

# Professional TOURS



## TUESDAY, JULY 30

- All tours will depart between 7:30 - 8:30 am
- All tours will return by 2:30 pm



## 1 TAMUG SEA AGGIE MARINE TOUR

Grab your life jacket & spend the day on the water! Join us for a trawl trip on a Texas A&M Galveston's research vessel! Explore physical, chemical and biological oceanography aboard. Sort and identify finfish and shellfish from the trawl and check out the mud for bottom-dwelling animals. See and learn about the Port of Galveston which features oil rigs, cruise ships, container ships, the historical waterfront & the famous concrete ship of Galveston Bay!

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## 2 COMMERCIAL FISHING & HARBOR TOUR

Hit the fishing docks with fisheries specialists to learn about economic importance of the snapper, shrimp, oyster, and crab fishing industries. Bring your coolers, too! You may want to purchase some of the freshest seafood on the Gulf.

From the docks, head over to the SEAGULL II, a 50' catamaran which docks at the Texas Seaport Museum. We will join marine biologists for the Marine Biology Tour of Galveston Bay! See dolphins, trawl for marine organisms and explore Galveston Bay's rich history.

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## 3 HORTICULTURE TOUR

*Seeding Galveston's* mission; provide year-round sustainable sources of nutritional food choices for residents of Galveston. Visit their urban farm sites developed on vacant land around the island.

Admire a behind the scenes tour of the Horticulture greenhouses that support the Rainforest Pyramid and then tour the Pyramids. On a guided-tour you'll get a rare, up-close, and interactive experience with endangered plants such as the Corpse Flower, Giant Amazon River Otters to Saki Monkeys and an array of birds!

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## 4 AGRICULTURE TOUR

Start the day by visiting the leading supplier of hybrid rice seed in the western hemisphere, RiceTec. See their greenhouse, rice fields, seed production facility, the lab, and harvesting and planting equipment.

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