

Galveston, Texas, USA

Texas's only major cruise port blends Victorian grandeur with Gulf Coast grit — stroll The Strand's gaslit streets, grab fresh Gulf shrimp, and soak in a city that's been rebuilt, and re-loved, more than once.

Docked (no tender)

Homeport — full day

USD

English

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Always docked — four cruise terminals on Harborside Drive

Best For: History, Victorian architecture, Gulf seafood, beach day

Walk to Strand: 10–15 min from T25/T28 · 20–25 min from T10

Don't Miss: Tall Ship ELISSA at the Texas Seaport Museum

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ Flat rates available; confirm with driver · 🚗 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber, Lyft

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Tall Ship ELISSA & Texas Seaport Museum** — Board the 1877 iron-hulled sailing ship ELISSA — one of the oldest afloat — and tour the adjacent maritime museum telling Galveston's story as a...
- **The Strand Historic District** — Wander the gaslit Victorian streetscape — 19th-century iron-front buildings housing galleries, boutiques, antique shops, and the Galveston Railroad...
- **Galveston Bay Dolphin Watch** — Short boat tour from Pier 21 into Galveston Bay to spot wild bottlenose dolphins in their natural habitat.
- **Gulf Beach Day** — Hit Stewart Beach or East Beach for sun, sand, and warm Gulf waters.
- **Moody Gardens** — Three glass pyramids housing an aquarium, rainforest, and discovery museum — plus a ropes course and zip line.

BEST WALKS

- **Pier 21 to The Strand Loop** 1.2 miles · ~25 min · Flat · From T25/T28 — Start at Pier 21 beside the ship — visit the Texas Seaport Museum and ELISSA, then walk west along Harborside Drive to Strand Street.
- **Seawall Promenade Stroll** 1–3 miles · Flat · Requires rideshare to reach — The 10-mile Seawall Urban Park runs along the Gulf shore.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		74°	66°	14d
Jun		85°	79°	15d
Aug		87°	81°	17d
Sep		84°	78°	16d
Oct		79°	71°	11d

DAYLIGHT & 🌳 MONEY

Apr 6:52AM–7:45PM · Jun 6:19AM–8:20PM · Aug 6:47AM–7:58PM · Sep 7:04AM–7:23PM · Oct 7:20AM–6:48PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Summer heat is real. June–September brings 90°F+ temps with high humidity. Carry water, use sunscreen, and plan outdoor activity for morning hours.
- Rideshare beats trolley. The Galveston Island Trolley is charming but unreliable — Uber/Lyft are cheap, fast, and readily available at all terminals.
- Eat Gulf shrimp. Galveston's local shrimp are a genuine treat. Head to Shrimp 'N Stuff near The Strand for a casual, inexpensive, and authentically local meal.
- Know your terminal. T10 (Royal Caribbean) is farther from The Strand than T25/T28. If you're on RCI, budget an extra 10 minutes or grab a quick Uber.
- Hurricane season (Jun–Nov). Sailings from Galveston are sometimes affected by Gulf storms. Check weather forecasts if traveling June through November.
- The 1900 Storm is Galveston's soul. The Pier 21 Theater shows a compelling documentary about the deadliest natural disaster in US history — worth 45 minutes before you explore the city.

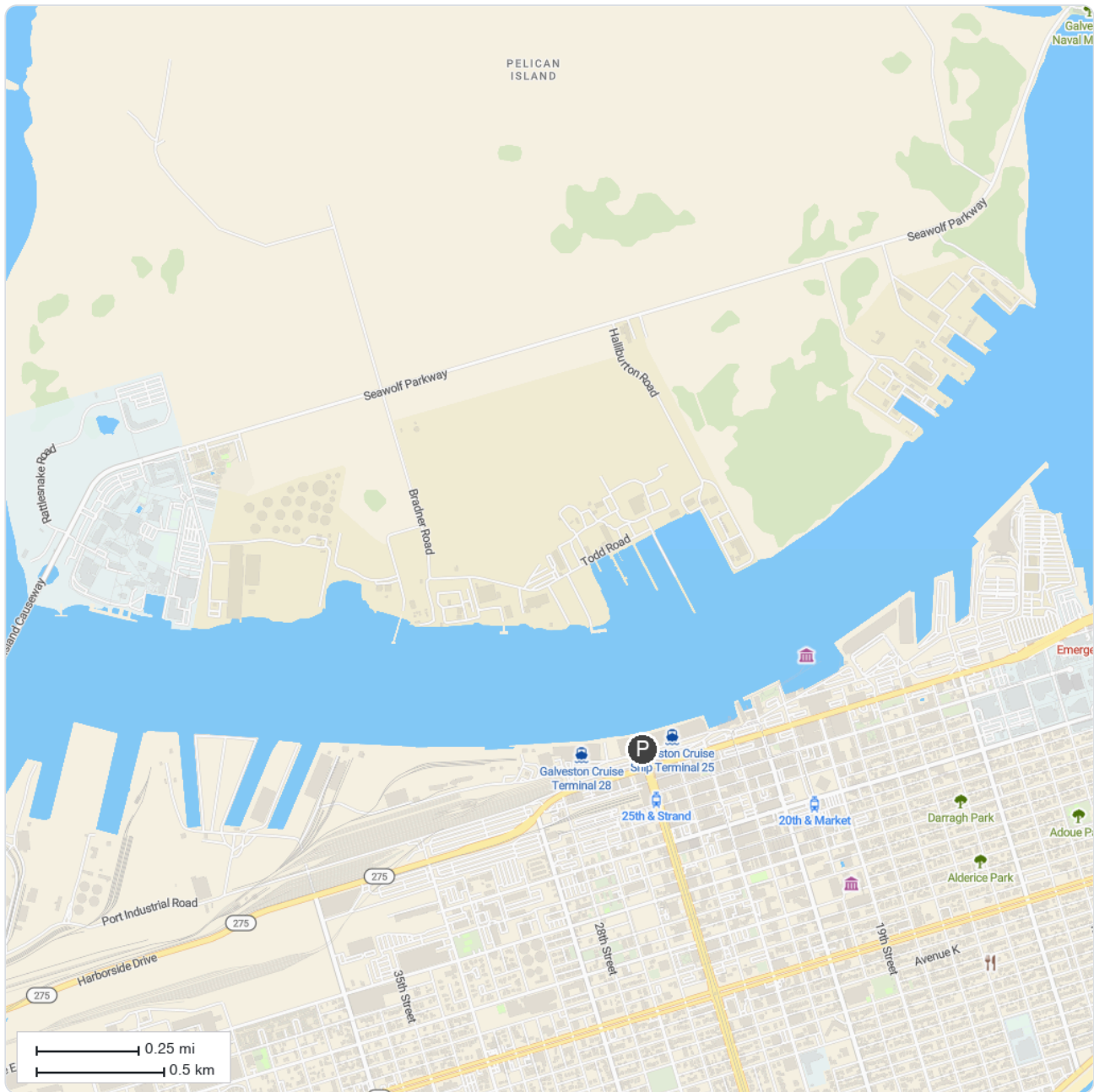
ESSENTIAL TRAVEL QUALIFICATIONS

- Confirm terminal and designated rideshare zone for your sailing. Disney primarily Terminal 28; Princess selected Terminal 25 sailings (port information checked 3 October 2026); boarding documents control.

Galveston, Texas, USA — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



P Cruise port / terminal