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Galveston Pirate Festival Returns for Second Year with a Full Week of Pirate Adventures

Galveston Pirate Festival Week Sets Sail September 14–20, with Main Festival at Moody Gardens September 19, 2026

Galveston Island, Texas – Pirates will once again invade Galveston Island as the Galveston Pirate Festival returns September 14–20, 2026, bringing a full week of pirate-themed adventures, entertainment and historical experiences to one of Texas' most legendary coastal destinations.

Following the success of its inaugural event in 2025, the Galveston Pirate Festival returns by City Proclamation, launching Galveston Pirate Festival Week, with activities taking place at locations across the island and culminating with the main festival on Saturday, September 19, at Moody Gardens.

Produced by WebTek Promotions, the festival combines Galveston's colorful history with immersive entertainment designed for pirate enthusiasts, families, history lovers and visitors looking for a unique island experience.

Throughout the week, guests will have opportunities to explore Galveston's pirate and maritime past through special tours and experiences, including the Legendary Pirate Tour and the Pirate Jean Lafitte Home & Archeology Tour.

The week will also feature pirate-themed activities and experiences leading up to Saturday's main event.

On September 19, pirates from across Texas and beyond will gather at Moody Gardens for a full day of entertainment, costumed characters, pirate crews, vendors, historical programming, family activities and interactive experiences.

Galveston provides a particularly fitting setting for the celebration. The island's history is intertwined with the Gulf of Mexico, maritime commerce, privateers and

legendary figures including Jean Lafitte, who established a settlement on Galveston Island in the early 1800s.

The Galveston Pirate Festival was created not only as an entertaining event, but as another reason for visitors to experience Galveston during the fall tourism season while supporting island hotels, restaurants, attractions, shops and other local businesses.

Festival producer Johnny Steverson said the goal is to continue building an event that belongs uniquely to Galveston.

"There are pirate festivals in other places, but Galveston has something they don't have — real pirate history," Steverson said. "Jean Lafitte actually called this island home. We want visitors to have an incredible time while also discovering the history, attractions and businesses that make Galveston such a special destination."

The inaugural Galveston Pirate Festival brought together pirate enthusiasts, families, performers and visitors for a weekend celebrating Galveston's history and culture. The expanded 2026 festival week is designed to give attendees even more opportunities to explore the island while turning Galveston into a pirate destination for an entire week.

Additional entertainment, tours, activities, special guests and festival announcements will be released as the event approaches.

About the Galveston Pirate Festival

Produced by WebTek Promotions, the Galveston Pirate Festival celebrates Galveston's pirate and maritime history through live entertainment, historical experiences, interactive activities, tours, vendors and family-friendly programming.

The festival was launched in 2025 and returns for its second year as Galveston Pirate Festival Week, September 14–20, 2026, with events and experiences taking place throughout Galveston Island and the main festival being held Saturday, September 19 at Moody Gardens.

The Festival's mission is to create a distinctive destination event that celebrates Galveston's history while attracting visitors and generating positive economic activity for the island's businesses, attractions and tourism community.

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