

# Guided Tours & Charters

ROCKPORT, TEXAS • ARANSAS BAY • TEXAS COAST

*The Texas coast rewards those who get on the water.*

What you see from shore is **10%** of what's out there.



## Why a Guide Changes Everything

The best whooping crane habitat, spoonbill rookeries, and redfish flats in the Aransas Bay system are only reachable by shallow-draft boat. A local captain doesn't just take you there — they know the tide, the light, the feeding patterns, and exactly where to position for the shot or the catch.



You could spend three days driving every road and never see what a **2-hour boat trip** reveals.

## THREE WAYS TO EXPERIENCE ARANSAS BAY

### WHOOPING CRANE BOAT TOURS NOVEMBER – APRIL



**The only way** to get within 30 feet of the world's rarest migratory birds in their wild winter habitat.

Shallow-draft boats navigate the backwater channels of Aransas Bay that no land-based viewpoint can reach. The entire wild Aransas-Wood Buffalo flock — 560+ birds — winters here and nowhere else on Earth.

One morning on the water and you'll understand why birders plan trips years in advance for this.

### FISHING CHARTERS YEAR-ROUND



**Redfish, speckled trout, flounder, and black drum** on gin-clear shallow flats with captains who have spent decades reading every oyster reef, grass flat, and tidal channel in the bay.

Light-tackle wade fishing and sight-casting to tailing reds on the flats — this is world-class coastal fishing with guides who know the water personally, not from a map.

### BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY TOURS YEAR-ROUND



**Multi-level shooting decks**, golden-hour morning departures, and captains who understand angle, light, and species behavior.

Roseate Spoonbills, Reddish Egrets, Great Blue Herons, Brown Pelicans, and Whooping Cranes — all in natural habitat, all from water level. No fences, no parking lots, no crowds.



### THE ROCKPORT ADVANTAGE

- Aransas Bay is one of the most sheltered, productive coastal systems on the Gulf — calm water, exceptional clarity, extraordinary wildlife density.
- Year-round season — no true off-season for fishing or wildlife. Crane season (Nov–Apr) overlaps with winter shorebirds. Summer brings tarpon, trout, and nesting herons. Fall migration adds songbirds and raptors.
- Local captains only — every operator featured here works these specific waters as their full-time profession.



### FOR TOUR OPERATORS

List your charter on Rockport Birding HQ and reach travelers already planning Aransas Bay trips — birders, photographers, and anglers who have done their research and are ready to book.



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