

# PADRE: ADVENTURE AND EXPLORATION ON A VANISHING BARRIER ISLAND

*Twenty-foot tall sand dunes,  
cut by sea level rise erosion  
like a hot knife cuts butter.*

## PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS

This is the closest thing to an uninhabited wilderness beach that one can drive to and it is destined to disappear. Spend the day four-wheeling or camp for three or four nights as far down the four-wheel drive beach as we want, or spend our nights at a motel or resort in Corpus, Port Aransas or South Padre and enjoy fresh seafood.

Most of the beach is still there. Though much smaller than it was ten years ago, there are only a handful of badly eroded areas. For 90 miles the sand stretches to the horizon with hardly another vehicle to be seen.

When sea level rise on a barrier island reaches seven mm per year the island begins to fragment and disappear. The 20th century rate at Rockport just north of Padre is 5.2 mm per year and sea level on the Texas coast appeared to begin to rise more rapidly when the Big Melt in Greenland began in the early 2000s. Some places on some beaches are more erosion prone than others. This is why a few critical areas on Padre have already begun to disappear.

## EXPEDITION RATES:

These four-wheel drive adventures start at \$220 per day per person or \$1,540 per person per week camping with three expedition members plus guide per trip. Stay at a motel or resort and eat seafood every night beginning at \$280 per day for a week at \$1,960, with three expedition members and guide.

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