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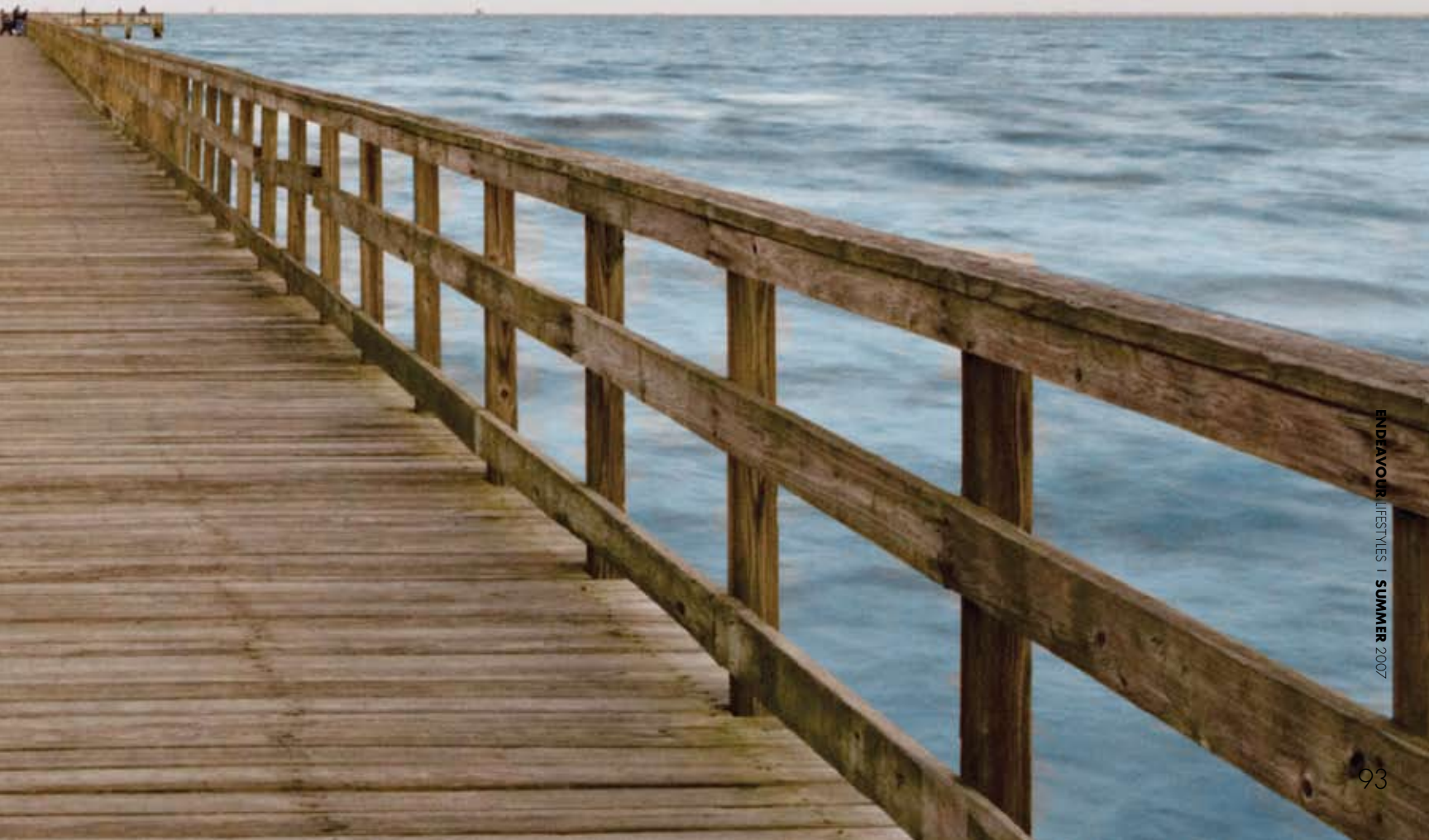
# Summer in



# Seabrook

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Brightly colored shops in Old Seabrook offer a unique shopping experience.

Seabrook is an appealing summer getaway. With ecotourism, water recreation, a family environment, and quaint shops and restaurants, this is a city that is full of possibilities. And, the interesting part—it is one of Texas' best-kept secrets.

This little oasis is nestled in a nature-lover's paradise. Ideally situated between Galveston and Houston, it is only a stone's throw away from the Kemah Boardwalk and NASA-Johnson Space Center.

Built on 11 miles of waterfront, Seabrook is home to the third largest marina in the United States and has approximately 1,300 boat slips. There are more than a dozen public parks, a 900-foot, saltwater fishing pier and two public pools.

Sailing, fishing and kayaking are just a sampling of the recreational water activities found in this area. Meanwhile, land-lovers get their fill via hiking, biking, eating, shopping and night life.

Ecotourism is one of the main draws of Seabrook because of its unique, natural environment. Here, one will find fresh and salt marsh, bay shoreline, and riparian and upland woodlands. As a result, it provides an optimal environment for indigenous flora and fauna. One will also find some amazing creatures, such as alligator, deer and wild pigs. But, one of the biggest draws—birds!

Seabrook is located on the Great Texas Coastal Birding Trail, one of the largest bird migratory paths in North America. More than 291 species

of birds have been spotted in the Seabrook region of the Trail alone. The city boasts numerous parks ideal for bird watching, including Pine Gully, a marshy area that offers a unique view of Galveston Bay, and Robinson Park, with 20 acres of oak trees and a trail that connects to Pine Gully.

One particular bird is abundant in Seabrook—the pelican. Brown and white pelicans can be found perched on pilings and floating along the vast water's edge. In fact, the pelican has served as the city's mascot for years. In an effort to improve Seabrook's visibility and identity as a community enhanced by its strong ecotourism, the Pelican Path Project was launched. The project features 6- to 8-foot, brightly colored, fiberglass pelicans

designed and created by local Texas artists. These funky birds serve as a symbol of pride in the Seabrook community.

Want a unique birdhouse? Then, head over to Maas Nursery, which sells unique wares, as well as exotic plants and flowers. Situated on eight acres, the nursery offers a healthy dose of aesthetic beauty and natural serenity. Its manicured gardens, on-site fountains and large shaded areas are ideal for picnics or simple breaks from the summer heat.

An alternative to an afternoon of outdoor activity is a stroll through Old Seabrook. With its quaint, town-center feel, Old Seabrook is lined with antique shops, boutiques and specialty retail businesses offering unique and treasured wares.



A wide selection of lush foliage can be found at Maas Nursery.



Sailboats off the shores of Seabrook navigate Clear Lake and Galveston Bay.

#### INFORMATION

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Nearby, seafood lovers can visit any one of a dozen “fresh catch” markets. Many city dwellers find their way here just for the chance to pick up some succulent fare.

Nothing tops a day of shopping or fun in the sun like a delicious meal at one of the many waterfront restaurants in the area, like Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen or Sundance Grill. Sink your teeth into scrumptious seafood delicacies while taking in a fabulous view of the water. On Wednesdays during the summer months, some of the restaurants give patrons a bird’s-eye view of the Seabrook sailboat races. After dinner, stop by one of the lively bars or lounges, where visitors and locals alike often catch their second wind.

And, if you want to make it an overnight stay, nothing beats the hospitality of the local bed-and-breakfast scene. Laced with intriguing history and Southern charm, these waterfront guest

houses are romantic and cozy getaways that help thousands of people each year relax and unwind in comfortable elegance.

With its close proximity to Houston, it is quite possible to take a break from urban life and escape to the weekend paradise found in Seabrook. Visitors are sure to gain an appreciation of this town, just as the locals have.

“When I moved here, it was like meeting a new family,” said Domino Taylor of the Seabrook Visitors Center. “The people here have small-town values, with big-city minds. I’m a city girl myself. But, since being here, I’m so happy to get away from the complications of life and just enjoy this beautiful area. I’m so proud of what Seabrook has to offer.”