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*Congratulations to Clara I.!!
She was our raffle winner of a Day at the Spa certificate!*

Texas Travel

Houston is the nation's fourth largest city, home to 2 million people and a hub of international businesses. Houston's leaders are focusing their attention on making their city not only a great place to live, but a great place to visit as well! Here are 5 cool things to do while traveling to Houston:

1. **Space Center Houston:** Ever since the Apollo flights, Houston has been synonymous with space travel. This section of NASA's Johnson Space Center allows visitors to take a look back at the making of space history. Enter into the five-story plaza which features a full-size shuttle mock-up, complete with flight deck. <http://www.spacecenter.org>
2. **Houston Museum of Natural Science:** The three-level live butterfly exhibit fascinates the young, as does the Challenger Learning Center with its great introduction to space science. With dinosaur exhibits, the Wiess Energy Hall, as well as the Cullen Hall of Gems and Minerals, this will be an all day outing! When you need to relax, take in an IMAX film or watch one of Burke Planetarium's shows. <http://www.hmns.org>
3. **Bayou Bend:** This 28-room mansion is the former home of Ima Hogg, a famous philanthropist. Visitors can wander through 14 acres of woodlands and formal gardens, or the 4,800 various works of art throughout the house. <http://www.mfah.org/bayoubend/home.asp?par1=1&par2=1&par3=1&par4=1&par5=1&par6=1&par7=¤tPage=>
4. **Tunnel Walks:** This downtown, multimillion-dollar tunnel system gives new meaning to the term 'underground'. Those who venture beneath the city will find restaurants, hotels, gift shops, and many more fun spots that line the corridors. <http://www.houstondowntown.com/Home/GeneralInfo/GettingAround/TunnelSkywalkSystem/>
5. **Houston Holocaust Museum:** This museum is a tribute to the victims of the Nazi concentration camps during World War II. Through changing exhibits, films and lectures, it seeks to inform future generations of the racism of the holocaust and the horrifying results of hatred. <http://www.hmh.org>



Getting the most for your traveling buck.

Star Nursing has added a travel section to our website with links to help you get the most out of your \$.

We have worked hard to obtain corporate discounts to share with you!

Avis

www.avisawards.com
AWD Number is Z163285

Budget

www.budget.com
BCD is Z532056

Jet Blue

This carrier has launched 100% refundable fairs. Passengers may also make unlimited reservation changes, name changes, or opt out for a full refund.
www.jetblue.com

Farecast

The airfare prediction site advises travelers on when to buy based on fares rising, dropping or remaining steady for a 7-day cycle.
www.farecast.com

SMARTER INVESTING:

For Your Future



Did you know that if you gave up your daily Starbucks, you could save \$3 a day? That's nearly \$100 a month! If you save that extra \$100/month at 3.5% APY for 5 years, your latte money could turn into \$7147!

Now.....wouldn't you want that extra cash in your pocket, rather than those extra calories on your hips?
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Whistle-blowing is...

Exposure of fraud and abuse by an employee. The federal law that legitimated the concept of the whistle-blower, the False Claims Act (1863, revised 1986), was created to combat fraud by suppliers to the federal government during the Civil War. Under the act, whistle-blowers can receive a percentage of the money recovered or damages won by the government in fraud cases they expose. The act also protects whistle-blowers from wrongful dismissal, allowing for reinstatement with seniority, double back pay, interest on back pay, compensation for discriminatory treatment, and reasonable legal fees. Federal legislation in 1978 barred reprisals against those who exposed government corruption. Harassment and dismissal of and the revelation of widespread waste and fraud in defense contracting led Congress to strengthen the position of whistle-blowers in 1989. Many states also have employment laws that deal with discriminatory treatment of whistle-blowers.

Don't forget!

The deadline to file taxes is Tuesday, April 15th! If you think you can't meet the deadline, you may file for a 6 month extension; however, it will not extend the date of any tax you owe. For full details, visit:

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=108542,00.html>

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