

15 Perfect Summer Road Trips for When You Need to Escape Houston

Get away without going (too) far.

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We love Houston, we really do. We love it for its otherworldly [food](#) and [bar scene](#), its [patio](#) and [rooftop](#) life, and yes, even for its absolute bonkers weather because that means pool season is pretty much a mandatory, year-round thing. All of this to say, that doesn't mean we don't like to get away every now and then. So we've put together a little weekend getaway bucket list, and each trip is within road-trippin' distance from Houston (six-hour drives, tops, which in Texas terms is basically a trip around the corner).

With outdoorsy adventures, breezy escapes, and IRL ways to explore the beautiful state of Texas, here's where to take a drive when you need to get the hell outta Dodge this summer.

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Galveston Island

Galveston Island, Texas

Distance from Houston: 50 miles; 1-hour drive

The blistering hot Texas summer is made for beach time. So, obviously, you should head to the [island](#). Plan a pampering stay at spots like the nearly two-centuries-old [Tremont House](#), ritzy and (sometimes ghostly) [Grand Galvez](#), palatial [San Luis Resort](#), or the soon-to-come, timelessly Texan [Hotel Lucine](#) (where hospitality heroes Justin Yu and Bobby Heugel are set to open a restaurant concept); or kick it old-school at throwback classics like [Gaido's Seaside Inn](#) and [Beachcomber Inn](#). Before and after you hit the sands, you can spend your time strolling the historic [Strand District](#), a 70-block jewel teeming with gorgeous Victorian buildings housing museums, boutiques, theaters, shops, and [La King's Confectionery](#), a retro sweets shop stocked with ice cream, dipped chocolates, and taffy (don't forget your mask, of course). Hop around the island and you'll find local dining gems like [Mosquito Cafe](#), [Shrimp 'N Stuff](#), [Porch Cafe](#), [Rudy & Paco](#), and [Little Daddy's Gumbo Bar](#). And before you leave, pick up a couple six-pack souvenirs from local suds outpost [Galveston Island Brewing Company](#).