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Whether your vacation plans include non-stop activities and fun or you prefer a place to unwind and relax, Matagorda County is your perfect destination.

Situated where the Colorado River empties into the Gulf of Mexico, Matagorda County is home to miles of glistening, sandy beaches, pristine waters, world-class fishing, and diverse wildlife. In fact, if you like being in and around the water, you may never run out of things to do. From sailing in the Gulf, canoeing down the Colorado, to fresh and saltwater fishing, swimming and surfing, you won't find a better place for family fun.

Matagorda County is known as the "Birding Capital of North America." With over 300 different feathered species- including migrating and resident songbirds, shorebirds and waterfowl- bird lovers come from all over the country to look for their favorites or to spot an elusive rare bird. Matagorda's Mad Island Marsh was selected by the Audubon Society for their prestigious annual Christmas Bird Count and has been a repeat winner over the last 15 years.



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Matagorda County is more than just nature, though. It's dotted with seaside villages and historic towns, each with its own story and ambience - pure, small-town Texas with big city amenities. You can shop till you drop for unique gifts, clothing, books, art and antiques. When you're ready for dinner, the hardest part will be deciding which top-notch restaurant to choose. Not surprisingly, you will find locally-caught seafood on almost every menu. Authentic Tex-Mex is another regional specialty.

Located just 60 miles southwest of Houston, and a short drive from Austin and San Antonio, it's no wonder the Houston Press named Matagorda County the "Best Weekend Getaway".

Wherever you go in Matagorda County, and whatever adventure you choose, you'll encounter nature at its best and Texas hospitality at its warmest.