



Port of Brownsville 90th Anniversary Grand Community Celebration Boat & Bus Tours Frequently Asked Questions

As part of the celebration of its 90th anniversary, the Port of Brownsville will offer free bus and boat tours Oct. 17, 2026, during the 90th Anniversary Grand Community Celebration.

For additional questions, please call (956) 831-4592

1. How can I register for the Port of Brownsville 90th Anniversary bus or boat tours?

Registration is available online through Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/port-of-brownsville-90th-anniversary-boat-bus-tours-tickets-2001092448381>. Simply select your preferred tour and time slot, and complete the registration form, which includes a required liability waiver. Space is limited, so we recommend registering early.

2. Do I have to register to get on the tour?

All passengers are required to register for a boat and bus tour. Space is limited, and registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will close after all seats are reserved.

3. Does my child need to be registered for the tour?

Yes. All passengers, including children, must be registered for the tour. Each person riding the bus or boat must have a reserved spot.

4. Passenger Check-in

All passengers are required to check-in at the designated tent for tours, located at the Port of Brownsville Business Park, prior to boarding the bus. The Port of Brownsville does not guarantee participation in the tour if a passenger has not registered or checked in prior to cut-off time for boarding. Please see selected voyage/tour time slot for designated check-in time. Passengers who have not registered or checked in by the required check-in time are not guaranteed participation in the tour.

5. What if I'm running late or miss check-in?

For logistical reasons, bus and boat departures cannot be held for late arrivals. **Please check in at least 30 minutes before your scheduled departure.** Guests who have not checked in by that time may lose their reserved spot to a standby ticket holder.



6. Can I bring a guest who isn't registered?

No, only registered passengers will be able to board the tour.

7. Is there parking, and where do I check in?

Event entry will be through the Foust Gate entrance, located at 1000 Foust Rd. Signage and staff will be on-site to direct you to the parking and tour check-in area.

8. Dock Accessibility

Boat tours will depart from the Express Dock. Please be aware that the dock is not accessible to strollers or wheelchairs. The Express Dock is an operational dock utilized for the movement of general cargo.

9. How should I prepare for the tours?

Dress for the sun and water: sunscreen, a hat, and sunglasses are recommended. Closed-toe, closed-back shoes are strongly encouraged for safety while boarding and moving around the vessel. Drinking water will be provided on the vessel.

10. Can I bring my pet?

For everyone's safety and comfort, pets are not permitted on boat or bus tours.

11. What can I expect from the tour?

This is a free public guided tour provided by the Port of Brownsville. The tour will offer a great behind-the-scenes look of the Port that *Works* and how it connects to global markets. Visitors will have the opportunity to see vessels, cargo, port facilities and all the activity that takes place inside this international multimodal hub.

- **Boat Tour:** Tour of the Brownsville Ship Channel's Turning Basin. Tour will be on board a Breakaway Cruises boat.
- **Bus Tour:** Windshield tour of port facilities along Ostos Rd. Bus will travel along the southside of the Brownsville Ship Channel. Visitors will have the opportunity to see vessels, cargo, port facilities and all the activity that takes place inside this international multimodal hub. For safety and security purposes, passengers will not be allowed to get off the bus during the tour.



12. How long does the tour take?

- **Boat tour:** Total estimated time of tour is 1.5 hours. This includes the actual tour and time allotted for check-in, boarding the shuttle bus for transportation to and from the designated dock of departure/arrival. The tour of the turning basin itself runs for about one hour. Passengers are strongly encouraged to arrive at the port **at least 30 minutes prior to departure** in order to avoid delays in schedule.
- **Bus tour:** Total estimated time of tour is 1 hr. This includes the actual tour and time allotted for transportation to and from the designated pickup/drop off area. The tour itself runs for about 30-40 minutes. Passengers are strongly encouraged to arrive at the port at least 30 minutes prior to departure in order to avoid delays in schedule.

13. Can I take photos during the tour?

Photos/video opportunities will be available at designated areas suggested by the tour guide. For safety and security purposes, passengers will not be allowed to get off the bus during the tour.

14. Could the tours be cancelled?

Tours may be cancelled due to inclement weather or any other unforeseen circumstances.

15. How will I know if my tour is cancelled?

In the event a tour is cancelled due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, registered guests will be notified using the contact information provided during registration. Updates will also be posted through the Port of Brownsville's official communication channels.