



Houston: The Bayou City

OVERVIEW

The Bayou City is a vibrant and visually appealing theme event that provides a true sense of the unique city that is Houston. Featuring the proud downtown Skyline sprouting up from a lush treatment of oleanders and a meandering bayou, the setting gets “hot” as our blistering Texas bands take the stage.

ELEMENTS

As your guests enter the ballroom, they will be whisked away into a romantic evening with all the best Houston has to offer. Decorated with the lush foliage of the Bayou and a dramatic skyline backdrop, the Hilton Americas ballroom will exude “Houston” and give your guests an authentic Bayou City experience. A sparkling 7’ wide faux bayou pool with adorned with butterflies and frogs will rest at the center of the room, creating a dazzling spectacle and focal point for the ballroom. Three 10’ paths created with a sprinkling of woodchips, tall grasses, rocks, cacti and butterflies will wind between tables leading to the bayou pool at the center of the dance floor. The paths and the bayou pool as well as the rest of the ballroom will be abloom with live, lush Houston foliage—oleanders and crepe myrtles.

At center stage, the main podium will be set apart by a dramatically lit 14’x28’ backdrop of the world-famous Houston skyline. To add more dimension, the stage would also be flanked with 16’x30’ downstage flats of the Houston city skyline and streets. Keeping in mind that the gala is a dinner event, special care and attention will be devoted to the centerpieces decorating the tables. Intricate Bayou centerpieces of ivy, wild grass, flowers, and butterflies would be placed throughout the tables in the room to accentuate the lush, green bayou environment.

Once the décor has set the mood, the entertainment will take the stage to really drive home the Houston experience. The evening’s lineup would consist of two different live performances by two very unique, very “Houston” artists. Two stages set opposite each other on either side of the dance floor will showcase Houston original bands—Kelly McGuire & Hurricane, who play a “Texas Gulf Coast” sound mixed in with a little country-western and Jimmy Buffet-like flavor; and Sonny Boy Terry, a true Texas-style rock group. Our groups will play back to back so there is no interruption in the building energy.

The breathtaking bayou scenery will set the mood for a romantic dinner, but after our Texas performers have heated up the room, your guests will leave charged with a memorable experience and highly favorable impression of the Bayou City.