

DID YOU KNOW?

- Houston is the 4th largest city in the US with over 2.1 million people in the city and over 5.7 million in the metropolitan area.
- Houston is one of the 10 largest cities in landmass in the US. It has over 600 square miles/1,000 square kilometers. It is bigger than the countries of Singapore or Monaco. You need time to see Houston.
- Texas is larger than France.
- The second greatest battle fought on what is now US soil was just east of Houston on April 21, 1836.
- Houston was the capital of the Republic of Texas on two occasions, from 1837 to 1839 and in 1842.
- Houston had the first domed stadium in the world. The Astrodome opened in 1965.
- “Houston” was the first word spoken from the moon on July 20, 1969.
- Houston has been a musical mecca. Artists who have been born, lived, or recorded here include Destiny’s Child, Beyonce, Solange, Clint Black, Archie Bell, Ray Charles, Johnny Nash, BJ Thomas, ZZ Top, and more.
- Houston has the 4th largest shopping mall in the US with over 375 stores.
- Houston has the largest medical center in the world, employing over 80,000 people.
- Houston arguably has the 2nd best skyline in the US.
- Houston has one of the most diverse populations in the world. You can find almost anyone here.
- Houston is an academic magnet with 6 major institutions of higher learning.
- Houston has the second largest number of live theaters of any city in the US.
- Houston is the cheapest of the five largest cities in the US in which to live or visit.
- Houston has been the home of many famous actors and actresses: The Allen sisters, the Quaid brothers, Farrah Fawcett, Jennifer Holiday, Larry Hovis, Jim Parsons, Jaclyn Smith, Patrick Swayze, Chandra Wilson, and more.

TOUR COSTS

The cost of all tours is based on a sliding scale for the number of individuals in a given party. The per person price continually shrinks. The cost for 1 person for a city tour has not changed since 2005, just \$25 per hour. Also, understand or ask about the difference between transport and a tour. Prices for tours where we do not have to provide transportation (known as step-on guides) are always cheaper. Check our website at www.houstonhistoricaltours.com for the prices for our most popular tours. Write to us at houstonhistory@aol.com or call at (713) 392-0867 for all other prices.

Children 0.1 to 3 years old are free: 4 to 11 years old are half-price.

2.5 – 3.5 Hour Walking Tours

1 person	\$60	10 – 19 people	\$15 ea
2 people	\$40 ea	20 – 29 people	\$10 ea
3 – 4 people	\$30 ea	30+ people	\$5 ea
5 – 9 people	\$20 ea		

Local Night (Haunted, Night Life, City, and Holiday Lights) Tours

\$100 total for 1 or 2 people or \$35 per person for 3 or more.

Step-on Guides for Adults and Seniors

#	Hours	Flat Rate for 1– 17 People	Price Per Person for 18+ People
1	0.1 – 2.0	\$200	\$12
2	2.1 – 4.0	\$225	\$13
3	4.1 – 6.0	\$250	\$14
4	6.1 – 8.0	\$275	\$16
5	8.1 – 10.0	\$300	\$17
6	10.1 – 12.0	\$325	\$19
7	12.1 – 14.0	\$350	\$20

Step-on Guides for Schools

#	Hours	Flat Rate for the 1 st Bus	Flat Rate for Each Addl. Bus w/Docent
1	0.1 – 5.0	\$250	\$100
2	5.1 – 9.0	\$300	\$200
3	9.1 – 13.0	\$350	\$300

As a service to our guests, we offer free pickup and drop-off service within the downtown corridor surrounded by I-45, I-10, and US 59. A group surcharge, not per person, exists for pickups outside of downtown.

Number of Persons	1-5	6+
Between Downtown & I-610	\$10	\$20
Between I-610 & Beltway 8	\$30	\$60
Between Beltway 8 & SH6/FM1960/SH146	\$60	\$120
Between SH6/FM1960/SH146 & Grand Parkway/SH99	\$90	\$180
Between the Grand Parkway/SH99 and within 50 miles of downtown exits #47 on I-45 and #769 on I-10	\$120	\$240

We also provide pickup and drop-off transportation to Bush Intercontinental Airport Houston (IAH) and Hobby Airport (HOB).

Ask us about planning customized tours • Inquire about discounts. Prices are subject to change without notice.

HOUSTON HISTORICAL TOURS TESTIMONIALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Included in the *AAA Texas Tour Book* since 2011, the most read tour books in the USA about Texas.
- Recommended in the *USA Today* Walking Tours of Downtown Houston, Texas article in 2010.
- Recommended in *The Recorder and Times* Brockville, Ontario’s travel section on November 19, 2011.
- Recommended by an Australian in the Finding Houston blog titled *Houston Downtown Walking Tour* at findinghouston.com/2011/11/07/houston-downtown-walking-tour/ on November 7, 2011.
- Recommended in the Urban Sophistication article of *East Texas Travel Guide* in Travels.com.
- 5 star rating at www.yelp.com/biz/houston-historical-tours-houston on September 5, 2011.
- Recommended in a blog on July 20, 2011. blog.meadowbrookcamaps.com/around-town/houston-historical-tours-near-humble/
- Recommended in the *Montreal Gazette* on May 28, 2011.
- Recommended in the Canadian newspapers *The Toronto Sun*, *The Sault Star*, *The Nugget*, *The Sudbury Star*, *The Observer* and *The Standard* in 2011.
- Featured in a blog www.livestrong.com/article/240314-walking-tours-of-downtown-houston-texas on December 8, 2010.
- Featured in a blog *Houston Sightseeing Tours – Tour Texas!* at Zimbio at www.zimbio.com/Lone+Star+Park+Thoroughbred+Racing/articles/2/Houston+Sightseeing+Tours+Tour+Texas March 10, 2009.
- Featured in the blog *Houston for Visitors’s Tours of Houston* article.
- Recommended at www.texasexplorer.com/Houston sometime before 2009.
- Featured in the local *Village Voice* and the *Southwest News*, each on January 8, 2008.
- Keith was featured as a tour guide in the *Christian Science Monitor* on July 30, 2003.
- Keith was featured as the city’s master tour guide on pages 1D and 5D in the *Houston Chronicle* on July 15, 2003.
- Featured in Barbara Burgower Hordern’s book *A Parent Guide to Houston*, in 2003.
- Keith was featured on the front page lead article as a tour guide in the local *Jewish Herald Voice* on April 25, 2001.
- Featured in the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau (GHCVB) website at www.visithoustontexas.com/visitors/tours/listing=details?id=23388. Member since 2001.
- Featured as an area attraction by the Houston Marriott at www.hotels-rates.com/hotels_reservations/property/24622/
- Member of the Professional Tour Guide Association of Houston (PTGAH).

HOUSTON HISTORICAL TOURS

Educating and Entertaining Everyone



713.392.0867

www.houstonhistoricaltours.com
houstonhistory@aol.com

Houston Historical Tours
 P. O. Box 262404
 Houston, Texas 77207-2404

HOUSTON HISTORICAL TOURS

Our mission is to help create a better society that is understanding, supportive, and respectful of all people.

Our Most Popular Tours

8 Different City Tours From 2 to 9 Hours

The most popular city tours are 5 and 6-hour tour options that include downtown, the Visitors Center, City Hall, Theater District, former banking district, downtown stadiums, Discovery Green Park, Sam Houston Park, historic homes and cemeteries, famous buildings, Freedmen's Town, the Montrose area, River Oaks, the Rice Village, Rice University, the Museum District, Hermann Park, the Texas Medical Center, south side stadiums, the Galleria area, Folk Art, Memorial Park, Beer Can House, Box Springs House, Gargoyle House, and an art car studio or museum. On weekdays, it can also include an observation deck and brief walk through pedestrian tunnels.

Space Center Houston (SCH) (NASA)

7 hours – Sliding Scale. Any day.

This includes transportation, parking, tickets to SCH, a tram ride to see the old mission control, the astronauts' training facility, a Saturn V rocket, three movies including one IMAX film and "On Human Destiny," a space briefing, and the history museum "Starship Gallery" where you can touch a moon rock and see Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo capsules as well as walk through a Skylab mockup. Walk through a space shuttle mockup and have time to shop at the Space Trader Gift Shop. This is a guided tour with narratives. If you only want transport to and from NASA, ask us about that option.

Over 15 Walking Tours

1.5 and 2.5 hours – Sliding Scale. Any day.

We offer 4 downtown walking tours on Mondays through Fridays and walking tours of historic neighborhoods, museums, art galleries, shopping and restaurant areas, 4 universities, parks, and more any day of the week. The most popular tour

begins by strolling through the oldest park in Houston, viewing and listening to narratives about 10 structures from 1823 to 1905, followed by walking into a reconstructed 1878 general store. Walk through 4 different tunnels, 3 skybridges, to a skyscraper, and up to the 59th and 58th floor observation decks. See the interior of buildings, including a 1923 library and a 1947 bank building, each of which is on the National Register of Historical Places. Walk on a rooftop and look at the street beneath you. View public folk art, including New Deal murals.

3 Different Haunted Tours

3.0 – 3.5 hours. Sliding Scale.

Any night, beginning at twilight.

Two tours visit abandoned, but maintained cemeteries, haunted bars and restaurants, and go by buildings. One tour visits 3 to 4 abandoned and lost hidden by decades of neglect, trees, and brush. Bring a flashlight.

Galveston Tours From 5 to 10 Hours

Sliding Scale. Any day.

These can include seeing the historic Strand, 1830s plantation style homes, the 1860s to 1880s Victorian homes, the 1890s to 1910s mansions of the Silk Stocking District, beach, tree sculptures, palace-like structures along Broadway, an 1890s house tour, shopping, movie, museum, and or a winery tour.

ABOUT THE OWNER AND YOUR GUIDES

Keith Rosen, a researcher and historian, has led tours of Houston since 1985. In 2003, the city of Houston chose Keith to be its Master Tour Guide for multicultural tours. In 2007, the Harris County Historical Commissioners appointed Keith to the Harris County Historical Commission (HCHC). In 2009, Keith and his colleague Chris Varela researched and co-wrote a narrative to enable an African American church to obtain a state historical marker. Currently, a semi-retired professor of history and political science with Houston Community College, he shares his love of the city with all who are interested. Keith conducts the majority of the tours. Keith has a crew of about 6 other tour guides. All are either members of the PTGAH, members of the HCHC, active or retired professors of history, or have passed tests to be tour guides. Keith attempts to provide you with the best tours possible by professionals with the highest standards and skills.

HOUSTON HISTORICAL TOURS OFFERS MORE THAN 100 TOURS

Local + Day Tours

- Religious Sites - Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jain, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Taoist
- 2 Lives of the Rich and Infamous
- 1 Celebrity Homes Past and Present
- 8 Holiday Lights Tours
- 5 African American Tours: Wards, Cemeteries, School, Acres Homes, Kashmere Gardens, Ranches, Plantation
- 4 Asian American Tours: East, the Subcontinent, and Southwest
- 3 Hispanic Heritage Tours
- 1 Jewish History Tour
- Over 12 Cemetery Tours
- 11 Museum Tours
- 5 Presidential Tours
- 6 Unique Neighborhoods Tours
- 3 Folk Art Tours
- Over 6 Beer, Winery, and Rum Tours
- Deer Park and Pasadena
- Humble
- Kemah
- Texas City
- Customized Girl Scout Tours for Badges
- Houston Houses of Mansions and Historic Homes
- Night Life Tours
- 2 Port of Houston/Houston Ship Channel Tours
- Quilting Tour
- San Jacinto State Park with the monument and battleship
- Shopping Tours – local and metropolitan
- Sports Tour
- 3 Women's History Tours



Out of Town Tours of Less Than One Week

- Austin – 1 to 6 days
- Beaumont and /or Port Arthur – 1 to 3 days
- Bellville – 1 day
- Brazos Bend State Park in Needville – 1 day
- 3 Brenham, Burton, Chappell Hill, and or Washington-on-the-Brazos Tours – 1 day each
- Corpus Christi, Kingsville, the King Ranch, and Padre Island – 2 to 6 days
- Corsicana and Dallas – 3 to 6 days
- Fort Worth – 3 days
- Fredericksburg, Johnson City, and Stonewall – 3 days
- George Ranch Historical Park in Richmond – 1 day
- German Culture and Heritage in New Braunfels
- Hill Country
- Huntsville – 1 day
- 4 La Grange and Round Top Tours – quilting, music, art, antiques – 1 day each
- New Orleans – general and ethnic tours – 4 to 12 days
- Orange – 1 day
- 5 Painted and Historical Churches in the Greater Schulenburg area – 1 day each
- 5 Quilting Tours – 1 day each in different cities
- 2 Rural Trains – 1 day each
- San Antonio – 1 to 9 days
- San Marcos – shopping and or site-seeing – 1 to 3 days
- Texas City – 1 day
- Varner-Hogg Plantation and historic West and East Columbia – 1 day

One Week and Longer Out-of-Town Tours

- Arkansas Tours
- Branson, Missouri Tours
- Chicago, Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri Tours
- Northwest and North Texas Tours
- Savannah, Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina Tours
- Shreveport, Louisiana and Little Rock, Arkansas Tours
- West Texas and Big Bend Tours