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Kingsville

Stop,  Look,  And Enjoy  The Heart Of South Texas. 

Where Heritage And History Blend Perfectly With Nature And Wildlife.



Just west of the Gulf of Mexico, in an area called *The Wild Horse Desert* by early settlers, lies the historic town of Kingsville - the birthplace of the American ranching industry. Captain Richard King changed the area forever - more as he purchased, fenced and cleared land, harnessed fresh water, fought off raiding bands of Indians, transported an entire village from Mexico to become some of Texas' first cowboys (still known on King Ranch as Kineños), and bred cattle into the sturdy stock seen today - the Santa Gertrudis. Results of rapid growth, wealth and diverse culture may be seen to this day in Kingsville's rich history and turn-of-the-century landmarks.



With a 'built in' habitat of a million acres of land, and semi-tropical climate, it is no wonder that one may see white-tail deer, javelina, bobcats, alligators, imported nilgai, and more year around. Kingsville sits as the anchor of some of the best birding in the U.S.

Uniquely situated between two migratory paths, the Kingsville area enjoys the best of the two. Waterfowl, warblers, hawks, hummingbirds, and flycatchers visit during migration while others choose to stay year around or just a season. Scope out white-tailed hawk, green jays, ferruginous pygmy owl, grooved-bill ani, tropical parula, Audubon's oriole and Sprague's pipits. *Check off the best first!*



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South Texas western heritage continues to live on in exciting year around rodeos and festivals.

Whether indoors or out, dining in Kingsville is always an experience. From South Texas vittles to ethnic cuisine and fun food to fine dining, we promise - you won't leave hungry.



Delight in the sights and sounds of South Texas-Jazz Festival, exciting stage productions, Heritage Festivals, International Music Competition, Art Shows and Museums. Call us for a Calendar of Events.



Cheer on the Javelinas at Texas A & M University-Kingsville in exciting year around collegiate sports.

Birding and wildlife watching is as simple as picking up your binoculars and driving down a seldom-used farm-to-market road or joining a guided nature or birding tour conducted on the wildlife-rich historic King Ranch.



Great year around, semi-tropical climate and economical prices allow golfers to putter around Kingsville's 18-hole course whenever the urge hits. Nearby is Naval Air Station-Kingsville.



The Green Jay-Kingsville's city bird

Shop The Best of South Texas



Shopping across the city and in the heart of Historic Downtown captures the spirit of the town's western and ethnic heritage. From hand-made western gear, jewelry and clothing, to one-of-a-kind lariat rope baskets, Texas memorabilia, even a giant cactus, you'll experience just about the best shopping this side of the border.

The Best Places To Stay Right In The Heart of South Texas.

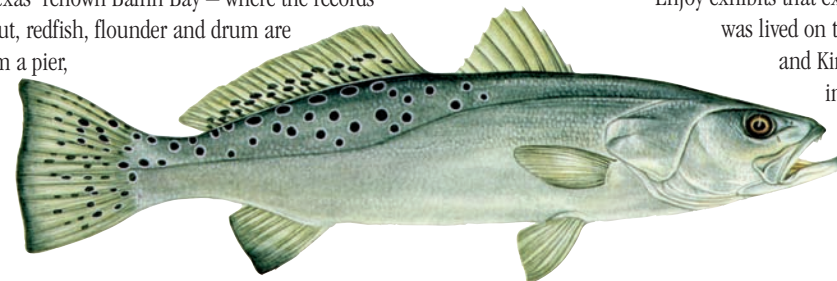
- Best Western Kingsville Inn: 2402 E. King 361.595.5656, 50 rooms, pool, free breakfast
- Budget Inn: 716 S. 14th St, 361.592.4322, 20 rooms, kitchenettes, pool
- Comfort Inn: 505 N. Hwy. 77 361.516.1120, 47 rooms, micro/fridge, pool
- Econolodge: 221 S. Hwy. 77 361.595.7700, 34 rooms, , micro/fridge, pool
- Economy Inn: 1415 S.14th St. 361.592.5214, 28 rooms, kitchenettes, pool
- Motel 6: 101 N. Hwy.77, 361.592.5106, 120 rooms
- Quality Inn: 221 S. Hwy. 77, 361.592.5251 78 rooms, breakfast, micro/fridge
- Rodeway Inn: 3430 N. Hwy. 77 361.595.5753, 75 rooms, restaurant, pool, meeting facilities
- Super 8: 105 S. Hwy. 77 361.592.6471, 70 rooms & suites, breakfast, pool
- R.V. Parks: Call 1.800.333.5032 for list.
- On the Web at www.kingsvilletexas.com



Cast into first-class fishing in Texas' renown Baffin Bay – where the records are for reel! Award-winning trout, redfish, flounder and drum are among the favorites caught from a pier, surf wading, or by boat.



Enjoy exhibits that explain South Texas' natural history and how life was lived on the legendary King Ranch at the John E. Conner and King Ranch Museums. Each offers artifacts in impressive displays, including custom-made carriages and vintage cars.



Relive the glory of South Texas railroading. Take a fascinating tour through the historic, completely restored, 1904 Train Depot of Kingsville. Hundreds of railroading memorabilia from lanterns and a locomotive bell to time tables,, conductor's hats and turn-of-the-century photos remind us of the importance of the railroad to Kingsville and South Texas.

Next to the depot sits a wonderfully restored, late, turn-of-the-century bandstand. For many years it was the cultural and social center of Kingsville.

