☎ (956) 542-7159 ☎ (956) 542-5945

Facilities & Services: C, LA, P, NS

Price Range: \$\$, \$\$\$; Units: 150

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Brownsville Sun Colony Apartments II, Ltd.

1900 Coffeepord Rd., Brownsville, TX 78521

☎ (956) 542-4389 ☎ (956) 542-4380

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Facilities & Services: CC, LA, ER, C, P

Units: 152

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Facilities & Services: LA, NS, PH, C, P

Price Range: 2 bedroom = \$1200 - \$1650; Units: 6

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Units: 5

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Facilities & Services: CC, PH, LA, C, K, NS, HA, COM

Price Range: \$\$\$; Units: 121

Weekly Rates, Full Kitchens, Furnished Studios, Free Utilities, No Lease, High Speed Internet Available, Vending Machines

Average monthly rent:

\$ = up to \$300 \$\$ = \$300 - \$450 \$\$\$ = \$451 and up

Legend:

CC=Credit Cards Accepted, L=Lounge, PH=In Room Phone,

LA=Laundry, NS=Non-smoking, ER=Exercise Room, PA=Pets Allowed,

P=Pool, HA=Handicapped Accessible

RV PARKS & CAMPING

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☎ www.4seasonsmhrvresort.com

☎ info@4seasonsmhrvresort.com

Hook-ups: W, S, E, C, PH

Facilities & Services: LA, ER, RH, P

Price Range: \$\$\$; Sites: 48

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☎ www.campsouthtexas.com ☎ rwd@yahoo.com

Hook-ups: W, S, E, C, PH

Facilities & Services: CC, P, LA, PA, RH

Price Range: \$\$; Sites: 45

Mobile Home Rentals, Fenced Park, Security Gate, paved streets, street lights, Pets 20lbs. or under

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☎ (956) 831-4606 ☎ (956) 831-3552
☎ www.gulfbreezeresort.net ☎ gulfbreeze@sbcglobal.net

☎ www.breezelakervcampground.com ☎ breezelakerv@aol.com

Hook-ups: W, S, E, C, PH

Facilities & Services: CC, LA, PA, RH

Price Range: \$\$\$; Sites: 100

Lake fishing, quiet country.

Brownsville Winter Haven

3501 Old Port Isabel Rd., Brownsville, TX 78526

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Hook-ups: W, S, E, C

Facilities & Services: CC, P, LA, PA, RH, HA, PH, WIFI

Sites: 29

Golf Chipping and Shuffle Board

First Colony MH & RV Park

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Facilities & Services: CC, LA, PA, RH, HA, WIFI

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Hook-ups: W, S, E

Facilities & Services: LA, PA, RH

Price Range: \$\$\$; Sites: 16

Heated Pool

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Hook-ups: W, S, E

Facilities & Services: CC, P, LA, ER, PA, RH

Price Range: \$\$; Sites: 51

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Facilities & Services: LA, PA, RH, HA, C, PH

Price Range: \$\$\$; Sites: 85

Library, Wireless, Internet, Activities, Mobile Home Rentals

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Facilities & Services: LA, RH

Price Range: \$\$; Sites: 17

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- Close to South Padre Island and Mexico
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- Dances, clubhouse with games, movies and entertainment
- Custom built homes, manufactured homes and RV sites are available for sale or rent
- Daily, weekly and monthly rentals
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Hook-ups: W, S, E, C, PH

Facilities & Services: CC, LA, ER, PA, RH, HA, C, PH

Price Range: \$\$\$; Sites: 100

WiFi, Rental Units, Driving Range

River Bend Resort, Inc.

4541 U.S. Military Hwy 281, Brownsville, TX 78520

☎ (956) 548-0191 ☎ (956) 548-0191

🌐 www.riverbendresort.us ✉ info@riverbendresort.us

Hook-ups: W, S, E

Facilities & Services: RH, LA, ER, PA, WiFi

Price Range: \$\$\$; Sites: 26

Other guest services/amenities: Pool, Hot Tub, Planned Activities, Tennis Court

Golf: 18 Hole, 6,735 Yards, Par 72

Prices: \$\$\$

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☎ (956) 831-3931 ☎ (956) 831-3931

Hook-ups: W, S, C

Facilities & Services: LA, PA, P, RH, PH, WIFI

Price Range: \$\$\$; Sites: 60

Pot Luck, Breakfast on Monday and Thursday, Beach Close by

Legend:

W=Water, S=Sewer, E=Electric, RH=Recreational Hall, CC=Credit Cards Accepted, PH=Phone, LA=Laundry, C=Cable, NS=Non-smoking, ER=Exercise Room, PA=Pets Allowed, P=Pool, HA=Handicapped Accessible

Restaurants & Nightlife

New dining establishments continue to open in Brownsville and expand your dining options. Brownsville eateries will satisfy most every taste while providing broad selections of national, regional and international cuisine including delicious steaks, seafood, barbecue, American, Asian, Italian and Mexican classics.

Brownsville offers a South Texas flavor like no other. From a casual fajita taco dinner to quesadillas, enchiladas, guacamole and salsa, Brownsville serves visitors an unforgettable Mexican dining experience. To complement a good meal, don't forget to order a world-famous Margarita or an ice-cold cerveza. A dozen tasty tamales are always close

by at many of our local family-owned tamale businesses.

On the south side of the Rio Grande, Matamoros restaurants are very accessible and serve up a wide variety of authentic Mexican cuisine including handmade corn and flour tortillas filled with queso flameado or tender charbroiled cabrito.

Evenings come to life in Brownsville at many restaurants, bars and dance clubs. While visiting Brownsville, schedule in an evening and listen to a live band on an outdoor deck or patio at one of our local establishments. We're waiting for you to start making your memories in Brownsville.

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CC, R, HA

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3777 N. Expressway 77/83, Brownsville, TX 78520

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✉ sales@holidayinnbrownsville.com

CC, R, HA

Elva's Restaurant Bar & Grill

1775 Central Blvd., Brownsville, TX 78520

☎ (956) 504-3371

Meals Served: B, L, D

Facilities: CC, MF, NS, E, HF

Type of Cuisine: Mexican

Type of Entertainment: Comedians/Live Music

Galaxy Bowling Center

3451 Pablo Kisel Blvd., Brownsville, TX 78526

☎ (956) 350-5252 ☎ (956) 350-0927

CC, R, Live Music

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☎ 1-800-769-2470 ☎ 011-52-868-813-1566

📧 www.garcia-s.com

Meals Served: L, D

Facilities: CC, L, E, NS, HA

Average Dinner Price: \$\$, \$\$\$

Type of Cuisine: International

Garibaldi Mexican Restaurant

2501 Paredes Line Rd., Suite A-9, Plaza Las Companas, Brownsville, TX 78526

☎ (956) 546-5637 ☎ (956) 546-5634

📧 garibalditx@sbcglobal.net

Meals Served: B, L, D

Type of Cuisine: Mexican

Facilities: CC, MF, NS

Live music and Karaoke Bar

Irish PUB Restaurant/Bar

1200 Central Blvd., Brownsville, TX 78520

☎ (956) 550-1050

Meals Served: L, D

Facilities: CC, MF, E, HE, L

Average Dinner Price: \$\$

Type of Cuisine: International

LuLa's Restaurant & Bar

2235 Central Blvd., Brownsville, TX 78520

☎ (956) 541-4911 ☎ (956) 542-3121

Meals Served: B, L

Facilities: CC, L, HA, E

Average Dinner Price: \$

Hectors Bar & Grill

Emilio Carranza entre Galeana y Allende #13 (100 meters from the B&M International Bridge), Matamoros, Tam., MX

☎ 011-52-868-813-3070

Meals Served: L, D

Facilities: CC, ME, E, HE, L

Average Dinner Price: \$\$

Type of Cuisine: Mexican

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Meals Served: L, D

Facilities: CC, ME, NS, L

Average Dinner Price: \$\$

Type of Cuisine: Italian with California influences

Live Music

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Midnight

UCHI Japanese Restaurant

1805 Ruben M. Torres Sr. Blvd., Suite A17, Brownsville, TX 78526

☎ (956) 547-8244 ☎ (956) 547-7776

📧 isla1213@aol.com

Meals Served: L, D

Facilities: CC, ME, NS, E, HF

Type of Cuisine: Japanese, Teppanyaki, Sushi

Type of Entertainment: Piano Music

VFW Pub & Event Center

1801 Veterans Drive, Brownsville, TX 78521

☎ (956) 542-9494 Commander's Office: (956) 541-3671

📧 www.vfw.org

Pub open from 7:00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Post 2035 is a non-profit association of men and women who served in a theater of conflict. VFW Post 2035 was founded 77 years ago in 1931.

Legend:

CC=Credit Cards Accepted, R=Restaurant, HA=Handicapped

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700 S. Minnesota Ave., Brownsville, TX 78521

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📧 www.flybrownsville.com 📧 mdjones@cob.us

Meals Served: B, L, D

Facilities: CC, E, L

Average Dinner Price: \$

Type of Cuisine: Traditional Regional

Brownsville Coffee Shop, No. 2, Inc.

3230 International Blvd., Brownsville, TX 78521

☎ (956) 542-9650

Meals Served: B, L, D

Facilities: HA

Average Dinner Price: \$

Type of Cuisine: Mexican & American

Cobbleheads Bar & Grill

3154 Central Blvd., Brownsville, TX 78520

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Meals Served: L, D

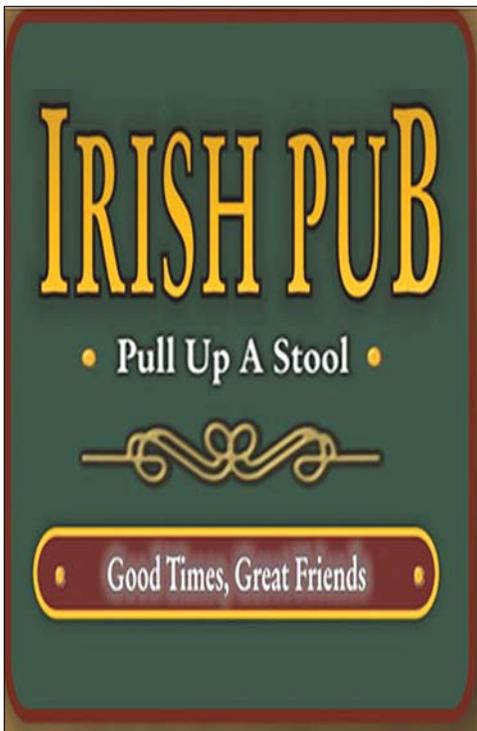
Facilities: CC, E, NS, HA

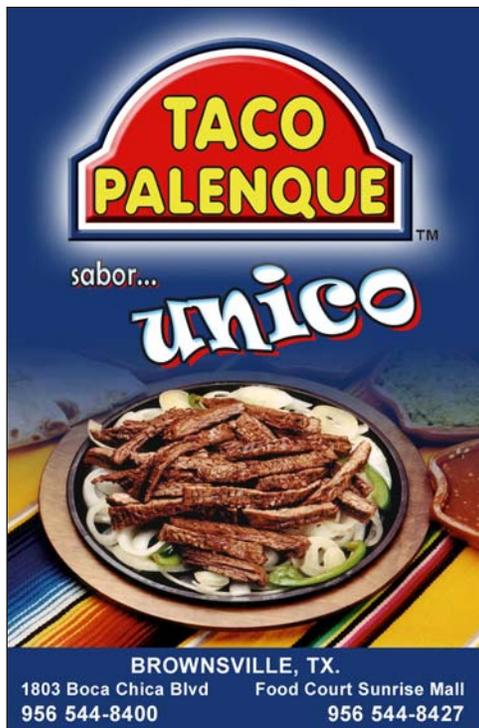
Average Dinner Price: \$\$

Type of Cuisine: Variety

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 🌐 www.cobblestone-court.com 📧 james@cobblestone-court.com
 Meals Served: L, D
 Facilities: CC, ME, NS, HF
 Average Dinner Price: \$\$
 Type of Cuisine: American, Continental, Southwest

Elva's Restaurant Bar & Grill

1775 Central Blvd., Brownsville, TX 78520
 ☎ (956) 504-3371
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 Facilities: CC, ME, NS, E, HF
 Type of Cuisine: Mexican
 Type of Entertainment: Comedians/Live Music

Galleria @ Holiday Inn Brownsville

3777 N. Expressway 77/83, Brownsville, TX 78520
 ☎ (956) 547-1556 ☎ (956) 547-1589
 📧 sales@holidayinnbrownsville.com
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 Facilities: CC, ME, L, E, NS, HA
 Average Dinner Price: \$\$
 Type of Cuisine: International

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 🌐 www.garcia-s.com
 Meals Served: L, D
 Facilities: CC, L, E, NS, HA
 Average Dinner Price: \$\$, \$\$\$
 Type of Cuisine: International

Garibaldi Mexican Restaurant

2501 Paredes Line Rd., Suite A-9, Plaza Las Companas,
 Brownsville, TX 78526
 ☎ (956) 546-5634 ☎ (956) 546-5634
 📧 garibalditx@sbc.global.net
 Meals Served: B, L, D
 Type of Cuisine: Mexican
 Facilities: CC, ME, NS

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 B&M International Bridge), Matamoros, Tam., MX
 ☎ 011-52-868-813-3070
 Meals Served: L, D
 Facilities: CC, ME, E, HF, L
 Average Dinner Price: \$\$
 Type of Cuisine: Mexican

Irish PUB Restaurant/Bar

1200 Central Blvd., Brownsville, TX 78520
 ☎ (956) 550-1050
 Meals Served: L, D
 Facilities: CC, ME, E, HF, L
 Average Dinner Price: \$\$
 Type of Cuisine: International

La Pampa - Argentinean Steak House

1655 Ruben Torres Blvd., Ste. 208, Brownsville, TX
 ☎ (956) 504-5858 ☎ (956) 504-5875
 Meals Served: L, D
 Facilities: CC,
 Average Dinner Price: \$\$\$
 Type of Cuisine: Argentinean Steak House

Las Brasas Mexican Restaurant

2040 Central Blvd., Brownsville, TX 78520
 ☎ (956) 542-9372
 Meals Served: B, L, D
 Facilities: CC, ME, NS, HA
 Average Dinner Price: \$
 Type of Cuisine: Mexican

Lula's Restaurant & Bar

2235 Central Blvd., Brownsville, TX 78520
 ☎ (956) 541-4911 ☎ (956) 542-3121
 Meals Served: B, L
 Facilities: CC, L, HA, E
 Average Dinner Price: \$

Mi Mexico Lindo

3955 Old Highway 77, Brownsville, TX 78520
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 📧 bettinamendoza@hotmail.com
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🌐 www.mi-pueblito.com 📧 mi-pueblito1@prodigy.net.mx
Meals Served: B, L, D
Facilities: CC, E, HA
Average Dinner Price: \$\$
Type of Cuisine: Mexican

Santa Fe Restaurant

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☎ 011-52-868-813-7363 or 011-52-868-812-0746
☎ 011-52-868-816-6229
Meals Served: L, D
Facilities: CC, MF, E, HA
Average Dinner Price: \$\$
Type of Cuisine: Chinese/International

Shoney's

2355 N. Expressway 77/83, Brownsville, TX 78520
☎ (956) 504-1500 ☎ (956) 504-1517
Meal Served: B, L, D
Facilities: CC, NS, MF, HA
Average Dinner Price: \$
Type of Cuisine: American

Stardust Café at Galaxy Bowling Center

3451 Pablo Kisel Blvd., Brownsville, TX 78526
☎ (956) 350-5252 ☎ (956) 350-0927
Meal Served: L, D
Facilities: CC, NS, MF, E, HA
Average Dinner Price: \$
Type of Cuisine: International
Buffet on daily basis and Menu Items available

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Average Dinner Price: \$ - \$

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🌐 www.tacopalenque.com
Meals Served: L, D
Facilities: CC, NS, E, HF
Average Dinner Price: \$
Type of Cuisine: Mexican

The Vermillion Restaurant & Watering Hole

115 Paredes Line Rd., Brownsville, TX 78521
☎ (956) 542-9893 ☎ (956) 541-4221
🌐 www.thevermillion.com
Meals Served: L, D
Facilities: CC, NS, HA, L
Average Dinner Price: \$\$
Type of Cuisine: American / Mexican
Breakfast served on Saturday and Sunday.

Toddle Inn Restaurant

1740 Central Blvd., Brownsville, TX 78520
☎ (956) 542-8838
Meals Served: B, L, D
Facilities: CC, NS, HA
Average Dinner Price: \$
Type of Cuisine: Mexican/American

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Meals Served: L, D
Facilities: CC, MF, NS, L
Average Dinner Price: \$\$
Type of Cuisine: Italian with California influences

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1805 E. Ruben M. Torres Sr. Blvd, Suite A10 (and at the Brownsville International Airport), Brownsville, TX 78526
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Facilities: CC, MF, NS, HE, L
Average Meal Price: \$
Type of Cuisine: Deli/Juice Bar/Coffee Shop

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☎ (956) 547-8244 📠 (956) 547-7776

✉ isla1213@aol.com

Meals Served: L, D

Facilities: CC, MS, NS, E, HF

Type of Cuisine: Japanese, Teppanyaki, Sushi

VFW Restaurant

1801 Veterans Drive, Brownsville, TX 78521

☎ (956) 542-9494 Commander's Office: (956) 541-3671

🌐 www.vfw.org

Restaurant opened from 7:00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M.

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Villa Maria Buffet, Etc.

524 W. Elizabeth St., Brownsville, TX 78520

☎ (956) 550-9055

Meals Served: B, L

Facilities: CC, MF, NS, HA

Average Lunch: \$

Type of Cuisine: Mostly Mexican Food/Variety of food

Fast Home style buffet served Mon-Fri. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

A variety of cuisine served each day.

Average dinner entrée price:

\$ = up to \$10 \$\$ = \$11 - \$20 \$\$\$ = \$21 and up

Meals Served:

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

Legend:

CC=Credit Cards Accepted, L=Lounge, NS=Non-smoking, MF=Meeting

Facilities, HA=Handicapped Accessible, E=Entertainment

South Padre Island & Boca Chica Beach

South Padre Island

Just 25 miles from Brownsville is the modern beach resort of South Padre Island. This barrier reef isle offers all the contemporary conveniences including gourmet restaurants, seaside attractions, and high-rise hotels. Along with tanning, beach combing, and playing in the surf, endless white sand beaches on both the Gulf of Mexico and Laguna Madre offer plenty of activities.

Boca Chica Beach

Boca Chica is a pristine, undeveloped beach bordered by the Brazos Santiago Pass jetties to the north, and the Rio Grande mouth to the south. No paved streets, no hotels, no amenities just beautiful white sand where you can spend the day or camp overnight.

Los Fresnos

Neighboring Los Fresnos, with its city flavor

and country charm, is the center of popular attractions including the world-famous Little Graceland Museum and the annual PRCA rodeo.

Port Isabel

Standing at the entrance of the Port of Brownsville and Laguna Madre, the major landmark of this seaside town is its century and a half-old, brick lighthouse. Having guided sailors in the past, it now serves as an information center. The Lighthouse and Port Isabel Historical Museum interpret local history for visitors.

San Benito

Just north of Brownsville is San Benito with a variety of events and attractions. "Conjunto Music" is preserved through community efforts at the Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center, which is home to the Annual Conjunto Music Festival that takes place the second week of September.



Attractions & Things To Do

Nature & Ecotourism

Brownsville and the Rio Grande Valley have many species of the flora and fauna to share with visitors. The Gladys Porter Zoo is Brownsville's internationally famous zoological and botanical park. This intriguing zoo is a most visitor-friendly oasis and a unique haven for over 1,500 rare species of mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, and insects amidst natural settings with ever-blooming plant life and also serves as a rehabilitation center.

The Sabal Palm Audubon Sanctuary with its intact mature growth of Texas Sabal Palms is ideal for birding or a relaxing nature walk on its trails.

Resaca de la Palma State Park boasts the largest tract of native habitat in the World Birding Center network. Traveling Highway 4 east takes one out to the pristine, undeveloped Boca Chica Beach on the Gulf of Mexico through farm and ranch lands to bahias and dunes for birding, dolphin viewing, surf casting, shelling, and beach driving. Just north of Brownsville is the world famous Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge, a 45,000 acre preserve on the Laguna Madre. In the upper Rio Grande Valley is the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge with its extensive trail system and noted international birding reputation.

Perfect Climate for Outdoor Activities

From salt to fresh water venues, the area offers a variety of sport fishing venues from charter boats to pier to surf and offshore fishing. The sunflower fields, beginning in September, are popular with hunters wanting to bag the White-winged and Mourning Doves during our special season.

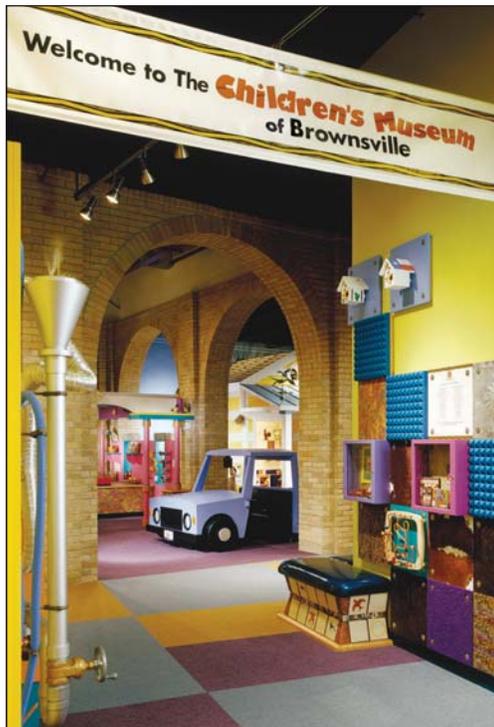
When looking for outdoor exercise, hike and bike through history on the Brownsville Historic Battlefield Trail. The Southern Pacific Linear Park where the trailhead is located offers a peaceful, beautiful setting for walking, picnics and quiet reflection.

The Brownsville Tennis Center boasts 15 fully lighted all-weather courts. Professional instruction, competitions – both amateur and sanctioned; a Tennis-ball cannon, and pro-shop complement the center's comprehensive offerings.

The Heritage Attraction

Brownsville is a city of museums and historic sites which interpret our past. Brownsville has the unique distinction of being the site of the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site, which marked the start of the war between the United States and Mexico, and Palmito Hill, the site of the last battle of the Civil War. The Battle of Palo Alto in the 1840s impacted the U.S. such that it ultimately changed the shape of the country. The Visitors Center displays exhibits, and provides information to visitors at its location on FM 511 and Paredes Line Road.

The Historic Brownsville Museum is housed in the restored Southern Pacific Railroad Depot. The Brownsville Historical Association expanded the Stillman House Museum into the Brownsville



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Stillman House Museum into the Brownsville Heritage Complex, which gives visitors a pictorial view into the past. The Commemorative Air Force Museum has vintage military aircraft on display and stages an annual Air Fiesta every March. A fantastic Children's Museum of Brownsville explores the local heritage through a Marketplace area where children can serve themselves a raspa or snow cone among many other exhibits at the museum. Housed right next door to the Children's Museum is the Costumes of the Americas Museum, which showcases authentic Mexican and Latin American folk costumes, some over 100 years old, in beautiful Dean Porter Park.

Great Architecture

Downtown Brownsville has a great number of historically significant buildings identified with Texas Historical Plaques and they are part of the Brownsville Heritage Trail. Tours with a heritage

focus of Brownsville and Matamoros are available through local operators. Be sure to walk around Downtown Brownsville to discover a variety of architectural designs from the various periods, starting in the mid 1850s to the present time modern structures. Visitors can also tour the Old City Cemetery where the ornate crypts provide a glimpse into the past. The Old City Cemetery Center focuses on history, art and folk customs of the cemetery. Guided Tours of the cemetery are also available.

Fiestas & Special Events

The border culture comes alive with festivals and events throughout the year in Brownsville.

Charro Days, a week-long fiesta, celebrates the long-time friendship between Brownsville and its sister city, Matamoros, Mexico. Charro Days is held the last week of February and features folkloric

dancing, mariachis, food and parades. In fact, Charro Days hosts the only known international parade with numerous beautifully decorated floats. With the concurrent Sombrero Festival and Mr. Amigo Association activities, fiesta-goers have live concerts with popular and Tejano music, a Jalapeño Eating Contest, Grito Contest, Tortilla Toss, local food, dances, and loads of fun.

The CAF Air Fiesta brings vintage and military aircraft to the skies over Brownsville in March. A signature event in Brownsville is the annual Latin Jazz Festival in October, which features some of the best regional and national acts.

Performing & Fine Arts

The arts continue to expand their offerings with the help of many Brownsville organizations. The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College Arts & Entertainment Season is filled with opera, Latin dance, Russian ballet, stage productions and other classic performances. The UTB-TSC Patron of the Arts Series offers numerous artistic and musical presentations throughout the academic year.

The Brownsville Society for the Performing Arts brings special, world-class musical concerts to town throughout the year. One of their more popular events is the annual Guitar Ensemble Festival. The Brownsville Museum of Fine Art stages major events including two international shows in March and April. The Camille Lightner Playhouse presents an ongoing schedule of live productions, about every six weeks, with special youth theatre productions throughout the year. The Valley Symphony Orchestra and Chorale showcases their talent at a number of performances in Brownsville.

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🌐 <http://eventscenter.cob.us> 📧 icguerrero@cob.us

The Brownsville Events Center is a first class meeting facility for events and trade shows with a capacity to accommodate up to 1200 people.

Brownsville Historical Association

1325 E. Washington St., Brownsville, TX 78520

☎ (956) 541-5560 ☎ (956) 541-5524

🌐 www.brownsvillehistory.org 📧 info@brownsvillehistory.org

Facilities & Services: CC, HA, MF, GT E/S Local

The Brownsville Heritage Complex includes the Brownsville Heritage Museum, Stillman House Museum and the Heritage Resource Center.

Hours: Tue - Sat 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Walking and Trolley tours throughout the year. Fort Brown, Downtown and Historic Museum.

Brownsville Museum of Fine Art

660 East Ringold St., Brownsville, TX 78520

☎ (956) 542-0941 ☎ (956) 542-6931

🌐 www.Brownsvillemfa.org 📧 bamuseum@aol.com

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🌐 www.brosociety.org 📧 info@brosociety.org

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🌐 www.charrodaysfiesta.com

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☎ (956) 548-9300

☎ (956) 504-1348

🌐 www.cmofbrownsville.com

Introducing children to the "world of learning" through creative and interactive exhibits and activities. Open Tuesday - Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and Sundays 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

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501 Ringgold St. #5, Dean Porter Park, Brownsville, TX 78520

☎ (956) 547-6890

🌐 www.costumesoftheamericasmuseum.com

✉ partmuseum@aol.com

Services: CC, HA, GT E/S

Rotating exhibits of indigenous dress from throughout all of the Americas with emphasis on hand woven textiles and colorful costumes.

Galaxy Bowling Center

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☎ (956) 350-5252

☎ (956) 350-0927

✉ corinagal@yahoo.com

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500 Ringgold St., Brownsville, TX 78520

☎ (956) 546-2177

☎ (956) 541-4940

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✉ info@gpz.org

Services: CC, FS, GT, MF, HA

Train Tours: Sunday Afternoons

Historic Brownsville Museum

641 E. Madison St., Brownsville, TX 78520

☎ (956) 548-1313

🌐 www.brownsvillemuseum.org

Facilities & Services: ME, HA

Historic artifacts depicting early Brownsville history. Open Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm. Closed Sundays, Mondays & Major Holidays.

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☎ (956) 233-5482

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🌐 www.brownsvillehistory.org

✉ info@brownsvillehistory.org

Facilities & Services: CC, HA, GT E/S

Exhibits and tours showcasing Brownsville's Historic Cemetery. Hours: Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call (956) 541-5560 to schedule a tour.

Original Tours

P.O. Box 2422, South Padre Island, TX 78597

☎ (956) 761-6663

☎ (956) 761-3138

✉ originaltours@aol.com

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Shopping & sightseeing tours of Matamoros, MX. Historical tours of Brownsville, TX. Shell hunting tours and tours of the Rio Grande Valley and Progresso, MX.

Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site

7200 Paredes Line Rd., Brownsville TX 78520

☎ (956) 541-2785

☎ (956) 541-6356

🌐 www.nps.gov/paal

✉ paal_interpretation@nps.gov

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Sabal Palm Audubon Center & Sanctuary

Sabal Palm Rd., Brownsville, TX 78521

☎ (956) 541-8034

☎ (956) 504-0543

🌐 www.tx.audubon.org/centers/sabal.htm

✉ jpaz@audubon.org

Facilities & Services: CC, HA, GT E/S

Plant tours and birding tours by appointments only.

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🌐 www.sanbornsinsurance.com/brownsville

✉ brownsville@sanbornsinsurance.com

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Southern Pacific Linear Park

Corner of Harrison and 6th St., Brownsville, TX 7850. The park is located in front of the courthouse. This Historic Battlefield Hike & Bike Trail begins here and follows the old railroad tracks almost exactly north to the Palo Alto National Battlefield Park.

World Birding Center Resaca de la Palma State Park

1000 New Carmen Blvd.

,Brownsville, TX 78521

☎ (956) 350-2920

☎ (956) 350-3814

🌐 http://www.worldbirdingcenter.org

Facilities & Services: CC, GT, E/S, MF, HA, and ADA

Brownsville's Resaca de la Palma State Park boasts the largest tract of native habitat in the World Birding Center network. Over eight miles of trails curve through 1,200 acres of Tamaulipan thornscrub, sugar hackberry, ebony-anacua and grasslands. Four observation decks overlook the resaca. Resaca de la Palma is currently offering Birding Tours and Natural History Tours. Binoculars and bicycles are available for rent in the visitor center. To access Resaca de la Palma State Park, take Hwy. 77/83 to the FM 1732 / Olmito exit. Go west on FM 1732, and you will see a brown sign for Resaca de la Palma. Turn left (south) at New Carmen Blvd. and follow it 1.5 miles to the entrance for our park. Please check in at the visitor's Center.

Legend:

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Amelia Earhart

Charles Lindbergh

Calendar of Events

December 2008

1-6 "Senior II Art Show" at Rusterberg Art Gallery at UTB/TSC Campus, (956) 882-7097, <http://blue.utb.edu/artgallery/gallery@utb.edu>

1-31 "Adventures with Clifford The Big Red Dog" Children's Museum of Brownsville, (956) 548-9300, www.cmofbrownville.com,

3 Artist Council Membership Exhibition, Brownsville Museum of Fine Art, (956) 542-0941, www.brownsvillemfa.org

4-31 "Presents Past" Brownsville Heritage Complex, (956) 541-5560, www.brownsvillehistory.com

5 Old City Cemetery Walking Tour, Old City Cemetery Center, (956) 541-1167 or (956) 541-5560, www.brownsvillehistory.org

5-7 Zoo Nights & Lights, Gladys Porter Zoo, (956) 546-7187, www.gpz.org

6 "Living History Demonstration" Palo Alto Battlefield NSH, Palo Alto Battlefield is located on FM 1847 (Paredes Line Rd) just north of FM 511, (956) 541-2785, www.nps.gov/paal email: paal_administration@nps.gov

6 Annual Half Marathon & 1 Mile Run, Brownsville Marathoners, (956) 542-8967 or (956) 492-5238, ask for Tiny or Yoli, <http://withchrist.net/riorunning/> or email tiny433@aol.com

6 First Saturday Coffe and Culture Series: "Brownsville Burial Customs" Old Cemetery Center (956) 541-1167 or (956) 541-5560, www.brownsvillehistory.com

9 Second Tuesday Gallery Talk "Presents Past" Brownsville Heritage Complex, (956) 541-5560, www.brownsvillehistory.com

11-31 "Images of the Guadalupe from Pre-Columbian to Modern Day Brownsville", Old Cemetery Center (956) 541-1167 or (956) 541-5560, www.brownsvillehistory.org

12 Old City Cemetery Walking Tour, Old City Cemetery Center, (956) 541-1167 or (956) 541-5560, www.brownsvillehistory.org

12 "Great Tours of Stillman House: Christmas at the Stillman House" Brownsville Heritage Complex, (956) 541-5560, www.brownsvillehistory.com

16-20 "Holiday Make and Take Workshop" Brownsville Heritage Complex, (956) 541-5560, www.brownsvillehistory.com

18 Art exhibit by "Celina Hinojosa" Brownsville Heritage Complex, (956) 541-5560, www.brownsvillehistory.com

27-31 "Annie," Camille Playhouse, 1 Dean Porter Park (956) 542-8900, www.camilleplayers.cjb.net, email: patcranick@aol.com

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13-31 Art Exhibit "Soil Less" Rusterberg Art Gallery on campus of UTB/TSC, <http://blue.utb.edu/artgallery/>, (956) 882-7097,

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30 Stafford Turner, bass-baritone and Rebecca Turner, soprano (guests-West Virginia) Parton of the Arts, (956) 882-7025, patron@utb.edu

30-31 "Tuesdays with Morrie," Camille Playhouse, 1 Dean Porter Park (956) 542-8900, www.camilleplayers.cjb.net, email: patcranick@aol.com.

February 2009

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9-28 Art Exhibit by Patrick Merrill Title: "Meditations on the Apocalyptic" Rusterberg Art Gallery on campus of UTB/TSC, <http://blue.utb.edu/artgallery/>, (956) 882-7097,

14 Ocelot Conservation Festival, Marine Military Academy, Harlingen, TX, (956) 748-3607

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11 Annual Nature and Ornithological exhibition and Children's Bird Show, Brownsville Museum of Fine Art, (956) 542-0941, www.brownsvillemfa.org

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19 62nd Anniversary of the Iwo Jima Parade Slated, Iwo Jima Monument at Marine Military Academy, Harlingen, TX, www.mma-tx.org e-mail: Wieland@mma-tx.org (956) 421-9235

20 "6th Annual Art Exhibition", Amigos Artistas, (956) 755-9091, www.amigosartistas.org, email: amigosartistas.linda@yahoo.com

21 Sara Kapps, Cello (guest-UT Pan Am) with William Dawson piano, SETB Lecture Hall, Patron of the Arts, (956) 882-7025, patron@utb.edu

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1-18 Art Exhibit "Juried Show" Rusteberg Art Gallery on campus of UTB/TSC, gallery@utb.edu , (956) 882-7097, http://blue.utb.edu/artgallery/

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May 2009

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July 2009

4 4th of July Celebration, UTB/TSC, (956) 546-2415

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August 2009

11 Elvis Festival, Little Graceland Museum, Los Fresnos TX, (956) 233-5482

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September 2009

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23 14th Annual BISD Faculty Exhibition Reception, at 6:00 pm. Brownsville Museum of Fine Arts, (956)542-0941, www.brownsvillemfa.org

October 2009

1 October Gala and Distinguished Artist Series Exhibition, Brownsville Museum of Fine Art, (956)542-0941, www.brownsvillemfa.org

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Middle School Xmas Tree Competition, Brownsville Museum of Fine Art, (956)542-0941, www.brownsvillemfa.org

2 BMFA Holiday Open House, Brownsville Museum of Fine Art, (956)542-0941, www.brownsvillemfa.org

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3 Reception and Holiday Open House, at 4:00 pm. Brownsville Museum of Fine Art, (956)542-0941 www.brownsvillemfa.org

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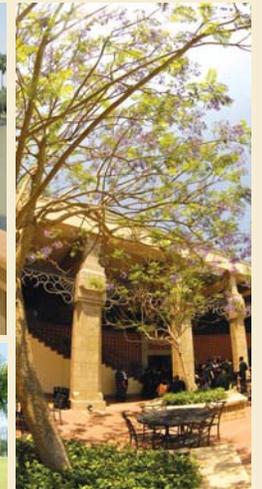
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Among Brownsville's popular birding sites is Tamaulipas Crow Park, otherwise known as the City's Landfill and a great location to add this bird and others to your list. The Sabal Palm Audubon Sanctuary, Boca Chica Beach dunes and wetlands, the city's resacas along with numerous places all around town provide great bird habitat and viewing venues. In and around Brownsville, the bird varieties include land, shore, and marine species. Even a number of wild birds nests on the grounds of the Gladys Porter Zoo. Some of the Rio Grande Valley's best birding occurs during the winter months.

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Brownsville boulevards are many niche-style stores, shopping plazas, and national discount merchants. Brownsville is a popular destination due to its proximity to the Mexican shops and markets in Matamoros, just footsteps south of downtown. In addition to souvenirs and gifts, handcrafted jewelry, silver, leather, pewter, Talavera pottery, boots, onyx, and musical instruments are available at the Juarez Market for a good value. For those looking for nostalgic treasures, antique shops are scattered throughout the valley. Seasonally, roadside stands appear with citrus of all kinds – Texas Ruby Red grapefruits, oranges, lemons, and limes; vegetables and produce; and watermelons. All this makes Brownsville a great shopping destination for Christmas and throughout the year, no matter which side of the border you live.

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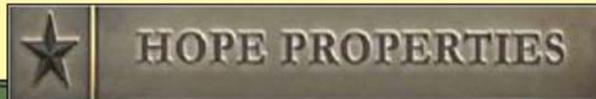


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Matamoros offers many restaurants to suit many tastes. From traditional Mexican fare to regional seafood dishes and even great steaks, visitors are sure to be satisfied. The dining experience often takes on added dimensions with costumed servers and mariachi music.

Many sites in Matamoros take you back into a colorful past. The Casa Mata Museum is a rich, historical reminder of numerous military actions that have

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In Brownsville, Winter Texans have a club for

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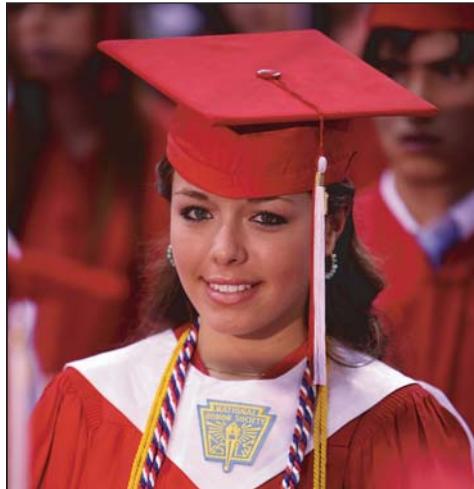
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Border Crossing' Helpful Hints

Current Requirements to Enter the United States From Within the Western Hemisphere by Land or Sea

U.S. Citizens

A verbal declaration and the ability to prove to a CBP officer, if requested, that your claim to U.S. citizenship is valid. Because it is difficult to prove your identity and citizenship without documents, presenting a driver's license and either a birth certificate or naturalization certificate, or a passport, is highly recommended.

Lawful Permanent Residents

Alien Registration Card (Form I-551) or other valid evidence of lawful permanent residence status is required.

Canadian Citizens and Citizens of the British Overseas Territory of Bermuda

A verbal declaration and the ability to prove to a CBP officer, if requested, that your claim to Canadian/Bermudian citizenship is valid. Because it is difficult to prove your identity and citizenship without documents, presenting a driver's license and either a birth certificate or naturalization certificate, or a passport, is highly recommended.

Mexican Citizens and Nationals

All Mexican citizens, including children, are currently required to present a border crossing card or passport with visa.

'Meet' In Brownsville

Brownsville is the perfect two nation convention destination, offering a great climate, solid values, and a variety of venues. Meeting in Brownsville adds the Mexico and Gulf beach experience in one destination.

The Brownsville Events Centers façade greatly portrays the local architectural style with stucco and red tile roofs. The Events Center features 13, 530 square feet of usable space.

Small to medium meeting groups will find that the center will meet all their requirements for general and breakout session needs. Maximum capacities for single focus type events include 1200 people in theater-style settings and 800 banquet-style.

The Brownsville Events Center's waterfront location has a landscaped gazebo for picture perfect outdoor receptions and functions. For more information on the Brownsville Events Center visit <http://eventscenter.cob.us>

The Ringgold Civic Pavilion is one civic facility that is undoubtedly unique. Its Sabal Palm Ballroom can be used in its entirety, or separated into three meeting areas, which can accommodate groups from 20 - 350 people.

The Fort Brown Memorial Center, located on the campus of The University of Texas at Brownsville, offers meeting space for local businesses and to those who are visiting the area. The complex consists of four meeting rooms that are available for rent for public and private events. The Stillman Town Hall seats 120, both the Stokely Hall and the Lee Youth Center accommodate up to 180 people and the Jacob Brown Auditorium has a seating capacity for 1,500 people.

In addition, the Holiday Inn of Brownsville with 141 guest rooms provides full service hotel meeting facilities with 5,742 sq. ft. of usable space that can be divided into four separate smaller rooms to accommodate various sized groups.

More single-function space is offered by a number of hotels and attractions in town. In total, Brownsville has a solid variety of venues to make events successful and memorable.

The many attractions and amenities in Brownsville and its surrounding area include two Gulf of Mexico beaches, seven challenging golf courses plus the many historical and natural sites of South Texas along with enchanting Mexico just across the Rio Grande.



BROWNSVILLE INFORMATION RESOURCES

Travel & Meeting Planning Information:

Brownsville Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc.

P.O. Box 4697, Brownsville, TX 78523

☎ (956) 546-3721 800-626-2639

☎ (956) 546-3972

brownsvilleinfo@brownsville.org

www.brownsville.org

Additional Resources:

Brownsville Chamber of Commerce

1600 University Blvd., Brownsville, TX. 78520

☎ (956) 542-4341 ☎ (956) 504-3348

info@brownvillechamber.com

www.brownvillechamber.com

Brownsville Economic Development Council

301 México Blvd., UTB/TSC ITEC, Brownsville, TX 78520

☎ (956) 541-1183 1-800-552-5352 ☎ (956) 546-3938

www.bedc.com

City of Brownsville

P.O. Box 911, Brownsville, TX 78521

☎ (956) 548-6000 ☎ (956) 548-6012

www.cob.us

Brownsville-South Padre Island International Airport

☎ (956) 542-4373

Brownsville Police Department

☎ (956) 548-7000

Brownsville Independent School District

☎ (956) 548-8000

Mexican Consulate – Brownsville

☎ (956) 542-4431

University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College

☎ (956) 882-8200

TX Dept. of Transportation – Road Conditions

☎ 1-800-452-9292

TX Dept. of Econ. Dev.—Statewide Tourism Information

☎ 1-800-8888-TEX

US Coast Guard, ☎ (956) 761-2668

US Consulate in Matamoros, ☎ 011-52-868-812-4402

US Customs & Border Protection, ☎ (956) 983-5800

US Fish & Wildlife Service, ☎ (956) 504-2035

VA Outpatient Clinic, ☎ (956) 366-4500

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