The fun doesn't end when the sun goes down in Galveston! Ready to relax, drink in hand, and listen to top-notch bands perform live music? Or are you in the mood to step into your dancing shoes and hit the clubs? Whatever you're after, the island's vibrant, thriving nightlife scene is ready and waiting.

Downtown Bars

Head to the Historic Strand District, also known as The Strand, to party at <u>Bliss Lounge</u>, recently voted Galveston's best nightclub. The lively, high-energy atmosphere is perfect for just about anyone: large groups, including bachelor and bachelorette parties; couples; and singles. DJs play a mix of current hit songs and old favorites, and the drink specials are not to be missed! Bliss Lounge is open Thursday through Sunday evenings.

For a more laid-back vibe, <u>Daiquiri Time Out</u> on Market Street is a cool spot serving unique craft cocktails, spirits, and beer. The staff pride themselves on their creative drinks, so it's the perfect place to try something different and maybe even find a new favorite. An on-site food truck offers light bites. If your itinerary allows, try coming here on Monday, when happy hour lasts all night long! Daiquiri Time Out is open daily from 4:00 PM until 12:00 AM.

Pizza lovers should make a point of visiting <u>Sharky's Tavern</u> on 25th Street, a restaurant and bar that serves up some of the island's best pies along with drinks and nightly live music. Although the menu is limited to pizza, there are options to appeal to all tastes, from a classic margherita to chicken fajita and Hawaiian varieties and even an apple crisp flavor perfect for dessert! Sharky's Tavern is open from 11:00 AM until 12:00 AM Monday through Thursday and Sunday and from 11:00 AM until 2:00 AM on Friday and Saturday.

If singing karaoke is your idea of a good time, <u>Sound Bar</u>, located at 2411 Mechanic St, should be at the top of your list. Sound Bar, Galveston's one and only karaoke bar, is an easy walk from The Strand and many other attractions, and it's open seven nights per week with karaoke beginning at 9:00 PM.

Is tequila your go-to drink? <u>Tsunami Exotic Tequila Emporium</u> has over 45 varieties of tequila on its menu along with 12 different styles of margaritas. In addition to the quick and friendly service, history buffs will appreciate the restaurant's collection of Galveston Island Mardi Gras posters dating back to the 1980s.

Drinks by the Seawall

The Galveston Seawall was built over 100 years ago to protect the island from hurricanes. Originally just over 3 miles long, today, the Seawall is both the longest continuous sidewalk in America and the world's longest mural. Today, it's a happening spot packed with must-visit shops, restaurants and plenty of entertainment.

For reasonably-priced drinks and a warm and welcoming atmosphere, pay a visit to <u>Island Pier Club</u>, which proudly bills itself as a "five-star dive bar." Locals and tourists mingle in this small, family-owned neighborhood spot, which has been part of the community since the 1940s.

Want to spend the evening on the sand? Flip Flops Beach Bar & Grill, open daily from 7:00 AM until 2:00 AM, is the island's only bar located on the beach. The restaurant features beach volleyball nets, a full bar, and live music along with an extensive menu.

For even more tropical vibes, the beachfront <u>Rum Shack</u> is a little slice of paradise. The scratch kitchen serves eight different types of burgers along with fresh seafood, tacos, wings, salads, and a large assortment of rum and tiki bar-style drinks.

B. Jigger's Lounge at the Galveston Holiday Inn was recently voted the city's "Favorite Live Music Venue," and both locals and tourists enjoy stopping by for nightly live music and drink specials along with expansive views of the beach. The lounge serves both late-night snacks and happy hour appetizers.

Outdoor Nightlife

Galveston enjoys beautiful weather year-round, and the options for outdoor nightlife are plentiful. If you prefer open-air venues as opposed to crowded clubs, visit <u>Jimmy's on the Pier</u> for fresh seafood and gorgeous <u>waterfront views</u>. Happy hour food and drink specials are available Monday through Friday.

Marina Bar & Grill is located at the Galveston Yacht Basin. Watch luxurious boats set sail and admire the sunset while you listen to live music and enjoy a delicious meal. Marina Bar & Grill is open daily for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

With hammock swings, plenty of games and both indoor and outdoor seating, hanging out at <u>SideYard</u> is a fun and upbeat experience with the relaxed feel of a friend or family member's home. Open daily, it's a great place to spend the afternoon and evening.

<u>Woody's Beach Bar</u> offers the best of both worlds: its garage-style doors allow for an open-air atmosphere when the weather is good and provide shelter and warmth when temperatures drop. Don't miss out on the live music, full bar, pool table, and spacious deck complete with adirondack chairs.

Live Music

Even in the age of music streaming, there's nothing quite like taking in a live band. At <u>Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe</u>, a "listening room" venue and bar, local and nationally known songwriters and bands perform several nights each week. Make sure to purchase tickets in advance and to be respectful by refraining from loud conversations during the performances.

<u>Yaga's Cafe and Bar</u> features both live bands and DJs every weekend from 10:00 PM until 2:00 AM. The menu includes salads, burgers, and specialty drinks, including \$3 drinks on Friday nights! Stop by for a tasty meal, entertainment and a guaranteed good time.