

Overnight Layover In Houston, Texas

"Houston, we have a problem." What are we going to do when we're stuck on a night layover in Houston? Not so much a problem it turns out, though. While the Space Center, where this famous utterance was first heard, will be put to bed by the time you get into town, the nation's fourth largest city (number one in Texas) has plenty of other nighttime activities to keep you going until the crack of daylight. Check out the full calendar of events for the city [HERE](#).

Check out the full Layover Guides to Houston, from the [George Bush Intercontinental Airport \(IAH\)](#) or the [William P. Hobby Airport](#).



Walking Pub Tour

Okay, you could call this a pub crawl, but with three hours to wander, you're likely to burn off more than a few alcohol calories—enough to keep you upright—during this [Walking Pub Tour](#). Your charismatic tour guide will take you and up to 11 fellow travelers to four pubs (drinks not included), while regaling you with tales of Texas, Houston-style. You'll get to know historic Houston, with its buildings dating back to the mid-1800s between well-paced sips. The small group size allows mingling and for the tour to be tailored to the group's desires, whether to linger over a lager or lollygag at a . The group meets at The Cellar, enclosed in the multi-faced Georgia's Market, a cafe/reading room/marketplace/wine bar, and then heads off to popular watering holes such as Market Square Bar & Grill, Char Bar, the Line & Lariat Bar inside the Hotel Icon, Warren's Inn, the Hearsay Gastro Lounge and La Carafe, a wine bar inside Houston's oldest commercial building.

Haunting Haunts

Since you're probably not going to be getting much sleep anyway, why not take a tour of some of Houston's famous [haunted sites](#)? Meet William, a friendly ghost who is said to pose for photos when requested, at the [Brewery Tap](#). Or encounter Carl, a former bartender, at what may be Houston's oldest bar, built in 1866, at [La Carafe](#) wine bar.

Honky-Tonk Heaven

Embrace your trip to Texas with a visit to a genuine honky-tonk. Enjoy live music, two-step your way to the bar and, of course, enjoy some barbecue. Check out the [Firehouse Saloon](#) or [Whiskey River](#), among [others](#).

Opera, Ballet, Theater and Symphony Performances

For more classical tastes in music—along with ballet, theater, galleries and more—head to Houston's [downtown arts district](#), surpassed only by Broadway as having the most arts events seating in the States. With entertainment venues ranging from the [House of Blues](#) to the [Houston Grand Opera](#), there's a little something for everyone.

Go Batty

Most bat colonies migrate. Not Houston's. Every evening at sunset, you have the [Waugh Drive Bridge bat colony](#)—250,000 Mexican free-tailed bats—emerge from crevices in the bridge in search of supper (insects). Learn some [bat etiquette](#) to protect yourself and them.