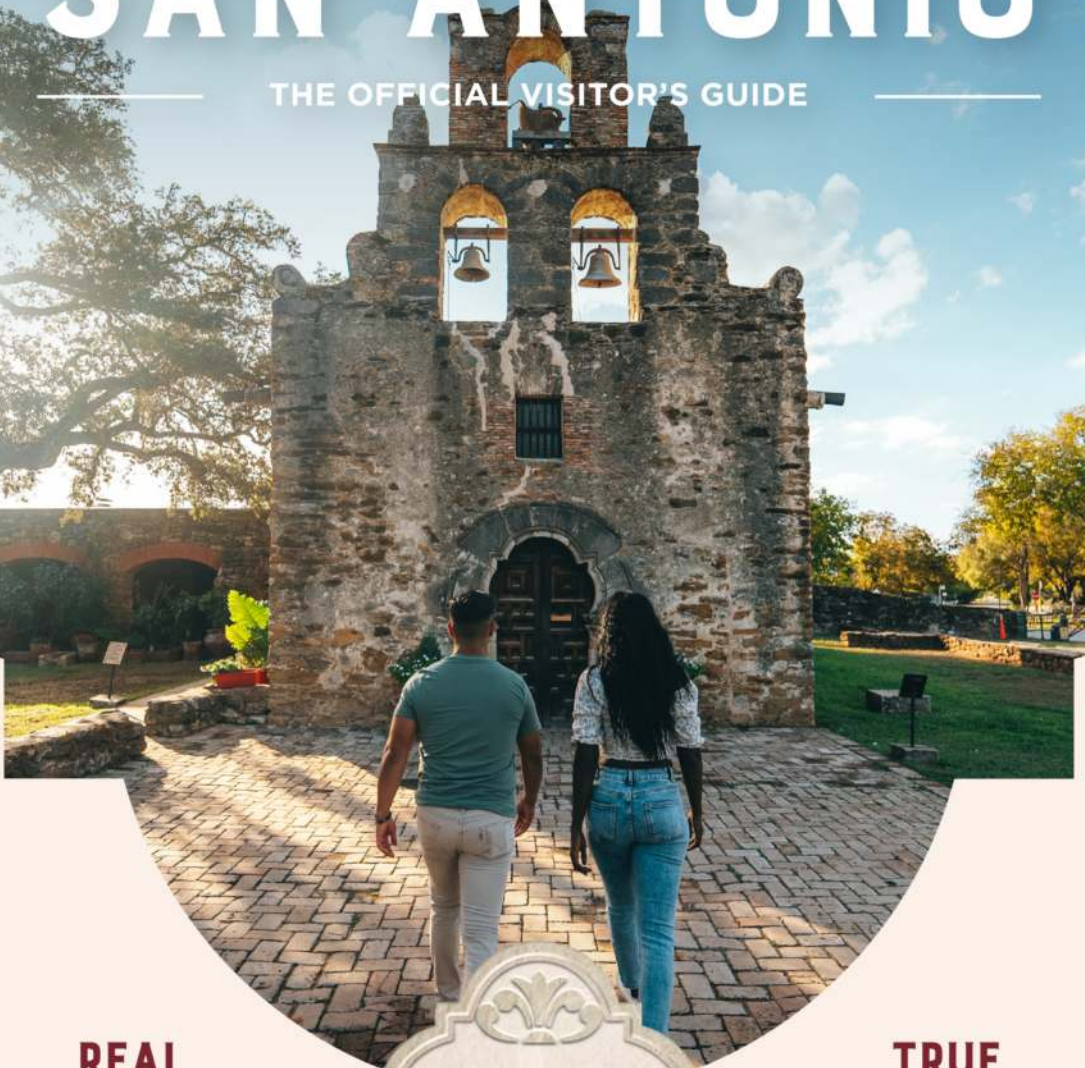




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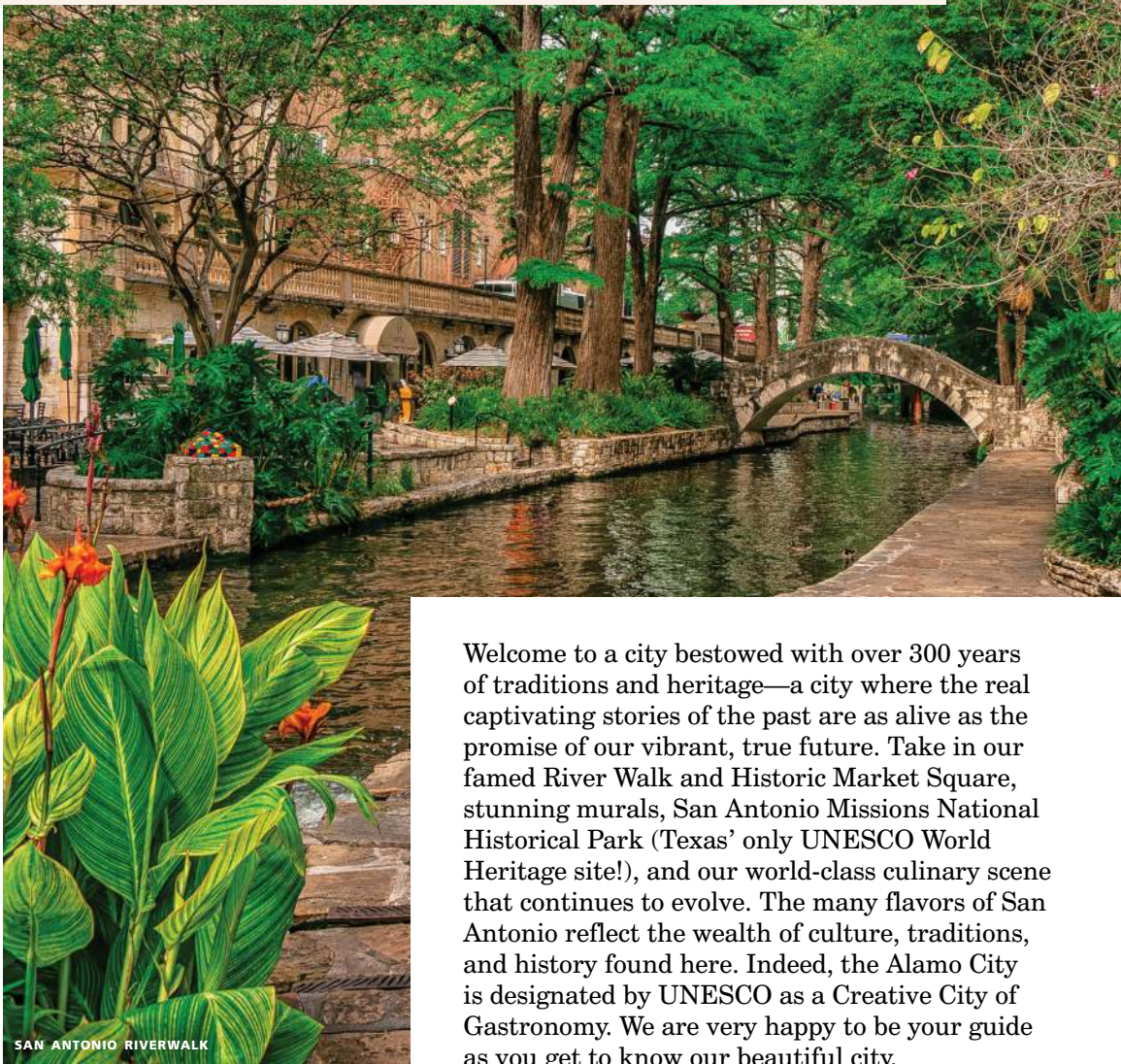


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# *The Latest Buzz in the Alamo City*



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## WORLD HERITAGE

**The Alamo** has big plans for enhanced visitor experiences. The latest of these advancements includes the brand-new Ralston Family Collections Center. Now open to the public, this new state-of-the-art facility houses portions of the Phil Collins Collection in addition to other incredible artifacts and collections in its 10,000-square-foot exhibit space. Stay tuned for continued renovations and improvements happening through 2026!

San Antonio welcomes a brand-new facility behind **Mission Concepción**—Padre Margil Pilgrimage Center, which will provide visitors with information and support for El Camino de San Antonio Missions: a 30-km pilgrimage, which will count as part of the “Inglis Route” of Spain’s *El Camino de Santiago de Compostela*. *Peregrinos*, or pilgrims, will have the opportunity to have their Camino passports stamped and obtain their San Antonio Compostela for credit in Spain.

## MUSIC SCENE

What once served as a central connection train station to multiple states at St. Paul Square is now **The Espee** (formerly known as Sunset Station), an outdoor performance venue that welcomes live entertainment in beautiful downtown San Antonio. Enjoy live music and discover your new favorite artists under the Texas stars!

Also new: a nearly 130-year-old building that once housed brewery draft horses transforms into a new live music venue at **Pearl Stable Hall** in the fall. Stable Hall is the next chapter in San Antonio’s music history. Catch national touring artists as well as regional talent from Texas, Mexico and the Americana Music Triangle—encompassing the area between Nashville, Memphis and New Orleans.



## FAMILY FUN

Let the **San Antonio Zoo** show you why it is rated the #1 Zoo in Texas with new experiences. If you enjoy the majesty of butterflies, head over to the John and Greli Less Butterfly House, where monarchs and other species are eager to welcome you year-round. For younger visitors, Discovery PLAYce, designed to provide nature fluency and support safe play for children up to five years of age, recently opened at Kronkosky’s Tiny Tots Nature Spot. Coming late 2023, expect a brand-new front entry, which includes expanded zoo entry with immersive, interactive experiences and themes that perfectly capture the true essence of San Antonio and the Zoo.

SeaWorld & Aquatica San Antonio

welcome Catapult Falls, the first launched flume coaster in the world complete with world's steepest drop in a flume ride. Feel the thrill as you are launched at speeds of 30 feet per second as you make your way high above the park before free falling into the steepest drop!

Another thrilling experience for the courageous is coming soon to **Six Flags Fiesta Texas**. The all-new KID FLASH™ Cosmic Coaster will be a first-of-its-kind single-rail family racing roller coaster, which allows guests to compete and race to the finish line illuminated by an LED lighting panel. Expect an expansion of Hurricane Harbor that includes a collection of eleven individual waterslides and raft rides.

**Hemisfair** recently unveiled a new toddler play area made just for smaller visitors in Yanaguana Garden. Hemisfair is also excited to open Phase I of Civic Park in the fall. San Antonio's take on Central Park, Phase I of Civic Park will include five acres of public parkland, shaded areas perfect for San Antonio's brilliant, sunny weather, a five-pooled water feature and a great lawn area, accommodating of San Antonio's larger events.

## FOR THE FOODIES

You're in the Culinary Capital of Texas and one of only two cities in the United States that holds the title of **Creative City of Gastronomy** by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Of course, our culinary game is top-notch and a direct reflection of the fusions of cultures that call San Antonio home.

**Hemisfair** is proving to be a food and drink powerhouse with incredible restaurants joining an already robust lineup of options.

Local brewer Künstler's award-winning beers as well as German cuisine will be on the menu at the upcoming Künstler Tap and Brat-Haus. Also coming to Hemisfair in 2023 is Bombay Bicycle Club, the second location of this San Antonio favorite.

Head over to **Southtown** for more great new restaurant additions. For an authentic Mexican cantina experience, try **Casa Hernán Cantina**, one of the latest creations by iconic chef Johnny Hernandez. And if you're on the hunt for incredible Peruvian options, Southtown recently welcomed Leche de Tigre to the scene. This cebicheria and pisco bar can't wait for you to experience





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authentic Peruvian cuisine. Southtown staple **Rosario's Comidamex & Bar** treats diners to a new Southtown location, which offers incredible rooftop views in addition to fantastic Mexican cuisine options.

**Pearl** may be a foodie's dream, but the area surrounding Pearl is growing with new flavors as well. Here you can find **Restaurant Claudine**, the perfect place to eat when you're craving a French twist on Southern comfort classics. Also in this area is **Go Fish Market**. A high-end seafood café also offering up fresh seafood for purchase. Two pop-ups now open at Food Hall at Bottling Department are Pasta Factor, offering fresh takes on popular pasta dishes, and Three Six General, offering Central Texas-style smokehouse classics, including fried chicken, hot pastrami, wings, fries and more. Finally, check out **Carriqui**, named after the South Texas green jay who's flight path encompasses much of South Texas—just like Carriqui's menu.

## FOR THE GAMERS

San Antonio is quickly becoming a gamer's haven. **Boeing Center at Tech Port**, San Antonio's brand-new high-tech concert venue and e-sports center, is optimized for major esports competitions in addition to live entertainment and sporting events and houses an onsite LAN gaming center.

Also creating innovative experiences for gamers is **Six Flags Fiesta Texas**. In a first-of-its-kind for any amusement park, Six Flags will soon be home to ESIX Gaming powered by Coca-Cola™, a brand-new e-sports gaming center complete with state-of-the-art computer equipment later this year. Where else can you get in some gaming, take on thrilling roller coasters, and then come back for more e-game challenges?

## ARTS & CULTURE

Dinosaur lovers will be in for a treat at **The Witte Museum's** Antarctic Dinosaurs: A Forest Frozen in Time. Running through September 10, 2023, you're invited to take a dramatic adventure all the way to Antarctica to learn about the extraordinary creatures that thrived here over 200 million years ago. Check out never-before-seen fossils and learn about what their existence has taught us about climate and geology.

The Museo del Westside, coming in 2023, will work to preserve the unique history and heritage of this area while sharing the tangible and intangible heritage of San Antonio's historic Westside to visitors and locals alike.

San Antonio's public art scene is always growing and you can be sure to find new works of art each time you visit. Some of our latest installments include:

- The Farmer's Market area of Historic Market Square has a massive new mural titled "The Spirit Within."



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Created by collaborative artists Ashleigh Garza and Hailey Marmolejo, the bright, colorful mural pays homage to the history of women and their work at Market Square. It features women donning luchador masks, constellations and *Alebrijes* (brightly colored mythical creatures represented through Mexican folk-art sculptures that can be found throughout Market Square).

- Located in the **River Walk Public Art Garden**, the Labor Plaza area honors the history and legacy of labor in San Antonio, along with labor’s ties to social justice and civil rights causes. The plaza is designed in a spiral formation—a form commonly found in nature, and features a poem and tiles by Octavio Quintanilla (San Antonio Poet Laureate 2018–2020). Etched in the ground is an excerpt from labor anthem “Solidarity Forever” written by Ralph Chaplin in 1915.



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MORGAN'S WONDERLAND

The biggest problem that families face when they visit San Antonio: Where to begin? The possibilities are endless—exciting major theme parks, an internationally recognized zoo and child-friendly museums that welcome everyone are just some of the excursions that will bring a smile to the faces of the entire family.

SeaWorld and Aquatica San Antonio keep everyone cooled down and revved up at the same time with a waterpark, thrilling rides and close encounters with aquatic animals like orcas, dolphins and sea lions. Either park, on its own, would be an unforgettable experience. Luckily, guests get double the fun because these two are adjacent to each other, making it easy to move from roller coasters, spinner rides and animals to splashing in water park slides, lazy rivers and fast rafts.

**Six Flags Fiesta Texas** has rolled out the good times in San Antonio for more than 30 years, but it's not resting on its reputation. Against the backdrop of an old limestone quarry, scream on a record-setting racing roller coaster or giant swing ride. And look for the new first-of-its-kind, innovative e-sports gaming center, ESIX Gaming powered by Coca-Cola™, complete with state-of-the-art computer equipment coming soon! At the Hurricane Harbor, take your pick from lagoons, rafts, slides and a drenched tree house. Seasonal musical and theatrical acts keep everyone's feet tapping. Shop for souvenirs, photo ops and Looney Tunes gifts before chowing down on burgers, turkey legs, regional cuisine and Dippin' Dots™ ice cream.

Nowhere else fosters fun for everyone regardless of abilities like Morgan's Wonderland. The world's first and only ultra-accessible™ theme park recently was joined by new sports and camp complexes where



people of all abilities enjoy summer-camp-type activities. Morgan's Inspiration Island splash park, also ultra-accessible™, takes your crew on a tropical-themed adventure with splash pads, the River Boat Adventure ride and, for those in need, waterproof wheelchairs.

Sporting events, concerts and one-of-a-kind festivals fill the San Antonio calendar year-round. The **San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo**, one of the largest indoor rodeos in the world, draws cowboys and cowgirls from all over with western sports and big-name entertainment stars. Be sure to check out the rodeo's *charreada*, a Mexican event that harks back to the 1500s with parades, costumes and mounted events.

Held each year in April, **Fiesta San Antonio** is an 11-day, city-wide celebration with colorful parades, beauty pageants, fireworks and a calendar filled with events that celebrate the magical heritage and culture of the Alamo City. Dating back to 1891, Fiesta San Antonio's Battle of Flowers® Parade is one of the only parades in the country produced entirely by women.

Animal fans will have more fun than a barrel of monkeys at world-class **San Antonio Zoo**. The Zoo's interactive experiences paired with their incredible

conservation efforts make it easy to see why it is so beloved by locals and tourists alike.

At the safari-style **Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch**, cruise through 450 acres of authentic Texas ranchland and interact with more than 500 animals from all around the world.

SEA LIFE Aquarium brings the ocean indoors with sharks, clownfish, seahorses, sea turtles and stingrays floating and swimming by in pools and tanks. Take a walk through the Ocean Tunnel!

LEGOLAND® Discovery Center San Antonio offers endless hands-on learning and builds on its reputation for fun with shows, rides and Lego-play opportunities. Be sure to catch a show at the LEGO® Cinema!

Head to the top of the **Tower of the Americas** for expansive, panoramic citywide views and then lower your altitude by traveling through the underground, massive caves of **Natural Bridge Caverns**.

## TAKE A RIDE ON THE WILD SIDE

San Antonio amusement parks know how to turn up the thrill-ride meter as high as it goes. Get your adrenaline pumping with record-setting rollercoasters, super-high swings and fantastic flying machines.

At SeaWorld San Antonio, visitors will soon be able to splash over the falls and into river rapids on the new Catapult Falls flume coaster, featuring the only vertical lift in North America and the steepest drop in the world. The ride joins SeaWorld’s high-thrill favorites like Texas Stingray, the tallest, fastest and longest wooden coaster in Texas, and Tidal Surge, the world’s tallest and fastest screaming swing that lets you experience the weightless sensation of “negative G.”

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drops and high speeds as you slide 565 feet to the finish line. The park's Tonga Twister water slide zooms you through 400 feet of twist and turns before ending in a splash out.

At **Six Flags Fiesta Texas**, visitors will soon be able to take on the KID FLASH™ Cosmic Coaster, Texas' only racing roller coaster, made with comfortable seating for both adults and children. Six Flags' many other exciting rides include Dr. Diabolical's Cliffhanger coaster, a world-record-setting, themed roller coaster unveiled last year to celebrate the park's 30th anniversary.

## FAMILY FUN FOR ALL

Morgan's Wonderland theme park and Morgan's Inspiration Island splash park feature 25 ultra-accessible™ attractions on its 25 acres called "an oasis of inclusion." Take a scenic spin on the Wonderland Express train and let the kids behind the wheel on the Off Road Adventure's winding trail. Over at Ultra-Accessible™ Morgan's Wonderland Camp, summer camp experiences happen year-round for people with and without special needs. Check out the horses, archery range, challenge course and zipline, all supported with a round-the-clock health center and twenty on-site cabins. Morgan's Wonderland Sports supports adaptive and Paralympic-style sports programs for kids and adults. For an immersive and creative experience, take the family to **Hopscotch**, an

interactive art gallery. Rooms feature works from artists around the world, each with a different sensory experience.

Nature, science and culture meet at **The Witte Museum**, dedicated to telling the Texas story as demonstrated by Earth and its people. See Texas ecosystems, flora and fauna in expansive dioramas and galleries showing Texas from the time of the dinosaurs and prehistoric hunter-gatherers to trail drivers, settlers of South Texas and the famed King Ranch. Rotating exhibits and permanent galleries answer questions you may not even know you had! Check out Antarctic Dinosaurs: A Forest Frozen in Time for a deeper look at dinosaurs and how they once thrived in Antarctica.

UTSA Institute of Texan Cultures is a Smithsonian-affiliate museum and cultural hub that tells the stories of the many people and cultures that have shaped Texas. Hands-on, interactive exhibits include a "Faces and Places of Texas" dome show. Don't miss the return of their Asian Festival this May and the iconic Texas Folklife Festival in 2024, just some of the ways that the institute shows guests an enriching and engaging time.

Open parkland, a toddler play area and restaurant options are part of an extensive renovation of **Hemisfair**, the site of the 1968 World's Fair. Yanaguana Garden features a splash pad, eateries including **Dough Pizzeria Napoletana** and Commonwealth Coffeehouse, and a 4.1-acre play environment designed for all ages and abilities. Renovated, late 19th-century homes will soon house Künstler Tap and Brat-Haus and Bombay Bicycle Club. **Re:Rooted 210 Urban Winery's** Hemisfair location makes it a great place to unwind—even with family in tow—with its proximity to Yanaguana Garden and wine to go option! A new toddler play area

hugs the shore of the historic Acequia Madre. And Hemisfair's five-acre Civic Park will encompass a shared promenade, a five-pool water feature and the Great Lawn for both running about and large events.

**Natural Bridge Caverns** recently debuted its Hidden Wonders Tour experience showcasing a never before toured area of the caverns. A State Historic Site and National Natural Landmark, Natural Bridge Caverns' other ways to see its cavernous beauty include a Twisted Trail Adventure Course, a curving zipline experience that has guests clambering over four levels and more than 50 elements. Twisted Trails Tykes gives little ones a taste of the spelunking adventure.

Get up close and personal when you spy on hundreds of free-ranging animals representing 45 species at **Natural Bridge**

**Wildlife Ranch.** From the comfort and safety of your car, you'll see horned oryx, addax, emus and giraffes, just for starters. It's not unusual to spot baby animals! Be sure and stop at the rhino habitat, scheduled animal feedings and the exotic animal petting zoo.

Something's always doing at **The DoSeum**, the hands-on, engaging San Antonio children's museum for all ages, from babies to teens. Kids stretch their scientific and imaginary wings in the DoSeum's exhibits, programs, camps, classes and field trips. Permanent exhibits like Spy Academy and Force Course let children experience for themselves science, art and culture while rotating exhibits inspire curiosity and get hands-on with lessons and demonstrations.

Lay a few bricks at LEGOLAND® Discovery Center San Antonio and enjoy Miniland San

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Steps from the Alamo, there is fun for the whole family at **Ripley’s Believe It or Not!** Here you’ll find three attractions: Louis Tussaud’s Waxworks features more than 200 life-like wax figures in themed settings; Ripley’s Believe It or Not! covers three floors filled with 500 unusual and fascinating exhibits; and Ripley’s Moving Theater 4D is a motion simulator special-effects theater. With fun for all ages, don’t miss these exciting attractions.

Be sure to look up when you visit the **San Antonio Zoo** jaguar habitat, housed in the zoo’s Neotropica realm. The only one of its kind in the U.S., Pantera Walk is an overhead connected catwalk where the big cats move between Amazonia and riverbed habitats, giving guests a thrill. Over at the rhino habitat, enjoy the savannah-like setting that allows rhinos, zebras, waterbucks, sitatungas and even giraffes to move freely. The conservational-oriented zoo often has babies making their debut, like the critically endangered white-cheeked gibbon born in early 2023.



## JUST SAY MORE

### The Magik Theatre

For nearly 30 years, children have flocked here for mesmerizing, live theater productions of favorite stories, including the *Jungle Book*, *Shrek* and *Schoolhouse Rock*. The stage also puts on camps and tours for the young and young at heart.

### San Antonio Fire Museum

Antique fire trucks, authentic firefighter gear and thoughtful displays fan the flame of firefighter fans. Check out firefighting apparatus and learn about the evolving application of fire science.

### Texas Transportation Museum

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## Dave & Buster's

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## K1 Speed San Antonio

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## Liggettville Adventure Center

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For indoor fun for the entire family, enjoy state-of-the-art bowling lanes with food and drinks served lane-side.

Got energy to spare? Try the laser tag, giant foosball, rock climbing wall, bumper cars or high-ropes course. Or challenge yourself with some of the 100 newest video games or classic arcade favorites.

## Schlitterbahn

When you're ready to chill out, head to the beloved Schlitterbahn water park in nearby New Braunfels. The entire family will enjoy lazy rivers and gentle wave pools, watery rides, tubes and slides and exhilarating coasters and swings. Make it easy by staying at the park's accommodations, which include admission before the general public.

## The Escape Game

Channel your inner James Bond to uncover the clues, solve the secret mission and escape the room together.

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## Tower of the Americas

Built in 1968 for Hemisfair World's Fair in celebration of San Antonio's 250th anniversary, the 750-foot-tall tower keeps things current with a sky-high revolving restaurant, a breezy observation deck and a 4D theater.





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## Good Times in Alamo City

Kid-friendly: *Check* Very fun: *Double-check*

### Bar-B-Cutie Smokehouse

If you love meat, this is a place for the whole family. Kids ages 8 and under will love the Kids Menu, which includes a sandwich or chicken tenders plus a choice from the impressive sides menu. Adults will have trouble narrowing down their orders from a big selection of smoked meat plates and sandwiches, soups and salads and, of course, desserts.

### Boiler House Texas Grill & Wine Garden

Located in Pearl and with a Kid's Menu full of little's favorites, both adults and children alike will enjoy artfully prepared, gourmet Texas Hill Country fare at Boiler House.

### Bubba Gump Shrimp Factory

Southern-style comfort food inspired by the classic film "Forrest Gump" keeps the whole family satisfied. It's no surprise that you can have shrimp prepared every which way, from sautéed to fried to loaded with coconut. Check out the baby back ribs, burgers, salads and a menu just for kids.

### Chicken N Pickle

Fuel your victory at this pickleball venue with a casual menu of chicken, ribs, burgers and an assortment of child-approved selections. While it's hard to imagine anyone wanting to play anything else, six indoor and four outdoor pickleball courts are complemented by other games, including Jenga, Battleship, cornhole, bocce ball and ping pong.

### The Guenther House

San Antonio history comes alive at this 19th century Art Nouveau mansion, which houses a casual breakfast and lunch restaurant and bakery. The adjoining museum and store make for a multifaceted visit.

### Hard Rock Cafe

Situated along the River Walk, you'll find three floors of patios and balconies to encourage relaxing while your hungry group dines to rock-n-roll hits and enjoys views of the San Antonio River.

### Joe's Crab Shack

Take in the River Walk view while enjoying coastal dishes, including fried shrimp platters, steam pots, signature fish entrées and creative cocktails like the Shark Bite. It's one of the few places where you'll find crab on the kid's menu along with a crab-shaped dessert ready for the little ones to "paint" with chocolate, butterscotch and strawberry sauce.



### La Gloria at Pearl

An eclectic outdoor atmosphere perfect for food and fun, iconic chef Johnny Hernandez draws on travels throughout Mexico to elevate diverse dishes at this restaurant.

### Lone Star Café

Since 1981, hungry diners have sat here on the shady balcony tucking into homemade queso and chips as they while away the afternoon. The family-friendly menu has plenty of popular options, including burgers, sandwiches, steaks, chops, chicken and barbecue. End your meal with homemade peach or apple cobbler served in a sizzling skillet.

### Mí Tierra Café Y Panadería

For more than eighty years, Mí Tierra has proudly served authentic Tex-Mex fare. Festive piñatas, streamers and a giant mural are a party for the eyes, as is the dizzying array of the bakery's traditional Mexican candies and pastries, like yoyo de piña. Be sure to time your breakfast, lunch or dinner visit with the live Mariachis who perform.

### The Good Kind

The Good Kind offers a garden oasis for families to enjoy a quick meal for lunch or dinner, or brunch on the weekends. The restaurant offers a healthy children's menu. Complete with a kid's garden with local vegetables & herbs, there's plenty of space for exploring.

### Rainforest Café

Right off the River Walk, you can dine in a jungle amidst waterfalls, hanging vines, a rainforest animal show and the sound of rainstorms and wild creatures. Menu selections include beef lava nachos, Caribbean coconut fried shrimp, Amazon fajitas and the famous volcano dessert.

### Rosario's Comidamex & Bar

Bright, fresh and family-friendly, Rosario's has won multiple "best of" restaurant awards. The made-from-scratch menu features locally sourced ingredients in traditional Mexican dishes and original house specialties. A newly designed space in **Southtown** includes indoor and outdoor dining areas and a rooftop terrace with views of the downtown skyline.





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San Antonio is known for its rich history and unbeatable restaurants, but with its greenbelts, waterways and easy access to the famous **Texas Hill Country**, San Antonio is also a delight for outdoor enthusiasts.

The **Mission Trails** hike and bike trail includes San Antonio's five Spanish colonial missions. Travel from the north end of the trail where you'll find Mission San Antonio de Valero (**The Alamo**), and then keep traveling to see the wonderful other four

missions of Concepción, San José, San Juan, and Espada.

Spend a day (or more!) at **Brackenridge Park** where you'll find over 300 acres of incredible experiences and many must-see attractions in San Antonio. Let time slow down at the **Japanese Tea Garden** while you're surrounded by Koi fish and a serene waterfall before heading over to the **San Antonio Zoo** for unique animal adventures.

Nearby you will find Kiddie Park amusement park, as well as **The DoSeum** children's museum for hands-on learning and fun for the little ones. Brackenridge Park is also home to **The Witte Museum**, which focuses on Texas nature, science and culture as well as educational traveling exhibits like Antarctic Dinosaurs. Pack a picnic and continue your outdoor adventures and family fun in manicured green spaces at the **San Antonio Botanical Garden**. If fast-paced rugged adventures are more your style, you will love the 80-plus miles of hike and bike trails of the Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails System.

Visitors and locals alike cannot get enough of San Antonio's **River Walk** where the adventures include twists and turns. How will you navigate through the iconic scene? Colorful river barge, kayak, bike, paddleboard—or foot! Choose one or ride them all down the winding path of the San Antonio River. Bike your way through urban landscapes, riparian ecosystems and parks. Looking to get some steps in? Explore the River Walk's 15-mile pathway by foot—dine and shop while you explore.

San Antonio is a real golfers paradise. We're home to more than 50 local courses, so be ready to tee off in the Alamo City. Take your best swing at Alamo City Golf Trail, Canyon Springs Golf Club, **Hyatt Hill Country Golf Club**, Olympia Hills Golf Course, **TPC San Antonio**, The Club at Sonterra or **The Quarry Golf Course**. You won't want to miss Brackenridge Park Golf Course, designed in 1916 and designated as a Top 20 golf course in Texas by Golfweek. Looking for some low stakes fun with great company, and refreshing food and drinks? Take your shot at **Topgolf**.

## SUNSHINE ADVENTURES

With such great weather, there are so many ways to soak up the sunshine in and around the Alamo City. Take a look at these fun options to enjoy the city.

### Paradise Canyon

You'll understand where the name of this little heaven on the Medina came from as soon as you visit. Swim, picnic, hike, canoe, host a party, or whatever you feel. Paradise Canyon even hosts live music. Come get lost in paradise.

### Schlitterbahn

Plan a full day (or two) at Schlitterbahn Waterpark & Resort in New Braunfels. With 51 attractions spread across 71 acres, the river rides, water slides and adventures range from mild to wild and will delight everyone in the family.

### Hot Wells of Bexar County

A site for hot springs for hundreds of years, now you can enjoy one of Bexar County's newest parks. Once a storied hotel that fell into ruin, Bexar County has restored this into a park the whole family can enjoy. The ruins are now world-class, model for urban restoration and community engagement.

### San Antonio Botanical Garden

Every season brings new reasons to visit the San Antonio Botanical Garden and its natural entertainment. Year round, the 2.5-acre Family Adventure Garden cultivates nature play and learning with 15 themed areas. Be sure to check out their latest exhibit, "Imaginary Worlds" for a fantasy oasis through October 2023. And during the holidays, don't miss seeing more than one million lights and festive displays along a one-mile trail.



STARGAZER (CITLALI)

## THE GREAT "ARTDOORS"

It isn't every day you can pair a great trip outdoors with some out of this world art, but San Antonio has ample opportunities for outdoor art—and many of them are free!

Not all of San Antonio's vibrant art is in museums. Located near the intersection of Market and Alamo Streets, the **River Walk Public Art Garden** is an outdoor museum showcasing public art installations for all to enjoy. The Garden includes an immersive public art experience, including free-standing sculptures, wall-mounted art installations and informational displays. Some artworks featured also have larger installations, which can be found all over San Antonio. Look for the new Labor Plaza section, which pays tribute to the Labor

Movement in San Antonio. Here are a few art works to look for:

### *Bloom in San Antonio*

You can find even more "Bloom" sculptures by Leticia Huerta in San Antonio parks. These radiant, oversized metal flower sculptures are part of a collection created from elements that, up close, resemble larger-than-life bicycle parts.

### *Stargazer (Citlali)* by Mexican artist Pedro Reyes

Built at over 16 feet tall upon a 5-foot base and crafted with more than 80 pieces of Mexican volcanic stone and a marble star, "Stargazer (Citlali)" ascends over visitors as they make their way through the garden along the meandering banks of the River Walk.

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# San Antonio Parks

The adventures in San Antonio are as big as Texas! Explore the outdoors with these favorite scenic tours and exciting attractions and parks.

## San Antonio Missions National Historical Park

History infuses every inch of Texas' only UNESCO World Heritage Site, with approximately 10 miles of trails connecting four of the area's five Spanish frontier missions, daily National Park ranger-led programs, and beautiful vistas along the San Antonio River.

## Government Canyon

The 12,000 acres north of San Antonio guards much of the city's water, and offers visitors' the perfect stomping grounds... literally! The 110-million-year-old footprints of dinosaurs can be found within the 40 miles of trails throughout the state urban refuge, alongside all manner of wildlife and geological wonders.

## San Pedro Springs Park

Only one public park in America is older than this beautiful retreat, although it still maintains the title of San Antonio's oldest. Even before its park designation, however visitors have travelled to take in the area's rejuvenating springs and creeks for over 12,000 years.

## Brackenridge Park

It's hard not to find something for everyone to enjoy in the historic park along a stretch of the San Antonio River. With Lambert Beach, a full Japanese tea garden, Sunken Garden Theater, and the San Antonio Zoo, Brackenridge offers visitors' days' worth of repeat visits to take in everything to offer.

## Hardberger Park

The Phil Hardberger Conservancy Park might be the only preservation to boast about the highway that runs through it... but with good reason! Completed in 2021, the Robert L.B. Tobin Land Bridge is a 150-foot-wide expanse connecting both sides of the park, ingeniously allowing both wildlife and human visitors a safe, tranquil passageway high above the Wurzbach Parkway bustle. Other park draws include its butterfly learning center and geology trail, alongside regular workshops and information sessions.

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**Travis Park**

The land that is now Travis Park features a rich history dating back all the way to 1819, and at one time was part of upper farmland for the Mission San Antonio de Valero—aka the Alamo. It now offers a relaxing oasis in central San Antonio regularly host to fitness, music, and dance programming throughout the year.

**Woodlawn Lake Park**

Woodlawn Lake Park is all about open spaces and open communities—with a full gymnasium, Wi-Fi enabled community center, regular public library activities, and a health kiosk, visitors can exercise their brains and bodies.

**Confluence Park**

Aptly named for its location along the pathway through San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, Confluence Park offers a variety of environmental education programming and outdoor activities, including the only Texas Parks and Wildlife-designated inland paddling trail.

**San Pedro Creek Culture Park**

History meets modern city living in San Pedro Creek Culture Park, with a multiphase project currently underway to transform the space into a tranquil retreat for all San Antonio visitors. A stroll through the beautiful walkways features a variety of mural paintings alongside temporary and permanent installation artworks to enjoy.

**McAllister Park**

McAllister Park is a perfect fitness excursion for both humans and their four-legged friends. Miles of paved and natural trails offer visitors scenic views, while the nearly two-and-a-half acre dog park is open seven days a week to keep your shaggy pals happy and healthy.

**Eisenhower Park**

For outdoor enthusiasts searching for the perfect scenic views, Eisenhower Park is a must visit. Hilltop lookouts provide stunning vistas of the nature surrounding San Antonio, alongside walking trails and two pavilions available to rent for your next event.

**Hemisfair**

One of San Antonio’s newest draws, Hemisfair is built atop the site of the historic 1968 World’s Fair, with multiple urban parks near completion. Yanaguana Garden is already open to children and adults alike, and features sandy play areas, splash pads, and activities including cornhole. Yanaguana’s beautiful sister sites, Civic Park and Tower Park, are expected to open this year.



ROBERT TOBIN LAND BRIDGE, PHOTO BY AIRBORNE PHOTOGRAPHY



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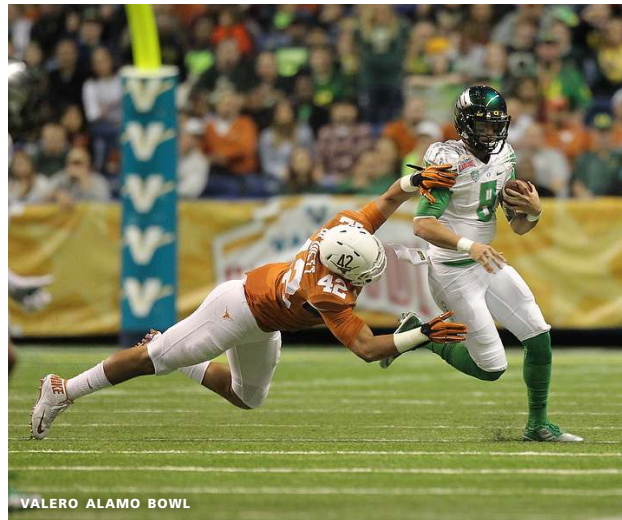
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Alamo City delights in cheering on the San Antonio Spurs. The five-time NBA champions bring fans from all across the state. The on-field exploits of the UTSA Roadrunners pack the Alamodome with passionate fans. If you've never heard the roar of third down under the dome, you haven't enjoyed one of football's more exciting experiences. Check them out on Saturdays this fall! For the rush you can only get at an XFL game, cheer on the San Antonio Brahmas at the Alamodome.

Even more fun is the NCAA Division **Valero Alamo Bowl** held every year in December or January. Fútbol fans will enjoy watching United Soccer League team (USL), the San Antonio Football Club. America's pastime is alive and well in San Antonio with the minor

league baseball team San Antonio Missions.

Golf fans also have plenty to look forward to with the historic Valero Texas Open. It's the third oldest of the PGA Tour tournaments, having been a tradition for over 100 years. It wouldn't be Texas without a rodeo, and San Antonio saddles up annually for the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, a 17-day extravaganza. For even more rodeo, head down to the **Tejas Rodeo Company** in nearby Bulverde. There, rodeo fans will see live music and ropin' and ridin' every Saturday night March through November. Texas heritage lives here with weekly live rodeo action and a Texas steakhouse and saloon. Musical acts and western ambience will put you in a Wild West frame of mind.





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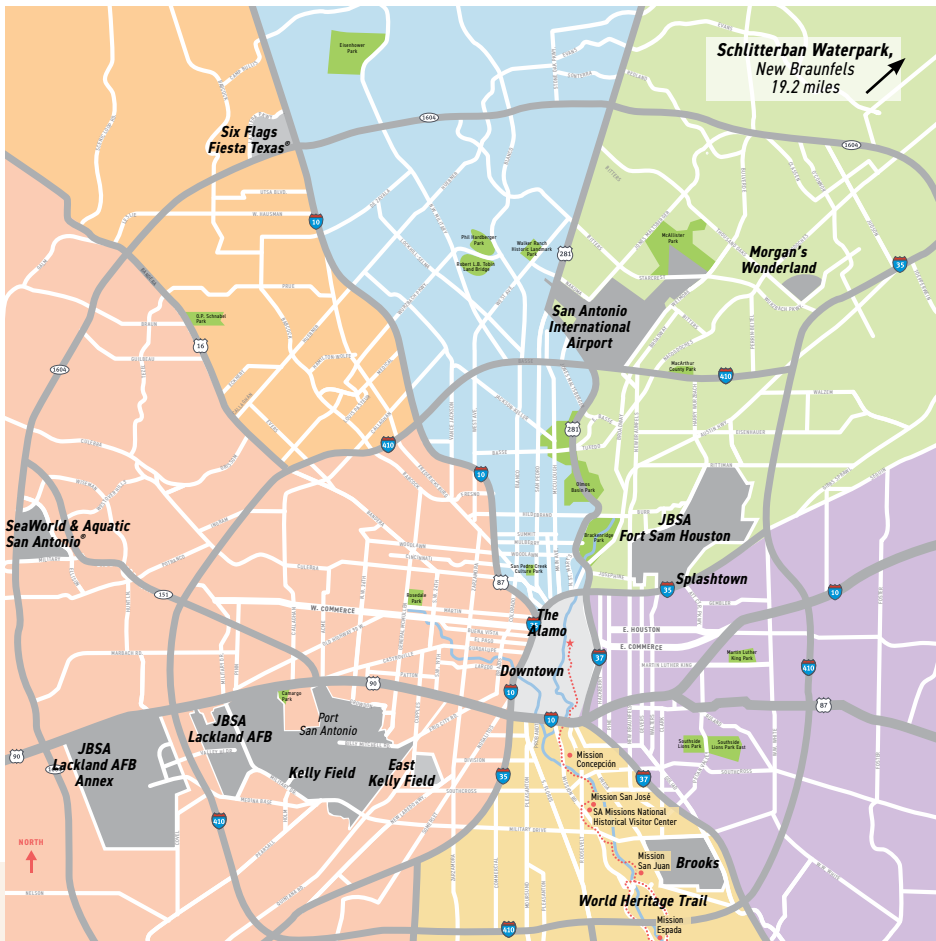
# San Antonio Area Maps



## Points of Interest and Landmarks

For guided tours that provide a comprehensive, interactive perspective on hidden gems and themed experiences, check out the following:

**Alamo Helicopter Tours, Amigo Walking Tours, Bad World Ghost Tours, City Sightseeing Double Decker San Antonio, Devils River Distillery Tour, Ghost City Tour, GO RIO River Cruise, MOV Tours, Mural Ride Bike Tours, San Antonio African American Community Archive and Museum Black History River Tours, San Antonio Bike Tours, and Yanaguana Mission Heritage Tours among others.**





## ◀ Downtown & River Walk

### POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Alamo
- 2 Alamodome
- 3 Aztec Theatre
- 4 Bad Wolf Ghost Tours
- 5 Blue Star Arts Complex
- 6 Central Library
- 7 Centro de Artes Gallery
- 8 Culture Commons Gallery
- 9 Garcia Art Glass
- 10 Hemisfair
- 11 Historic Market Square
- 12 Hopscotch
- 13 Instituto Cultural de México
- 14 La Villita Historic Arts Village
- 15 Liggittville Adventure Center
- 16 Main Plaza/San Fernando Cathedral
- 17 Majestic/Empire Theatres
- 18 Maverick Carter House
- 19 River Walk
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- 20 Ruby City
- 21 San Antonio African American Community Archive & Museum
- 22 San Antonio Art League & Museum
- 23 San Antonio Fire Museum
- 24 San Antonio Museum of Art
- 25 San Pedro Creek Culture Park
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- 27 Southtown Arts District
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- 29 Spanish Governor's Palace
- 30 The Buckhorn Saloon & Museum/  
The Texas Ranger Museum
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- 32 Tobin Center for the Performing Arts
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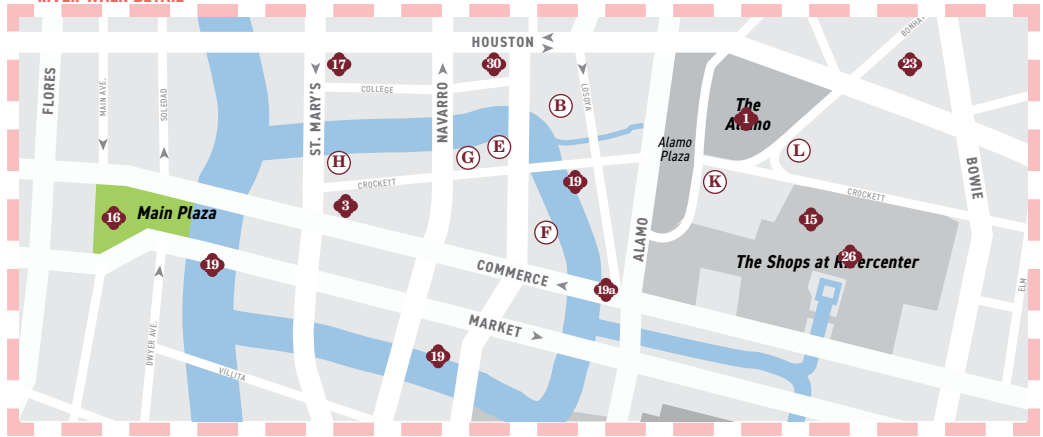
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- 11** **Historic Market Square**  
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- 14** **La Villita Historic Arts Village**  
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- 18** **Maverick Carter House**  
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- 24** **San Antonio Museum of Art**  
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- 33** **Tower of the Americas**  
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## ◀ North Central/ Airport

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- 1 Japanese Tea Garden
- 2 McNay Art Museum
- 3 Monte Vista Historic District
- 4 Museum Reach
- 5 North Star Mall
- 6 PINSTACK
- 7 San Antonio Botanical Gardens
- 8 San Antonio College/ Scobee Planetarium
- 9 San Antonio Zoo
- 10 The Strip (LGBTQ+ nightlife)
- 11 The Witte Museum

### 6 PINSTACK

[PINSTACKBowling.com/events/](http://PINSTACKBowling.com/events/)  
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PINSTACK hosts events of all sizes. Whether it is 20 guests or 1,000, PINSTACK has the perfect space. The VIP Bowling Suite offers private bowling lanes and banquet rooms that seat up to 200 guests. Free parking and group discounts.

### 7 San Antonio Botanical Gardens *SABOTorg* 210-536-1400

The San Antonio Botanical Garden is a living museum of plants, tranquil escape, and so much more! From classes to events to world-class exhibitions, life is always in full bloom at the Garden. Visit San Antonio's 38-acre urban oasis today.

### A Maria Bonita Restaurant & Bar *MariaBonitaTX.com* 210-332-5504

Maria Bonita, San Antonio's newest, hottest Mexican Restaurant & Bar, is centrally located. Our chef-inspired menu is a favorite for locals and tourists. Known for delicious breakfasts and affordable lunch options. Our handcrafted signature cocktails make for a great evening!

### B Paesanos 1604 *Paesanos1604.com* 210-493-1604

It's a simple recipe of culinary experience. We take inspiration from the world's greatest cuisines, seasoned with fresh, seasonal ingredients and decades of Paesanos unique Italian taste to bring you some of the most sublime Mediterranean dining and thoughtfully curated menus in the Southwest. Treat yourself to the best San Antonio has to offer. Where imagination and tradition are always on the menu. Where Hill Country hospitality meets Tuscan taste. Only at Paesanos 1604.

### C Sari-Sari Filipino Restaurant, Market, & Bakery *Sari-Sari-SATX.com* 210-647-7274

Family owned and operated, Sari-Sari is a hidden gem whose food & vibe embody a feeling of home, as it transports you to a familiar place or one yet to be discovered. Immerse yourself in the full-bodied flavors of traditional Filipino dishes. Try our Kamayan Feast or our Five-pound Crispy Pata.

### D Clementine *Clementine-SA.com* 210-503-5121

Clementine offers innovative seasonal cuisine and a bespoke wine and beer menu in a lively, modern atmosphere. Led by James Beard Award finalist John Russ and Pastry Chef Elise Russ, the neighborhood restaurant draws inspiration from global flavors, promising an adventure in taste with every visit.



SAN ANTONIO BOTANICAL GARDENS



MARIA BONITA RESTAURANT & BAR



PAESANOS 1604



SARI-SARI RESTAURANT



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## ▼ Northwest, Six Flags, Medical Center

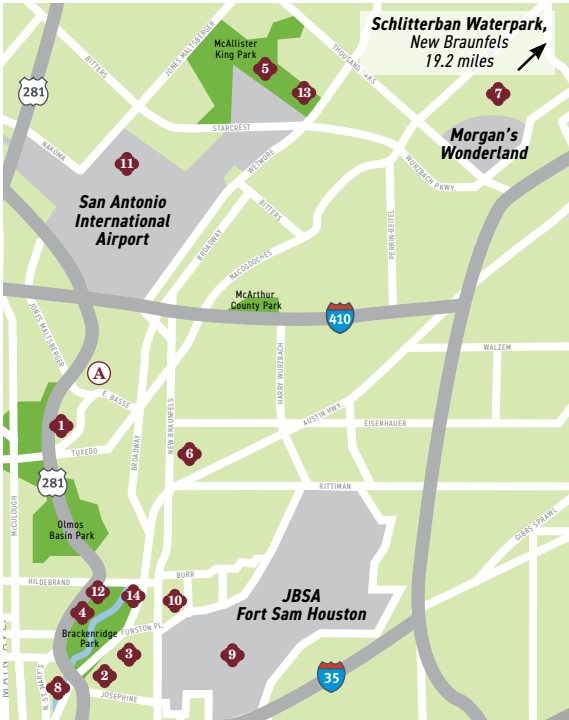


### POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Friedrich Park
- 2 Shops at La Cantera
- 3 Six Flags Fiesta Texas®
- 4 South Texas Medical Center
- 5 The Escape Game San Antonio
- 6 The RIM
- 7 The Rustic
- 8 The University of Texas–San Antonio
- 9 Topgolf

**3 Six Flags Fiesta Texas**  
[Sixflags.com](http://Sixflags.com), 210-697-5050  
 Six Flags Fiesta Texas, The Thrill Capital of South Texas, is home to more than 60 rides, shows and attractions. Opened in 1992, the park was built on the site of an old limestone quarry, which provides a spectacular backdrop for such exciting roller coasters as Dr. Diabolical's Cliffhanger, The Iron Rattler, Batman: The Ride and Superman Krypton Coaster. In addition, Fiesta Texas boasts an impressive line-up of seasonal events and live entertainment, including Mardi Gras Festival, Fright Fest, and Holiday in the Park. A visit to Six Flags Fiesta Texas will create memories that will last a lifetime!





## ◀ Northeast/Morgan's Wonderland

### POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Alamo Quarry Market
- 2 Brackenridge Park
- 3 DoSeum
- 4 Japanese Tea Garden
- 5 McAllister Park
- 6 McNay Art Museum
- 7 Morgan's Wonderland
- 8 Pearl
- 9 Quadrangle & U.S. Army Medical Museum at JBSA Fort Sam Houston
- 10 San Antonio Botanical Garden
- 11 San Antonio International Airport
- 12 San Antonio Zoo
- 13 Texas Transportation Museum
- 14 The Witte Museum

**1 Alamo Quarry Market**  
[QuarryMarket.com](http://QuarryMarket.com)  
 210-824-8885

Follow the iconic smokestacks to San Antonio's premiere open-air lifestyle center featuring Regal 16-Plex Cinemas, more than 75 distinguished stores and boasting a fabulous collection of fine and casual dining for any palate. Alamo Quarry Market is located within minutes from the airport and downtown off TX Hwy. 281, exit East Basse Rd.

**7 Morgan's Wonderland**  
[Morganswonderland.com](http://Morganswonderland.com)  
 210-495-5888

Encompassing 25 acres in Northeast San Antonio, colorful and affordable Morgan's Wonderland is the world's first Ultra-Accessible™ theme park. It features 25 wheelchair-accessible attractions, including a carousel, Ferris wheel, and Off-Road Adventure Ride. It's an inclusive place where everyone can play together, regardless of physical ability.

**14 Witte Museum**  
[WitteMuseum.org](http://WitteMuseum.org)  
 210-357-1900

Explore Texas history, wildlife, dinosaurs and more. Consistently voted San Antonio's top museum, the Witte is where nature, science and culture meet. Touring exhibitions in 2023–24 include Antarctic Dinosaurs, Tyrannosaur: Meet the Family, Explore Your World and Astronaut. Wonder awaits!

**A Paesanos Lincoln Heights**  
[Paesanos.com](http://Paesanos.com)  
 210-828-5191

Something special for everyone. That's what four generations of local families have always found on the menu at Paesanos Lincoln Heights. A magnificent, traditional Pork Osso Buco. Simple yet elegant Veal Marsala. And, of course, the legendary Shrimp Paesano, our delightful signature dish for nearly five decades. Whether a taste for tradition, or a taste for culinary adventure, the best of contemporary Mediterranean cuisine is waiting for you. Only at Paesanos, only in San Antonio.



THE WITTE MUSEUM



## ◀ East/AT&T Center

### POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Alamodome
- 2 Carver Community Cultural Center
- 3 Ellis Alley/St. Paul Square
- 4 The Espee
- 5 Freeman Coliseum
- 6 Hays Street Bridge
- 7 Old SA City Cemeteries Historic District
- 8 Pearl
- 9 1902 Nightclub

ALAMO QUARRY MARKET



PAESANOS LINCOLN HEIGHTS

MORGAN'S WONDERLAND



West/SeaWorld



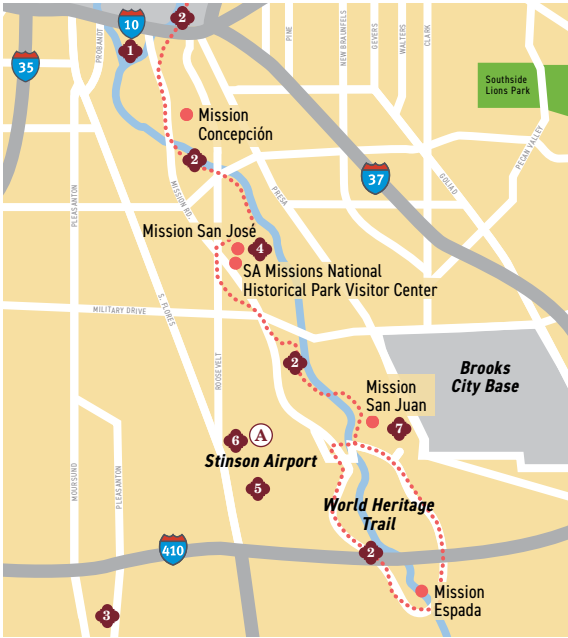
POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Basilica of the National Shrine of the Little Flower
  - 2 Boeing Center at Tech Port
  - 3 Deco District on Fredericksburg
  - 4 Guadalupe Cultural Community Center & the Virgen de Guadalupe Mosaic
  - 5 K1 Speed San Antonio
  - 6 Nelson Wolff Stadium
  - 7 SeaWorld & Aquatica San Antonio
  - 8 Woodlawn Lake Park
- A **San Antonio Central-Balcones Heights**  
[SanAntonioCentral.org](http://SanAntonioCentral.org)  
 210-957-2992  
 Close to everything—far from expensive.
  - B **County Line on I-10**  
[CountyLine.com](http://CountyLine.com)  
 210-641-1998  
 Open for Lunch and Dinner 7 days a week, The County Line offers up legendary, authentic Texas barbecue along with table and full bar service in a setting that celebrates the heritage of the Lone Star State.
  - C **Sari-Sari Supper Club**  
[SariSariSupperClub.com](http://SariSariSupperClub.com)  
 210-428-1742

BALCONES HEIGHTS JAZZ FESTIVAL



COUNTY LINE ON I-10



## ◀ South/Missions

### POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Confluence Park
- 2 • Mission Reach – Hike/Bike Trail
- 3 Mitchell Lake Audubon Center
- 4 San Antonio Missions National Historical Park
- 5 Stinson Airport
- 6 Texas Air Museum
- 7 The Nature Trail at Mission San Juan

### A Alamo Helicopter Tours San Antonio, LLC

*AlamoHelicopterTours.com*  
210-921-2359

Located at Stinson Municipal Airport, Alamo Helicopter Tours has the greatest way to see San Antonio and the Hill Country. A variety of helicopter tours and charter flights to wineries and restaurants available.



ALAMO HELICOPTER TOURS



## ▲ Beyond San Antonio

### POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Blanco
- 2 Boerne
- 3 Castroville  
*55 miles southwest of Helotes*
- 4 Comfort
- 5 Fredericksburg
- 6 Natural Bridge Caverns
- 7 Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch
- 8 New Braunfels
- 9 Panna Maria (oldest permanent Polish settlement in U.S.)
- 10 San Marcos
- 11 San Marcos Premium Outlets
- 12 Schlitterbahn New Braunfels Waterpark

**(A) Bandera, Texas**  
*Banderacowboycapital.com*  
 830-796-3045  
 Known as the "Cowboy Capital of the World," Authentic Texas western town with real cowboys, real characters, real ranches, bright stars, honky tonks and miles of trails.

**(B) Cascade Caverns**  
*CascadeCaverns.com*  
 830-755-8080  
 Come and see Texas' Oldest Cave Attraction (cave tours since 1875). Home to the Hermit, Rex the Dinosaur and Sally the Salamander. I-10 exit 543 in Boerne, Texas.

**(C) Kerrville, Texas**  
*KerrvilleCrafted.com*  
 800-221-7958  
 Just as the Guadalupe River crafts its own path through downtown, visitors craft their own experience in Kerrville, Texas. From paddleboarding, to enjoying craft food and drink, bike riding with Hill Country views, and exploring the bustling art scene, it's all found in beautifully crafted Kerrville.

**(5) Fredericksburg, The Texas Hill Country**  
*VisitFredericksburgTX.com*  
 830-997-6523  
 Located just an hour north of San Antonio, Fredericksburg offers scenic wineries, unique shopping and outdoor adventures. Texas Wine Country features over 50 wineries and tasting rooms producing award-winning varietals. Fredericksburg's more than 150 locally owned shops offer everything from antiques to fashion to homewares. Outdoor enthusiasts will find miles of hiking opportunities at one of the state's top parks, Enchanted Rock State Natural Area. Plus, the Texas Hill Country's roads are perfect for cycling.

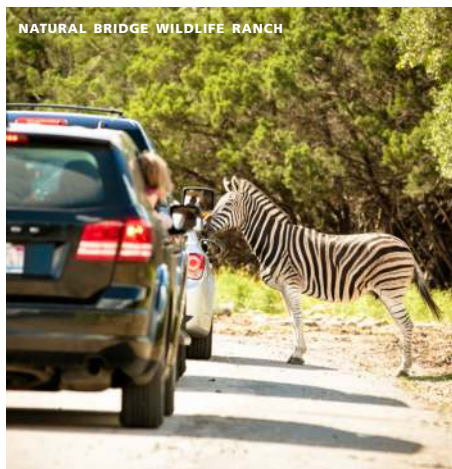
**(6) Natural Bridge Caverns**  
*NaturalBridgeCaverns.com*  
 210-651-6101  
 Consistently rated on Trip Advisor as a top five attraction in the area, Natural Bridge Caverns is the largest show cavern in Texas and one of the most spectacular caves in the country. While the incredible beauty of the cavern is the reason most people visit, this premier natural adventure park features fun both below ground and above. Home to the country's largest combined ropes and zip rail course, Twisted Trails. Visit Natural Bridge Caverns and Rediscover Fun. Open Daily.







CASCADE CAVERNS



NATURAL BRIDGE WILDLIFE RANCH



FREDERICKSBURG



NATURAL BRIDGE CAVERNS



KERRVILLE

**7 Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch**  
[WildlifeRanchTexas.com](http://WildlifeRanchTexas.com)  
 830-438-7400

There is an explorer in all of us waiting to surface! Visit one of Texas's most recognized family entertainment attractions. Adventurous roadways filled with curious, friendly animals and walking areas to watch the aerobic antics of primates. There is something for every family member to enjoy at Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch! Open daily at 9 a.m. with seasonal closing hours—362 days a year. Visit our website for more information, including hours and pricing.

**12 Schlitterbahn New Braunfels Waterpark**  
[Schlitterbahn.com/new-braunfels](http://Schlitterbahn.com/new-braunfels)  
 830-625-2351

Schlitterbahn New Braunfels Waterpark has been voted the #1 waterpark in the world for 24 years. Located on the banks of the spring-fed Comal River in New Braunfels, TX, Schlitterbahn has 51 thrilling attractions on over 70 beautiful acres including a stunning on-site resort. The iconic Texas tradition offers a spectacular variety of rides—from mild to wild. Enjoy river rides, waterslides, and pint-sized water playgrounds! There truly is something for the whole family at the Hottest, Coolest time in Texas!



SCHLITTERBAHN



# Real History, True Heroes.

Experience San Antonio's vibrant history through five 18th century Spanish colonial missions.

Open daily from sunrise to sunset and only closed on major U.S. holidays, visitors to our city are welcome to explore history, architecture and culture at **San Antonio Missions National Historical Park**, a member of the National Park Service. The largest collection of Spanish colonial missions in the United States, San Antonio's combined total of five 18th century Spanish colonial missions—Mission San Antonio de Valero (**The Alamo**), Mission Concepción, Mission San José, Mission San Juan and Mission Espada—have been designated as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** since 2015—the first and only UNESCO World Heritage site in Texas!



SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK



## San Antonio Missions National Historical Park

The history of San Antonio's early Spanish settlers who later became our city's founders can be found throughout our historic missions. You may be surprised to find that though these iconic locations are brimming with history, they are still active, thriving communities today.

Mission Concepción remains true to its original design. Did you know this is the oldest unrestored church in the country? On the church's exterior, some of the original geometric designs are still visible. Inside, the original frescoes remain vibrant, showcasing the stunning artwork typical of the time.

Visit Mission San José and look for its striking Rose Window and façade, a lavish example of Spanish colonial ornamentation. Fundamental to the city's rich history, Mission San José once provided sanctuary and a social and cultural community for more than 300 Indians. You can also find a central visitor's center here, as well as the departure point for free park ranger-guided tours.

During the mid-1700s, Mission San Juan was known for its fertile farmlands and abundant crops, a prime example of a self-

sustaining community. The mission also sustained fellow communities, providing goods to the surrounding regions as far south as Mexico. Mission San Juan's chapel and bell tower are still in use today.

Mission Espada is San Antonio's southernmost mission. Take in the compound's blacksmith shop, colonial-style irrigation system and still-functioning kiln and spinning wheels for a glimpse into the Native American and Spanish settlers' agrarian ways of life. Sections of the historic Espada Aqueduct, the oldest Spanish aqueduct in the U.S., will soon undergo preservation and restoration work to repair leaks, remove sediment and preserve the aqueduct's heritage and character.

Take in the city's beautiful sunshine by traveling between the missions using Mission Reach, which extends south of downtown to connect the River Walk to four of the five UNESCO status San Antonio Missions. Mission Reach winds through an eight-mile riparian woodland ecosystem, featuring smooth walking and biking paths accented by public art for a memorable outdoor experience.



## "REMEMBER THE ALAMO!"

No trip to San Antonio is complete until you have remembered the Alamo—at the Alamo! Stop by the Alamo and discover for yourself why it is the most visited attraction in the Lone Star State!

Travel back in time by exploring the Alamo, first established as Mission San Antonio de Valero in 1718. Now known as one of the most pivotal battle sites in the country, the Alamo became a military outpost in 1793, cementing its iconic role as a central locale on Texas' road to independence.

## VISITING

The Alamo is more than the site of the legendary Texas battle of 1836, but also stands as one of the ultimate symbols of the spirit of patriotic sacrifice. The Alamo and surrounding historic site are undergoing some exciting changes with the goal of preserving the historic grounds and enhancing the experience for visitors. The multi-year, multi-phase restoration includes preservation of the Alamo Church and Long Barrack, and the creation of a new world-class museum and visitor center with completion expected by 2026.

Don't miss the newly opened Ralston Family

Collections Center, which features priceless artifacts and interactive exhibits. Here you'll find prized pieces from British rock star Phil Collin's personal collection, as well as items from the Donald and Louise Yena Spanish Colonial Collection and the Alamo Collection. Built on the Alamo Gardens behind the Alamo Church, this two-story, 24,000-square-foot center is the first addition to the Alamo grounds since the 1950s.

Open daily (closed Christmas Day).

Entrance to the Alamo historic church and grounds is free but visitors must obtain a timed-entry ticket available on-site. Check out [visitsanantonio.com](http://visitsanantonio.com) for more information.

## Fiesta San Antonio

Did you know the city's iconic festival has ties to the Alamo? **Fiesta San Antonio** first started as a means to honor the memory of the soldiers lost in the battles fought at the Alamo and San Jacinto, Fiesta San Antonio has remained the city's signature event since the late nineteenth century. Since 1891, it has evolved into an 11-day extravaganza with more than 100 events that celebrate the history, arts and cuisine essential to its heritage.



SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS  
NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

## NEW! EL CAMINO DE SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS

Located behind Mission Concepción is Padre Margil Pilgrimage Center. Here is where the visitors can find information and support for El Camino de San Antonio, a 30-km pilgrimage, which will count as part of Spain's "El Camino de Santiago" or "The Route of Santiago Compostela". Pilgrims will now have the opportunity to have their Camino passports stamped right here in San Antonio.

## BREATHTAKING TOURS

Whether by bus, boat or even helicopter, there is no shortage of fun (and sometimes spooky!) ways to take in history in the Alamo City.

### Amigo Walking Tours

Enjoy exploring Downtown or the storied King William District on this unique free tour.

### Bad Wolf Ghost Tours

Visit San Antonio's hub for the spooky, spiritual, and supernatural and take a Haunted Dinner Tour at the Emily Morgan Hotel!

### City Sightseeing Double Decker San Antonio

Take in the sites from this double-decker bus, offering an array of tour options.

### Devils River Distillery Tour

Only one block away from the Alamo and the San Antonio River Walk is Devils River Distillery. Housed in the historic Burns Building, guests can learn about the pure artisanship and craft that goes into making award-winning whiskey.

### GO RIO Cruises

Step into the soul of San Antonio as you enjoy a narrated tour with GO RIO Cruises. Meander through the famed River Walk on an eco-friendly electric river boat that is as festive as the sites you will see.

### Mission Adventure Tours

Choose your own adventure! On foot, by bike or in a kayak, cover San Antonio highlights—including the Spanish Missions—with this outfit, which offers professional tours year-round.

### Maverick Whiskey Tours & Tasting

Discover how whiskey is made, from grains to the glass, with tours and tastings offered at this downtown San Antonio distillery and brewery.

### MOV Tours

Get up close and personal with some of San Antonio's hidden gems and iconic tales. Whether a walking or virtual tour, MOV shares the Alamo City's rich history with uniquely themed tours, including a Pearl taco tour.

### Mural Ride

Join this guided bicycle street art tour and see unique and colorful murals by local artists.

### Nightly Spirits

Experience the spooky, and boozy, side of San Antonio on a Nightly Spirits Ghost Tour Pub Crawl. Led by costumed guides, walking tours take guests along the winding streets of downtown San Antonio to explore unique (and spooky!) historic bars and buildings.

### SAS Shoe Factory Tours

Come see firsthand how SAS creates the most comfortable shoes in one of the few remaining shoe factories in the US.

### San Antonio African American Community Archives and Museum (SAAACAM) Black History River Tours

Periodically throughout the year, SAAACAM hosts Black history river barge tours through the heart of downtown San Antonio.

### San Antonio Bike Tours

Grab a comfortable, stable ride on a recumbent trike and cruise along with your guide, who introduces you to the architecture, history, and public art in and around downtown on two, four, or six-hour tours.

### Sisters Grimm Ghost Tours

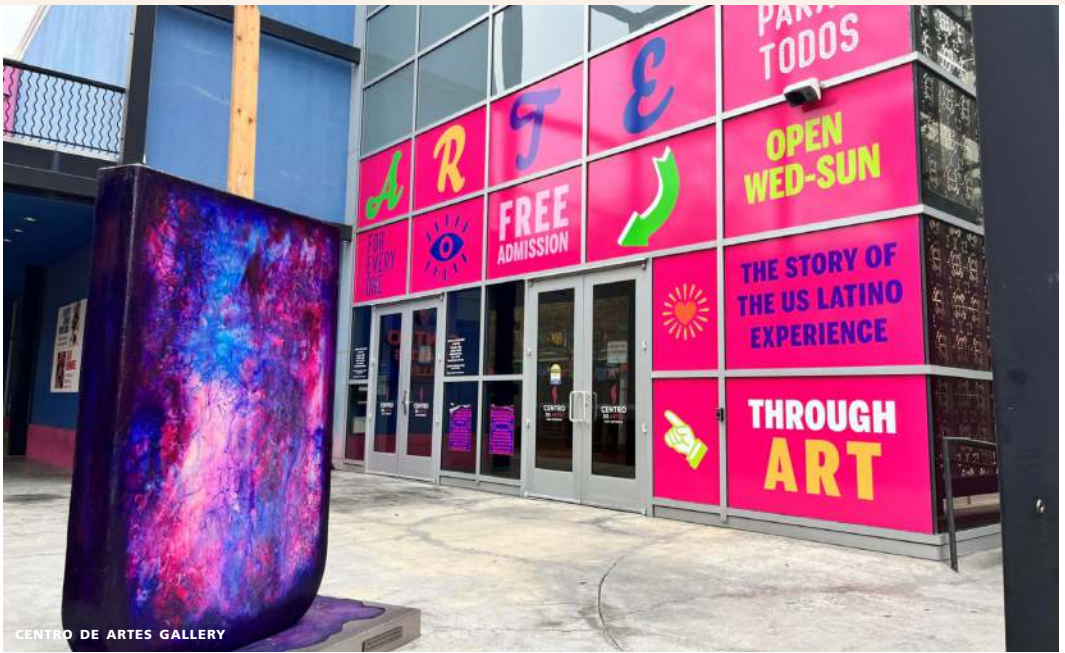
Discover San Antonio's haunted history with four tour options, including walking and the Ghost Bus Haunted tour.

### Texas Ghost Tour

Take a family-friendly historic walking ghost tour of downtown's dark history with trained guides. There's also a New Blood Tour for adults.

# Real Treasures. True Inspiration.

San Antonio is home to a variety of cultures that not only coexist but also fuse together to preserve old traditions and create new ones. Explore them all at our renowned museums and galleries, and learn about their rich histories through dynamic live music and dance performances.





HISTORIC MARKET SQUARE

## TEXAS' CONFLUENCE OF CULTURES

Our past and present are made up of remarkable figures from around the world and the multitude of influences they brought with them to San Antonio: Spanish and German settlers, cowboys and cowgirls, Mexican poets and musicians, Asian immigrants and influential figures, Black artists and historical leaders—the list is long and all-encompassing.

The Alamo City is rich in dynamic cultural sites and events: colorful murals telling personal stories and anecdotes, river parades and festivals celebrating our diverse communities, historic cultural sites like **Historic Market Square** and **La Villita** featuring galleries and goods created by the very people who call San Antonio home. Speaking of Historic Market Square, did you know it's the largest Mexican market in the U.S? Take a stroll along the three-block outdoor plaza lined with shops and restaurants in downtown San Antonio and find your next favorite unique find. **The Casa Navarro State Historic Site** consists of a house and office, both dating

## Gallery Scene

**Artpace** is San Antonio's premier nonprofit contemporary art venue, which hosts local, national and international artists in its residency program. Find out why they call it a "laboratory of dreams."

**The Contemporary at Blue Star** was founded by artists and grew from a grassroots art exhibition in 1986, the Contemporary is the first and longest-running nonprofit space for contemporary art in San Antonio.

**Centro de Artes Gallery** is dedicated to telling the story of the Latino experience in the U.S. With a focus on South Texas through local and regional art, history and culture, the gallery exhibits showcase Latino Artists and Latino-themed works. Look for the gallery in the heart of Downtown at **Historic Market Square**.

Located in the Plaza de Armas building, **Culture Commons** consists of a storefront gallery on the first and second floors, as well as a 1,500-square-foot exhibit hall that features visual art exhibits, performances, guest speakers and workshops.

**Hopscotch San Antonio** is an immersive art experience housed in a permanent 20,000-sq.-ft. gallery that features 15 distinctive immersive and interactive installations from over 40 local, national and international artists.

Contemporary arts center Ruby City is one of San Antonio's newest arts spaces. Inside the red-hued Ruby City building you will find more than 900 works from the Linda Pace Foundation Collection, including paintings, sculptures, installations and video works. The dream of the late artist, collector and philanthropist Linda Pace, the museum presents curated shows and programming through the year and is free and open to the public.

Housed in La Villita Historic Arts Village, **Yolix Luna Fine Art** features the self-trained artist's colorful work, which draws inspiration from both her travels and Mexican heritage.

**Southtown** The Arts District comes alive during First Fridays and Second Saturdays for nights of art, good food and music. The family-friendly events invite visitors to the neighborhood. Stop by The Friendly Spot Ice Haus for food and drink specials and take in free musical showcases at the First Friday Market and Music at Brick at Blue Star, located in the Blue Star Arts Complex.

back to the 1850s, and a kitchen from the 1830s—once belonging to José Antonio Navarro, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence and a writer of the Texas State Constitution, who was a champion of civil rights for Hispanics. Steps from the River Walk discover the **Spanish Governor’s Palace**. This National Historic Landmark permits visitors a glimpse into life in Texas under Spanish rule.

Historic neighborhoods throughout the city reflect rich cultures and heritages. **King William** showcases the city’s German heritage and was designated a Cultural Arts District by the Texas Commission on the Arts in 2011. **Monte Vista** is one of the largest historic districts in the country and our city’s **Eastside** is the perfect place to learn about San Antonio’s **Black heritage**. Learn more about San Antonio’s **vibrant neighborhoods**.

## BREATHTAKING MUSEUMS

San Antonio is home to stunning art galleries and incredible museums that are perfect for both art-lovers and history buffs. Discover new art pieces and expand your knowledge in San Antonio’s museums and galleries.

Become wrapped up in the spirit of the American West and learn about American cowboys at the **Briscoe Western Art Museum**. Located just off the River Walk downtown, you’ll find three floors of artifacts, paintings, sculptures, fascinating rotating and permanent exhibitions and more.

Known best for its Medieval and



BRISCOE WESTERN ART MUSEUM



MCNAY ART MUSEUM



THE WITTE MUSEUM



Renaissance art, as well as its European and American collections, the **McNay Art Museum** enchants all who enjoy the visual arts. Founded in 1954, the McNay Art Museum features a pristine assortment of more than 200,000 works of modern art that stem from its namesake Marion Koogler McNay's 700-piece collection.

**The Witte Museum** is where nature, science, and culture blend and come alive. Massive exhibits of dinosaurs, People of the Pecos and Texas Wild and other rotating exhibits—like the Antarctic Dinosaurs exhibit running through September 10, 2023—make for educational family fun. The Witte offers exciting spaces like the Mays Family Center, Naylor Family Dinosaur Gallery, the H-E-B Body Adventure and The South Texas Heritage Center, among other historic and

cultural attractions on its ten-acre, garden-laden campus.

Visit, listen, explore and learn all things Texas at the UTSA Institute of Texan Cultures. Located in **HemisFair** near the **Tower of the Americas**, visitors get to see how diverse cultures from countries spanning the globe have influenced the Texan identity. Families experience exhibits, programs and special events designed to entertain, inspire and educate here. Don't miss the Asian Festival in May!

More than 5,000 years of art, people and culture await at the **San Antonio Museum of Art**. Housed in the historic Lone Star Brewery downtown, visitors can explore 30,000 pieces bridging 5,000 years of history and culture. The museum holds the largest collection of Asian art in the Southern U.S.,



**HISTORIC MARKET SQUARE**

**WHERE THE CULTURE OF SAN ANTONIO COMES ALIVE!**

With over 100 locally owned shops, you'll find cultural curios and artifacts, hand-crafted leather goods, and a diverse collection of traditional apparel.

**514 W. Commerce St., SATX**

[MarketSquare.com](http://MarketSquare.com)



SAN ANTONIO MUSEUM OF ART



BLUE STAR ARTS COMPLEX

as well as one of the most comprehensive collections of Latin American Art. Insider tip: Stop by **Tre Trattoria**, located on site a bite to eat before or after your visit.

Experience digitized audiovisual exhibits rich in culture, storytelling and empowerment at the **San Antonio African American Community Archives and Museum (SAAACAM)**. Dedicated to preserving and telling the stories of San Antonio’s African American history, SAAACAM maintains a growing digital collection of related artifacts in the form of a community-based archive. Educate yourself on stories of the city’s African American decedents that date back hundreds of years to Spanish colonialism and the Texas Republic. Insider tip: SAAACAM hosts African American history river boat tours throughout the year, offering 100 minutes of Black History as you drift along on the beautiful San Antonio River.

The oldest arts organization in San Antonio can be found in the King William District: San Antonio Art League Museum (SAAL&M). Always free to the public, SAAL&M can be found in a stunning and intimate house-turned-museum and gallery and houses more than 400 works in all media focused on Texas artists, including revolving contemporary exhibits.

Contemporary artists can showcase their work in the 11,000-square-foot exhibition space, four on-site galleries and multiple offsite locations that make up Blue Star Arts Complex. Developed from a grassroots event in 1986, Blue Star is the perfect place to start exploring when you visit the **Southtown Arts District**, where five neighborhoods make up one creative community.

The **San Antonio Fire Museum** is a hidden gem for children and history buffs alike. Housed in the original Central Fire

Headquarters next door to the Alamo, the museum displays antique fire trucks and equipment, as well as memorabilia. Retired firefighters on hand share personal stories and teach fire safety, and children can dress up and climb on some equipment.

The historic Fort Sam Houston is home to the **U.S. Army Medical Department Museum**, an establishment that aims to educate visitors on the history of the Army Medical Department from 1775 to present day. The evolution of battlefield medicine, medical equipment, and patient treatment are all subjects highlighted in the seven-acre campus' various galleries and exhibits.

## PERFORMING ARTS

*Real Talent.*

*True Performances.*

Talent overflows in San Antonio. Extraordinary theaters and music venues make for incredible nights of theater, dance, live music and spoken word performances. Our flourishing performing arts scene is championed by our phenomenal theaters, which include Tobin Center for the Performing Arts, the Majestic and Empire Theatres and more. A full calendar of theater, dance, opera, live comedy and celebrated international, national and local musical acts take center stage throughout the year.

At the stunning Spanish Mediterranean-style **Majestic Theatre**, even locals line up early for shows. Built in 1929, this National Historic Landmark is home to the popular Broadway in San Antonio series. The gold-



trimmed **Charline McCombs Empire Theatre**, beautifully restored to its original 1913 splendor, will have you reliving the golden age of Hollywood. Reflecting the city's Mexican heritage, the **Aztec Theatre** hosts a variety of films, concerts and other events in a Mesoamerican architectural work of art.

Catch your favorite musical or play at the **Public Theater of San Antonio**, the longest-running theater in Texas, featuring local talent and diverse programming that entertains, engages, and enlightens locals and tourists alike. Over at the **Carver Community Cultural Center**, you'll find incredible performances celebrating the diverse cultures of our world, nation, and community, with emphasis on its African and African American heritage. Each season offers eclectic and multi-ethnic representations from various disciplines such as dance, music and theater.

Meanwhile, the **SOLI Chamber Ensemble** has been giving voice to 20th- and 21st-century contemporary chamber music since 1994, mesmerizing audiences for

nearly three decades with their engaging performances, ensuring the future of new music through educational initiatives, and continually renewing their commitment to the music of living composers through performances and commissions.

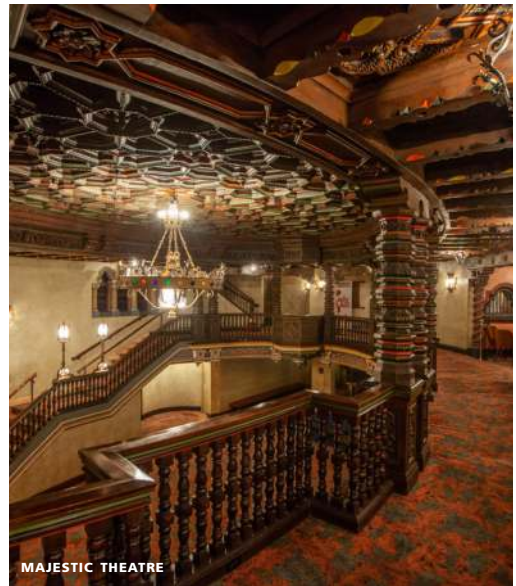
For high-caliber artistic performances, be sure to catch a free performance by **Musical Bridges Around the World**. Public events include a seasonal concert series, continuous art gallery exhibitions, an annual music festival, and a quadrennial international piano competition.

Overseeing the San Antonio River, the **Tobin Center for the Performing Arts** is overflowing with talent—resident companies include Ballet San Antonio, AtticRep Theater Company, OPERA San Antonio, **Youth Orchestras of San Antonio**, the Classical Music Institute, and The Children’s Chorus. The arts center features a state-of-the-art performance hall, studio theater and an outdoor performance space where world-class dance, musical, comedy and theatrical performances are offered.

Located adjacent to **Hemisfair** and Yanaguana Garden, the **Magik Theatre** has been bringing stories to life for children and families with professional, accessible, literature-based theatre since 1994.

On the historic Westside, the **Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center** is the city’s home for Chicano, Latino and Native American performing arts and entertainment. Inside, the Galería Guadalupe showcases art exhibitions emphasizing local and regional artists, and the GCAC’s professional resident program, the Guadalupe Dance Company,

specializes in Mexican flamenco and folklorico dance styles. Other great places to see special events and concerts include the **AT&T Center**, the 64,000-seat **Alamodome** and the 2,319-seat Lila Cockrell Theatre, tucked inside the **Henry B. González Convention Center**, where traditional performing arts as well as multi-media events are staged.



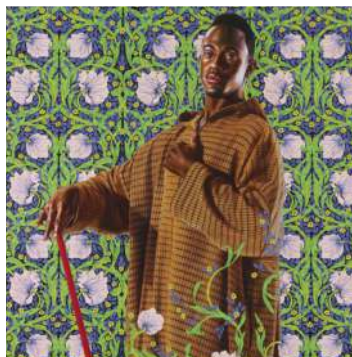
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### *Dining by District*

San Antonio dishes up authentic flavor all over town, from downtown’s long-standing classics to Pearl’s innovative new eateries and beyond.

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#### **Downtown**

With “Best Restaurant” accolades from *Eater*, *San Antonio Magazine*, *GQ* and others, and now with a “Best Chef: Texas” semifinalist recognition from the 2023 James Beard Awards, chef Nicola Blaque’s The Jerk Shack’s Caribbean cuisine continues to draw crowds and critical acclaim. Do not leave without trying the crispy jerk fried chicken wings, braised oxtails and Jamaican patties.

**Re:Rooted Urban Winery** is a tasting room located in **Hemisfair** in downtown San Antonio. A kegged wine system provides Re:Rooted wines on tap, enjoyed by the glass or growler. Insider tip: They offer wine to go!

Authentic German dishes like potato pancakes, Reuben sandwiches, schnitzel and their famous split pea soup (Tip: add a bratwurst) continue to make **Schilo’s**

**Delicatessen**, the city’s oldest restaurant, a true classic. Meanwhile, the breezy and modern **NONNA Osteria** pairs its Eurocentric wine list with succulent northern Italian dishes like Pappardelle Al Cinghiale (pasta with roasted bell pepper and wild boar) and Ravioli All’Aragosta (ravioli with lobster, pancetta and cherry tomatoes).

Even before restaurateur and TV personality Guy Fieri shined the spotlight on **Dough Pizzeria Napoletana**, San Antonians knew that these authentic pies were something special. Made with true Neapolitan techniques, these pizzas impress with a thin crust and farm-fresh toppings, cooked to perfection in a woodburning oven in only 90 seconds. Look for a **second location** north of the city.

For a vibrant dining experience, check out **Mi Tierra**, a landmark Mexican café and bakery with traditional dishes, handmade margaritas and mariachis on site, visitors can expect authentic food with a friendly atmosphere.

Enjoy a tasty Tex-Mex breakfast or lunch at **Poblanos on Houston Street Mexican Restaurant**, offering authentic San Antonio flavor, or enjoy brunch all day at **Box St. All Day** tucked into the park at Hemisfair.

San Antonio’s theater district shines with stellar restaurants. Steaks and seafood take the spotlight at **Silo Prime**. The roof-top terrace and a cocktail menu of old-school classics with modern twists also deserve a standing ovation. At Texas de Brazil, a churrascaria, or Brazilian steakhouse, performance is part of the meal. Watch acrobatic “wine angels” serve wine from suspended wires while gauchos serve juicy beef from skewers.

Meet friends for the perfect “pre-show” hors d’oeuvre and bottle of wine at **The**

**Palm** steakhouse. Enjoy prime steaks, daily fresh seafood and a casual atmosphere at lunch or dinner. Season your meal with live jazz at Bohanan's Prime Steaks & Seafood. Savor Texas-raised Akaushi beef and seafood classics like the mesquite-grilled Gulf red snapper in old world elegance with a lively cocktail bar.

**Morton's The Steakhouse** is the spot for juicy New York Strips, tender filet mignons and seafood-filled Ocean Platters, starring a cold-water lobster tail. The **St. Anthony Hotel** is where you will find **Rebelle**, where fresh shrimp, oysters and Alaskan King Crab come in towers and all seven of the "deadly sins" have their own cocktail.

### River Walk

A feast for the eyes and the palate, the **River Walk** welcomes pedestrians with towering cypress trees, charming stone bridges arching over the gentle river and the delightful sounds of strolling mariachi bands.

Feel free to sleep in when you have brunch plans at **River's Edge Café + Patio Bar**. Enjoy brunch, lunch and dinner favorites with a South Texas Twist, like dulce de leche pancakes and Baja shrimp tacos, right at the banks of the River Walk. At Hotel Havana, the elegant steel and glass conservatory of Ocho provides a stunning backdrop for creative Pan-Latin cuisine and your new profile pic. Enjoy a freshly muddled mojito and antojitos ("little cravings" or appetizers) over the river or descend the stairs to the candlelit Havana Bar.

Chefs hold a special place in the hearts of San Antonians. Chef Bruce Auden has been setting the standard for fine dining at **Biga on the Banks** for over 20 years. This James Beard Award nominee blends European, Tex-

Mex, American and Asian flavors to create very new American cuisine. The three-course prix fixe is perfect for the couple who wants to share inventive cuisine and a view. At **Range**, downtown in the Embassy Suites, celebrity chef Jason Dady showcases a Tuscan steakhouse with blends of family-favorite Italian creations. After a long day of seeing the sights, enjoy a glass of wine at the long, marbled bar.

Churrascarias, or Brazilian barbecues, provide diners with outstanding cuisine and entertainment. At **Fogo de Chão**, gaúcho chefs carve tender, choice cuts of meat right off the skewer and onto your plate. Find it just steps above the River Walk, adjacent to the **San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter on the River Walk**. Steak lovers and Southwest foodies unite at **Boudro's Texas Bistro**. Embrace regional flavors like blackened prime rib with Boudreaux butter or house-smoked jumbo gulf shrimp with Gulf crab enchiladas.

Romance is in the air when you are catching the breeze over the river at **Little Rhein Prost Haus**. With commanding views and authentic German cuisine, every day is Oktoberfest here.

It is impossible to squeeze every River Walk restaurant into a vacation, but that does not mean you should not try! Stop by these breezy patios during happy hour for fresh bites and flavorful drinks, while the kids enjoy their own kid-approved menu and view of the river boats.

**Iron Cactus Mexican Grill & Margarita Bar** serves over 100 premium tequilas and a contemporary twist on traditional Mexican-inspired cuisine. Locals and visitors alike gather on the spacious patio of **Paesanos Riverwalk** for authentic Italian cuisine al fresco. Italian food lovers will want to try the



Shrimp Paesano or a selection of classic and creative pizzas. The tri-level, ultra-modern **Ácena** is not your average Tex-Mex joint. Among the favorites of the Nuevo Tex-Mex menu are short-rib tacos, pork roasted in banana leaves and spicy shrimp with roasted cream corn pico. The **Original Mexican Restaurant** on the River Walk is sure to satisfy your craving for authentic Mexican food, drinks and fun!

Looking for that perfect blend of beer, food, and fun? **Yard House's** eclectic American-style menu is matched only by its collection of craft beer taps along the bar. In the mood for seafood? Popular **Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.**, **Joe's Crab Shack** and **Landry's Seafood House** are just steps away. Enjoy burgers, steak, seafood, sandwiches, Mexican



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food, pizza and even cocktails with river views: **Cafe Olé**, **Lone Star Cafe** and **Rio Rio** offer good food and plenty of atmosphere. Feeding a hungry family? Just steps away you'll find **Hard Rock Cafe**, **Rainforest Cafe**, and **Fiume Pizzeria**—all offering plenty of menu variety and views.

Continue your culinary tour north of downtown all the way to **Pearl**, thanks to the Museum Reach extension of the **River Walk**. Chef Jason Dady's foodie- and family-friendly **Tre Trattoria** brings the flavors of Italy to the patio of the **San Antonio Museum of Art** overlooking a quiet section of the river. Still undecided? Hop on a **GO RIO** River Cruise and enjoy the view while you decide.

## Pearl

Antonio's shining star of culinary and cultural delights is the historic **Pearl** Brewery Complex. This mixed-used space of stunning late-19th century architecture, energy-conscious structures and lively green spaces hosts some of the city's most innovative restaurants. Whether you are sharing a table for two inside the steampunk fairyland of the brewery itself or with hundreds of friends on the sprawling green lawn of Pearl Park, you will know you are in the epicenter of cool.

Named after the old Pearl Brewery's

bottling department, the upscale Bottling Department Food Hall offers a variety of dining options. From short rib burgers to rotisserie chicken, you and your whole crew can find something to enjoy. Caribbean street food meets modern flair at Mi Roti where celebrated San Antonio chef Nicola Blaque allows diners to build their own bowls or wraps with savory filling such as jerk chicken, pork belly and coconut rice. Peruvian-Asian fusion restaurant Botika has the answer: spring rolls of glass noodles, red cabbage, mango, avocado and yuzu ponzu, ceviche served with wonton chips and a bar stocked with sake, pisco and cachaça. From pop-up to Pearl, Best Quality Daughter chefs Jennifer Hwa Dobbertin (she has been nominated in the "Emerging Chef" category of the 2023 James Beard Awards) and Quealy Watson prepare creative Asian-American cuisine such as phat khaprao pork fried rice and salt and pepper shrimp inside the historic Mueller House. Check out tasty veggie options like Kung Pao cauliflower and miso ginger noodles, a vegan dish. For the culinary purists out there, the funky, riverside Mexican cantina **La Gloria** serves small street food plates and killer margaritas on an expansive patio and green lawn overlooking the Pearl Turning Basin.

New to Pearl are Italy-inspired sister

restaurants Allora and Arrosta. Stylish Allora offers menu items inspired by the seafood of the Amalfi Coast, serving dinner and Sunday brunch; Arrosta’s all-day menu is inspired by the open-air markets of Rome and features the taste of Italian street food with uniquely Texan flavor twists. Expanding the options at Pearl is modern Mediterranean grill house Ladino, which serves a menu influenced by a mix of Castellano, French, Italian, Greek, Turkish and Hebrew dishes and centered around the charcoal grill. Named for a South Texas bird, **Carriqui** is a new massive 11,000-square-foot restaurant nestled in lush greenery. It aims to be a neighborhood oasis offering Southern hospitality and a menu highlighted with barbacoa, brisket, seafood, steak and cocktails. Eclectic music selections often feature Texas artists.

Housed in one of Pearl’s three original structures, **Boiler House Texas Grill & Wine Garden** welcomes guests to dine on gourmet Texas Hill Country fare beside the three enormous boilers that once powered the historic brewery. Outdoor patios and balconies provide views over the wine garden. The atmosphere and menu are authentic at the popular **Brasserie Mon Chou Chou**, perfect for an afternoon



## Tasting Texas Wine + Food Festival

Back for its second year with four days of food, fun and a “big as Texas” culinary market the Tasting Texas Wine + Food Festival returns  
October 26-29, 2023

As the only UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy in Texas, it is no wonder why San Antonio is affectionately known as the Culinary Capital of Texas. Visit San Antonio once again teams up with Culinaria San Antonio to host this unique culinary event—the first-ever statewide culinary festival to partner with the James Beard Foundation. The four-day festival showcases up-and-coming Texas chefs, and host luminaries on the national food scene.

The festival’s headline event is a “big as Texas” Culinary Market, featuring over 100 award-winning chefs at the historic Travis Park, in the heart of downtown San Antonio. The festival will also host a top-shelf tequila tasting on the banks of the River Walk. Find ticket information and more at [visitsanantonio.com](http://visitsanantonio.com).

#TastingTexas



## Grillin' in San Antonio

**BBQ** is Bigger in Texas and Better-er in San Antonio. These eateries make sure the Alamo City leaves quite the impression on BBQ lovers.

**2M Smokehouse** This Texas Monthly top 50 joint smokes up spicy barked brisket, tender ribs and signature sausage in its Southeast side location. Also sample the brisket tacos, the inspired side dishes and pasteries. The first Sunday of the month is reserved for barbacoa.

**Bar-B-Cutie** offers traditional barbecue menu items, delicious customer favorites like the Orlie, and even meals for your four-legged friend.

**County Line BBQ** With a location on the River Walk, as well as its original (since 1975) spot, their famous meaty ribs, brisket and spicy sausage can be enjoyed in two locales.

**Curry Boys BBQ** Green and yellow curries and house-made chili oil accompany the smoked meats at this exciting San Antonio joint.

**Davila's BBQ** Open since 1959, this family-run joint—located in nearby Seguin—is known for its trademark sausage.

**Pinkerton's Barbecue** This newcomer to the San Antonio scene recently received top accolades from Texas Monthly's BBQ Editor for their "candy paint" pork ribs, snappy jalapeño-cheese sausage and tasty brisket.

### South BBQ & Kitchen

Just past Mission Concepción, this tiny but mighty joint serves up meats, sides, pickles and sauce, all made in-house. Don't miss the chopped brisket or pulled pork tacos on housemade tortillas.

### Smoke Texas

The best view and 'cue! This 12,000-sq.-ft. outdoor bar offers BBQ favorites and open-air views of the Alamo City. They have four locations: Smoke Texas Downtown, Smoke Texas River Walk, Smoke Texas Redland RD on the North Side of town. Smoke Texas Park North(Loop 410) is the newest location.

**Two Bros BBQ Market** Jason and Jake Dady, the namesake "bros," opened this location back in '09. The classic meat market style-joint continues to serve up BBQ favorites like brisket, ribs and pulled pork. An outdoor play area keeps the kiddos entertained.

**The Barbecue Station** Brisket, ribs and chicken shine at this old-school Texas barbecue.

### BBQ Life by Chris Hankering

For some barbecue chicken, tender brisket or juicy pork ribs? How about big satisfying sandwiches or tangy mac salad on the side? Pitmaster Chris Ashford will oblige.



respite, like a bowl of gratinée lyonnaise (onion soup) and a glass of vin blanc or a rich meal of duck confit and a freshly shaken cocktail. As you walk into **Cured**, the brewery's former administration building, a large charcuterie case clues you into what to expect on the menu: meat-centric selections featuring house-cured charcuterie plates, chicken fried chicken livers and veal osso buco. Chef Steve McHugh has been honored with five James Beard Foundation nominations, four for Best Chef: Southwest and one for Best Chef: Texas. Pack a meal to go with gourmet, picnic-ready dishes from **Larder** like a warm sandwich of Bratwurst with beer mustard, onions and gherkins on a pretzel roll, and remember to pick up some classic and colorful French macarons,

croissants and coffee from **Bakery Lorraine**, where pastry chef Anne Ng was named an “Outstanding Chef or Baker” semifinalist in the 2023 James Beard Awards. For a unique dining experience that highlights the talents of **Culinary Institute of America** students under the supervision of the college’s world-class faculty, be sure to stop by **Savor**.

Experience a modern take on cross-cultural cuisine on the ground floor of the historic Pearl brewhouse. At Chef Jeff Balfour’s Southerleigh Fine Food & Brewery, southern cuisine meets his Galveston upbringing: oysters, crab, grilled redfish and Gulf shrimp pair well with Southerleigh drafts.

Just east of the Pearl District is **Restaurant Claudine**, offering gracious dining in a converted house. A top pick on Texas Monthly’s “2023 Best New Restaurants” list, chef Cassie Ramsey’s menu includes mouth-watering confit of duck leg, red trout with pea succotash, boneless short ribs, pumpkin puree and glazed carrots sprinkled with chopped pecans, sweet cornbread and an exquisite très français mille-feuille for dessert. Check out the fresh catch at nearby **Go Fish Market**, which offers fresh fish to take out as well as dine-in dishes including oysters, caviar, and fish and chips.



## Southtown

Whether you want to kick back under sprawling pecan trees with a breakfast taco and a spicy michelada, grab a fresh fruit smoothie and explore galleries and shops featuring local artists, or finish your meal with a spin on the dancefloor with a live Latin band, **Southtown** is the place to be. This hip culinary hub hums just a short walk from **Downtown**.

Honoring its spirit of origin, an early 20th-century firehouse (1924), Southern Italian restaurant Battalion showcases brick archways and a fire pole alongside hot dishes like ricotta and sage ravioli and parmesan-herb crusted lamb chops. At **Guenther House**, enjoy plate-sized cinnamon rolls, fluffy biscuits and gooey apple strudels in the beautifully restored 1859 home of the Pioneer Mills founder, or dine under the stars or in an elegantly redesigned gas station at Bliss. Featuring an impressive wine list and appetizer selection—be sure to try the Japanese Hamachi sashimi tostadas—Bliss will surely bring you to culinary ecstasy. Or tuck into a platter of fresh-caught oysters at **Little Em’s Oyster Bar**, a popular new restaurant also featuring other ocean-fresh menu items served indoors or on the cozy

patio. If you like a little caviar on your deviled eggs, book a table at **Up Scale**, Little Em's glamorous sister restaurant. On the menu: seafood, steaks and more with a full cocktail bar, all served in a stunning mid-century modern atmosphere.

Here, as the river flows alongside the Mission Reach trail, find flavorful eateries such as **Burgerteca**, Chef Johnny Hernandez's laid-back burger joint that's a Mexican twist to the all-American classic. A house favorite is the Al Pastor: a guajillo and ancho chile-seasoned patty topped with grilled pineapple, manchego cheese and cilantro. Be sure to check out Hernandez's original



Southtown establishment, **The Fruteria**. Serving fresh fruit cups, smoothies, and tostadas by day, this vibrant, colorful cantina transforms into a swanky hotspot serving Mexican tapas and fruit-infused cocktails by sundown. He's also gone and opened **Casa Hernán Cantina** here. Check out the tree trunk sprouting from the bar while you enjoy bites and sips amid the colorful décor.

**The Good Kind** prides itself on healthy lunch & dinner items, including snacks, sandwiches, tacos & more. They also offer a special brunch menu with a DJ on the weekends. If your culinary tour puts you in need of a digestive reset, head to the cozy outdoor patio of **Pharm Table**, where food is medicine. Pharm Table's mission is to share plant-forward meals and promote an overall better quality of life. An Apothecary Kitchen featuring locally sourced, globally inspired with a spice library, botanical cocktails, and natural wines, this one is open for lunch and dinner.

Much like the eclectic architecture of Southtown's **King William Neighborhood**, this dining district's cuisine showcases a variety of cultural influences. **Hot Joy** fires up small plates of spicy Asian food and fishbowls of tropical rum cocktails. At Maverick Texas Brasserie, French charm and Texas ingredients go hand-in-hand. Chefs cook seafood, steaks and poultry over the coals of a wood burning stove. Reserve a space on the outside patio and enjoy inventive menu items and an extensive wine list or specialty cocktails worth splurging to try.

**Rosario's Comidamex & Bar** welcomes guests to its new location with neon pink lights, a lively bar scene and some of the tastiest drinks in town. Consistently honored by critics as the best in San Antonio,



Rosario's offers a contemporary twist on traditional south-of-the-border dishes like fish tacos, ceviche and specialty margaritas. Check out the rooftop terrace and bar with fantastic city views.

### Near Downtown

Many of the Alamo City's favorite dining destinations live along the charming commercial corridors that each give a distinct flavor to **Alamo Heights**, **Monte Vista**, **Olmos Park** and the **Broadway Cultural Corridor**.

In Alamo Heights, seek out sister establishments **Cappy's Restaurant** and Cappyccino's. For more than 20 years, these eateries have shared both a patio and an appreciation for outstanding cuisine in a laid-back setting. With tasty burgers, pizza, soups and salads, Cappyccino's bistro buzzes during the lunch hour, while the jumbo lump crab cakes, beef tenderloin and cocktails impress at Cappy's for brunch and dinner.

Find traditional bakery and café items at nearby **La Panadería**, such as delicious pan dulce or the concha, croncha (a hybrid concha and croissant creation), or the tres leches croissant, but do not leave the city

without trying the bestselling tequila-almond croissants. At upscale French brasserie Bistr09, a French-leaning wine list compliments classic menu items such as duck a l'orange and braised shortribs. Authentic Italian dishes, like traditional pork osso buco and veal marsala, are always popular with the locals at **Paesanos Lincoln Heights**, but no celebratory meal would be complete without their signature dish: Shrimp Paesano. In the mood for some Southeast Asian seafood? Pinch Boil House offers a fun and welcoming environment to gather and share food.

The **Broadway Cultural Corridor** is home some of the city's most beautiful museums and parks. With the addition of Chef Jason Dady's **Jardín** to the **San Antonio Botanical Garden**, nature lovers can go gourmet at the garden. Enjoy Mediterranean-inspired brunch, lunch or dinner in the historic Sullivan Carriage House or al fresco at Gertie's Garden. Since 1973, Bombay Bicycle Club has been the neighborhood hangout for Trinity University students and locals looking for a cold beer and Texas-style pub grub. Enjoy a bowl of their famous spicy chili at the colorful bar or try a blackened salmon salad out on the plant-filled patio.

In **Monte Vista**, interior Mexican and classic Tex-Mex fare are best enjoyed al fresco, on the beautiful outdoor patio of La Fonda on Main. Colorful tiles and towering shade trees make this, the city's oldest Mexican restaurant, a destination happy hour spot for locals. In neighboring **Olmos Park**, chefs at the 12-seat Mixtli create ten-course regional Mexican tasting menus using ancient cooking techniques.

Best known for its nightlife and bar scene, the St. Mary's Strip area also provides opportunities to fuel up before you get down. In a hurry? Food trucks like Ka-tii Thai Street Food, Tacos el Regio and Righteous Pie pizza offer bold flavors on the fly. Check out **NOLA Brunch & Beignets**, serving up brunch favorites with a Creole twist, like Cajun Boudin Chilaquiles, five days a week. Have no fear. They serve beignets all day! Holding court on the strip is Little Death, where natural and European-focused wines pair with tapas-style accompaniments. On the St. Mary's Strip, there's something for everyone in your party. At Burger Boy Diner, tuck into one of their popular burgers, or corn dogs or grilled cheese with a side of crinkle-cut fries and a Dreamsicle Shake. Or try tacos and cocktails on a contemporary space with patio seating and weekday happy hours at Midnight Swim.

For a taste of authentic Mexican, visit Maria Bonita Mexican Restaurant and

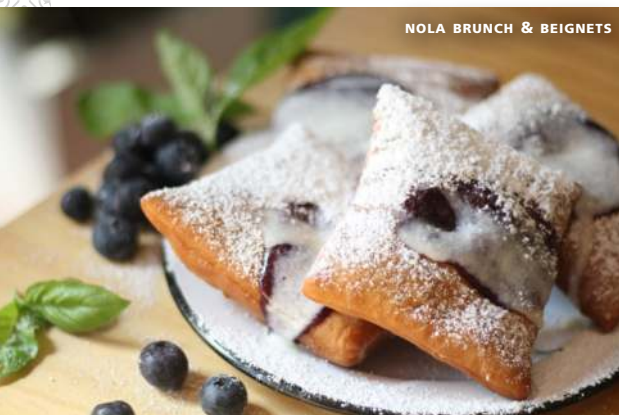


Cantina in the Oak Hill neighborhood, where breakfast, lunch and dinner options always include homemade tortillas and fresh salsas. Drive-thru or sit down, the family-friendly restaurant features a kids menu, as well as mariachis and live music on certain nights.

## North

North San Antonio's restaurant scene continues to flourish with the help of dynamic new eateries. Chef-driven and always bustling, **Full Belly Café + Bar** features mouth-watering breakfast, lunch and dinner items as well as a tempting cocktail menu. At **Southerleigh Haute South**, guests pair southernstyle food—like fried and rotisserie chicken, deviled eggs and shrimp po boys—with local Southerleigh craft brews. Wrap yourself in the warm hospitality and scenic views that surround **Paesanos 1604**. For a fresh approach to Mexican, try the cantarito and ceviches, savory empanadas and tasty tipples at **Costa Pacifica**. If you have an appetite for activity, head to **Chicken N Pickle**—not just for crispy chicken and fried pickles (though they're also on the menu)—but for delicious, casual dining at the city's first pickleball complex. With a kid-approved child's menu, this is the place to score food and fun for the whole family.

Awarded the #1 spot on Eater's "Essential SA Restaurants of 2022" list, **Clementine**



NOLA BRUNCH & BEIGNETS



impresses with seasonal dishes of global flavors, created by chefs and husband-and-wife duo John and Elise Russ. (John was named a semifinalist in “Best Chef: Texas” category for the 2023 James Beard Award.) After an energizing cycling class, you can refuel at The Alley on Bitters. For an authentic experience through the fusion of classic Chinese cuisine with contemporary influences, head to **DASHI Sichuan Kitchen + Bar**. Tip: Try the Spicy Cumin Lamb Lollipops.

Sample locally sourced craft beer at independently owned Weathered Souls Brewing Co., which recently expanded to include a second taproom in Charlotte, NC. Founder Mike Holt and head brewer Marcus Baskerville’s Black is Beautiful beer, and their commitment to support social justice through their brand, have gained national attention. Pair your brew with fried chicken available on-site. Smoked brisket and pulled pork will pull you back for a second helping at South BBQ & Kitchen located near the historic **Mission Concepción** on the city’s south side. Up north, destination-worthy barbecue and a list of national awards draw meat lovers to the family-friendly **Two Bros. BBQ Market**.

Step out of Texas and into China at **Sichuan House** where you’ll enjoy a unique perspective on traditional Chinese food in America that is surrounded by great



PHARM TABLE, PHOTO BY WESTLEY ARREDONDO

## *Light & Flavorful*

At these uniquely San Antonio healthy eateries, you can fuel up with some serious clean eating.

**The Cove** Enjoy local, sustainable, organic dishes accompanied by live music and the sound of happy kids on the outdoor landscape.

**The Good Kind** This Southtown eatery is the vision of James Beard Fellow and Chef Tim McDiarmid, who serves fresh healthy comfort food with lots of gluten free & vegetarian options. Enjoy a juice smoothie or botanical cocktail in their garden lounge with a perfect view of the Tower of the Americas.

**Green Vegetarian Cuisine** (Alamo Quarry Market) A vegan, a vegetarian and an omnivore walk into a restaurant, and all are delighted.

**Hash Vegan Eats** Specializing in vegan comfort food, seasonal non-alcoholic mocktails (try the zero-proof spicy jalapeño margarita) and organic, local tea, Hash (which stands for “heal and spread healing”) invites guests to discover delicious, healthy and sustainable cuisine.

**Jugo Juicery** Get hooked on good health with cold-pressed juices, superfood bowls, smoothies and detox tea.

**Pharm Table** Commit to clean eating! While the menu changes with the seasons, this gem’s ingredients remain locally sourced and globally inspired.

**Sweet Yams** Offering organic, gluten-free, vegan-friendly dishes, baked goods and juices, this Eastside café has amassed a following, affectionately known as the Yamily.

**Vegan Avenue on Main** Plant-based and gluten-free never tasted so good. Nestled in the Monte Vista neighborhood, this new San Antonio eatery serves a delicious meatless menu daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Dishes such as Birria-style quesadillas made with jackfruit and mushrooms and the fried “chicken” sandwich made with the poultry substitute Chick’n satisfy every palate.



conversations and great individuals. Tip: The Garlicky Cold Noodles are a must-try!

If your group prefers a variety of proteins in a more formal atmosphere, J-Prime Steakhouse serves up antibiotic-free meats, including prime beef, as well as free-range chicken and wild-caught fresh seafood. And the flavor combinations (and portions) are endless at Chama Gaúcha Brazilian Steakhouse, offering churrascaria, with grilled beef, pork, lamb and chicken, and an expansive salad bar with over 30 different items. **Brasão Brazilian Steakhouse** is where traditional tastes & modern ambiance blend to deliver the true flavors of Brazil.

### Eastside

Just east of downtown, the culinary/restaurant scene is booming. Known for its Southeast Asian curry and Texas barbecue fusion bowls that are served out of a small pink shack on St. Mary's Street, Curry Boys BBQ is gaining notoriety. Chefs Andrew Ho, Andrew Samia and Sean Wen combined were

nominated in the "Best Chef: Texas" category of the 2023 James Beard Award.

The unconventional Cullum's Attaboy, just around the corner from the St. Mary's Strip, is a *Texas Monthly* Top 10 of where to eat in Texas in 2023. Diners can tuck into chef Chris Cullum's flounder meunière, bavette steak with a rich demi-glace-style sauce or a serving of caviar or escargot and truffled egg. Or try the hamburger that started it all.

Treat yourself to hearty burgers and soul food at eastside establishments Tony G's Soul Food, Mrs. Kitchen and Soul Food, and Tucker's Kozy Korner. Relax in the sunshine at outdoor eateries like **Smoke Texas**, Cherrity Bar and Dakota East Side Ice House.

Raise a glass in elevated cocktail bars Pastiche and Lilly's Greenville or from your table at Toro Kitchen + Bar, an intimate Spanish restaurant featuring live music and tapas. There's something for everyone at the vibrant Hackberry Market, featuring Black Laboratory Brewing, Cake Thieves and The Magpie (Korean-inspired cuisine).



## Dining Inside Hotels

Looking to sample local flavor just steps from your room? These hotel-based restaurants offer plenty of options.

### **1917 Restaurant & Bar,** *Embassy Suites, Brooks*

Locally sourced ingredients offer a special farm-to-table experience.

### **Ambler, Hotel Contessa**

Try a taste of modern Texas at this new offering at the Hotel Contessa, featuring River Walk views and access.

### **Antlers Lodge,**

*Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort & Spa*

Enjoy sustainably sourced Texas cuisine from regional Texas farmers and artisans. This award-winning restaurant features prime cuts, fresh fish and Texas wild game.

### **The Colonial Room Restaurant,** *Menger Hotel*

This Victorian-era eatery continues as an homage to the past, complete with romantic lighting.

### **Dorrego's, Hotel Valencia**

Try a taste of Argentina including savory empanadas at this stylish eatery. Live it up by snagging a seat on the outdoor terrace overlooking the River Walk. Sip your way through Argentinian wines at Dorrego's Bar. Enjoy live flamenco music Wednesday–Saturdays.

### **Fairmount Rooftop Oyster Bar,**

*The Fairmount Hotel*

Enjoy fresh oysters and sip a craft cocktail as you take in the view of the San Antonio skyline.

### **Larder, Hotel Emma**

Stock up on some specialty wares at this specialty grocery store featuring sandwiches, fresh coffee and gourmet grocery items.

### **Ocho, Hotel Havana**

The Pan-Latin menu serves everything, from breakfast, to small plates, to late-night cocktails in a stunning glass conservatory overlooking the River Walk.

### **Oro, Emily Morgan Hotel**

At this "Official Hotel of the Alamo," find Southwest flavors, seasonally rotating dishes, delicious margaritas and locally famous martini specials for a one-of-a-kind dining experience.

### **Ostra, Mokara Hotel**

Oysters, champagne and an intimate riverfront restaurant—what could be more romantic? Ostra also offers downtown's largest selection of tequilas and mescals.

### **Q Kitchen Bar,**

*Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk*

Start the day at the omelet station and breakfast buffet before a full day of sightseeing. Enjoy local beers and specialty cocktails in the evenings, along with live music on Friday and Saturday evenings.

### **Range, Embassy Suites Downtown**

A Tuscan Steakhouse offering a menu that blends family favorites with Italian inspirations. Fresh hand-made pastas and thin, crispy pizzas transport you to Tuscany while dry-aged and Certified Black Angus Beef cuts offers a taste of Texas.

### **Rebelle, The St. Anthony Hotel**

Eat like a star as you join a legacy of Hollywood insiders and social elites at this stylish restaurant with a revamped seafood-centric menu and inventive cocktails.

### **The River's Edge Café + Patio Bar,** *Hilton Palacio Del Rio*

Enjoy the River Walk view while dining on a re-inspired menu—traditional Mexican cuisine with a modern flair. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Try the chocolate cake with horchata icing and the passion fruit cheesecake.

### **Ruth's Chris Steak House,**

*Grand Hyatt San Antonio Riverwalk*

Come for the famous steaks, chops and seafood, and enjoy specialty cocktails and views of the River Walk. Pop in for happy hour starting at 4:30 p.m. daily.



### **Signature, La Cantera Resort & Spa**

This fine dining eatery reminds us that San Antonio's best hotel restaurants attract locals along with tourists. The menu combines French cooking techniques with signature South Texas ingredients.

### **Springhouse Café, Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa**

Have a hearty breakfast for a big day out or slow things down at the pool after your adventures at this family-friendly restaurant with a relaxed atmosphere.

### **Sternewirth, Hotel Emma**

Enjoy the dramatic, beautiful bar space in this historic cellar with thoughtfully curated beers, cocktails and small plates.

### **Supper, Hotel Emma**

At longtime San Antonio Chef John Brand's riverside café, you will find inventive dishes and creative cocktails. It is the perfect spot for breakfast, lunch, dinner and any excuse to indulge in between.

### **Tributary, San Antonio Marriott**

*Rivercenter on the River Walk* Locally-sourced ingredients and a creative Southern-style menu make this a meal destination you won't soon forget.

### **Windows on the River,**

*Holiday Inn San Antonio Riverwalk* The stunning river views found at Windows on the River pair great with their delicious menu.

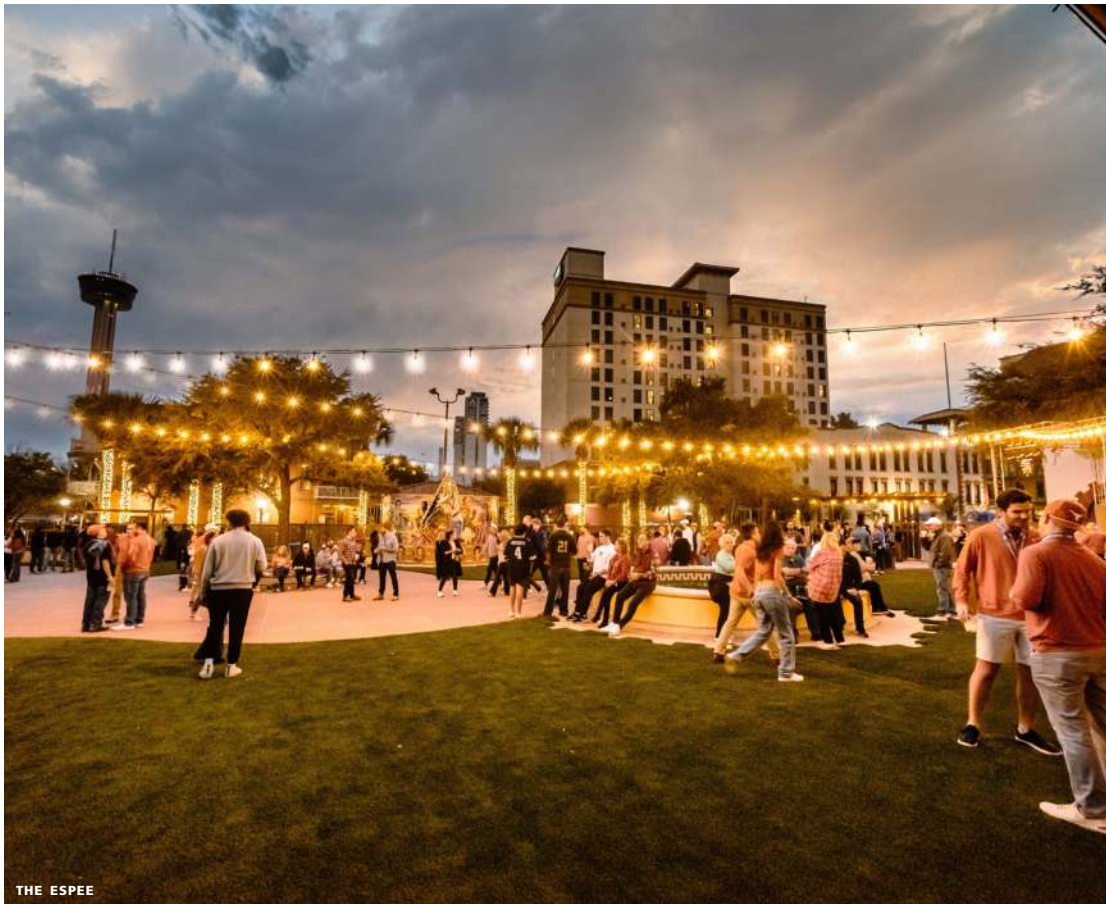
### **Zocca Cuisine d'Italia,**

*Westin Riverwalk*

Authentic, contemporary Italian dishes that evoke the warm, relaxed hospitality of Italy, enjoy savory Italian cuisine while relaxing on the River Walk.

# *Real Excitement. True Entertainment.*

As beautiful as San Antonio is by day, experience it shining bright at night! From great music to thumping dance floors to performing arts and live theater to perfectly curated wine menus and hilarious comedy acts, this city will keep you entertained night after night.





For those who love a live performance, whether it be, comedy, ballet or nationally touring concerts, you must check out **downtown San Antonio**. See an unforgettable show at the **Majestic** and **Empire Theatres**, the **Aztec Theatre**, the **Carver Community Cultural Center** or the **Tobin Center for the Performing Arts**.

For those who want to witness the excitement of live music, check out venues like Paper Tiger, The Amp Room, The Mix and Hi-Tones on the St. Mary's Strip. For a real flavor of San Antonio make sure you visit The Squeezebox where you will find live music and dancing featuring Tejano, conjunto and cumbia music in addition to DJ sets. Enjoy your music under the stars at **The Espee**, the city's newly re-opened outdoor music venue. To eat well while you party down, check out **The Rustic** where regional fare, local beer and cocktails and live music under the stars ensure a memorable night.

San Antonio knows a thing or two about cocktails. It's so celebrated as a cocktail destination that in January it hosts the Third Coast Cocktail Summit. There you'll find seminars, parties, spirit-focused dinners, and

more. Some seminars are meant for the pros who tend bar, while others are for the home barkeep. There's something for everyone.

If it's country music you're after, John T. Floore's Country Store in Helotes draws all the biggest names in country music. A timeless venue, music legends like Willie Nelson, Elvis, and Bob Dylan have all graced the stage here. In Selma, you can find the biggest acts from Texas and beyond at the **Blue Bonnet Palace**. Expand your horizons beyond country music at Sam's Burger Joint where you can find more local and touring acts while enjoying a fantastic burger.

The **Alamodome** and **AT&T Center** are more than just sporting venues, though they do a great job of this too—they also set the stage for live performances. If you are all about the comedians, make sure to check out the country's best comics at Laugh Out Loud Comedy Club. If you think you might have a funny bone, get involved in the comedy at ComedySportz. More than an old-fashioned improv show, this has quick-witted comedians competing for laughs in teams. This BYOB venue allows kids in the early shows, but it becomes adult-only as the night goes on.

## CUT A RUG

Let the music move you in San Antonio—regardless of what your tastes may be! San Antonio offers it all and then some.

Some of the best nightlife scenes are connected to San Antonio's premiere hotels. The swanky **Sternewirth**, offering signature cocktails, beer, wine and culinary temptations is located within **Hotel Emma**. Looking for an intimate candlelit setting? Try the Havana Bar at Hotel Havana. Live it up at **Bar Rojo** at the **Grand Hyatt** where you will find delicious bar bites and craft cocktails. Be sure to visit their rooftop bar open in the warmer months. For another enticing rooftop spot, check out **The Moon's Daughters** on the 20<sup>th</sup> floor of the upscale **Thompson Hotel**, located inside the **AC Hotel by Marriott** San Antonio Riverwalk. Check out 1Watson's historic location and enjoy their rooftop bar serving Southwestern cuisine and craft cocktails 15 stories above downtown.

**Durty Nelly's Irish Pub**, celebrates Irish culture and is faithfully modelled after a 1620 tavern in Limerick, Clare County. **The Esquire Tavern** is one of most beloved watering holes in the city, serving cocktails, beer and history along the River Walk and boasts the longest wooden bar top in Texas. At rooftop bar **Paramour**, choose from some 20 specialty hand-crafted cocktails while soaking in the views of the San Antonio skyline. Take a trip back to the 1920s for a prohibition-era rooftop bar at **Devils River Whiskey Distillery**. The speakeasy vibe is strong in San Antonio. Check out the libations and aperitifs at Cellar Mixology, or make a reservation and head north of Downton to RD Hidden Door Speakeasy, where the cocktails are works of art. In the



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Southtown neighborhood, don't miss Bar 1919, a stylish spot serving classic cocktails and charcuterie. Sip on history at **Maverick Whiskey** where history seeps from the barrels in the vault of this restored historic bank building that dates back from 1917. With delicious craft spirits distilled on-site, be sure to take a Tour & Tasting, and learn about the legend of Maverick Whiskey.

The Green Lantern is home to some of the city's best mixologists. Just look for the green light below the patio and enter the single large door. Be your own bartender and craft your own wine at **Re:Rooted 210 Urban Winery**. Interested in what lies beyond? Visit the city's most haunted bars and hotels while you pour some out for the dearly departed on a **Nightly Spirits' Ghost Tour & Pub Crawl**.

If you're looking for dueling pianos and a fun-filled night, get yourself to **Howl at the Moon**. And if a turntable is more your style, go right downstairs to **Merkaba**, a cocktail lounge and nightclub that has DJs spinning when they are not hosting a live band. Trot the culinary globe at Carmens de



RE:ROOTED 210 URBAN WINERY

la Calle with an always rotating global menu and a dance card featuring everything from Flamenco to Jazz. If honky-tonk is what you are after, amble on over to Cowboys Dancehall, where all the cowboys and cowgirls go. Dance to live country music, ride a mechanical bull, and watch real professional bull riders at the indoor rodeo arena. Cowboys and cowgirls will also enjoy **El Honky Tonk**, a good old country bar. Dance off all the tasty Texas cuisine you have enjoyed at Jazz, TX with the beats of a live band led by local bandleader Doc Watkins. For a sleek cocktail and some time on the dance floor, slip into the stunning **1902 Nightclub**, housed in the former Sunset Station train depot on the city's east side. Late night dancers dance to the beat at Heat, part of The Strip SA, a vibrant nightlife zone of LGBTQ-friendly bars, restaurants and dance clubs. Take your pick of three thumping floors of fun at Bonham Exchange. This downtown hotspot offers a variety of musical genres in an inclusive atmosphere. For a tiki experience try **Hugman's Oasis**. Or feel the fun of New Orleans at **Fat Tuesday**.



PARAMOUR, PHOTO BY JOSH HUSKIN

## *Dance All Night*

One of your first stops for our LGBTQ+ nightlife scene should be The Strip, a gayborhood on North Main Avenue filled with bars, clubs and eateries.

Check out the iconic Pegasus nightclub where you'll find drink specials, drag shows, video DJs, outdoor karaoke & a country bar. For a chill vibe, pull up a seat at Sparky's, an old English style pub where you can enjoy a cold draft beer or cocktail in a friendly relaxing atmosphere, or Knockout, a pizza-slinging sports bar with flat screens and a game room. Beyond a rainbow crosswalk, Heat Nightclub lives up to its name with two dance floors, nightly drag and drink specials.

Over at The Bonham Exchange awaits with three levels of exciting entertainment. This 20,000-square-foot spot was reborn in 1981 as the lively, eclectic queer dance haven that stands today. For boot-scootin', two-step over to SA Country Saloon, which regularly features dance lessons, whiskey happy hours and drag shows, or to the Clib Silver, a country-themed joint with 3 dance floors and karaoke nights await. Cocktail connoisseurs can awaken their taste buds at The Modernist, a cozy, speakeasy-style bar in a converted house. Or stop at swanky rooftop bar **Paramour at the Phipps**, where you'll find even the rarest of cocktail favorites to enjoy while taking in awesome views of the San Antonio skyline and the swankiest of décor.



# *Real Experiences. True Adventures.*



This bustling, ever-growing city offers savvy travelers many authentic experiences beyond such classic destinations as the Alamo and the River Walk. These “must-dos” that are Real & True San Antonio. Check them out!



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HOLIDAY LIGHTS



## BE YOUR OWN INFLUENCER

Looking for the best photo ops to give your followers FOMO? Get your camera ready for these colorful San Antonio hot spots.

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### Hopscotch San Antonio

An immersive visual and experiential gallery with artistic exhibits around every corner, Hopscotch offers plenty of photo opportunities and an onsite bar with refreshing beverages.

### Hot Wells of Bexar County

Stroll the lovely grounds and take in views of the remains of the historic Hot Wells Hotel and bath house in this new city park, where people once enjoyed the therapeutic powers of hot sulfuric waters that flowed from the well during the 19th and 20th centuries.

### La Veladora of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Said to be the largest mosaic prayer candle (or *veladora*) in the world, this sculpture by the late San Antonio artist Jesse Treviño is a not-to-miss as it overlooks Guadalupe Street and San Antonio.

### Up on the Roof

Enjoy some Texas hospitality and drinks with views over the skyline and San Antonio River. Check out The Moon's Daughters with its 360-degree views or the Fairmount Rooftop Oyster Bar, overlooking Hemisfair Park. Other rooftop venues not to miss include Paramour, Sanchos Cantina & Cocina, Bar America, TopGolf San Antonio, Chicken N Pickle and 1Watson rooftop bar. Order some 'cue with a view at Smoke Texas BBQ + Skybar or see the Alamo City from 750 feet at the revolving Chart House at Tower of the Americas, offering breathtaking panoramas.

### San Pedro Culture Creek

Art, nature and culture combine to create the beautiful inner-city oasis that is San Pedro Culture Creek Park. Considered the birthplace of the city, San Pedro Creek is where indigenous peoples and

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settlers founded what is San Antonio today. Colorful artworks line the pathways while ornamental and shade trees, as well as grasses and aquatic plants enrich a visitor's experience.

### Historic Market Square

The plaza at *Mercado*, or Historic Market Square, can barely contain the lively cultural activity of its restaurants, shops, produce stands and street-performances. Bonus points if you can fit *papel picado*, a mariachi and a margarita all in one frame!

### Día De Muertos Museum

Día de Muertos ("Day of the Dead") is a Mexican tradition that goes deep into Mexico's soul and history, and this museum showcases the country, its art and people with a collection of thousands of art pieces related to the holiday. A sensory experience, the museum captures the vibrancy of the celebration with lights, music, video and live performances. Located above the Fiesta Store near North Start Mall.

### San Antonio | The Saga

Take a visual journey through the history of San Antonio with a world-class video art installation, San Antonio | The Saga. Created by world-renowned French artist Xavier de Richemont, San Antonio | The Saga is projected on the façade of the San Fernando Cathedral, the oldest operating sanctuary in North America, in the heart of downtown.

### Holiday Lights

San Antonio lights up at the holidays, with dazzling festival holiday lights decorating iconic sites including The Alamo, the San Antonio Zoo and the River Walk, where the annual Ford Holiday River Parade takes the lights to the water. Experience the city's spectacular display of more than 100,000 lights draped over the bald cypress trees that tower above the River Walk. SeaWorld, Six Flags and Morgan's Wonderland also transform into winter wonderlands complete with holiday shows.



## LOCAL BREWERIES

Imbibe like a local at San Antonio's growing selection of brewpubs and beer halls. Take advantage of the city's lovely weather with a visit to these outdoor spaces, and enjoy food trucks, live music and great times.

### Alamo Beer Company

Located on the city's Eastside near the Hays St. Bridge, enjoy a brisket grilled cheese and sip on an Original Golden as you watch the San Antonio Spurs play at this local favorite. Open daily.

### Blue Star Brewing Company

Enjoy a fresh organic beer after biking or strolling through the many historical sites along the San Antonio River at this brew pub located at the head of the Mission Reach trail.

### Freetail Brewing Co.

One of the first breweries in the city, the name comes from the Mexican Free-tailed bats that live just north of the city. Try the Freetail taproom downtown or the brewpub on the north side.

### Künstler Brewing

Handcrafting German-style beer, this spot combines its pride for all things Texas with Old World Bavarian tradition—that goes for the beer as well as the menu.

### Mad Pecker Brewing

Born out of a homebrewing operation in the owners' garage, today this northwest San Antonio brewpub serves up handcrafted beer alongside tasty pub food.

### Roadmap Brewing Co.

At Roadmap Brewing Co., a family-run, dog-friendly brewery, all roads lead to beer. Try Late Night Polka Party, the 2022 World Beer Cup Bronze Medal Winner.

### Southerleigh Brewing Co.

This brewpub brings brewing back to the historic Pearl Brewery with some 15 beers on tap and a curated, seasonal menu highlighting fresh seafood by San Antonio's Chef Jeff Balfour. (Also try Southerleigh Haute South at the Rim and a new Southerleigh Brewing Co. location coming later in 2023.)

### Weathered Souls Brewing

Relying on word-of-mouth, this independent brewer buys local grain to brew beer you could only get in San Antonio. Enjoy sips and bites in the taproom or on the patio. Be sure to try the famous Black is Beautiful stout.

## LOCAL DISTILLERIES

The timeless spirit of San Antonio is echoed by the many spirits that are distilled here. The wide variety of liquors and wines made in San Antonio allow you to drink local with every cocktail.

### VODKA

#### Artisan Distillery + Craft Bar

Home of Spike, the world's only cactus-based vodka, this distillery offers original drinks, an outdoor patio and a cozy, intimate interior. Try the new artisan beer.

### VODKA & WHISKEY

#### Rebecca Creek Distillery

One of the largest spirits producers in the region, Rebecca Creek uses a blend of old and new technology to produce fine Texas vodka and whiskey.

### WHISKEY

#### Maverick Whiskey

Named after Samuel Augustus Maverick, signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence, become a Texas Maverick yourself here and sample spirits distilled onsite.

#### Devils River Distillery

Thrill seekers, night owls and spirits enthusiasts need not look any further than Devils River Distillery in the heart of downtown San Antonio. Enjoy a tasting, tour and more!



SOUTHERLEIGH,  
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NICK SIMONITE

## Ranger Creek Brewing and Distilling

Take an intimate tour of this award-winning “brewstillery” and sample microbrews and craft whiskey.

### WINE

## Re:Rooted 210 Urban Winery

Enjoy a tasting room with a dozen wines on tap with a gorgeous view of the Tower of the Americas. Try Texas wines made from Texas-grown fruit.

## SHOPPING

Shop non-stop in San Antonio.

High-end malls—both indoor and outdoor options, unique boutiques and everything in-between, San Antonio has plenty of splurging options for all your shopping desires.

For a high-end open-air shopping experience, visit **The Shops at La Cantera**, which overlook **Six Flags Fiesta Texas**. Nearby, the RIM offers boutique shopping, an IMAX theatre, a Bass Pro Shop and delicious dining. Situated in the artsy **Southtown** neighborhood, Blue Star Arts Complex is home to galleries, as well as arty specialty shops and bars.

Home of the largest cowboy boot sculpture, **North Star Mall** is an internationally acclaimed shopping destination that offers 200 specialty stores and your favorite eateries just 10 minutes from downtown.

Look for the iconic smokestacks at The Alamo Quarry Market, a former cement factory turned into a stylish lifestyle center just minutes from downtown. Make sure to stop at storied bootmaker Lucchese, just one of the many cool shops here. Have kids? Join the free factory tour at **San Antonio**

**Shoemakers (SAS)**, selling comfortable San Antonio made shoes since 1976.

Lose track of time exploring the nearly 30 shops and galleries at **La Villita Historic Arts Village**, or stroll through **Historic Market Square**, the largest Mexican market in the country.

On the River Walk, you will find **The Shops at Rivercenter**, four floors of shopping and dining, as well as LEGOLAND Discovery Center and SEA LIFE Aquarium. You can also find IMAX at AMC Theaters here.

The Alamo Antique Mall in downtown is a top spot to find Western artifacts, antique coins, jewelry and more. At **Pearl**, look for cool boutiques and off-beat shops where you are sure to come across rare finds. Pearl is also home to The Twig Book Shop, a haven for literature lovers of all ages.

The Alley on Bitters, affectionately known as Artisans Alley, is where locals and visitors alike enjoy retail therapy. Visitors can peruse unique businesses, including a professional portrait studio, adult and baby boutiques, a chocolatier and bakery, a cycling studio, a hair salon, home decor, a beading studio and more.

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# On The Town

## ◆ ESSENTIAL SAN ANTONIO

Start the day at **Pearl**, where rain or shine you'll find a lively farmers' market on Saturdays and a makers' market on Sundays. Grab a coffee and croissant at nearby **Bakery Lorraine**, or tuck into brunch at **The Box St. All Day**, **Brasserie Mon Chou Chou** or **Supper**. Rent a bike or kayak and pedal (or paddle) along the Hike & Bike trail, visiting all five historic **San Antonio Missions**. Ready for a break? Grab a bite or beverage at **The Good Kind** or Camp Outpost. Down on the **River Walk**, cool your heels as you hop on a **Go RIO San Antonio River Cruise** barge for a 35-minute tour of this part of the San Antonio River. Back on land, grab some appetizers and drinks at **Paesanos Riverwalk**, the **Esquire Tavern**, or **Mad Dogs British Pub**, or fuel up at **County Line BBQ**. Keep the fun going with drinks served lane-side while you bowl, play laser-tag and more at **PINSTACK**, or grab a nightcap while taking in the unbeatable rooftop view at **Paramour**.



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## ◆ LGBTQ+ DAY OF FUN

Weekends offer so much for an LGBTQ+ traveler in San Antonio. Bring your taste buds for Sunday drag brunch at Pick's Bar. Or head to Max & Louie's New York Diner for all-day breakfast and a full bar. Walk it off and get outside: Stroll the picturesque **Japanese Tea Garden** at Brackenridge Park or take any number of vibrant walking tours of the city. Meet the gang at **Hopscotch** and immerse yourselves in experiential artworks. Chill out with an afternoon of pickleball, shuffleboard, lawn games, drinks and dinner at **Chicken N Pickle** up north, then head back downtown for a night of bar hopping on The Strip. Make new friends and enjoy the dancing and drag shows at Heat.



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## DAY TRIPPIN'

Located deep in the heart of Texas, San Antonio provides a convenient place to set out from for day trips. Here are a few small towns worth exploring.

### Fredericksburg

Wine enthusiasts, antiques lovers and foodies can't visit San Antonio without a day trip to the picturesque town of Fredericksburg nearby. This is one of the most popular spots in the famed Texas Hill Country, especially popular when lively street festivals and fairs take over the charming and historic Main Street. Pack a picnic and head to nearby Enchanted Rock State Natural Area, featuring a massive, hikeable granite dome rising among the rolling Texas hills. Or stop in at one of the more than 50 wineries and tasting rooms along the scenic Wine Trail, and sip and sample the local fruits.

### San Marcos

Intrepid shoppers will marvel at the largest outdoor shopping center, where you can truly shop 'til you drop. Or visit the town's colorful historic district and enjoy a meal at one of several unique restaurants. Spend a day on the San Marcos River, where you can tour in a glass-bottom boat or paddle, snorkel and water ski...or just float.



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### Bandera

Known as "The Cowboy Capital of the World," Bandera is a day trip destination with authentic Western flair. Get roped into Bandera's cowboy charm at a dude ranch, then saddle up for a horseback ride. Wander downtown streets where locally owned shops, eateries and honky tonks are Texas treasures. A world apart, Bandera is one hour from San Antonio.

### Kerrville

Explore some 28 area art installations, galleries and The Museum of Western Art in the beautiful Hill Country town of Kerrville. Located one hour west of San Antonio, visitors can also browse the many shops that line the historic downtown, offering everything from upscale home decor at Schreiner Goods, to eclectic and antique finds. Paddle or fish on the Guadalupe River then grab a bite of craft cuisine and enjoy live music.

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# Major Events & Festivals



When in San Antonio, do what the residents do: head to an event! Enjoy concerts, fairs, festivals, rodeos and, of course, parades year-round—both on land and in boats on the San Antonio River! The Alamo City offers a packed annual event calendar!

## 2023-2024

### JUNE 2023

#### Pride River Parade & Festival

Enjoy an afternoon of live on-stage entertainment and decorated river barges at La Villita's Arneson River Theatre, featuring DJs, dancers, bands and more.

#### Fiesta Noche Del Rio

Performances on Friday and Saturday evenings through early August feature songs and dances of Mexico, Spain and Argentina at the River Walk's historic Arneson River Theatre.

#### Juneteenth Festival

Enjoy live music, food vendors, children's activities and more at this free event commemorating Juneteenth.

#### Pride Bigger than Texas Festival & Parade

The annual festival and parade celebrate the LGBTQ+ community in San Antonio.

### JULY 2023

#### Armed Forces River Parade

Dedicated to the men and women in all branches of the United States Armed Forces, this free parade is set on the San Antonio River Walk.

Go to [VisitSanAntonio.com/events](https://www.VisitSanAntonio.com/events) for more information and a full calendar of events.





## **Balcones Heights Jazz Festival**

This free concert series takes place at the Wonderland of the Americas.

## **CineFestival San Antonio**

Taking place at the historic Guadalupe Theater, the longest-running Latino film festival in the country showcases dozens of independent Chicano, Latinx and Native American films, with an emphasis on Texas related themes.

## **Fourth of July Celebrations**

Enjoy fireworks, concerts and events at locations across San Antonio.

## **National Day of the Cowboy**

Saddle up and head to Briscoe Western Art Museum for a day of fun, honoring the cowboy, cowgirl and vaquero culture. Free for cowpokes of all ages.

## **AUGUST 2023**

### **Diez y Seis Events**

Marking Mexico's independence from Spain,

San Antonio celebrates with events throughout the city during Hispanic Heritage month.

### **Culinaria Restaurant Weeks**

Twice a year (also in January), the city celebrates its diverse dining scene. Enjoy prix-fixe menus and special offers from some of San Antonio's top culinary locations.

## **SEPTEMBER 2023**

### **Drift & Dine**

Savor a culinary voyage in beautifully decorated boats floating along the River Walk, making multiple stops at participating restaurants.

### **Fotoseptiembre USA**

Explore exhibits of photography and photo-based works at various galleries and exhibition spaces. Now in its 30th year!

### **Jazz'SA Live**

The nation's top jazz entertainers join local and regional talent for this two-day event in

## **THEME PARK HAPPENINGS**

### **SEAWORLD & AQUATICA SAN ANTONIO**

*Check website for hours and details.*

#### **June–August**

Summer Spectacular

#### **August–September**

Bier Fest

#### **September–October**

Spooktacular & Howl-O-Scream

#### **November–January**

Christmas Celebration

#### **January–February**

Mardi Gras

#### **March–May**

Seven Seas® Food Festival

### **SIX FLAGS FIESTA TEXAS**

*Check website for hours and details.*

#### **May–June**

Summer Vibes Festival  
Flavors of the World

#### **July–August**

Brews & Bites

#### **September–October**

Oktoberfest Food Festival + Fright Fest  
Kids Boo Fest

#### **November–December**

Holiday In The Park

#### **January–February**

Mardi Gras Festival

#### **March**

Spring Break & Scream Break

### **MORGAN'S WONDERLAND**

*The world's first and only ultra-accessible theme park.*

*Check website for hours and details.*

#### **October**

More Delightful Than Frightful Halloween celebration

#### **November–December**

A Wonderland Christmas

#### **March**

Opens for the 2023 season and spring break

#### **May**

Morgan's Inspiration Island splash park opens



**LGBTQ+ PROUD**

**Pride River**

**Parade & Celebration**

Live entertainment featuring DJs, bands, impersonators, dancers and more fill the Arneson River Theatre, while colorful barges float along the River Walk.

**San Antonio Pride Bigger than Texas Festival & Parade**

In June, thousands celebrate the "Pride Bigger Than Texas" Pride Parade and Festival, a day of visibility and revelry that begins with a parade at Crockett Park and ends with a block party on North Main Avenue.

**San Antonio QFest**

Organized by Pride San Antonio, this international film festival celebrating queer cinema enters its tenth year in October, bringing selections to the big screen.

**Queer Events at Fiesta**

LGBTQ+ traditions during the city's colorful festivities in April include the San Antonio AIDS Foundation's Webb Party, shuttle rides to the fest from the gay bar district on North Main Avenue, a parade after-party at Bonham Exchange and a finale block party at The Strip.

Travis Park.  
Free to attend.

**Rey Feo & Reinas River Parade for Education**

Children will delight as their Super Hero friends come to life in this colorful water parade held on the River Walk, honoring hispanic heritage month.

**World Heritage Festival**

For five days each September, this event celebrates and promotes the San Antonio Missions, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

**OCTOBER 2023**

**Chalk It Up! Festival**

Don't miss this free, three-day outdoor event featuring chalk works by talented local artists.

**Día De Muertos**

The largest in Texas, San Antonio's Day of the Dead events take place at The River Walk, Hemisfair and all throughout the city.

**Oktoberfest San Antonio**

Head over to the San Antonio River Walk for plenty of opportunities to celebrate the ultimate German festival.

**San Antonio QFest Film Festival**

This film festival showcases film pieces of art, which illustrate the community by being created for, by or about the LGBTQ+ community.

**SpiritLandia Festival and River Parade**

This festival is held at the River Walk and La Villita with a spectacular nighttime river parade along the River Walk.

**Tasting Texas Wine & Food Festival**

Celebrating food, wine, and culture, this event features over 100 award-winning chefs and a "big as Texas" culinary marketplace, with tastings and culinary events happening in top restaurants throughout the Alamo city.

## NOVEMBER 2023

### Diwali San Antonio

This free festival celebrates Indian culture with colorful lights, Indian music, dancing, food, and a special lighting ceremony.

### Ford Holiday River Parade & Lighting Ceremony

A night parade consisting of costumed float riders, Santa himself and illuminated by holiday lights on the San Antonio River Walk.



### Luminaria

An epic, multi-day contemporary arts festival, featuring regional, national, and international artists.

### Yanaguana Indian Arts Festival

Showcasing Native American artists with musical performances and dancing, Native American-inspired food, storytelling, and artist demonstrations of painting, printmaking, pottery, weaving and carving, this annual event is held at the Briscoe Western Art Museum.



## *Día De Muertos*

In late-October and early-November, San Antonio celebrates Día de Muertos, or Day of the Dead, with not-to-be-missed experiences and events all over town, which connect the city to its cultural and religious roots while honoring the memories of deceased loved ones. San Antonio, with strong ties to Mexican-American culture, is the best place to celebrate this authentic cultural family-friendly holiday.

## DECEMBER 2023

### Citywide Holiday Celebrations

From boat caroling on the River Walk to extravaganzas at SeaWorld San Antonio and Six Flags Fiesta Texas, the Alamo City keeps things festive during the holiday season.

### San Antonio Rock 'N' Roll Marathon & Half Marathon

Run (or just cheer!) during the famous 13.1- and 26.2-mile course—with plenty of live music along the way.

**Valero Alamo Bowl**  
College football comes to the Alamodome

for a post-season collegiate bowl game featuring the top Pac-12 and Big 12 teams.

### Welcome 2024 in San Antonio

Ring in the New Year with fireworks, live music, food booths and fun in downtown San Antonio.

### JANUARY 2024

#### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. March

One of the largest marches in the country celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

#### DreamWeek

Be a part of this annual city-wide summit that brings people, their unique ideas, and their diverse voices to the forefront to ignite change.

### FEBRUARY 2024

#### Battle of the Alamo Commemoration

Relive the early days of Texas as the San Antonio Living History Association brings the Battle of the Alamo to life.

#### Bud Light Mardi Gras Festival & River Parade

Celebrate Mardi Gras in style with live music and entertainment at the Arneson River Theatre, as well as a colorful musical parade on the River Walk.

#### San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

The rodeo features great entertainment with star-studded artists during PRCA rodeo events, plus shopping, a carnival, and livestock centers, all at the AT&T Center.

### MARCH 2024

#### Contemporary Art Month

This month-long celebration of contemporary arts features exhibitions and arts events spread over several venues in the city.

#### St. Patrick's Day River Parade & Festival

Floats release environmentally

friendly green dye into the San Antonio River, transforming it into "the River Shannon" followed by a festive parade.

#### Valero Texas Open

The third-oldest tournament on the PGA Tour, the Valero Texas Open has been played in San Antonio since 1922.

### APRIL 2024

#### Fiesta San Antonio

Welcome to the city's biggest party! Originating as a parade honoring the battles of the Alamo and San Jacinto in 1891, Fiesta San Antonio is held each year for 11 days, and is one of San Antonio's oldest traditions. The city gathers to celebrate the diverse

### *Don't Miss the Eclipses*

The Alamo City will see two eclipse events—an annular (or "ring") eclipse on **October 14, 2023** (beginning at 10:23 a.m.) and a total solar eclipse on **April 8, 2024** (beginning at 12:14 p.m.).

During the annular eclipse, the Moon will pass directly between the Earth and the Sun, revealing a thin "ring of fire." Six months later, the "once-in-a-lifetime-event" will be a total solar eclipse, when the Moon will pass directly between the Earth and the Sun, darkening the sky as if it were nighttime for up to four minutes and 24 seconds.

The Northwest side of San Antonio is the best place to view these natural phenomena. Wherever you experience the eclipses, you'll need special eye protection, and travel plans should be made in advance to get to the best viewing areas. For more information, please check out <https://www.visitsanantonio.com/eclipse/>.

heritage, culture and spirit of San Antonio with more than 100 events featuring music, food, sports, pageantry, the military, parades and more.

## MAY 2024

### Asian Festival

A family favorite, this annual event is held at the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) and celebrates the diversity of people from the Ural Mountains to the Pacific Island nations,

with activities, ethnic food, multicultural performances, music, games and more.

### Cinco De Mayo

Celebrations include a festival with music and food at Historic Market Square.

### Tejano Conjunto Festival

This acclaimed 41-year-old festival brings the best of conjunto musicians to the Guadalupe Theater and Rosedale Park.



## Get Thee To Water

San Antonio's famed River Walk is awash in color and festivities several times a year as the city celebrates annual events along the San Antonio River. Watch out for some of these floating celebrations!

- Pride River Parade (June)
- Armed Forces River Parade (July)
- Stella Artois Drift & Dine (September)
- Rey Feo King & Reina's River Parade (September)
- Día de Muertos/Day of the Dead River Parade (October)
- Ford Holiday River Parade and Lighting Ceremony (November)
- Diwali Festival of Lights and Ford Fiesta de las Luminarias (November)
- Bud Light Mardi Gras River Parade (February)
- St. Patrick's Day River Parade (March)
- Texas Cavaliers River Parade and Ford Mariachi Festival held during Fiesta (April)



# A Real & True Way to Navigate the City

Let us help you explore some of the best ways to cruise San Antonio.

Easily accessible interstates and highways make getting to all the Alamo City sights a breeze. Staying downtown? Did you know that downtown San Antonio is walkable?

## VIA BUS ROUTES

Visitors and locals alike use **VIA Metropolitan Transit** to get around the heart of San Antonio. VIA offers riders convenient fare options. Purchase passes, tickets and Park & Ride Service fare with the VIA goMobile+ App or at any VIA Customer Service Center. Ride all day for one low price using the VIA Day Pass.

## SHUTTLES

You just landed at San Antonio International Airport, now what? SuperShuttle offers ground transportation services at San Antonio International Airport and in the surrounding areas. Make a reservation to be transported between San Antonio's major business and entertainment districts and the airport. Look for ticket counters located in baggage claim areas of Terminals A and B. (Several airport-area hotels also offer courtesy van pick-up.)

## RENTAL CARS

If you are looking to be your own tour guide, you will be happy to know that all major rental car companies operate at San Antonio International Airport. Car rental counters are located in the lobby of the new Consolidated Car Rental Facility, accessible by elevator or escalator on the Mezzanine Level in Terminal B and across the Sky Bridge.

## TAXIS

Catch a cab at the San Antonio International airport located at the outer commercial curbside at Terminal A. (Look for Airport Ground Transportation employees, wearing red shirts, for assistance.) To order a taxi for additional expeditions throughout your stay, you can call or make online reservations. If you have a smartphone, catching a ride is easy with the zTrip app.

## RIDE SHARING

Via Link is the city's on-demand ride service, operated by VIA Metropolitan Transit. Or use alternative transportation companies Lyft, Uber and Wingz. Request your ride via each respective company's smartphone app.

## PARKING

Pay stations in San Antonio are automated kiosks that accept credit and debit cards, and provide receipts. Instructions are offered in both English and Spanish assist users. Download the SAPark App for easier payment and other options.

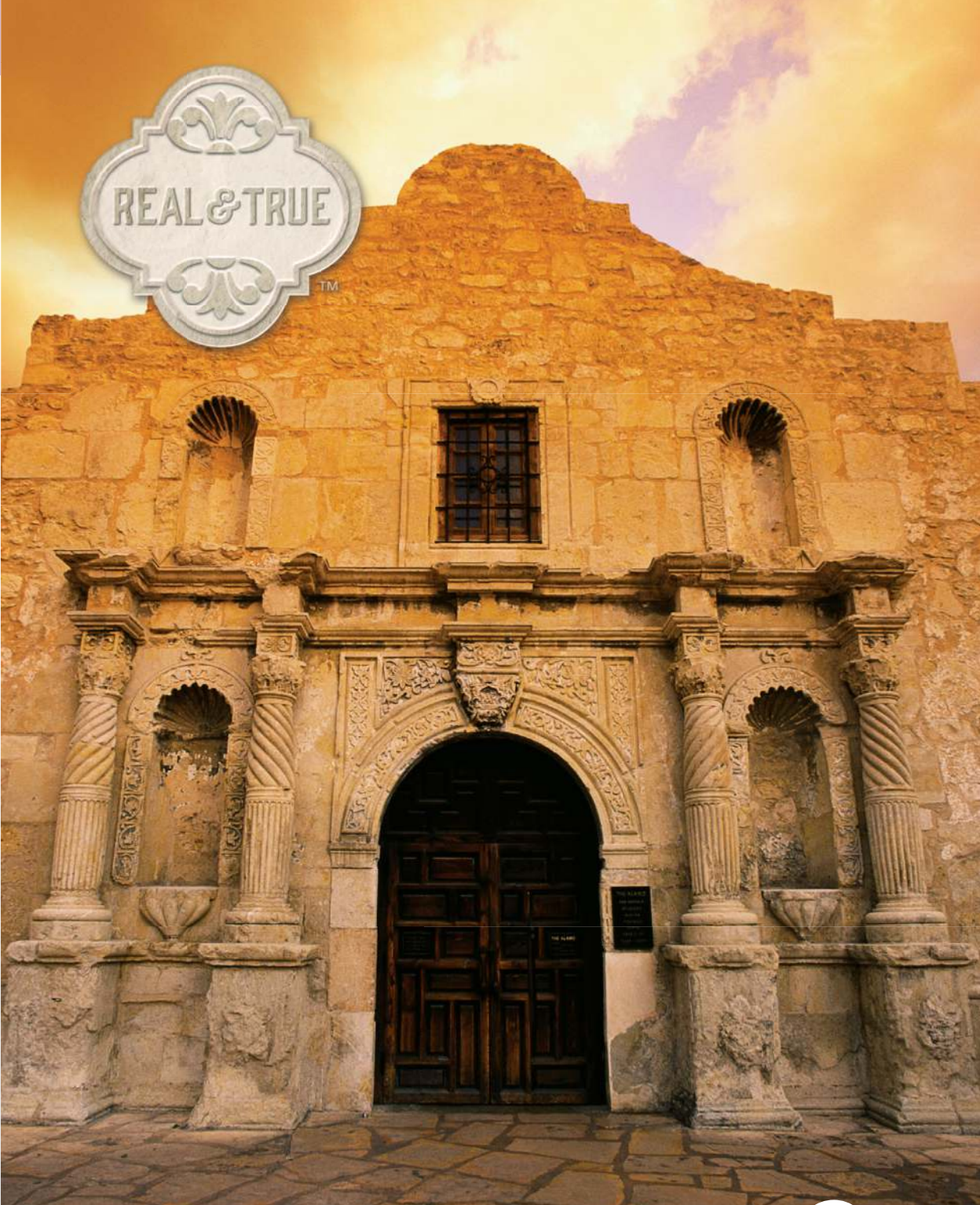
## GO RIO RIVER SHUTTLE

**GO RIO River Shuttle** service runs daily. The Shuttle runs along the River Walk from Downtown to Museum Reach. Just look for the GO RIO Shuttle signs. GO RIO eco-friendly electric river boats also offers narrated San Antonio River Walk tours, which leave every 15 minutes and also run daily.

## BIKES & SCOOTERS

Enjoy San Antonio's great weather on a pedal-assist San Antonio BCycle. Bikes are available to rent at many spots around town. Choose a day pass that allows for unlimited one-hour trips or a monthly pass if you are here for a few days. Renting electric scooters for riders 16 and older is also an option. Most scooters can be unlocked with a smartphone app and vary in cost to ride.





## REAL STORIES. TRUE EXPERIENCES.

San Antonio is a city of authenticity. Where real history and true legacy can be found. Come explore San Antonio's Missions National Historical Park, and the Alamo, our iconic landmark of Texas history. There's something exciting for everyone.

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