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Known as the “energy capital of the world,” Houston is a thriving business center and the fourth largest city in the country. Houston is made up of more than 3,700 energy-related establishments, including 40 of the nation’s 134 publicly traded oil and gas exploration and production firms.

It is a diverse, international location that offers residents and visitors top choices among museums, fine restaurants, world-class shopping, rodeos and professional sports teams. NASA’s Johnson Space Center, the headquarters for astronaut training and mission control, is located here.

The city is devoted to arts, science and history, cultural activities abound year round for Houstonians and visitors. The Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, Jones Hall and the Alley Theatre are just some of the facilities that house Houston’s renowned opera, ballet, theatre and symphony performances.

Houston also boasts some of the country’s best medical schools, hospitals, research facilities, and top academic institutions, such as Rice University, South Texas College of Law Houston, Texas Southern University, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, and the University of Houston. The Texas Medical Center, the largest in the world with 106,000 employees, is located in Houston. Some of the country’s best medical schools, including Baylor College of Medicine and The University of Texas Medical School-Houston, are part of the TMC. The M.D. Anderson Cancer & Research Center has been continuously ranked as one of the best cancer treatment centers in the nation.

The Port of Houston is consistently ranked 1st in the United States in foreign waterborne tonnage; 1st in U.S. imports; 1st in U.S. export tonnage and 2nd in the U.S. in total tonnage. Houston is often referred to as “The Gateway to Central and South America” in terms of trade and commerce.

Many annual events celebrate the diverse cultures of Houston. The largest and longest-running is the annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, held over 20 days from early to late March, and is the largest annual livestock show and rodeo in the world. Another thing Texans love is their sports. Local professional and minor league sports teams include the NFL’s Houston Texans, NBA’s Houston Rockets and Major League Baseball’s Astros.

Learn more about Houston and what the city has to offer at the following sites:

- www.visithoustontexas.com
- www.365thingsinhouston.com