**COASTAL TEXAS**  
**(CORPUS CHRISTI, NORTH PADRE ISLAND, PORT ARANSAS)**

Corpus Christi offers an amazing mix of beaches, nightlife, amusement rides, museums and much more! In the heart of the Gulf Coast, you can plan to meet hundreds of other J1 students and mingle with locals along the waterfront. You can go out to Port Aransas for a quieter beach experience and enjoy gourmet coffee or ice cream in the sand. You can also take day trips to San Antonio- home of the Alamo! Corpus Christi also has its own convenient airport so you don’t have to take a 4 hour bus ride- it’s only about 30 minutes into the city from Corpus Christi International Airport. There is never a lack of fun, exciting new activities in the Corpus Christi area!

**WEATHER**

**CITIES & AIRPORTS**

Closest international airport: Corpus Christi International Airport (CRP)  
About 2 hours from San Antonio

**COMMUNITY GROUPS & RESOURCES**

Large international student community where events geared toward J-1 students are common. Great housing resources and understanding of the program in the community.

**THINGS TO DO & CULTURAL EVENTS**

- Visit the Naval Ship Museum or a local gallery  
- Go to the beaches  
- Shop  
- Take a day trip to San Antonio  
- Participate in the local nightlife  
- Throw a beach party
PROS & CONS

PRO: Very popular summer area. Beaches, lots of international students, good housing resources.

CON: Expensive cost of living. Housing is hard to find, but possible.

HOT TIPS

Very hot and humid so bring lots of light, comfortable clothing. Start housing search very early as it can be expensive, especially on Port Aransas.

MAP OF THE AREA

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http://www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/map/USA/texas_map.htm