

PRIVATE BOAT TOUR FAQ



How much is it to charter the pontoon boat for a private trip?

\$550. For an additional \$175, you may request a historian to lead your boat tour.

How many guests can the pontoon boat accommodate?

21 guests maximum. Children (ages 4 and up) with an accompanying adult are allowed on the boat.

Is the boat wheelchair accessible?

Unfortunately, the boat launches to board the boat are not wheelchair accessible. There are a series of steps that guests must descend to reach the boat.

When is the pontoon boat available for private charter?

Private Charters are available to reserve throughout the year, depending on availability and appropriate water levels and speeds along the bayou. No private charters on major holidays (New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day.)

Am I allowed to bring food and drink onto the boat?

Food and drink are allowed on the boat, including alcoholic beverages (but please, no glassware.) We kindly request that you properly dispose of items before leaving the boat. BBP will provide a 5-foot table on board for your use.

Where does the boat depart from?

Private Charters will depart from the boat launch at Allen's Landing, 1019 Commerce Street (at Main Street), go down the cascading stairs (on your left of the 3-story brown brick building). The pontoon boat will be docked at the wharf. Metered parking is available on Commerce Street and nearby side streets (note that most of the street parking is free after 6 p.m. and on Sundays). Parking is available in several surrounding downtown parking garages, surface lots or metered street parking.

Where along Buffalo Bayou will the pontoon boat travel?

Guests will cruise past Allen's Landing, the redeveloped Sesquicentennial Park and Sabine Promenade, as well as the newly renovated Buffalo Bayou Park. For those trips heading east of downtown, you will view the industrial side of our city.

Is this a "self-guided" boat trip?

Yes. Your captain and deckhand will highlight key points of interest along Buffalo Bayou. If you are interested in an in-depth tour of the bayou and city, you may request a historian (based upon availability) for an additional \$175.

Does BBP offer public boat tours?

Yes! See and experience Houston from a whole new angle via Waugh Bat Colony tours, history tours, special holiday cruises, and 45-minute Buffalo Bayou Boat Tours. Available dates and more information can be found at buffalobayou.org.

What is the Boat Tour Cancellation, Rescheduling, and Refund Policies?

If notification of cancellation is received at least 14 days prior to a scheduled tour, there is the option of rescheduling or receiving a full refund. No-shows will be charged full price. A full refund will be given if a tour is cancelled by Buffalo Bayou Partnership. Buffalo Bayou is a natural waterway, so changes in Houston's weather, such as flooding and fast-moving water, often affect our boat tours.

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