

CITY GUIDE OF:

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TX

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Where to Stay

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT SOUTH PADRE ISLAND

Sit back and relax by the beach at the Courtyard by Marriott on South Padre Island. Although Courtyard by Marriott is the newest beachfront resort in South Padre Island, the hotel chain has proven itself with over 35 years of service. Enjoy a selection of tasty foods and drinks at the Bistro, along with their onsite bar, Bar Louie, which is claimed to be the island's premier beachfront bar. Bar Louie offers an extensive drink menu, along with a separate brunch and late-night menu and a normal daytime bar-bites menu, which includes everything from juicy burgers and mouthwatering flatbreads to delicious desserts. Take a refreshing dip into the hotel's outdoor saltwater pool or take a sunset stroll along the beach. The hotel is also equipped with a fitness center, free high-speed internet, and a variety of spaces for working. With amenities like these and more, stay at the Courtyard by Marriott South Padre Island for a luxurious and rejuvenating stay.

What to Do

SAND CASTLE LESSONS

As the premier sandcastle lessons company in the country with professional instructors and a slogan that says, "We Don't Do Boring," you can expect nothing less than a wave of fun with your crew on South Padre Island with this sandy activity. In fact, Sand Castle Lessons, which has been established for sixteen years, is rated the number one family beach activity by TripAdvisor with over 850 reviews. Instructors American Champion sandcaster, Andy Handcock, and undefeated South Padre Amateur champion Max Hovorka, "pass on the science of [their] sand for everyone to understand how to make a better sandcastle," according to their website. Sand Castle Lessons supplies everything needed to build the castle, including a toolkit that they let you keep after the lesson so you can continue the fun! Best part? No skill is required – all you need is a good attitude to have an out-sanding time. Visit their website to book a lesson!

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Where to Eat PIER 19

BE SURE TO
LOOK FOR
DOLPHINS!

With an entire pier devoted to your dining and sightseeing experience, Pier 19 Restaurant & Bar promises to provide you and your guests with an unforgettable excursion in South Padre Island. Pier 19 serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner and will even cook up your catch – a specialty dining experience they call “Local Wild Caught,” where their exceptional chefs will prepare a feast from your catches. Watch a serene sunset on the boardwalk while drinking a Bloody Mary, which was voted best on the island, or indulge in their delectable fish tacos and enjoy a lunchtime jaunt from the beach. Keep your eyes peeled, and you may even see a few dolphins jumping. No matter how you spend your time at Pier 19, it is sure to delight.



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Must See

PIRATE'S LANDING FISHING PIER

Pirate's Landing Fishing Pier, located in Port Isabel at the entrance that leads to South Padre Island, is sure to yield a one-of-a-kind fishing experience for you and your family. The pier is open 24 hours a day and has a tackle and bait shop, pristine facilities, and paved parking. You do not even have to bring your own fishing equipment: Pirate's Landing Pier has fishing poles for rent, along with tackle and all kinds of bait. In need of a refreshment? The pier has a top-of-the-line restaurant and a fully loaded snack bar, which offers everything from ice-cold beer to sandwiches. If fishing is not your style, visit the historic lighthouse next to the pier, or check out the Isabella Excursions and Black Dragon Cruises, which are both native to the pier. There are also three museums, a sea life center, and many shopping opportunities within walking distance. Your time at South Padre Island would be a miss without a visit to Pirate's Landing Pier.

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