

LADIES, WELCOME TO HOUSTON!

Although no organized activities will be offered to wives attending the 2015 National Narrow Gauge Convention, we have put together a list of suggested activities. We will also have a ride sharing message board so that groups of wives can get together to visit some of the things to see and do in Houston. We have listed just a couple of ideas to start with and will be adding more as time gets closer to the Convention.

First off, there is always shopping:

The Galleria (5085 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77056-5673)

Spanning 2.4 million square feet of space, housing 400 fine stores and restaurants, two high-rise hotels, and three office towers, The Galleria is Houston's most popular retail and tourist destination, meeting every style and taste. A plethora of amenities, including a full-size ice rink for recreational and figure skating, a state of the art children's play area, two swimming pools, a video arcade, three full-service national and international banks, two tailor shops, 12 beauty salons, and a post office, continually serve a wide range of shopper delights.

A .7 mile, 15 minute, walk from the hotel or a \$ 5 cab ride (we can share cabs and cut the price).

Post Oak Plaza (1800 Post Oak, Houston, TX 77056-5673)

Truly eclectic, Uptown offers its visitors sophisticated international cuisine amid high fashion. A wide variety of cafes, wine bars and premier restaurants highlight an exciting neighborhood where the world comes together for a taste of the best in fashion, food and fun.

A .4 mile, 7 minute, walk from the hotel or a \$ 6 cab ride.

Then there are the museums:

Houston Museum of Natural History (5555 Hermann Park Drive, Houston Texas 77030-1799)

As one of the most heavily attended museums in the United States, and one of the most attended venues in Houston, the Museum houses the Burke Baker Planetarium, Wortham GIANT Screen Theatre, Cockrell Butterfly Center and a fascinating variety of permanent exhibit areas that examine astronomy, space science, Native American culture, paleontology, energy, chemistry, gems and minerals, seashells, Texas wildlife and much more. In addition, the museum frequently presents traveling exhibitions on a variety of topics.

A 6.5 miles, (walking is not an option) from the hotel or a \$ 16 cab ride each way.

Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, 1001 Bissonnet, Houston, Texas 77005

Located in the heart of Houston's Museum District, the MFAH is a dynamic cultural complex comprising two gallery buildings, a sculpture garden, visitors' center, library, movie theater, gift shop, café, two art schools, and two house museums.

A 6.2 miles, (walking is not an option) from the hotel or a \$ 16 cab ride each way.

These two museums are within easy walking distance of each other.....just a tad over a mile. So, if you go to the Museum of Fine Arts on Thursday morning (it is free all day Thursday) then walk over to the Museum of Natural Science after lunch (it is free from 2pm-5pm on Thursdays), you will be in for an interesting and not very expensive day!

THE GALLERIA®

5085 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77056-5673



More than 26 million visitors each year seek the dynamic & fine shopping environment uniquely offered by The Galleria, Texas' largest shopping center and fourth largest domain nationally. International guests and Houstonians blend seamlessly in the center while on shopping excursions or entertaining guests at one of the signature eateries.

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There are seven valet parking stations and 13,900 parking spaces in seven garages to accommodate drivers. Nestled between two of the city's most exclusive neighborhoods, River Oaks and Memorial, The Galleria is as internationally respected for its architectural style and imprint as its shopping panache. Modeled after the revered Galleria Vittorio Emanuele in Milan, built in 1867, The Galleria stands as one of the premier examples of a dynamic, mixed-use, urban environment. More than 7,000 business professionals in the adjoining office towers, offering 1.1 million square feet of office space, reap the benefit and convenience of having The Galleria just a short walk away.

For shopping, opportunities are endless at anchoring stores Neiman Marcus, two Macy's, Saks Fifth Avenue, Nordstrom and at high-fashion favorites, such as: Tiffany & Co., Yves Saint Laurent, Ralph Lauren, Fendi, Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Valentino, Chanel, Prada, Miu Miu and Cartier. Younger shoppers adore fashion-forward collections found at Juicy Couture, and Abercrombie & Fitch, and the casual must-haves from J. Crew, Gap, and Banana Republic. Galleria shoppers are assured all the latest trends for home and lifestyle from Sony, Sephora, and lululemon athletica – just a few of the fine retailers that range from Apple to Zara.

In addition to the abundant array of shopping choices, The Galleria also has more than 30 dining options ranging from fine dining at Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse and The Oceanire Seafood Room to casual favorites such as The Cheesecake Factory, Rain Forest Cafe and Kona Grill. The Galleria is located at the corner of Westheimer Rd and Post Oak Blvd in the heart of Uptown Houston. For more information please call 713.622.0663.

FEATURED STORES

Neiman Marcus, Gucci, 7 for All Mankind, Saks Fifth Avenue, Apple, Tiffany & Co., Valentino, Microsoft, Louis Vuitton

MALL HOURS

Monday to Saturday	10am - 9pm
Sunday	11am - 7pm

CONTACT US

Mall Office:	(713) 966-3500
Shopping Line:	(713) 622-0663
Mall Security:	(713) 877-9190

POST OAK PLAZA

1800 Post Oak, Houston, TX 77056-5673



Uptown Houston has distinguished itself as the city's elite destination for fashion. It is the shopping mecca of the Southwest.

Each year, more than 26 million people from near and far are drawn to the exquisite collection of stores at The Galleria, the fourth largest retail complex in the United States, and to the beauty of Uptown Park, a European-styled retail center whose elegant shops exude Old World charm. In addition, hundreds of other specialty shops, boutiques and restaurants are sprinkled throughout the area, offering shoppers an assortment of options including the new BLVD Place, Centre at Post Oak and Post Oak Shopping Center.

Shopping Nestled among prestigious neighborhoods, Uptown Houston is home to the largest number of couture retailers in the city, including Hermes, Versace, Yves Saint Laurent, Giorgio Armani and Bvlgari, as well as more mainstream brands like Banana Republic, Brooks Brothers and Macy's.

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HOUSTON MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

5555 Hermann Park Drive, Houston Texas 77030-1799



Founded in 1909, the purpose of the Houston Museum of Natural Science has always been to "enhance in individuals the knowledge and delight in natural science and related subjects." To this very day, this purpose is carried out in every project, program and exhibition associated with the museum.

As one of the most heavily attended museums in the United States, and one of the most attended venues in Houston, the Museum houses the Burke Baker Planetarium, Wortham GIANT Screen Theatre, Cockrell Butterfly Center and a fascinating variety of permanent exhibit areas that examine astronomy, space science, Native American culture, paleontology, energy, chemistry, gems and minerals, seashells, Texas wildlife and much more. In addition, the museum frequently presents traveling exhibitions on a variety of topics.

The Museum also maintains two satellite facilities: The George Observatory in Fort Bend County, which houses one of the largest telescopes in the country that is available for public viewing; and the Houston Museum of Natural Science at Sugar Land, which has exhibits on dinosaurs; mineralogy; exotic, live frogs and more.

Permanent Exhibits

Adult Ticket: \$20 (ages 12 and up)

Child Ticket: \$15 (ages 3-11)

Children ages 2 and under: FREE

College Students with ID: \$15

Seniors (62+): \$15

Military (with ID): \$15

Groups (20+): \$7

School Groups: \$3.50

Members Pricing:

Member Adult: FREE

Member Child: FREE

Free Thursdays: 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Roam the Serengeti, walk with dinosaurs and discover the world's mineral wonders - all for free!

Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

1001 Bissonnet, Houston, Texas 77005



Welcome to the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. I hope you find mfah.org an inspiring guide to the wonderful experiences in store for you here at the Museum, and I am delighted to invite you to explore all of the exceptional exhibitions and installations on view.

Gaze in wonder at brilliant paintings and monumental tapestries by Baroque master Peter Paul Rubens in an unparalleled exhibition. Spectacular Rubens reunites the panel paintings he created for the Triumph of the Eucharist series with four of the original tapestries.

We are also pleased to share masterworks of art from the Islamic world through our partnership with Kuwait's renowned al-Sabah Collection. To complement the expanded installation now on view, two dedicated galleries feature objects from the Museum's own growing Arts of the Islamic World collection. Another collaboration—the annual Eye on Houston exhibition—offers a unique look at the diversity of our city through photographs by students from local high schools.

Works from the MFAH collections fill the galleries year-round with art embracing every era of history across the globe. Fangs, Feathers, and Fins brings together examples of sacred animals from the Pre-Columbian collection, and important additions to the Museum's silver holdings are on view in Silver: An American Art. Our series highlighting Modern and Contemporary Art features major paintings and sculptures that span the early 1900s to the present, and Line: Making the Mark considers the historic 20th-century shift marking artists' use of line as its own definitive subject.

Take advantage of the ever-changing calendar of events brimming with activities for all ages throughout the Museum, including the Glassell School of Art and our two house museums: Bayou Bend Collection and Gardens and Rienzi.

We offer a number of ways to enjoy the Museum for free. For example, the Lunch + Look program provides free same-day general admission on weekdays from noon to 2 p.m. with your receipt from the on-site food truck or Cafe Express. Museum members receive free general admission every day, and Family-level memberships include the children in the household. Children 12 and younger are always admitted free, and on weekends all children receive free general admission when they show their card from any Texas public library. General admission is free for everyone on Thursdays, courtesy of Shell.

For me, the Museum is a place of wonder and enlightenment, as I hope it is for you. Please visit often, and say hello when you see me in the galleries.

Sincerely,

Gary Tinterow, Director
The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston

Museum Hours

Tuesday–Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday–Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday, 12:15 to 7 p.m.

Closed Monday, except holidays

Closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day

Museum Admission

General Admission

General admission provides viewing of the MFAH art collections and most exhibitions. Purchase online or drop by any admissions desk at the Museum.

Museum Members	Free
Adult General Admission	\$15
Senior (65+) / Military* General Admission	\$10
Student (19+)** / Youth General Admission	\$7.50
Child (12 & under) General Admission	Free
Active Military* General Admission	Free

No Need to Pay General Admission If . . .

- You are visiting on a Thursday, when general admission is free for everyone, courtesy of Shell.
- You are age 12 or younger. This age group receives free general admission every day.
- You are age 18 or younger and visiting on a Saturday or Sunday with a library card from any public library in Texas. The library cardholder receives one free general admission; offer does not apply to ticketed exhibitions or events.
- You are a visitor to Cafe Express, Hirsch Library, MFAH Shop, or Glassell School exhibitions.
- You are a teacher visiting the Kinder Foundation Education Center in the Law Building.

Museums on Us

Free General Admission for Bank of America Cardholders

- Each Bank of America cardholder is allowed one free general admission to the MFAH as part of the Museums on Us customer benefit program, applicable to the first Saturday and Sunday of each month.
- Present a valid Bank of America/Merrill Lynch credit or debit card and photo ID at point of entry. Admission is non-transferable and good for one free general admission for the cardholder only.
- Offer does not include free admission to ticketed exhibitions or events.
- Bank of America associates are also eligible for free general admission on designated Museums on Us weekends. Associates must present current proof of employment and photo ID.

REMEMBER, THESE ARE JUST A COUPLE OF IDEAS.....MORE TO FOLLOW!!!!