



# Sweet Somethings



FIND YOUR FUN IN SUGAR LAND!



## Attractions

### ARTISTS' ALLIANCE OF SUGAR LAND

This local artists' collective features working artist studios, gallery space and a variety of art classes.

[www.artistsallianceofsugarland.org](http://www.artistsallianceofsugarland.org) | 281.565.0957

### CIRCLE S VINEYARDS

Known for award-winning wines, Circle S welcomes visitors for tastings and winery tours.

[www.circlesvineyards.com](http://www.circlesvineyards.com) | 281.265.9463

### CONSTELLATION FIELD

Visit the home of Skeeters baseball, concerts and other sporting events.

[www.sugarlandskeeters.com](http://www.sugarlandskeeters.com) | 281.240.HITS

### HOUSTON MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE SUGAR LAND

Come face-to-face with Stan the T. rex and explore other fascinating exhibitions for the whole family.

[www.hmns.org/sugarland](http://www.hmns.org/sugarland) | 281.313.2277

### PAINTING WITH A TWIST

Bring your own beverage and enjoy step-by-step instruction from our experienced artists.

[www.paintingwithatwist.com](http://www.paintingwithatwist.com) | 281.491.9200

### PINOT'S PALETTE

Paint, drink and have fun while being inspired by our local artists who will guide you to a finished painting.

[www.pinotspalette.com](http://www.pinotspalette.com) | 713.893.0923

### SERENITEA TEA ROOM

Enjoy afternoon tea and more in an elegant and relaxed setting that is one of *Southern Living* magazine's Top Ten Tearooms in Texas.

[www.sereniteatearoom.com](http://www.sereniteatearoom.com) | 281.491.4588

### SUGAR LAND AUDITORIUM

This beautifully restored auditorium was built in 1918 by Imperial Sugar and is the oldest public building in Sugar Land. Today it hosts meetings and performing arts events.

[www.slcaf.org](http://www.slcaf.org) | 281.898.4518

### SUGAR LAND HERITAGE FOUNDATION MUSEUM

View historical artifacts that trace the evolution of Sugar Land from its early days as a sugarcane plantation into one of Texas' fastest-growing cities.

[www.slheritage.org](http://www.slheritage.org) | 281.494.0261

### SUGAR LAND TOWN SQUARE

Town Square offers international dining choices, lively events and specialty shopping that includes Sur La Table, Z Gallerie and Luggage & Leather.

[www.sugarlandtownsquare.com](http://www.sugarlandtownsquare.com) | 281.276.6000

### TECHNO CHAOS

Put your creativity and engineering skills to the test while playing with more than half a million LEGOs.

[www.techno-chaos.com](http://www.techno-chaos.com) | 281.410.1768

## Shopping

Sugar Land has **32 shopping regions** featuring more than **900 shopping and dining destinations.**

[www.shopsugarland.com](http://www.shopsugarland.com).

### FIRST COLONY MALL

Sugar Land's mall has over a million square feet of shopping and dining indoors and out, featuring Macy's, Dillard's, Cheesecake Factory, Grimaldi's Pizzeria and more.

[www.firstcolonymall.com](http://www.firstcolonymall.com) | 281.265.6123

### LAKE POINTE TOWN CENTER

Anchored by Whole Foods Market, this shopping center is part of an urban-style village and also features Churrasco's, Post Oak Grill, Azuma and more.

### MARKET AT TOWN CENTER

This upscale, outlet-style shopping center includes Saks Fifth Avenue Off 5<sup>th</sup>, Nordstrom Rack, DSW, Home Goods and more.

## Sports & Recreation

### SUGAR LAND SKEETERS BASEBALL

Sugar Land's home team brings independent professional minor league baseball to the Houston area at Constellation Field.

[www.sugarlandskeeters.com](http://www.sugarlandskeeters.com) | 281.240.HITS

### SUGAR LAND ICE AND SPORTS

The only dual rink and event facility in the Gulf Coast offers public skating and lessons and is the official practice facility of the Houston Aeros.

[www.sugarlandice.com](http://www.sugarlandice.com) | 281.265.7465

### SUGAR LAND PARKS AND RECREATION

Sugar Land features more than 20 parks with activities such as concerts, hiking, biking, disc golf, birding, fishing and opportunities for team sports.

[www.sugarlandtx.gov/parks\\_recreation](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/parks_recreation) | 281.275.2825



VISIT SUGAR LAND

## 2013 Annual Events

Detailed Calendar of Events listings may be found at [www.VisitSugarLandTX.com](http://www.VisitSugarLandTX.com).

### Ongoing

#### EVERY SATURDAY 9am - 1pm | Farmers Market at Imperial

Enjoy a wonderful selection of fresh produce, artistic treasures and family fun—including live music, cooking demonstrations and children's activities. *Imperial Sugar Refinery; [www.imperialsugarland.com/farmers\\_market](http://www.imperialsugarland.com/farmers_market)*

#### SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 10 - 11:30am | Heritage Hike

Learn how the sugar industry shaped Sugar Land on this walking tour through the early part of town. *Sugar Land Heritage Foundation; [www.slheritage.org](http://www.slheritage.org)*

### Spring

#### MARCH 2 | Cultural Kite Festival

Colorful kites of all shapes and sizes bring Sugar Land's mix of culture and diversity to the skies. *Sugar Land Memorial Park; [www.sugarlandtx.gov/parks\\_recreation](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/parks_recreation)*

#### APRIL 24-28 | Sugar Land Wine & Food Affair

Join more than 7,000 fanatic foodies for dinners, tastings, demonstrations and seminars in this highly anticipated 5-day event. *Sugar Land Town Square, Imperial Sugar Refinery and other locations; [www.sugarlandwineandfoodaffair.com](http://www.sugarlandwineandfoodaffair.com)*

### Summer

#### MAY 27 | Memorial Day Ceremony

The City of Sugar Land pays tribute to those who have served the country during this annual ceremony. *Sugar Land Memorial Park; [www.sugarlandtx.gov/parks\\_recreation](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/parks_recreation)*

#### JULY 4 | Star Spangled Celebration

Celebrate America's birthday while enjoying live performances, delicious county fair-type goodies and numerous children's activities; *Constellation Field; [www.sugarlandtx.gov/parks\\_recreation](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/parks_recreation)*

### Fall

#### OCTOBER 19-20 | Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta

Dragon Boat teams race throughout the day while colorful cultural performances and exhibits take place on shore. *Brooks Lake at Fluor Corporation; [www.texasdragonboat.com](http://www.texasdragonboat.com)*

### Winter

#### DECEMBER 5 | Christmas Tree Lighting in the Plaza

Revel in a magical evening of holiday entertainment and festivities while celebrating the lighting of Sugar Land Town Square's Christmas tree. *Sugar Land Town Square; [www.sugarlandtx.gov/parks\\_recreation](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/parks_recreation)*

#### DECEMBER 31 | New Year's Eve Celebration

This landmark celebration is the best party around, with entertainment and a live 3D show that counts down to the New Year. *Sugar Land Town Square; [www.sugarlandtx.gov/parks\\_recreation](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov/parks_recreation)*

## Hotels

#### BEST WESTERN SUGAR LAND INN

6330 E Riverpark Dr | [bestwestern.com](http://bestwestern.com) | 281.232.0680

#### DRURY INN & SUITES SUGAR LAND

13770 Southwest Fwy | [druryhotels.com](http://druryhotels.com) | 281.277.9700

#### EXTENDED STAY DELUXE HOUSTON - SUGAR LAND

13420 Southwest Fwy | [extendedstay.com](http://extendedstay.com) | 281.494.6699

#### HILTON GARDEN INN HOUSTON/SUGAR LAND

722 Bonaventure Way | [hilton.com](http://hilton.com) | 281.491.7777

#### HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOUSTON SOUTHWEST - SUGAR LAND

14444 Southwest Fwy | [hiexpress.com](http://hiexpress.com) | 281.565.6655

#### HYATT PLACE HOUSTON/SUGAR LAND

16730 Creek Bend Dr | [hyattplace.com](http://hyattplace.com) | 281.491.0300

#### SUGAR LAND MARRIOTT TOWN SQUARE & CONFERENCE CENTER

16090 City Walk | [slmarriott.com](http://slmarriott.com) | 281.275.8400

## Fun Facts

- ▶ The fossil collection at the Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land ranks among the top 5 in the United States.
- ▶ Sugar Land, home of Imperial Sugar, was a company town for over 50 years before it incorporated in 1959.
- ▶ The "play set" at Techno Chaos includes more than 500,000 Legos, robotics, electronics, programming and 3D printing.
- ▶ Sugar Land served as a filming location for several major motion pictures including *The Sugarland Express* (1974), *Powder* (1995) and *The Evening Star* (1996).
- ▶ Huddy Ledbetter, aka Lead Belly, wrote the song *Midnight Special* about his experience at Imperial State Prison Farm, which is now home to HMNS Sugar Land.

## Nearby Attractions

#### BRAZOS BEND STATE PARK

Escape to nature year-round to camp, picnic, hike, bike, ride horseback and fish. *Needville, TX | [tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/brazos-bend](http://tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/brazos-bend)*

#### GEORGE RANCH HISTORICAL PARK

This living history museum is a treasury of Texas history, tracking four generations of one family over one hundred years. *Richmond, TX | [www.georgeranch.org](http://www.georgeranch.org)*

#### GEORGE OBSERVATORY

Gain first-hand knowledge of the awe-inspiring sights of the night sky through three domed telescopes. *Needville, TX | [georgeobservatory.org](http://georgeobservatory.org)*

#### BAPS SHRI SWAMINARAYAN HINDU MANDIR

This masterpiece of intricate design is the first traditional Hindu temple of its kind in North America. *Stafford, TX | [houston.baps.org](http://houston.baps.org)*

#### Regional Partners

Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce | [www.fortbendchamber.com](http://www.fortbendchamber.com)  
Greater Houston Convention & Visitors Bureau | [www.visithoustontexas.com](http://www.visithoustontexas.com)  
Texas Independence Trail | [www.texasindependencetrail.com](http://www.texasindependencetrail.com)  
Texas Tourism | [www.traveltex.com](http://www.traveltex.com)



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