

Port Aransas and Mustang Island Suggested Itineraries



Two days - FAMILY FUN in Port Aransas

Day One

Option 1:

Breakfast at one of our many eateries – [see listings within](#)

Jetty Boat to [San Jose Island](#) – beachcomb, fish, and relax on a private island.

Option 2:

Nature walk at the [Port Aransas Nature Preserve](#) – Port Street entrance

Catch the **trolley** and take a tour of Mustang Island. Bring a quarter – that’s all it costs!

Enjoy a takeout picnic lunch at the **marina** overlooking the ship channel!

Option 1:

Explore quaint [shops & boutiques](#) or numerous [art galleries](#) throughout Port Aransas.

Option 2:

Visit the **Wetlands Education Center** (outside) and [The University of Texas Marine Science Institute’s Estuary Explorium](#). (indoors)

Option 3:

Family Fishing Lessons – Aboard the [Island Queen](#), your family will learn to wet your hook on a 4-hour fishing excursion. Learn from the experts on how to salt-water fish for limits of redfish, flounder, black drum and trout.

Dinner: Have your **catch** cleaned at the docks and take to one of our unique dining establishments where your fresh fish will be cooked just the way you like it.

Day Two

Option 1:

Rent a [golf cart](#) for the day and head to the beach.

Hire the **Sandcastle Guy** for a lesson on building [castles](#).

Stroll the beach for the perfect **seashell** or take a dip in the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

Option 2:

Tour **Farley Boat Works** (indoors) – history of boat building, and hands-on folks building [wooden boats](#).

Enjoy **lunch** overlooking the water!

Option 1:

Jump aboard a **dolphin watch** cruise - these [narrated tours](#) offer some great photo ops of the privately owned Lydia Ann Lighthouse and St. Jo Island in addition to watching bottlenose dolphins frolic in the Corpus Christi Ship Channel, sea turtles and more!

Option 2:

Castaway with Captain Hook aboard the [Red Dragon Pirate Ship](#) – argh matey!

Option 3:

[Parasailing](#) - Soaring high about the ship channel, you’ll get a fantastic view of the Lydia Ann Lighthouse and St. Jo Island.

Evening: after dinner, check out the **sunset** back out at the Nature Preserve.

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Three days - 'A' FOR ADVENTURE in Port Aransas

Kitesurfing, kayaking, fishing, golf & parasailing- this action packed itinerary is geared especially for the adventurous personality

Pay a visit to the [Board House](#), or [Island Surf Rentals](#), to gear up for your adventure!

Option 1:

[Kitesurfing](#) - Grab a beach towel, rash guard, and the sunscreen and head to the beach for a morning kitesurfing lesson. The lessons offer ground school, water school and even a down-winder lesson. Whatever your choice, Mustang Island offers 18 miles of beach to learn on.

Option 2:

[Kayaking the estuaries](#) – Kayaking is a very a popular activity in and around Port Aransas. The Lighthouse Lakes Paddling Trails offer miles of winding waterways. Glide through mangroves and seagrass flats that provide outstanding bird watching and fishing for red drum, spotted seatrout and flounder in the maze of tidal channels and flats. Add a fishing pole for optimum fun.

Enjoy lunch at one of Port A's great local restaurants!

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[Parasailing](#) - Soaring high about the ship channel, you'll get a fantastic view of the Lydia Ann Lighthouse and St. Jo Island.

Option 2:

[Skydiving](#) - Port A's most memorable thrill: Tandem Skydive with a beach landing! Amazing sightseeing flights available.

Evening: after **dinner**, check out the **sunset** at the Port Aransas Nature Preserve – Port Street.

Day Two

Option 1: Deep sea (offshore) fishing trip - hire a private charter for the fishing trip of a lifetime. Tackle the deep blue waters on an offshore excursion and reel in kingfish, sailfish, marlin, tuna and more.

Option 2: Bay fishing excursion aboard one of the party boats, or book a private charter with one of our expert local guides. Limits of redfish, flounder, black drum and trout are common place.

Cook your catch! Have your catch cleaned at the docks and take to one of our unique dining establishments where your fresh fish will be cooked just the way you like it.

Day Three

Option 1:

Golf – try your swing at [Palmilla Beach Resort & Golf Club](#) – this Arnold Palmer links-style, Par 71 course will delight you in your golf game as well as with the salty air and gorgeous scenery along the Gulf of Mexico, and bay! Dine at [Black Marlin Bar & Grill](#) for a late lunch. Catch the sunset high above at the Sky Bar.

Option 2:

Jetty /Pier Fishing – Rent a pole at [Island Tackle](#), or at the [Horace Caldwell Pier](#). Port Aransas has four public, lighted fishing piers and the popular south jetty for around the clock casting.

Dine **waterfront** at one of our local restaurants that behold a marina/ship channel view.