

Dickens on the Strand

Galveston, TX

December 3 - 6, 2026
(4 days - 3 nights)



Highlights Include:

- 53rd Annual Dickens on the Strand Festival
- The Queen's Parade
- Galveston City Tour
- Moody Gardens Festival of Lights
- Ice Land (Ice Sculptures)
- 2 nights at Holiday Inn Resort
- George Bush Presidential Library - College Station
- Santa's Wonderland, a Texas Christmas Experience

Thu, Dec 3

College Station, TX

With the Christmas season in the air we board our motorcoach bound for Galveston and the 53rd Annual Dickens on the Strand. We route thru central Texas to College Station where we tour the George Bush Presidential Library this afternoon. The library and museum is a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to the preservation and exhibition of official records, personal papers, and memorabilia of George Bush, the 41st president. The museum has a main gallery space dedicated to "The Life and Times of George Bush". After checking in at our hotel, and enjoying dinner at a local restaurant we will be ready for Santa's Wonderland, a Texas Christmas Experience. Aboard our motorcoach we will drive thru Santa's Wonderland, featuring millions of dazzling Christmas lights seen on a winding path stretching over a mile long.

Fri, Dec 4

Galveston, TX

By noon we will be arriving in Galveston, located on beautiful Galveston Island. The town will be buzzing with tourists anticipating the big event always held the first weekend of December. After

lunch, we will tour Ice Land at Moody Gardens. The sculptures are carved by a skilled team from China who transform the 900 tons of ice into majestic marvels featuring holiday scenes. Later we will check into our hotel, located on Seawall Boulevard, with a fantastic ocean view.



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Sat, Dec 5

Galveston, TX

Begin the day with a tour of Galveston and learn the history of the city and how it has recovered from the 1900 Hurricane and Hurricane Ike in 2008. Galveston is the home of several of the state's largest teaching hospitals, and the Passenger Cruise Ship Terminal at the Port of Galveston greatly helps the economy of the island. Get ready for the Dickens on the Strand Queen's Parade this afternoon! Her Majesty will be escorted by a colorful guard of Beefeaters, in her own royal parade greeting her subjects from an elegant horse-drawn carriage. Also, in the procession through historic Galveston are bagpipe bands, a host of costumed characters, choirs and Victorian attired ladies and gentlemen, on foot and riding in decorated carriages. This evening we feast on a Holiday buffet at Moody Gardens before walking the Festival of Lights Trail. See dozens of lighted displays such as Santa's Workshop, a Gingerbread House and the Nativity.

Sun, Dec 6

Return home

This morning we bid farewell to Galveston and the coast to route northward. After stopping for lunch en route, we return home with memories of our Christmas Tour to Galveston and Dickens on the Strand!

**Thank you for traveling with
Bilbrey Tours!**



Price Includes:

- Roundtrip motorcoach transportation from: **Abilene**
- 3 nights hotel accommodations
- Baggage handling for one piece of luggage
- Admissions to included attractions per itinerary
- Meals: 1 continental breakfast, 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches or dinners
- Gratuity for motorcoach driver
- Services of a tour escort

Cost:

\$1390 per person (2 people per room)

\$1825 per person (1 person per room)

\$25 due upon booking

Final due August 27, 2026

Travel Insurance

An optional Travel Insurance plan is available for purchase on overnight tours through TripAssure. Bilbrey Tours encourages the purchase of a Travel Protection Plan to help protect your investment, your belongings and most importantly you! Bilbrey Tours makes the Tour & Cruise Travel Protection Plans easily available. For complete details and to purchase a plan, follow this link:

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Tour Activity Level: EASY 1 2 3 4 ACTIVE

Luggage tags and a detailed itinerary will be provided 2 weeks prior to tour.

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