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SOUTH PADRE ISLAND'S ACCOLADES, AWARDS AND RANKINGS

2014

- South Padre Island named among the **Best American Beaches** by Travel Channel.
- Sea Turtle, Inc. named among **Gogobot's 15 Best Kids Attractions in the U.S.**
- South Padre Island named #6 on **10 Adventure Packed Birding Destinations** by Men's Journal magazine.
- Clayton's Bar & Grill named among 5 of the **World's Best Beach Bars** by **thrillist.com**.
- Voted among the **2014 Texas Top-40 Travel Destinations** by readers of Texas Highways magazine.

2013

- SPI listed by **Cosmopolitan.com** on the 100 Hot-City Guide and Sand Castle Days, named as a **"Need to Know" event**.
- Condé Nast Traveler named South Padre Island among the **World's Top 30 Island Beaches**, and crowns the Island as a **No. 1 Spring Break destination**.

2012

- Through industry research and traveler feedback, South Padre Island recognized as **Top 10 Beaches on the Gulf** by **Flipkey.com**, the vacation rental company of leading travel site TripAdvisor.



the coast with THE MOST



2011

- Trip Advisor named South Padre Island a **“Top 5 Value ‘Sun’ Winter Vacation Rental Getaway.”**
- Named one of **America’s Top 10 Winter Beach Escapes** by International Business Times.
- South Padre Island has been named a **“Best Affordable U.S. Vacation”** and a **“Best Family Beach Vacation”** in U.S. News & World Report’s first-ever Best Vacations.
- Trip Advisor ranked South Padre Island **#21 on its List of the Top 25 Beaches in the U.S.** Based on opinions of millions of travelers, South Padre was the only Texas destination to make the 2011 list.

2010

- Ranked **number five** in the new TripAdvisor listing of the top vacation rental hot spots for 2010. According to TripAdvisor, their top 10 “offer easy access to wonderful attractions and provide plentiful vacation rental options for travelers looking to save money and get more space during their stay.” The ranking for South Padre Island says “The Lone Star State’s most popular beach escape, South Padre Island has a lot to offer travelers looking for outdoor adventure, whether it be parasailing, hiking, bird watching or scuba diving.”

2009

- South Padre Island Golf Community—Laguna Vista, Texas was named one of the Top Retirement Communities from \$500,000 to \$1 Million (October 2009) by **BestRetirementDestinations.com**.
- Named as one of the (January-March 2009) Top 10 Most-Popular Destinations on **HomeAway.com** by total traveler inquiries.
- Winner of the **2009 Best Restored Beach Award** —American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA).
- Named one of Coastal Living’s **Top 10 Sunset Cruises**.
- Named one of Trip Advisor’s **Top 10: Spring Break Hot Spots**.
- Named one of MSNBC’s 2009 **Hot Spring Break Destinations** (#4 on the list).
- Ranked No. 3 in the **Top 10 Best Small Town list** (*Ride Texas* magazine).



2008

- Designated in 2008 as a Top 10 Beach by Men's Fitness magazine.
- Ranked No. 2 Spring Break destination for 2008 by the Travel Channel.
- Named one of The 10 Best U.S. Beaches (*Woman's Day Magazine July 2008*).

2007

- Ranked No. 6 **destination for 2007 Texas non-residents travel** and No. 5 for **destination traveled to by overall Texas visitors**.
- Designated in 2007 as **holding one of the Top 10 Sand Castle Contests in the United States** by *Coastal Living* magazine.
- Designated in 2007 as **one of the World's Top 30 Island Beaches** by *Conde Nast Traveler* magazine.
- Designated in 2007 as a **top destination** in the 100 Hot-City Guide on Cosmopolitan.com.
- The boardwalk of the South Padre Island's Laguna Madre Nature Trail was listed in the **state's top 10 list** by *Texas Parks & Wildlife, The Outdoor Magazine of Texas*.

2006

- Ranked No. 3 **destination for 2006 Texas non-residents travel** and **No. 5 for destination traveled to by overall Texas visitors**.
- Designated in 2006 by *National Geographic Adventure* magazine as one of the **top 10 destinations for Trips with a Splash**. Kiteboarding was recognized.
- Designated in 2006 by AOL's SmartMoney.com as one of the **top five destinations for purchasing a vacation home**.
- Designated in 2006 by MSN.com's CitySearch editors as one of **the nation's top 10 beaches**.
- Designated in 2006 by TRIPSO.com, a travel news Web site, as one of the nation's **Top 10 Hot Spots for Spring Break**.
- Designated in 2006 by the Travel Channel as one of America's Best Beaches for Families.
- South Padre Island's Bikefest named in the **Top 10 Best in Texas Events** for 2006 list by *Ride Texas Travel Magazine*.



2005

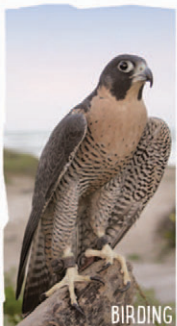
- Designated in 2005 by EscapeHomes.com as the **No. 2 location to purchase an affordable vacation home.**
- Designated in 2005 by MSN.com's CitySearch editors as one of the **nation's top 10 beaches.**
- Designated in 2005 as No. 1 on the **Top 10 Beaches** for Vacationers by a travel industry authority, TravelExperts.
- Received in 2005 a **Top Restored Beach** Award by the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association.

2000 and 2001

- Named in 2000 and 2001 by the Travel Channel as **America's third-best beach.**

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