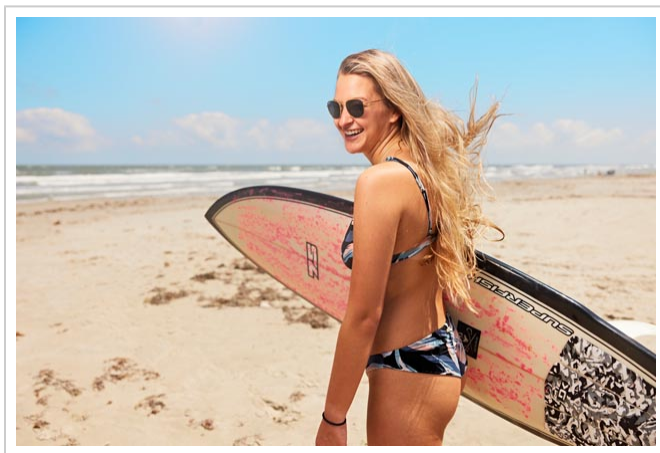




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PORT ARANSAS
the island life

Port Aransas & Mustang Island



Port Aransas, Traditions Anchor Here

You know you've arrived in Port Aransas when you see passenger windows rolling down, and hands extending out to ride the ocean air. It's the international sign for "I'm in Island Mode," and it's the constant state of being here on the island. The best part? This island getaway isn't on some far-off island, three layovers away in the Pacific—it's right here in Texas. You are a quick car ride away from experiencing the coastal destination countless families and friends have cherished for generations.

While the 18 miles of uninterrupted beaches may be reason enough to make your way to Port A, the beachside community offers far more than other "beach" destinations. Port Aransas has an eclectic restaurant and bar scene, serving up the freshest seafood in the state or your favorite beach drink, and beach town neighborhoods filled with colorful vacation rentals that will have you rethinking that soon-to-be squished ham and cheese sandwich on the beach and commute back and forth to a hotel off the island.

Make Your Summer Trip An Island Getaway

Turn the drive to and from the beach into a memory-filled experience by renting your crew a beach-ready golf cart. The sea breeze in your hair, your favorite beach tunes playing, and all the cares in the world left back home—it's the Port A way to get around the island. Best of all, you won't have to worry about finding parking; you can roll right up onto your section of beach, and set up your day in the sun right there. Dig your toes in the sand, cast a line into the surf, and enjoy the relaxing fun you can only have without even having to worry about how you're going to get the sand out of your SUV's carpet.

Looking for some fun on the water? Port Aransas offers countless kayak, paddleboard, surfboard, and jet ski rental shops that are ready to get you on the water as seamlessly as possible. Enjoy a relaxing cove, catch a wave, or tear across the harbor!

Get More Out of Your Vacation

Port Aransas has previously been named one of the Top 25 Family Beaches by TripAdvisor's family travel site Family Vacation Critic, and you'll see why the minute you arrive. Visitors can connect with the island's old seaside spirit by visiting Farley Boat Works to learn about the handcrafted boats that helped shape Port Aransas as it is today, or take in a show at Port Aransas Community Theatre. For family-focused fun, bring the kids aboard the Red Dragon Pirate Ship or head out to San José Island to search for seashells.

Get A Taste of Island Life

You can find great food all over this proud state, but Port Aransas is the best place for you to get an authentic taste of Texas' island flavor. Take in the views from waterfront patios, or the refreshing taste of your favorite beach drink under a palm-covered palapa.

Looking for fresh off the boat seafood? There are several restaurants, such as Castaways Seafood and Grill, that will prepare whatever catch you bring in from your Port A fishing trip. Not the biggest fan of seafood? Fret not, there are plenty of cuisine options like Lelo's Island Bar or La Playa, which serves up amazing cheeseburgers and other delicious dishes. Whatever your family's preference, whatever the budget, Port Aransas has the perfect dining experience for you.



Anchor Your Beach Traditions in Port Aransas

Don't let another vacation opportunity pass you by. Head out to Port Aransas, where the ocean breeze feels a bit cooler, the sun shines a bit brighter, and every moment is a memory waiting to be made. It's time to make your way to Port A, and anchor your traditions on Texas' favorite island.