

Executive Experience Family Guide

Corpus Christi, Texas

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WELCOME

My husband and I have been married for 20 years, and Day 1 of our honeymoon cruise confirmed that we'd be forever travelers, even after kids. There's just too much out there to explore, and who better to experience it with than with the people you love most.

Think of this guide as traveling alongside our family.

If sharing our experiences helps your family spend less time researching and more time making memories, then this guide has done exactly what we hoped it would.

Some families will spend all day chasing every attraction on the map.
Others will spend two hours watching their kids throw seashells into the water.
Neither family is doing vacation wrong.

We hope this guide gives you the confidence to
create a trip that's perfect for your family.

AT A GLANCE

📍 Best For: Sunny Days

🚗 Drive Time: 4-5 Hours

📅 Ideal Stay: 5 Nights

👨👩 Ages: All Children

★ Return-Worthy

🌊 Beach Vibe

🏨 Doubletree by Hilton

🍣 Seafood & Hibachi



WHERE WE STAYED

What We Loved

- Proximity to the beach - it's literally direct beach access!
- Family-friendly pool + hot tub
- Restaurant onsite for convenience
- Diamond status amenities + comp upgrade because we booked on the Hilton Honors app and used our Hilton Honors Aspire Card.

Good to Know

- Our room had a shower only (no bathtub). If you have younger kiddos who strongly prefer baths, this is something to consider. Our daughter adjusted and ended up loving the nightly shower routine, but mom definitely missed the easier bath option.
- Parking was \$10/day, and we never had trouble finding a spot (even in the evenings). Also, parking validation is handled through a QR code system posted throughout the parking lot. You scan the sign and complete everything online.



Worth the Splurge

- We almost always recommend balcony rooms. Not just on cruises, but at resorts too. There's just something about stepping outside with your morning coffee or ending the day with fresh air that instantly makes a vacation feel more relaxing. It also became the perfect place to dry swimsuits without bringing the beach inside.



WHERE WE ATE

Snoopy's Pier



WHY: THE FOOD & VIEWS!

WHO: OPTIONS FOR THE WHOLE FAM

OUR ORDER: SHRIMP & RICE, FISH & CHIPS, BURGER, BLUE BELL

WOULD WE RETURN: 100%

Fajitaville



WHY: BEACH ACCESS & THE FOOD

WHO: OPTIONS FOR THE WHOLE FAM

OUR ORDER: BEEF & CHICKEN FAJITAS FOR TWO + QUESO

WOULD WE RETURN: 100%

Whataburger by the Bay



WHY: FOOD & VIEWS

WHO: OPTIONS FOR THE WHOLE FAM

OUR ORDER: WHATAMEALS

WOULD WE RETURN: 100%

Poseidon Sushi & Hibachi



WHY: HIBACHI & AMBIANCE

WHO: OPTIONS FOR THE WHOLE FAM

OUR ORDER: BEEF & CHICKEN HIBACHI, TENDERS & FRIES

WOULD WE RETURN: 100%



If you're visiting with younger kids, we'd recommend grabbing an early dinner at Snoopy's before the sunset crowd arrives.

HOW WE SPENT OUR DAYS

North Beach



WHY: EASE OF ACCESS WITHOUT THE CROWDS

WHO: FUN FOR EVERYONE

MUST DO: EXPLORE NEARBY

WOULD WE RETURN: 100%

Hotel Pool & Hot Tub



WHY: FUN IN THE SUN + VIEWS

WHO: FUN FOR EVERYONE

MUST DO: WATCH THE SEAGULLS

WOULD WE RETURN: 100%

USS Lexington



WHY: INTERACTIVE & HISTORICAL

WHO: FAMILIES WITH EASY MOBILITY

MUST DO: 3D MOVIE

WOULD WE RETURN: 100%



Texas beaches each have their own personality. If your family is expecting Destin-style water, it's worth setting expectations before you arrive. North Beach shines because of its convenience, not because it's the prettiest beach in Texas.

WHAT WE'D PACK AGAIN

Glad We Packed

Fresh Fruit = 10/10

Bananas, grapes, raspberries, halos

- Makes for easy breakfasts & beach snacks
- Balancing out those vacation fries!

Protein + Quick Lunches = Smart

Turkey lunch meat + cheese slices + bread + beef sticks

- “Let’s avoid spending \$70 on lunch today”
- beach → room → recharge → back out

Grab-and-Go Kid Snacks = Worth It

Fruit snacks gummies, bagged popcorn, Gogurt

- Listen...vacation parenting ≠ normal parenting
- easy, low-effort, minimal meltdown snacks

Gorgie Energy Drinks (Mom’s MVP)

Because everyone needs their emotional support caffeine

- How does that saying go? “When mom’s happy...”

The Rolled Outfits Method

Mom Hack: Have your children select their outfits in advance, down to the accessories, and then have them roll the entire bundle.

- Easy and compact for the suitcase
- No day-of meltdowns because they don’t like what you picked out



Wish We'd Packed

Backpack Beach Chair

With a sunshade because that Texas sun will be sunning

- The backpack straps are a game-changer!
- Includes a cupholder (yay for morning coffee!) and oversized pouch

Don’t miss a beach day because you forgot this chair. Let me help you.

Small Ziploc Bags

We wished we had brought:

- somewhere to stash seashells + half-eaten snacks
- random little treasures the kids suddenly must keep forever

Future us will absolutely throw a handful of gallon and sandwich bags into the suitcase next time.

Baby Wipes

There were SO many moments when wipes would have saved the day:

- sandy legs before hopping in the car
- quick cleanups between beach → pool → restaurant.

Be sure to throw a travel pack in your beach bag!

Swimwear Drying Solution

We made the hotel balcony work, but next time we’d absolutely bring:

- travel clothesline
- hanging clips or suction hooks

Texas coastal wind + being convinced the seagulls were going to steal our swimsuits is not it!

LESSONS WE BROUGHT HOME

Quality time as a family requires time.

And sometimes, that means making a conscious effort to not plan for every minute of your day.
When you leave margin in your schedule, you allow for the unexpected to happen.

The swims that lasted longer because no one was checking the time.
The freedom to roam the beach shore and discover hidden local gems.
The feeling of getting to adventure somewhere new together.
Hotel picnics.

And honestly? We think that still counts as magic.

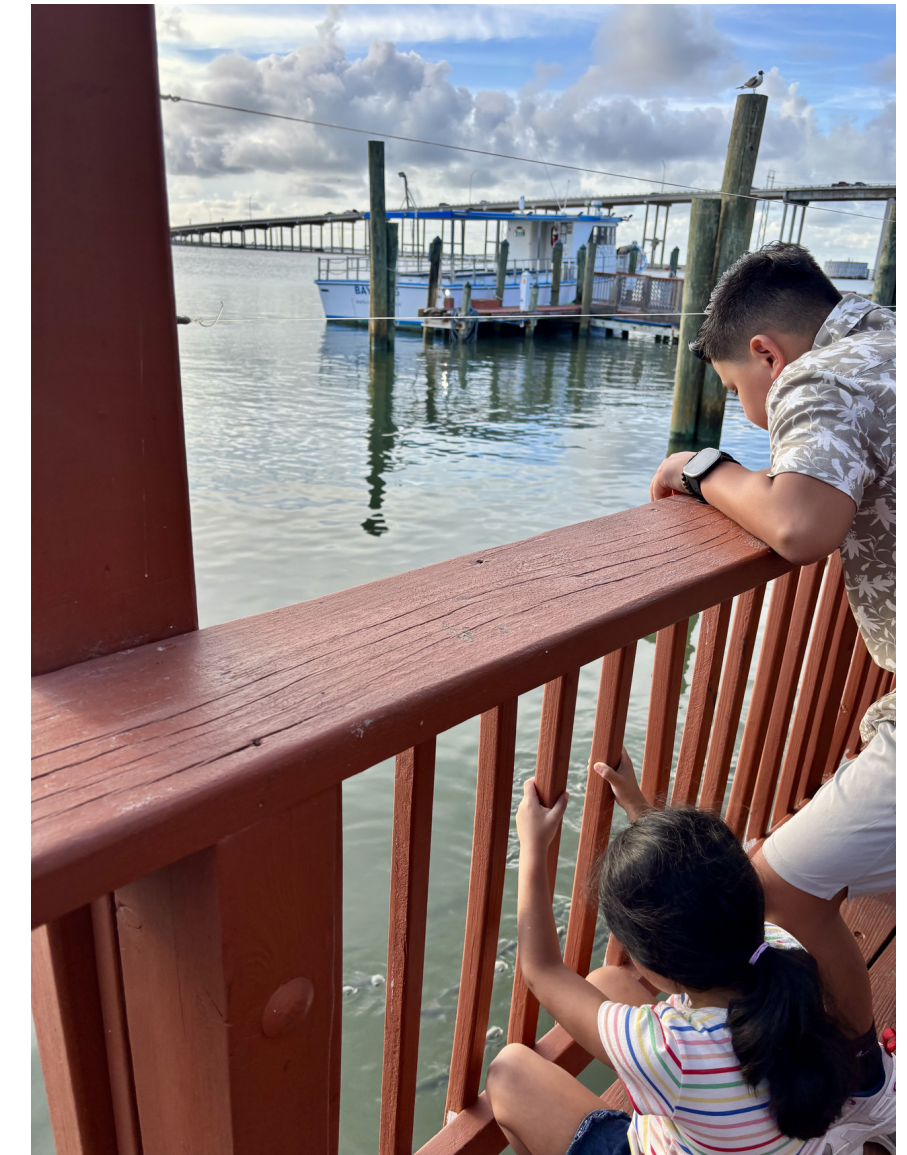
OUR FAVORITE MOMENTS



Sand Castles & Fajitas



Mom's Happy Place



Magic Through Their Eyes

THE MOMENTS WE'LL REMEMBER MOST

Favorite Restaurant

Snoopy's Pier: great seafood, waterfront views, and the place where little sister discovered she LOVES fish & chips

Favorite Family Memory

Mom & Dad enjoying fajitas on the beach while the kids made sand castles at our feet

Favorite Quiet Moment

Sitting on the beach after sunset, listening to the waves while looking up at the stars

Favorite Kid Activity

Exploring every staircase they could find aboard the USS Lexington

Favorite Surprise

Discovering that Snoopy's Pier gives kids a free Blue Bell scoop when they skip the applesauce

We'd Skip Next Time

We'll probably spend more time at the beach and pool instead. Once you've experienced the USS Lexington, we think one visit is enough for most families.



UNTIL NEXT TIME...

We hope this guide helps your family create memories you'll be talking about for years.

Thank you for letting us take you along on one of our favorite Texas adventures.

If planning your own trip ever starts to feel overwhelming, we'd be honored to help handle the details so you can focus on making memories.

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