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3 DAYS OF FAMILY PLAYCATION

DAY 1
Your unforgettable adventure starts now! Check in, then get ready for a family getaway filled with leisure and energy.

CHECK IN
Nestled right next to the beach with its own inland surfing attraction, uphill water coasters and more fun than should be allowed, families can make a splash on one of South Padre Island’s biggest attractions, Schlitterbahn Beach Resort & Waterpark. The outdoor water park includes a resort and indoor water park for year-round fun.

TAKE THE SHUTTLE
Explore the Island on The Island Metro, a free shuttle system, operating daily from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. The shuttle runs the length of the Island, stopping at beach accesses, hotels, restaurants, attractions and other points of interest. All of the shuttles are equipped with a bicycle rack, ADA accessible with wheelchair lifts and offer complimentary WiFi.

EXPLORE SOUTH PADRE ISLAND
Several dolphin-viewing tours are available on the Island, including Breakaway Cruises, Osprey Cruises and The Original Dolphin Watch. All three tours boast a success rate of nearly 100 percent due to the sheer number of dolphins residing off the Island's shores. What’s more is the Island was recently ranked #3 for “10 Best Dolphin Sighting Destinations in North America” by the Travel Channel.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY DINING
Visit Gabriella’s Italian Grill & Pizzeria for casual, family-style offerings of homemade Italian and pizza classics for food enthusiasts of all ages.
**DAY 2**

“Sea-ze” the day and prepare to be amazed! Wave hello to rescued sea turtles at Sea Turtle, Inc., take a walk on the wild side at the SPI Birding & Nature Center and build the castle of your dreams with a sandcastle lesson on the beach.

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**LEARNING COMES NATURALLY**

Interact with and learn about the Island’s endangered sea turtles and their marine environments at Sea Turtle, Inc. Discover the fascinating marine animals that are native to the area at the Sea Life Marine Center, with aquariums showcasing live fish, starfish, crabs, octopi, snails and more. Touch tanks allow visitors an exciting, hands-on experience.

**SANDCASTLE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD**

Book a sandcastle lesson with a master sand sculptor who will help you build the sandcastle of your dreams! Whether you want to build a traditional sandcastle, an animal, a cartoon character, or even your very own sand throne... our local sand sculptors will show you how it’s done.

**ISLAND INSIDER:** South Padre Island is home to a collection of castles called the Sand Castle Trail. Around 30 sand sculptures are located throughout the Island, sculpted by professional sand artists.

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**TAKE OF FLIGHT**

One of nine World Birding Center sites in the lower Rio Grande Valley, the SPI Birding & Nature Center provides one-of-a-kind birding opportunities, coupled with interpretive tours on site. Visitors will learn about birds on the Island, as well as the diversity of fish, dolphins, plants and more.

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**CAST OFF**

Thanks to the presence of the Lower Laguna Madre - one of six hyper-saline bodies of water in the world - South Padre is a celebrated destination for saltwater anglers due to its abundance of sea life. Dozens of guides conduct half- and full-day inshore and offshore deep sea fishing trips for everything from speckled trout to trophy marlin. To keep your feet on solid ground, visit the Queen Isabella State Fishing Pier, where you can drop a line near a snack stand and a bathroom.

**NAUTICAL FUN**

Board the Black Dragon Pirate Ship, a modern day replica of a 17th Century Galleon, and join Captain Black-Hearted Andy, Scourge of the Laguna Madre and his jolly crew for an interactive cruise filled with stories, treasure hunts and more. Learn to fight like a pirate, speak like a pirate, hunt for treasure and share the booty!

**BEACH TIME**

Grab a beach ball and your bathing suits and head to one of the Island’s beach access points to soak up the sun and enjoy an afternoon of lounging while the kids splash away!