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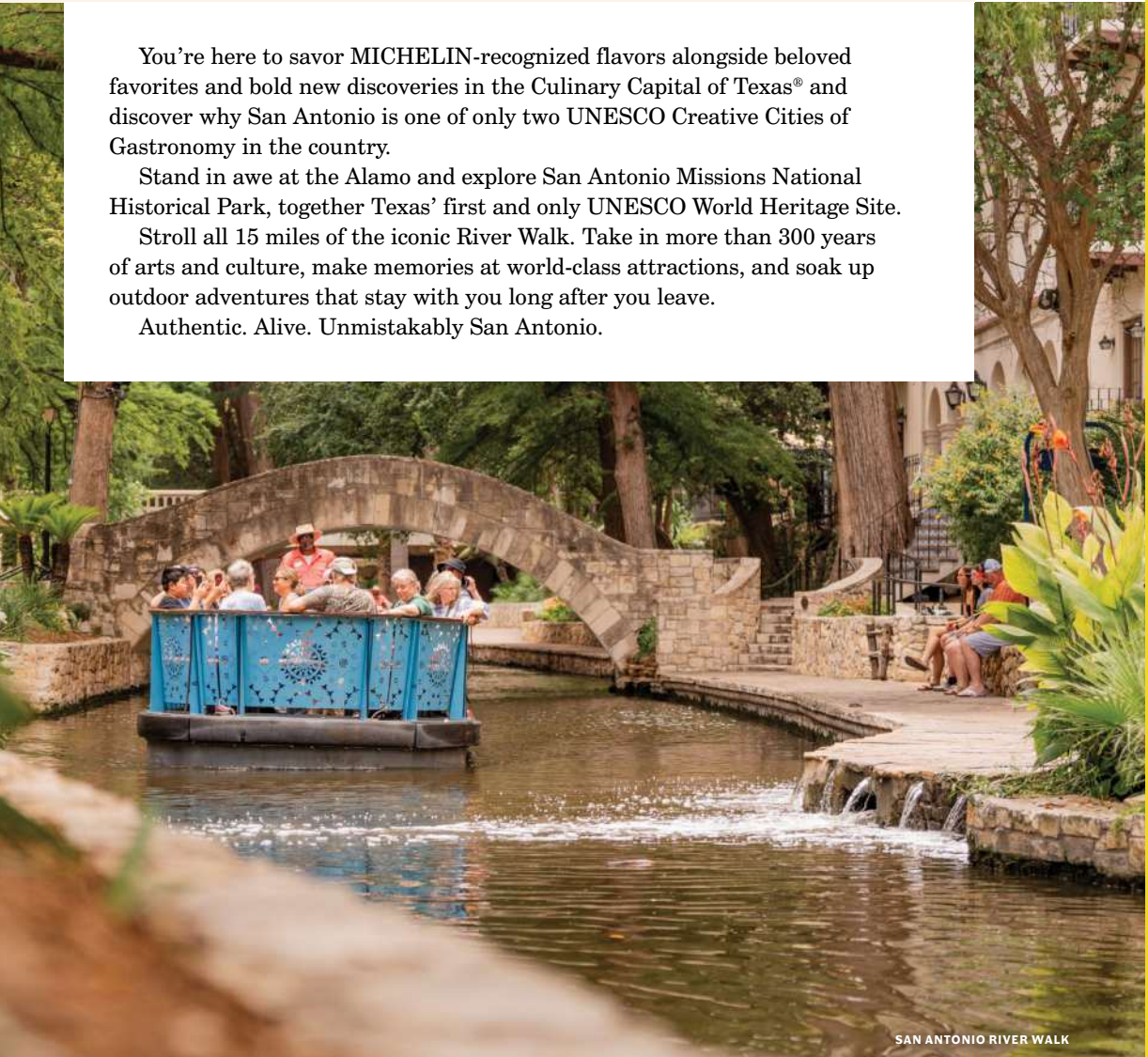
Welcome to San Antonio, Texas.

You're here to savor MICHELIN-recognized flavors alongside beloved favorites and bold new discoveries in the Culinary Capital of Texas® and discover why San Antonio is one of only two UNESCO Creative Cities of Gastronomy in the country.

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SAN ANTONIO RIVER WALK

NEW REASONS TO VISIT & NEW REASONS TO RETURN

If it's your first time in San Antonio, we can't wait for you to experience the Alamo City! But if it's been a while since your last visit, there are plenty of reasons why now is the perfect time to return.



TOP LEFT: INSTITUTE OF TEXAN CULTURES;
BOTTOM LEFT: SAN ANTONIO BOTANICAL GARDEN;
RIGHT: THE MONARCH

WILD NEW ADDITIONS TO THE SAN ANTONIO ZOO

Congo Falls at the **San Antonio Zoo**, billed as the world’s tallest, wildest, and greatest gorilla experience, marks the return of gorillas for the first time in more than 30 years. The breathtaking two-acre rainforest habitat was designed specifically for western lowland gorillas, immersing you in the heart of Central Africa.

Rising above it all is the Mays Family Silverback Peak, the tallest gorilla tower in the world at more than 70 feet, offering sweeping views across the zoo and San Antonio’s skyline.

Transformations continue with the opening of the Brewer Ocean Conservation Lab, a space dedicated to coral research, restoration, and education. The lab will showcase deep-water Texas and international coral species while offering interactive experiences that demonstrate how coral reefs are grown and restored.





CATCH ANIMAL CROSSING FUN AT SEA LIFE SAN ANTONIO

Nintendo's Animal Crossing: New Horizons Aquarium Tour swims into **SEA LIFE San Antonio** from July 30 through October 10, 2026. Throughout the aquarium, you'll spot creature facts inspired by the game, character standees, and photo opportunities on select days that bring the Animal Crossing universe to life.

SIX FLAGS FIESTA TEXAS INTRODUCES FAST LANE FOR 2026

The 2026 season brings a major update to **Six Flags Fiesta Texas** with the arrival of Fast Lane, the park's upgraded digital reservation system replacing Flash Pass. Fast Lane lets you skip regular lines and enjoy more rides and attractions with less waiting!



TAKE ON BARRACUDA STRIKE AT SEAWORLD SAN ANTONIO

SeaWorld San Antonio turns up the thrills with Barracuda Strike, the tallest inverted family coaster in North America.

Your adventure begins with a dramatic 90-foot lift hill before diving into tight turns and swooping drops at speeds up to 44 miles per hour. Inspired by the speed and agility of the barracuda, the ride delivers fast, fluid motion designed for bold first timers and seasoned thrill seekers alike.

WINGZ OF WONDER TAKES FLIGHT AT MORGAN'S WONDERLAND

Morgan's Wonderland continues to lead the way in inclusive fun with the debut of WingZ of Wonder, a first-of-its-kind tower ride. Designed with accessibility at its heart, this ride lets you soar skyward in a shared, interactive experience where riders of all abilities can feel the rush together.



RACE DOWN WASSERBAHN RACERS AT SCHLITTERBAHN

A splash-filled competition arrives at **Schlitterbahn** in 2026 with the debut of Wasserbahn Racers, a high-speed, three-lane mat racing slide built for side-by-side thrills. Start more than 37 feet in the air, then speed down a 278-foot course packed with dips and drops before a signature splashdown. A real-time stopwatch at the finish line instantly reveals the winner, giving every run bragging rights.

A NATURE PLAYSCAPE COMING TO BRACKENRIDGE PARK

Plans are moving ahead for a nearly two-acre nature playscape at **Brackenridge Park**, built for climbing, splashing, digging, and exploring.

Designed to blend into the park's natural landscape, the space will feature water elements, an acequia-inspired channel, a sliding hill, log structures, an archaeological dig area, shaded picnic spots, and open lawn space for gathering and play.



STOP IN FOR TREATS AT PARIS BAGUETTE AT THE GUNTER HOTEL

Downtown's historic **Gunter Hotel** has welcomed San Antonio's first **Paris Baguette Bakery Café**.

Stop in for flaky croissants, delicate tarts, savory bites, and expertly brewed espresso in a cozy setting that blends international flair with downtown charm.

CELEBRATE FLAVORS AT MEXICO CEATY

Mexico Ceaty, Chef Jason Dady's ambitious reimagining of the Shops at Rivercenter food court, is a vibrant 21,000-square-foot

TEST YOUR NERVES AT THE SCREAM EXPERIMENT

The Scream Experiment invites you inside the abandoned "Restful Sleep Hotel," a once-grand property now rumored to be filled with unexplained activity.

Designed to be thrilling but family-friendly, this immersive, year-round horror attraction blends high-energy scares with theme park-level storytelling and elaborate scenic design that surrounds you at every turn.

ESENCIA BRINGS A NEW CULINARY CHAPTER TO THE ST. ANTHONY

Inside the historic **St. Anthony Hotel**, **Esencia** brings Chef Leo Davila's influences of Chinese and Mexican heritage with the bold flavors of modern San Antonio.

Dine on prime Texas beef, Gulf seafood, wild game, and heirloom vegetables transformed into inventive dishes that reflect the city's layered cultural story. Spanish, Mexican, and Asian influences weave together across the menu, creating plates that feel rooted in tradition yet distinctly forward-thinking.



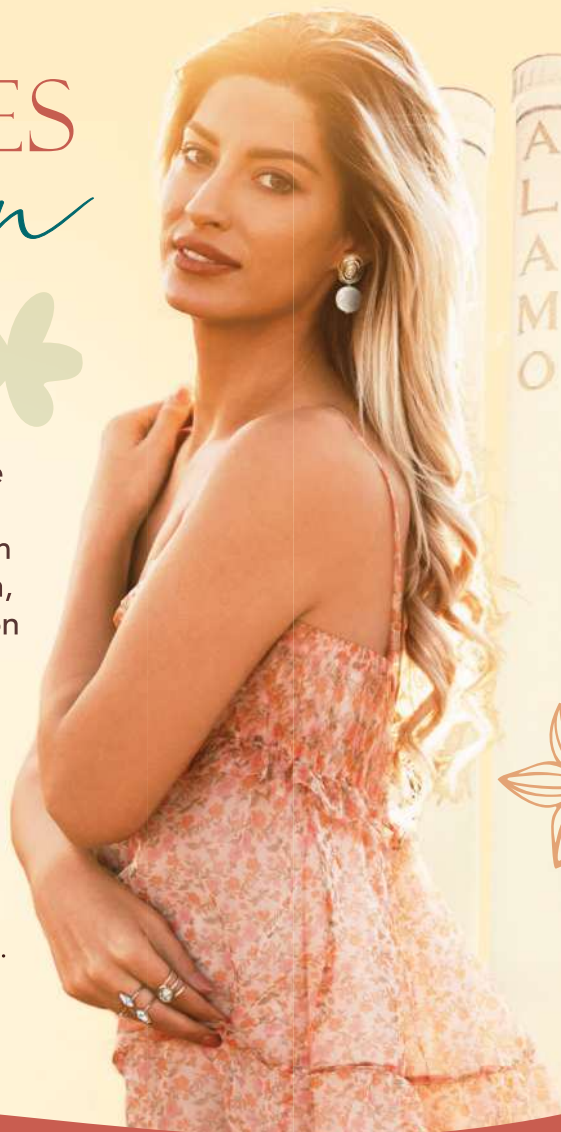
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Regal 16-Plex Cinemas

celebration of Mexican and Tex-Mex flavors.

Bringing together full-service restaurants, late-night bars, grab-and-go stalls, and retail under one roof, the space features eateries like **Tres Arcos**, a sit-down Tex-Mex restaurant, and **Dos Cantinas**, a 300-seat bar overlooking the River Walk with live music and weekend energy.

Tucked inside, **El Último** offers a speakeasy-style agave tasting experience, while **Dulce & Aroma** tempts guests with pan dulce, churros, breakfast tacos, and carajillos on tap.

Wander through the central plaza and you'll discover a tortillería, ceviche bar, frutería, Baja-style burrito stand, and a mercado stocked with artisan goods and local flavor.

DISCOVER HONKY-TONK ENERGY AT THE ROWDY SPUR

The Rowdy Spur brings honky-tonk energy to downtown with live country, Americana, and rock 'n' roll music seven nights a week, paired with Texas comfort food and classic whiskey bar vibes. Inside, keep the night going at The Karaoke Corral, a recording-studio-style sing-along space, or unwind in The Hideout, a laid-back whiskey and cigar lounge featuring poker, slots, and pool tables.



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ENJOY SPOOKY FUN AT PARADISE UNKNOWN

Coming soon, **Paradise Unknown** puts a mysterious spin on the classic island cocktail bar with lush tropical drinks, an over-the-top immersive design, and just the right amount of eerie flair.

THE INSTITUTE OF TEXAN CULTURES REOPENS DOWNTOWN

The **Institute of Texan Cultures** has reopened in a new downtown home on Houston Street, and it's not the same museum you may remember.

The redesigned space invites you to explore Texas stories through immersive galleries, interactive displays, and multimedia experiences that bring the state's diverse cultures to life. Step inside *Common Threads*, where home, heritage, arts, and community celebrations unfold through panoramic visuals and hands-on discovery stations.

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SNAP A PHOTO WITH THE CONCHA BIKE AT ALAMO BISCUIT CO.

At **Alamo Biscuit Co.**, a larger-than-life bicycle sculpture designed by San Antonio artist Nicholas Monroe features colorful concha pastries as wheels and invites you to hop on and strike a pose.

OTHERWILD BLOOMS AT THE SAN ANTONIO BOTANICAL GARDEN

On view through July 7, 2026, the **San Antonio Botanical Garden** transforms into a dreamlike landscape with *Otherwild*, an immersive art exhibit by internationally recognized artist Patrick Shearn and his studio Poetic Kinetics.

The experience unfolds in two installations. *Flora Borealis* floats above the Garden in a custom Skynet creation that moves with the breeze, mimicking the flowing motion of birds and fish. Below, *Enchanted Trees* introduces a sculptural grove of imaginary tree species, each crafted from materials that shift, reflect, and dance in the sunlight.



CELEBRATE THE WITTE MUSEUM'S 100TH BIRTHDAY YEAR

The Witte Museum celebrates its 100th birthday with a lineup of special exhibitions and experiences that invite you to explore nature, science, and Texas culture in fresh ways.

Highlights include special exhibitions like:

- **The Steves Family: Building San Antonio** | On view through June 21, 2026
- **Robot Zoo** | On view through August 16, 2026
- **The Witte Museum: 100 Years** | On view through January 9, 2027
- **Pterosaurs: Flight in the Age of Dinosaurs** | On view May 30, 2026 – September 7, 2027

- **Adventures in Texas Deep Time |**

On view July 18, 2026 – March 14, 2027

Throughout the year, the museum will also host community events, family activities, and a birthday weekend celebration

October 9–11, 2026 that honors a century of curiosity and discovery.

EXPLORE UNTITLED: 20 YEARS OF COLLECTING CONTEMPORARY ART AT THE MCNAY

See what two decades of bold collecting looks like at the **McNay Art Museum** in **Untitled: 20 Years of Collecting Contemporary Art**, on view through September 6, 2026. This exhibition brings together more than 100 works spanning painting, sculpture, photography, video, and immersive installations.

LOOK TO THE STARS AT UJUĀLNĀN (GRAND SKY) AT PEARSALL PARK

A new large-scale art installation has turned Pearsall Park into a place where culture and cosmos collide. **Ujuālnān (Grand Sky)**, created by San Antonio artist Doroteo Garza, maps our solar system at an approximate 1:11 billion scale, inviting you to walk among the planets.



SEE EASTSIDE PRIDE COME TO LIFE ON NOLAN STREET

Stretching more than 600 feet along the Nolan Street underpass, **Heirlooms: Eastside Pride** transforms everyday infrastructure into a bold celebration of community and culture. Created by San Antonio artist Kaldric Dow, the mural honors the vibrancy, resilience, and self-expression that defined the Civil Rights era on the Eastside.





THE MONARCH SAN ANTONIO & LA MARIPOSA HAVE ARRIVED

Located in the reimagined **Hemisfair** District, **The Monarch San Antonio** rises 17 stories above the city as a luxury hotel inspired by the monarch butterflies that migrate through the region each year.

Dining adds even more reason to linger with four distinct concepts led by Executive Chef Jae H. Lee, whose experience spans MICHELIN-starred kitchens across the country. At lobby level, **Oak & Amber** features fire-driven cooking with bold Texas influences, while **Aleteo** pairs rooftop views with vibrant Yucatán-inspired flavors. The **Nectarie Café** offers French-inspired pastries and globally influenced dishes in a relaxed daytime setting, and the lobby bar serves craft cocktails with a caviar-forward happy hour.

At the base of the hotel, La Mariposa, a striking three-winged sculptural pavilion, is set to become one of downtown's most photographed landmarks.

THE HISTORIC EL TROPICANO COMES BACK TO LIFE AS SÍTIO

Coming fall 2026, the iconic El Tropicano, the first hotel on the River Walk, returns to downtown San Antonio as **Sítio**, reimagined with a lush, botanic redesign and immersive guest experiences. Blending its mid-century roots with a fresh vision for modern travelers, Sítio promises a distinctive stay.

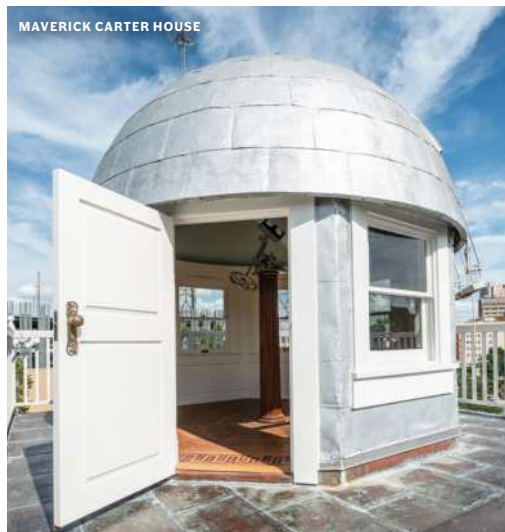
MORGAN'S HOTEL™ RAISES THE BAR FOR INCLUSIVE TRAVEL

Opening in 2026 near Morgan's Wonderland, **Morgan's Hotel™** is redefining what it means to feel truly welcome when you travel.

Designed as an Ultra-Accommodating™ hotel, this property will go beyond standard accessibility requirements with spacious guest rooms, wider hallways, barrier-free layouts, and thoughtfully designed common areas that allow for independent movement.

TAKE A TOUR AT MAVERICK CARTER HOUSE

The **Maverick Carter House**, built in 1893 along the original path of the San Antonio



River, is now open for self-guided tours. Guided and group tours are available by appointment.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the 23-room home was designed by renowned architect Alfred Giles and showcases striking Richardsonian Romanesque details, including rusticated stone walls, arched windows, a rounded tower, and a slate roof.

THE ALAMO'S EVOLUTION CONTINUES

Historic preservation meets forward momentum at **The Alamo**, where major enhancements are reshaping the visitor experience and creating a more welcoming journey through Texas history.

The newly opened Alamo Promenade transforms a former street into a pedestrian-friendly gateway lined with statues honoring key historical figures and shaded seating areas. Nearby, the Texas Cavaliers Education Center

expands hands-on learning opportunities for students and visitors, while Plaza de Valero offers space to relax or catch a performance.

Looking ahead, Paseo del Alamo will connect the Alamo directly to the River Walk, creating a seamless pathway between two of the city's most visited landmarks. Preservation of the historic Alamo Church continues, and the highly anticipated Alamo Visitor Center and Museum, opening in 2028, will introduce state-of-the-art exhibits and expanded storytelling.

COME SEE WHAT'S NEXT IN SAN ANTONIO

No matter how many times you visit, no two trips to San Antonio are ever the same. New flavors, new thrills, and new reasons to stay out later and explore farther keep the city raising the bar. Book your trip and discover what's next.



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SeaWorld San Antonio combines high-thrill coasters with unforgettable animal encounters for a full day of adventure. The new Barracuda Strike, the Tallest Inverted Family Coaster in North America, makes waves as Texas' first inverted family coaster, adding a smooth, soaring ride designed for all ages. Seasonal celebrations throughout the year bring fresh energy to every visit, from Halloween fun to festive holiday lights.

Aquatica San Antonio turns up the splash factor with twisting slides, wave pools, and even a Stingray Encounter for an up-close marine moment.

SIX FLAGS FIESTA TEXAS

Six Flags Fiesta Texas delivers heart-pounding coasters and nonstop thrills set against its dramatic quarry wall backdrop.

The park features the largest DC Universe-themed area of any amusement park in the country, where you can soar on superhero-inspired rides and step inside action-packed comic-book worlds. Seasonal events throughout the year transform the park with themed entertainment, lights, live performances, and the largest 360-degree Fourth of July and New Year's Eve fireworks displays in South Texas.

When it's time to cool off, **Hurricane Harbor** delivers water slides at rapid speeds, wave pools, and splash zones that turn up the summer fun.



SCHLITTERBAHN WATERPARK & RESORT

Schlitterbahn New Braunfels spans four massive sections and delivers an incredible lineup of river rides, tube chutes, water coasters, and splash-filled adventures that range from laid-back floats to adrenaline-pumping thrills.

If traveling with children, check out Schatze's Storybrook Park area where storybook magic comes to life with a puppy-themed twist. Home to the world's first water coaster designed for kids, plus slides, interactive water features, splash zones, and a 1,200-gallon tipping bucket, this area turns classic fairy tales into splashy "fairy tails" full of nonstop fun.



MORGAN'S WONDERLAND

Morgan's Wonderland is the world's first ultra-accessible theme park, thoughtfully designed so guests of all abilities can experience the fun together. Designed for children ages 2-12, colorful rides, interactive attractions, and wide-open spaces were all built with inclusion in mind. And, a new ride is coming soon! WingZ is set to take flight, adding another uplifting experience to the lineup.

Next door, **Morgan's Inspiration Island** brings splash-filled adventure with accessible water play areas designed for comfort, joy, and shared experiences. Together, these parks offer an incredible destination where fun truly has no limits.

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From speedy thrills to mind-bending adventures, San Antonio attractions bring the action. Find even more ways to play at visitsanantonio.com/attractions.

PLAY, COMPETE & LEVEL UP

Arcade battles, giant screens, and lively dining scenes set the tone at **Dave & Buster's**, with locations at the **Shops at Rivercenter** and **Crossroads**.

At **Pinstack** in **Park North** and **North RIM**, bowling lanes, high-tech games, and elevated eats turn friendly rivalry into a full night out. **Andretti Indoor Karting & Games** raises the stakes with high-speed electric racing and immersive simulators built for bragging rights.



At **Topgolf**, climate-controlled bays, music, and interactive scoring make every swing competitive, while **PopStroke** delivers creatively designed putting courses inspired by championship golf in a relaxed, social setting. **Holey Moley** brings bold visuals and themed holes to mini golf with plenty of personality.

Pickleball takes center stage at **Texas Pickle Hall**, where fast-paced matches meet social energy, and **Outlaw Pickle** is set to add even more momentum with a new sport-meets-social concept coming soon.

SAN ANTONIO IS TOTALLY WILD!

Wild moments await across San Antonio, from lush habitats to open-range safaris. At the **San Antonio Zoo**, more than 9,000 animals live in thoughtfully designed spaces, including the striking Congo Falls gorilla habitat, and daily opportunities to connect with wildlife up close.

SEA LIFE San Antonio brings the ocean indoors with walk-through tunnels surrounded by sharks and rays, interactive touch pools, and vibrant reef displays that reveal life beneath the surface.



AMAZING MIRROR MAZE ESCAPE



AQUATICA

For a true Texas-style safari, **Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch** lets you drive through rolling landscapes where giraffes, zebras, and exotic species roam freely, often greeting guests right at their car window.

Did you know that **SeaWorld San Antonio** is North America's largest marine-life theme park, offering 24 animal experiences and eight live animal presentations and parades that bring you face-to-face with incredible ocean species? Just next door, **Aquatica** is the only water park in Texas where you can experience stingray encounters and wade with rays, adding a splash of adventure to your day in the sun.

BRAIN TEASERS & BREAKOUT ADVENTURES

Put your teamwork to the test at **Extreme Escape**, with locations in **Stone Oak** and at **Colonnade**, where you'll crack codes, solve puzzles, and race the clock through clever, story-driven rooms.

For a different kind of twist, **The Amazing Mirror Maze Escape** turns navigation into a mind-bender with dazzling reflections and surprise turns. **Axe Escape** rounds out the adventure with high-energy axe throwing that rewards focus, aim, and a little confidence.



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FAMILY-FUN EXPLORING

Curiosity takes center stage at **The DoSeum**, San Antonio's hands-on children's museum where interactive STEAM exhibits, creative play spaces, and outdoor exploration areas turn learning into action.

At **LEGOLAND Discovery Center** inside the **Shops at Rivercenter**, rides, a 4D cinema, and MINILAND San Antonio built from millions of LEGO® bricks invite young builders to dive into colorful imagination. Just steps away, **Liggettville Adventure Center** brings the action indoors with a multi-level Sky Trail® ropes course, zip rails soaring up to 35 feet high, Clip 'n



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Water science comes to life at the **Edwards Aquifer Authority Education Outreach Center**, where interactive exhibits make discovering Texas' vital water source both engaging and accessible.

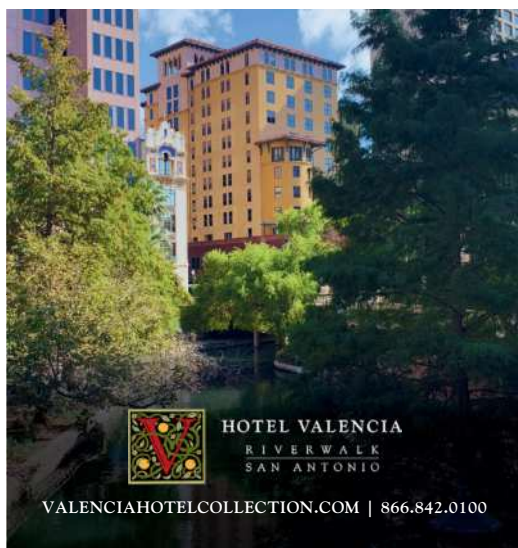


IMMERSIVE & MAGICAL EXPERIENCES

Step beyond the ordinary with experiences that blur the line between reality and imagination. **Titanic: A Voyage Through Time – A VR Experience**, presented by **Fever Hub**, transports you back to 1912 through powerful virtual storytelling aboard the legendary ship.

Zero Latency VR takes things further with free-roam, multiplayer adventures that drop you directly into expansive digital worlds.

Step into the **Magic Saloon** for an evening where world-class sleight of hand, storytelling, and theatrical flair collide, while **The Scream Experiment** invites you to check into the eerie “Restful Sleep Hotel,” where cinematic storytelling and high-energy scares unfold year-round.





◆ Shop the Alamo City

Shopping in San Antonio reflects the city's culture, creativity, and local flair. Explore even more shopping spots at visitsanantonio.com/shopping.

CULTURAL MARKETS AND LOCAL MAKERS

Historic Market Square, the largest Mexican market in the U.S., is filled with colorful shops, handcrafted goods, and vibrant energy. Browse **Plaza Taxco** for timeless silver jewelry inspired by Mexican artistry, and on weekends enjoy live music and food vendors that bring the plaza to life.

You'll also find a **Plaza Taxco** location at **La Villita Historic Arts Village**, a charming collection of artisan boutiques set within one of San Antonio's oldest neighborhoods. Browse handcrafted art, jewelry, and specialty shops like **Scentschips**, where you can create your own custom fragrance. While you're there, you can also stop by **Yolix Luna Fine Art**, a boutique gallery featuring vibrant paintings that celebrate Mexican heritage, tradition, and storytelling through bold color and expressive detail.

Pearl's walkable district pairs stylish boutiques with local makers and specialty shops in a lively riverside setting that makes it easy to spend the day. Just steps away, **Pullman Market** brings together culinary finds, specialty goods, and curated retail under one roof.

For a truly unique souvenir, visit **Garcia Art Glass** to watch glassblowing in action and shop handcrafted pieces made right in San Antonio. Just around the corner, the **Guadalupe Latino Bookstore & Gift**



Shop near the **Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center** celebrates Latino authors, artists, and traditions through books, art, and meaningful gifts.

DOWNTOWN AND DESTINATION SHOPPING

Located along the **River Walk**, the **Shops at Rivercenter** downtown mall features popular retailers, dining favorites like **Alamo Biscuit Co.**, and family fun like **SEA LIFE**, **LEGOLAND Discovery Center** and more all in one spot.

And nearby you can shop **Mercado Rita's** for unique, authentic Mexican finds including souvenirs, fashion, and authentic art pieces.

And, for a favorite stop for musicians and music lovers alike, **Alamo Music Center** is a legendary local shop that offers instruments, gear, and music memorabilia.



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Just north of San Antonio, the **San Marcos Premium Outlets** is home to hundreds of designers and brand-name stores with deals worth the trip.

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LA CANTERA GOLF CLUB

it offers premier golf for resort guests with scenic fairways, strategic layouts, and access to full resort amenities.

La Cantera Golf Club delivers dramatic elevation changes and sweeping Hill Country views just minutes from major attractions. Its resort course layout blends challenge and scenery, making it a favorite for both casual players and serious golfers.

The Quarry Golf Course offers one of the most unique rounds in Texas, with holes carved through an old limestone quarry. The striking terrain and city views create a memorable golf experience unlike any other in San Antonio.

Hyatt Hill Country Golf Club at Hyatt Hill Country Resort & Spa features a relaxed resort-style course inspired by classic Texas layouts. Wide fairways, native landscaping, and a peaceful setting make it an enjoyable option for golfers of all skill levels.

◆ Carefree Relaxation in San Antonio

San Antonio offers an impressive collection of luxury spas and wellness retreats. Start with these options, then discover more at visitsanantonio.com/wellness.

- 1 **Mokara Spa:** The city's only Forbes Four-Star Hotel & Spa features an extensive menu of massages, facials, body treatments, and salon services.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS

Cheering on the San Antonio Spurs is a must for sports fans visiting the city. Catch NBA action at the **Frost Bank Center** and experience the pride, passion, and championship legacy that make Spurs games unforgettable.



SAN ANTONIO SPURS AT FROST BANK CENTER

at visitsanantonio.com/sports.

TPC San Antonio at JW Marriott features two championship golf courses, the Oaks and Canyons, with the Oaks Course hosting the PGA TOUR's **Valero Texas Open**. Nestled in the Texas Hill Country,

VALERO ALAMO BOWL

Held each December, this game brings top college football teams to San Antonio for one of the season's most anticipated matchups. The game, plus a week of fan events, creates a high-energy atmosphere that takes over the city.



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2 Loma de Vida Spa at Signia by Hilton La Cantera: With sweeping Hill Country views, this secluded sanctuary pairs traditional treatments with indigenous-inspired experiences and wellness classes like yoga and meditation.

3 Windflower Spa at Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort & Villas: Massages, facials, and body treatments reflect the natural beauty of its Hill Country setting amid 300 acres of meadows and wildflowers.

4 Lantana Spa at JW Marriott San Antonio: Curanderos-inspired rituals blend with holistic therapeutic practices in treatments designed to restore balance.

5 The Spa at Hotel Contessa: A newly renovated retreat focused on transformational wellness, offering treatments that soothe stress and promote harmony.

6 The Spa at Thompson San Antonio: This full-service luxury spa features a eucalyptus steam room, sauna, relaxation areas, and exclusive pool deck access.

7 Plaza San Antonio Hotel & Spa: Housed in two restored 19th-century homes, this intimate spa offers treatment rooms within a peaceful garden setting.



◆ Outdoor Adventures and Sunshine

Fresh air and open spaces are easy to find in San Antonio. Discover even more outdoor experiences at visitsanantonio.com/outdoors.

The **Japanese Tea Garden** blends stone walkways, koi ponds, and lush greenery into one of the city's most photographed spots. Shaded pathways create a peaceful escape just minutes from downtown.

Hemisfair brings together open green space, public art, and downtown energy in one vibrant park. The nearby **Tower of the Americas** rises above it all, offering panoramic views of the city's skyline.

Natural Bridge Caverns invites you underground where the temperature stays 70 degrees year-round to explore massive limestone caverns formed over thousands of years. Guided tours reveal towering formations and dramatic chambers unlike anything else in the region.



ST. PAUL SQUARE

Just east of downtown, **St. Paul Square** blends historic charm with modern energy in one walkable district. Once a thriving railroad hub and thriving mixed-race community, today it's a lively destination of restored buildings, Victorian-era architecture, restaurants, bars, coffee shops, boutiques, live music, and regular events that bring history and contemporary culture together.

WHERE SAN ANTONIO COMES TOGETHER



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BRACKENRIDGE PARK



CONFLUENCE PARK

The **San Antonio Botanical Garden** spans acres of themed gardens, native plants, and seasonal displays. Walking paths wind through diverse landscapes that showcase the beauty of South Texas.

Brackenridge Park stretches along the river with trails, picnic areas, and historic charm woven throughout its expansive grounds. It's a favorite place for biking, walking, and enjoying the outdoors near the city center. The **Brackenridge Park Conservancy** works alongside the City of San Antonio to preserve, enhance, and advocate for the park's natural beauty and historic treasures, ensuring this beloved green space thrives for future generations.

Phil Hardberger Park features miles of trails and open natural space designed to connect people with nature. The **Robert L.B. Tobin Land Bridge** stands as a striking centerpiece, allowing visitors and wildlife to move seamlessly across the park.

Travis Park offers a welcoming green space

right in the heart of downtown. Shaded seating and frequent community events make it an easy stop while exploring nearby attractions.

Confluence Park showcases awe-inspiring architectural design alongside river access and native landscaping. It's both a gathering space and an educational hub highlighting the importance of water and sustainability. The **San Antonio River Foundation** works to enhance public spaces along the river like Confluence Park and promotes stewardship of this vital natural resource.

Roosevelt Park provides wide-open lawns, walking trails, and access to the **Mission Reach** of the River Walk. The **San Antonio River Authority** helps protect and preserve the river system that connects these scenic outdoor spaces.

The **San Antonio Parks Foundation** supports enhancements and programming in many parks across the city, helping these beloved green spaces continue to thrive for visitors and locals alike.

THE ROCK AT LA CANTERA

A bold new destination in San Antonio's **La Cantera District**, The Rock at La Cantera brings together community, entertainment, dining, and events around a stunning outdoor plaza and performance center. Catch Spurs watch parties and live events on Frost Plaza's big screen, enjoy family-friendly activities including a splash pad and seasonal programming, and savor meals at chef-driven spots like Roca & Martillo by Jason Dady.



THE ROCK AT LA CANTERA

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Smart, simple ways to explore San Antonio from downtown to beyond.

E-GO Ride: An all-electric transportation company offering micro-shuttles in downtown and other densely populated areas. Their eco-friendly fleet also supports mobile advertising and custom transportation solutions.

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Getz Transportation: Delivers turnkey event transportation solutions, from seamless airport transfers to coordinating hundreds of vehicles for large-scale programs.

GO RIO River Shuttle: A relaxing way to travel along the San Antonio River Walk from downtown to the Museum Reach. Shuttles run daily from 12 PM to 8 PM most of the year, with boats arriving about every 60 minutes and convenient hop-on, hop-off passes available for one day or multiple days.

The Local SATX: Offers free, eco-friendly electric rides throughout downtown, connecting visitors to key attractions, hotels, and transit hubs with convenient last-mile service.

Old Town Trolley Tours: Provides a convenient hop-on, hop-off experience that doubles as both sightseeing and transportation, making it easy to explore San Antonio's top attractions.

Slingshot Rentals of San Antonio:

Explore San Antonio behind the wheel of a three-wheeled Polaris Slingshot for a bold, open-air ride.

SpotHero: Simplify your parking plans with this user-friendly platform that allows you to find and reserve parking spots in advance.

Veo: Offers both standing and seated electric scooters throughout San Antonio, explore the city on your own schedule.

VIA Metropolitan Transit: San Antonio's public bus system makes getting around the city simple and affordable. VIA Link adds extra flexibility with an app-based, on-demand rideshare service operating in six zones across San Antonio.

SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (SAT)

Just minutes from downtown, San Antonio International Airport connects travelers to top destinations across the U.S., Mexico, and beyond. New in 2026, Air Canada's nonstop service to Toronto Pearson opens the door to global connections through one of the world's leading airline hubs. An easy layout, convenient ground transportation, and a growing list of nonstop routes make SAT a stress-free start to your Alamo City adventure.

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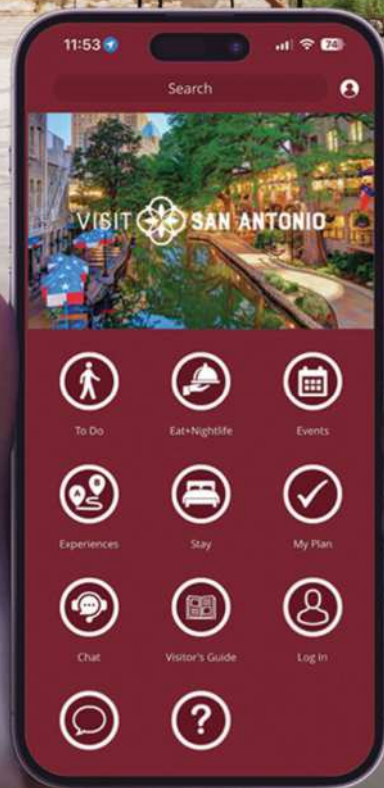


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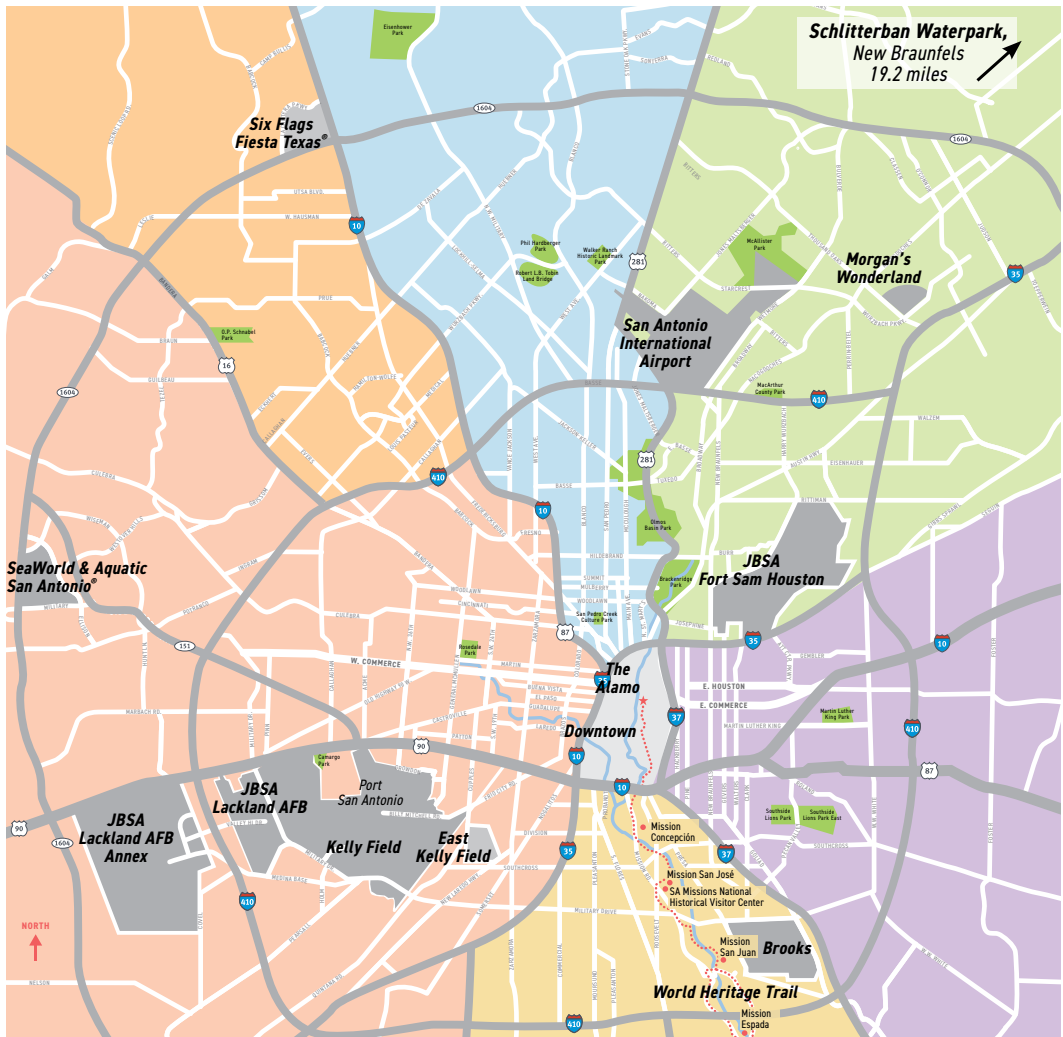


SAN ANTONIO AREA MAPS

Points of Interest and Landmarks.

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

Aerovino, Amigo Walking Tours, Gray Line Tours, GO RIO River Cruise, MOV EXP, Mural Ride Bike Tours, Old Town Trolley Tours, SA Flight Inc, San Antonio African American Community Archive and Museum Black History River Tours, San Antonio Black History Tours, SiDECARS SA, Sisters Grimm Ghost Tours, Star Shuttle & Charter, and Yanaguana Mission Heritage Tours among others.







▶ DOWNTOWN & RIVER WALK

POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Alamo
- 2 Alamodome
- 3 Aztec Theatre
- 4 Blue Star Arts Complex
- 5 Central Library
- 6 Centro de Artes Gallery
- 7 Culture Commons Gallery
- 8 Garcia Art Glass
- 9 Hemisfair
- 10 Historic Market Square
- 11 Hopscotch
- 12 Instituto Cultural de México
- 13 La Villita Historic Arts Village
- 14 LEGOLAND Discovery Center
- 15 Main Plaza/
San Fernando Cathedral
- 16 Majestic/Empire Theatres
- 17 Maverick Carter House
- 18 Old Town Trolley Tours
San Antonio
- 19 River Walk
- 19a River Walk Public Art Garden
- 20 Ruby City
- 21 San Antonio African American
Community Archive & Museum
- 22 San Antonio Fire Museum
- 23 San Antonio Museum of Art
- 24 San Pedro Creek
Culture Park
- 25 Shops at Rivercenter
- 26 Southtown Arts District
- 27 Spanish Governor's Palace
- 28 The Buckhorn Saloon & Museum/
The Texas Ranger Museum
- 29 The Henry B. González
Convention Center
- 30 Tobin Center
for the Performing Arts
- 31 Tower of the Americas
- 32 VFW Post 76
- 33 Yanaguana Garden
at Hemisfair

A AC Marriott & Element Westin San Antonio Riverwalk

<https://www.multipad.marriott.com/san-antonio-riverwalk-1watson/>
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B Fever Hub San Antonio

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Fever Hub San Antonio | Immersive Experience Center brings legendary stories, culture, and exploration to audiences everywhere using groundbreaking VR technology. Travel to Machu Picchu, board the Titanic, and more, just steps away from the Alamo at the Shops at Rivercenter. Uniquely defined by its interactive design, visitors can not only witness history but actively participate in it!

C The Guenther House

[Guentherhouse.com](https://guentherhouse.com)
(210) 227-1061

History has never tasted so good! Celebrating 175 years, The Guenther House brings American classics to San Antonio with delicious breakfast and lunch items! Our specialties are made fresh daily featuring our very own milled flour. Try our time-honored buttermilk biscuits, country sausage gravy, Sweet Cream Pancakes and Waffles. And don't forget the delightful strudels, amazing cinnamon rolls and our own Founders Choice Coffee! Shopping in our store for unique gift ideas and touring the museum is a great San Antonio experience.

D Paesanos Riverwalk

[PaesanosRiverWalk.com](https://paesanosriverwalk.com)
(210) 227-2782

Paesanos River Walk blends old-world charm with a fresh, inviting energy. Tucked into a scenic bend of the San Antonio River Walk, it's a favorite destination for both locals and visitors seeking an authentic Italian dining experience. Signature dishes like the legendary Shrimp Paesano highlight a menu of classic Italian favorites paired with a thoughtfully curated wine list. With its warm atmosphere and vibrant flavors, Paesanos delivers a true taste of "buon appetito" along the river.

E Hotel Valencia Riverwalk

hotelvalencia-riverwalk.com
(855) 596-3387

Elevate your San Antonio escape at Hotel Valencia Riverwalk, where timeless architecture, refined service, and elevated design converge in the heart of the city. Overlooking the iconic River Walk, this award-winning boutique hotel blends Spanish colonial warmth with sleek modern luxury. Indulge in curated experiences from sophisticated Argentine-inspired dining at Dorrego's to artisan cocktails at Naranja Tequila and Mezcal Bar, all just steps from San Antonio's premier shopping, culture, and nightlife.

F The County Line BBQ

https://www.countyline.com/river_walk_san_antonio_tx/
(210) 229-1941

On the historic River Walk. The County Line is a great place to enjoy a plate of legendary Texas bar-b-q and an ice cold drink. Featuring an awesome river side patio and open-air bar. Also offering private party areas and barges.

See a more detailed map of the River Walk area on the next page.



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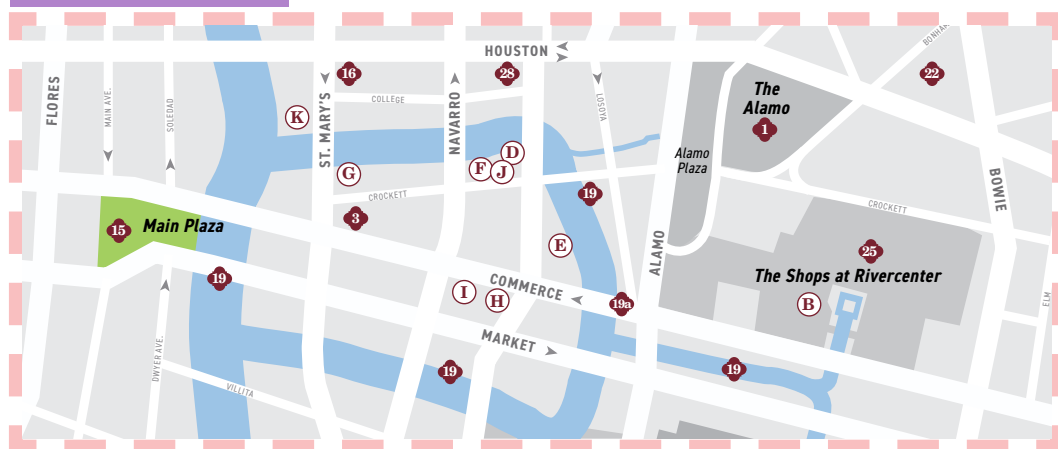
PAESANOS RIVERWALK



VALENCIA HOTEL COLLECTION



RIVER WALK DETAIL



▲ DOWNTOWN & RIVER WALK

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POINTS OF INTEREST

17 **Maverick Carter House**
MaverickCarterHouse.org
 (210) 226-1715
 The 1893 Victorian Maverick Carter House is open to the public as a home museum and cultural destination. The home's 23 rooms retain their original furnishings plus a chapel and rooftop observatory. Tours and events are booked online at maverickcarterhouse.org or for info, call (210) 226-1715. Located at 119 Taylor Street.

28 **The Buckhorn Saloon and Museum & Texas Ranger Museum**
BuckhornMuseum.com
 (210) 247-4000
 The Buckhorn Saloon & Museum and Texas Ranger Museum delivers a wild-western adventure—historic saloon, exotic wildlife, legendary lawmen, and unforgettable curiosities under one roof. Saddle up, while you sip, shop, dine & discover this unexpected Texas treasure.

31 **Tower of the Americas**
ToweroftheAmericas.com
 (210) 223-3101
 Located in downtown, the 750-foot-tall Tower of the Americas provides the most spectacular view of the Alamo City. Enjoy the gorgeous panorama from the Tower's revolving Chart House Restaurant, take in the scenery from the Observation Deck, or experience the thrilling 4D Theater Ride.

G **GO RIO Cruises**
GORIOcruises.com
 (210) 227-4746
 See why the river is the heartbeat of San Antonio with GO RIO River Cruises. Step aboard our colorful barges and enjoy a guided journey through the city's vibrant culture, storied history, and bold future.

H **Casa Rio**
Casario.com
 (210) 225-6718
 Dine along the river at Casa Rio, the birthplace of River Walk dining since 1946. Colorful umbrellas, Tex-Mex classics, and mariachi spirit create an unforgettable San Antonio experience rooted in tradition, celebration, and timeless hospitality.

I **Schilo's**
Schilos.com
 (210) 223-6692
 Step into Schilo's, a San Antonio institution serving hearty German-Texan fare since 1917. Famous for root beer, schnitzel, and split pea soup, it's a welcoming downtown staple blending old-world charm with everyday comfort.

J **Howl at the Moon San Antonio**
Howlatthemoon.com/san-antonio
 (210) 212-4770
 Howl at the Moon delivers an unforgettable nightlife experience with live music, nonstop dancing, and high-energy entertainment. Sing along to today's hits and party favorites while our musicians keep the crowd engaged. Perfect for nights out, celebrations, and private events!



K **Courtyard by Marriott San Antonio Riverwalk**
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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
- 8 Padre Margil Pilgrimage Center
- 9 World Heritage Center

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.







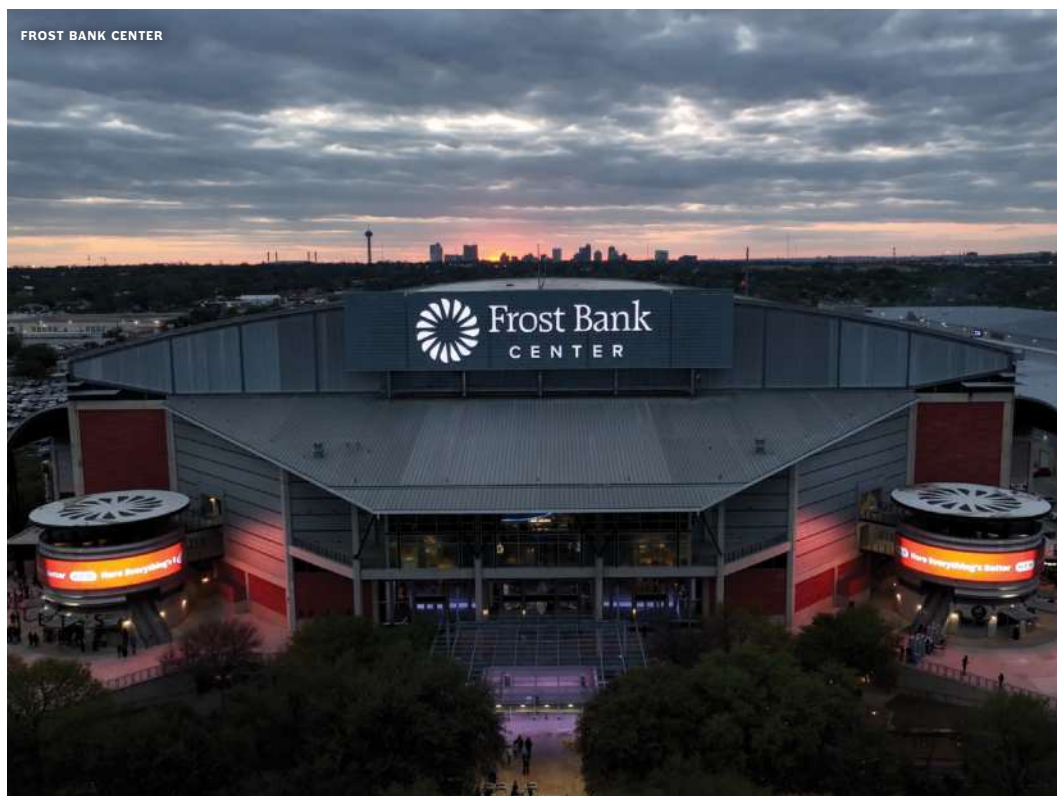
◀ EASTSIDE

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
- 10 **Frost Bank Center**
www.FrostBankCenter.com
 (210) 444-5140

The premier entertainment venue in South Texas, Frost Bank Center is home to the San Antonio Spurs (NBA) and the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo. The Bexar County-owned arena has also hosted hundreds of concerts and special events since opening in 2002 and underwent a \$110+ million renovation in 2015 to enhance the fan experience at all levels. For more information, visit FrostBankCenter.com.

FROST BANK CENTER





NORTHEAST/ AIRPORT

POINTS OF INTEREST

- 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 Zoo
- 9 The Strip (LGBTQ+ nightlife)
- 10 The Witte Museum

6 PINSTACK

San Antonio – Park North

pinstackbowl.com

(726) 999-2800

Indoor fun for all ages! Enjoy bowling, laser tag, bumper cars, arcade games, rock climbing, and a full-service restaurant with delicious food, stacked shakes, and craft cocktails. Perfect for family outings, rainy days, and nights out. (742 NW Loop 410, Suite 201, San Antonio, TX 78216.)

7 San Antonio Botanical Garden

sabot.org

(210) 536-1400

The San Antonio Botanical Garden is where plant lovers and families come to explore, play, and soak up some serious green. With colorful blooms and cool exhibitions around every corner, it's the perfect spot to reconnect with nature and each other. (555 Funston Place)

A Paesanos 1604

Paesanos1604.com

(210) 493-1604

At Paesanos 1604, great dining comes from a simple recipe: inspiration from the world's finest cuisines, fresh seasonal ingredients, and decades of Paesanos' signature Italian tradition. The result is a refined Mediterranean menu that blends creativity with classic flavors, offering some of the Southwest's most memorable dining experiences. Here, Hill Country hospitality meets Tuscan influence, and imagination and tradition share the table. Discover the best of San Antonio—only at Paesanos 1604.

B Backyard on Broadway

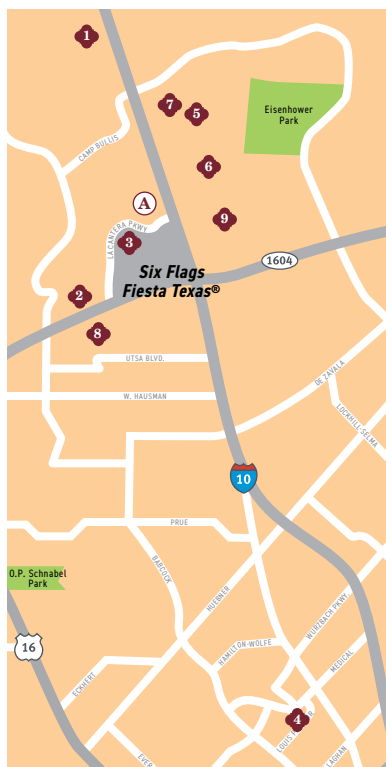
Backyardonbroadway.com

(210) 634-1405

A lively 600-seat family friendly restaurant on San Antonio's Broadway corridor, featuring locally sourced Texas beef, scratch-made pizzas, award-winning margaritas, and a kids playground. The perfect spot for large groups, date nights, and family celebrations.



LA CANTERA DISTRICT – SIX FLAGS



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 PINSTACK
- 8 The University of Texas–San Antonio
- 9 Topgolf

7 PINSTACK
San Antonio – North Rim
Pinstackbowl.com
 (210) 267-9902
 Indoor fun for all ages! Enjoy bowling, laser tag, bumper cars, arcade games, rock climbing, and a full-service restaurant with delicious food, stacked shakes, and craft cocktails. Perfect for family outings, rainy days, and nights out. Located at The Rim off of IH-10 with free parking. (19238 W. IH-10, San Antonio, TX 78257.)

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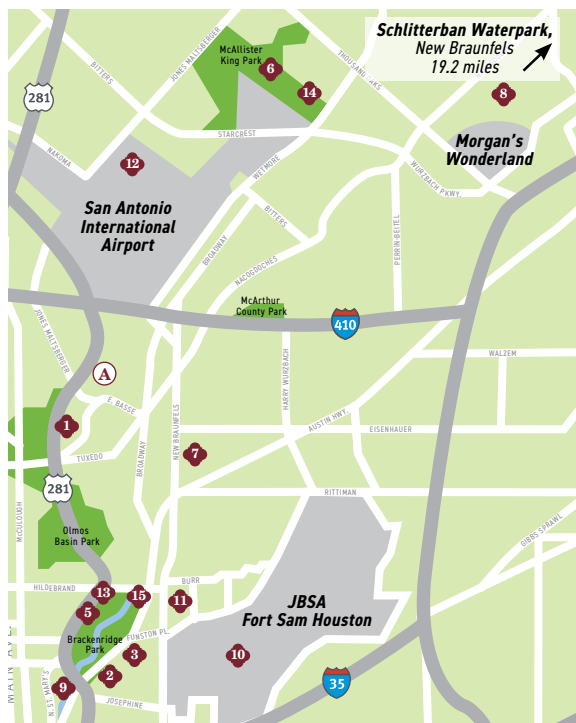
BACKYARD ON BROADWAY



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HILTON VACATION CLUB EILAN RESORT & SPA SAN ANTONIO



NORTHEAST/ MORGAN'S WONDERLAND

POINTS OF INTEREST

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

1 Alamo Quarry Market *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.

5 Japanese Tea Garden *http://www.saparks.org/* (210) 559-3148

Find your zen at the Japanese Tea Garden in San Antonio. Stroll through tranquil paths, admire koi ponds, and listen to the soothing waterfall. This serene oasis is the perfect escape to relax, reflect, and reconnect with nature.

7 Morgan's Wonderland *Morganswonderland.org* (210) 495-5888

Here, everyone comes to play! Experience the new WingZ of Wonder where you flap your arms and fly as high as you want. Come enjoy all 25+ attractions, including something exciting coming to the Water Park in summer 2026.

3 The DoSeum *Thedoseum.org* (210) 212-4453

For over 10 years, The DoSeum has led the way in joyful, informal learning, creating experiences families love. Every exhibit, experience, and program is designed to "wow" and help children explore their world. Come see what happens when minds are always at play!

A Paesanos Lincoln Heights *Paesanos.com* (210) 828-5191

Paesanos Lincoln Heights brings together Italian tradition and San Antonio flair in a vibrant, welcoming setting. Signature favorites like Shrimp Paesano anchor a menu of fresh pastas, seafood, and classic entrées, each prepared with bold flavor and thoughtful detail. Warm hospitality and attentive service create an atmosphere that's both refined and relaxed. Whether it's a casual lunch, an evening out, or a special occasion, Paesanos offers a dining experience guests return to again and again..



WEST/ SEAWORLD

POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Boeing Center at Tech Port
- 2 Deco District on Fredericksburg
- 3 Guadalupe Cultural Community Center & the Virgen de Guadalupe Mosaic
- 4 SeaWorld & Aquatica San Antonio
- 5 Woodlawn Lake Park

A County Line on I-10
CountyLine.com
 (210) 641-1998
 Open for Lunch and Dinner 7 days a week,
 The County Line offers up legendary,
 authentic Texas barbeque along with
 table and full bar service in a setting that
 celebrates Lone Star State heritage.





▲ BEYOND SAN ANTONIO

POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Blanco
- 2 Boerne
- 3 Castroville
- 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



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CASCADE CAVERNS

A Bandera, Texas
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B Cascade Caverns
CascadeCaverns.com
 (830) 755-8080

Come and see Texas's oldest cave attraction (cave tours since 1875). Home to the Hermit, Rex the Dinosaur, Pippy the Bat, and Sally the Salamander. (IH-10 Exit 543 in Boerne, Texas.)

6 Natural Bridge Caverns
Naturalbridgecaverns.com
 (210) 651-6101

Two world-class caverns. Five extraordinary tours. Texas's largest underground caverns filled with formations millions of years in the making. Above ground, the adventure keeps going with a ropes course, zip rails, outdoor maze, and gem panning. One full day. Endless wonder.

7 Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch
Wildliferanchtexas.com
 (830) 438-7400

Just north of San Antonio, discover a safari adventure at Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch. Drive through 500 acres on a six-mile safari to see giraffes, rhinos, zebras, and more. Every visit brings unforgettable wildlife encounters and lasting memories.

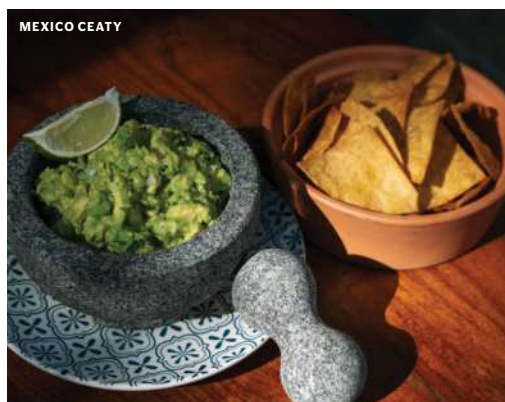
THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER WALK

Winding 15 miles through the city, the San Antonio River Walk welcomes millions each year with scenic pathways, historic landmarks, and waterside dining.



After a catastrophic 1921 flood nearly led to the river being paved over entirely, architect Robert H.H. Hugman championed a bolder vision, transforming the once flood-prone waterway into a lush urban oasis.

Today, the **River Walk** blends history, culture, cuisine, and outdoor adventure. **Downtown** hums with energy, **Museum Reach** pairs art with culinary creativity, and **Mission Reach** connects visitors to centuries of history and expansive trails.



DOWNTOWN RIVER WALK

This is the River Walk you see in photos. The vibrant, lively stretch where patios fill with laughter, barges glide beneath stone bridges, and the city shines brightest.

Food & Drink

- Start your day with breakfast at **Alamo Biscuit Company and Panaderia**.
- Experience River Walk history at **Casa Rio**, the first restaurant to open along the river.
- Grab a table at **Boudro's** and enjoy the tableside guacamole!
- Head to **Domingo Restaurant** for elevated Mexican cuisine with river views.
- Grab a cocktail at **Esquire Tavern**, the oldest bar on the River Walk.

Your Downtown Must-Do Checklist

- ✓ **Take a GO RIO River Cruise.** There's no better way to experience the River Walk than from the water. Sit back, relax, and enjoy a narrated cruise. **Pro Tip:** Seasonal themed cruises are available; check what's sailing during your visit.
- ✓ **Explore Historic Landmarks.** No trip is complete without visiting **The Alamo**. Continue your history tour at **Spanish Governor's Palace** and **Casa Navarro State Historic Site**.
- ✓ **Find the Perfect Souvenir.** Browse favorites at **The Shops at Rivercenter** and grab traditional Mexican food at the new **Mexico Ceaty**.
- ✓ **Dive into the Arts.** Visit **Centro de Artes Gallery** and the **San Antonio African American Community Archive & Museum** to experience stories that shaped the city.
- ✓ **Join the Celebration.** From river parades to seasonal festivals, there's always something going on downtown. Look for performances at the **Arneson River Theatre at La Villita** or festivals at **Hemisfair**.



Unique Experiences

- Stroll through **La Villita Historic Arts Village**, filled with galleries and artisan shops.
- Visit **Buckhorn Saloon & Museum** and **The Texas Ranger Museum**, packed with fascinating artifacts and big stories.
- Pause along the **River Walk Public Art Garden**, where sculpture and landscaping add beauty to your riverside stroll.
- Enjoy Texas-sized hot dogs at **Big Aztec Corner Bar**, located inside the historic **Aztec Theatre**.
- During the **holidays**, 200,000 lights cascade from the cypress trees, turning the River Walk into a waterfront winter wonderland.



LA VILLITA



BIG AZTEC CORNER BAR



MEZQUITE

MUSEUM REACH

Completed in 2009, the **Museum Reach** expanded the River Walk northward, connecting downtown to museums, parks, and the thriving **Pearl** district. This stretch feels scenic and just a little more relaxed.

Food & Drink

- Start your day with coffee from **Crème Coffee & Social**.
- Enjoy a weekend brunch at **Mezquite**, a modern Mexican eatery celebrating the Sonoran region.
- Seafood and Southern flavors shine at **Southerleigh Fine Food & Brewery**, while casual bites await inside the **Bottling Department Food Hall**.
- Explore specialty goods at **Pullman Market** and discover global flavors at **Fife & Farro** and **Nicosi**.
- **Pro Tip:** Experience the **Pearl's** weekend energy during the Farmer's and Maker's markets.



Your Museum Reach Must-Do Checklist

- ✓ **Discover Texas Stories & Hands-On Fun.** Dive into science, nature, and Texas history at **The Witte Museum**, then take the kids to **The DoSeum**, where learning is an adventure.
- ✓ **Find Art Along the River.** Keep your eyes open for installations like The Grotto, F.I.S.H., and colorful murals.
- ✓ **Explore Global Art at SAMA.** Step inside the **San Antonio Museum of Art**, set in a beautifully restored 19th-century brewery. Enjoy riverside Italian fare at **Tre Trattoria**.
- ✓ **Unwind in Brackenridge Park.** Take a break in Brackenridge Park, home to the **San Antonio Zoo** and the serene **Japanese Tea Garden**.
- ✓ **Catch Live Music at Stable Hall.** End your day with an unforgettable show at Stable Hall, one of Pearl's newest venues.

Unique Experiences

- Spend time exploring **The Creamery District**, home to standout seafood spot **Costa Pacifica** and stylish cocktails at **Amelia Social Lounge**, a swanky lounge dedicated to Amelia Earhart.
- Venture just off the river to **Down on Grayson**, a longtime favorite for lunch and dinner.
- Food lovers should check out experiences at **The Culinary Institute of America, San Antonio**, where rising culinary talent serves up impressive dishes in a one-of-a-kind setting.
- **Sip Something Special at Hotel Emma.** Step into the iconic Hotel Emma and grab a cocktail at **Sternewirth**, a stylish tavern inside the historic Pearl brewery.
- Indulge in French comfort food at **Brasserie Mon Chou Chou**. It's also perfect for Sunday brunch.



MISSION REACH

Looking for a quieter side of the River Walk? The **Mission Reach** stretches eight scenic miles south from downtown to the historic Spanish colonial missions. Established in the 1700s, the four missions helped shape early Texas communities, and in 2015, they were designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the first and only in Texas.

Food & Drink

- Start your morning with breakfast at **The Guenther House**, a San Antonio favorite inside a beautifully restored 19th-century home.
- Check out **Camp Outpost Co.** for coffee, provisions, and outdoor-inspired bites.
- Explore a dynamic dining scene in nearby Southtown:
 - **Rosario's ComidaMex & Bar** for vibrant Mexican flavors
 - **Liberty Bar**, set inside a converted convent
 - **Maverick Texas Brasserie** for European-inspired dishes with Texas flair
 - **The Friendly Spot Ice House** for laid-back outdoor hangouts



Your Mission Reach Unique Experiences & Must-Do Checklist

- ✓ **Visit the Historic Missions.** Explore Mission Concepción, Mission San José, Mission San Juan, and Mission Espada: all part of **San Antonio Missions National Historical Park**. These churches date back to the 1700s and are still active parishes.
- ✓ **Stop by the World Heritage Center.** Learn what makes the missions globally significant.
- ✓ **Walk El Camino de San Antonio Missions.** Follow a modern-day pilgrimage route connecting the missions through history, culture, and tradition. For a deeper spiritual connection, visit the **Padre Margil Pilgrimage Center**.
- ✓ **Explore Confluence Park.** Confluence Park is known for its stunning pavilion design and eco-focused programming.
- ✓ **Bike the River Trails.** Mission Reach is made for biking: it's flat, scenic, and perfect for exploring multiple stops in one day. Keep an eye out for the Arbol de la Vida art installation.

RIVER WALK EVENTS

Throughout the year, the San Antonio River Walk becomes the stage for some of the city's most iconic celebrations. Here are a few signature events to add to your calendar: visit thesanantonioriverwalk.com.

Bud Light St. Patrick's River Parades, River Dyeing & Celebration St. Patrick's Weekend

Every March, San Antonio turns into a sea of green as the river is dyed an emerald shade with eco-friendly dye. The celebration includes live entertainment, the **Emerald Run 5K**, festive food and drinks, a lively downtown atmosphere, and more. The highlight is the **Bud Light St. Patrick's River Parade**, where themed barges float along the river with bagpipers and plenty of Irish spirit.

Pro Tip: Arrive early for a viewing spot.

Emerald Run 5K St. Patrick's Weekend

Kick off St. Patrick's Weekend with a festive 5K along the San Antonio River Walk. Runners and walkers of all levels hit the course before finishing with exclusive medals for the first 300 5K participants, costume contests, and an after-party along the river with prime views of the Bud Light St. Patrick's River Parade.



Ford Mariachi Festival During Fiesta San Antonio

The **Ford Mariachi Festival** fills the River Walk with sounds of trumpets, violins, and traditional vocals. Local Mariachi and Folklórico performers drift down the San Antonio River Walk aboard decorated barges, creating a floating concert.

Pride River Parade & Celebration May 30, 2026

The **San Antonio Pride River Parade** lights up the River Walk with a dazzling evening parade celebrating love, inclusion, and community.





Hispanic Heroes, Presented by Hennessy

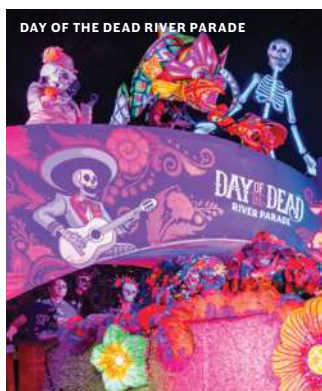
September 15-30, 2026

During **Hispanic Heritage Month**, Hispanic Heroes, presented by Hennessy transforms the River Walk into a two-week illuminated art experience honoring Hispanic and Latino figures.

Rey Feo Superhero River Parade for Education

September 26, 2026

Caped crusaders and colorful floats visit the San Antonio River Walk in a high-energy celebration that supports local scholarships. Costumed characters, festive river barges, and family-friendly fun light up the water while honoring the mission of education and community leadership.



Day of the Dead San Antonio River Parade

October 23, 2026

A celebration of heritage, tradition, and remembrance, the **Day of the Dead River Parade** is one of the most visually stunning events of the year. Illuminated barges glide through downtown decorated with vibrant altars, storytelling scenes, and Catrinas. It's a beautiful tribute to **Día de Muertos**, honoring the past and celebrating life.



Calaverita Run 5K & Family Walk

October 24, 2026

Celebrate Día de los Muertos with a little movement at the annual **Calaverita Run 5K & Family Walk**. This festive, family-friendly race invites runners and walkers of all ages to lace up in colorful costumes, honor loved ones, and enjoy a spirited course.

DiwaliSA

November 7, 2026

DiwaliSA lights up downtown San Antonio with a vibrant celebration of Indian culture and community. Held at **Arneson River Theatre** and **Hemisfair**, this free festival features live music and dance performances, traditional cuisine, artisan vendors, and a stunning candlelight ceremony that honors the Festival of Lights.

RIVER WALK ROYALTY

Since 1987, **River Walk Royalty** has served as year-long ambassadors for the iconic River Walk, raising funds for local hospitality and architectural preservation scholarships through the San Antonio Hospitality Foundation.

Each summer, candidates begin an eight-month fundraising campaign, with titles awarded based on the support they generate before being crowned. You can support their efforts and help invest in San Antonio's future by donating to the **San Antonio Hospitality Foundation**.

Ford Holiday River Parade

November 27, 2026

The day after Thanksgiving, the River Walk officially kicks off the holiday season with the **Ford Holiday River Parade**. Thousands of visitors gather downtown as festive floats glide along the water, accompanied by music, lights, and holiday cheer. This parade is one of San Antonio's most iconic traditions.

Holiday Lights on the River Walk

November 27, 2026 – Early January 2027

During the holidays, The River Walk becomes a glowing winter wonderland as **200,000 twinkling lights** illuminate the cypress-lined banks. The lights shine nightly the day after Thanksgiving through early January.

Ford Holiday Boat Caroling on the River Walk

Select Days in December

Festive decorated river barges float through downtown carrying singing groups who fill the air with seasonal favorites.

River Walk Artisan Shows

Held Throughout the Year

Held several times throughout the year, the **River Walk Artisan Shows** invite visitors to stroll, shop, and discover handmade goods along the river. Expect unique jewelry, pottery, paintings, textiles, and gifts created by local and regional artists.



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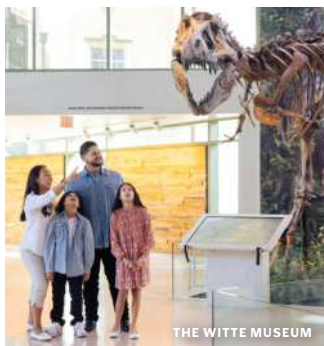
La Villita Historic Arts Village

Stroll through a charming riverside arts village filled with galleries, shops, and handcrafted treasures.

Cultural Immersion

San Antonio Missions National Historical Park

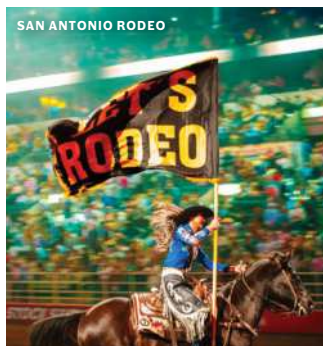
Step into UNESCO World Heritage sites where history, architecture, and culture come to life.



THE WITTE MUSEUM



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SAN ANTONIO RODEO

The Witte Museum

Discover the stories of Texas through hands-on exhibits, natural history, and local heritage.

The Alamo

Visit one of the most iconic landmarks in the country and experience the history that shaped the city.

Show-Stopping Nights

Frost Bank Center

Catch major concerts and high-energy events at one of the city's biggest venues.

Majestic Theatre

Enjoy Broadway shows, comedy, and concerts inside a beautifully restored historic theatre downtown.

Boeing Center at Tech Port

Experience modern entertainment in a cutting-edge venue built for concerts, shows, and immersive events.

Cowboy Culture in San Antonio

Boots, broncs, and big Texas spirit are still very much alive in San Antonio.

Every February, the **San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo** takes over with world-class rodeo competitions, live concerts, and

deep Texas tradition. From March through November, **Tejas Rodeo Company** in nearby Bulverde delivers an authentic Saturday night rodeo complete with bull riding, barrel racing, and live music.

Downtown, the **Buckhorn Saloon & Museum and Texas Ranger Museum** celebrates frontier legends with historic artifacts, wildlife exhibits, and a true Old West atmosphere. At the **Briscoe Western Art Museum**, explore the art, history, and heritage of the American West, then step outside to the Jack Guenther Pavilion overlooking the River Walk.

For a hands-on experience, head to **Rancho Cortez** for horseback riding, western-themed adventures, and a taste of ranch life just outside the city. Ready to practice your own cowboy skills? **Buck & Doe's Mercantile** offers the chance in a uniquely Texas setting.



BRISCOE WESTERN ART MUSEUM

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FREE WAYS TO EXPERIENCE THE CITY'S ARTS & CULTURE

Free Galleries & Contemporary Art

Centro de Artes Gallery

Explore rotating exhibitions that celebrate Latino culture, art, and community stories.

Culture Commons Gallery

Discover contemporary works in a gallery space designed for creativity and connection.

Artpace San Antonio

Experience bold, experimental contemporary art from local and international artists.

Contemporary at Blue Star

Step into **Southtown**'s creative scene with cutting-edge exhibits in an iconic arts complex.

Ruby City

Enjoy world-class contemporary art in a striking space with a serene sculpture garden.

San Antonio Art League + Museum

Visit a historic mansion-turned-gallery featuring rotating exhibits and local talent.

Burnt Nopal Creative Studio

Discover a creative space showcasing local artists and vibrant contemporary work.



Insider Tip:

Follow the **City of San Antonio Department of Arts & Culture** for a list of **FREE** art around the Alamo City!

Free Culture & Heritage

American Indians in Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions

Non-profit supporting all Indigenous peoples in Texas. Offers community engagement, cultural arts, and museum space.

San Antonio African American Community Archive & Museum

Learn powerful stories of Black history, culture, and contributions in the city.

Eye of the Beholder Art Gallery

Discover the only Black art gallery in San Antonio, hosting monthly exhibitions on the **Eastside** that spotlight established and emerging artists from across the Black diaspora.

Museo Del Westside

Explore **Westside** heritage through exhibits and local storytelling.

Padre Margil Pilgrimage Center

Discover the history and spiritual legacy of the missions through exhibits and artifacts.

Instituto de México (Mexican Cultural Institute)

Explore exhibitions celebrating Mexican art, history, and heritage inside Hemisfair.

Maverick Carter House – Aline B. Carter Foundation

Tour a beautifully preserved historic home that tells the story of one of the city's most influential arts advocates.

Free Outdoor Culture

San Antonio's Public Art

With more than 600 public art installations across the city, art is woven into everyday life here.

Use the **City's Public Art Map** to create your own walking tour.

San Pedro Creek Culture Park

Walk a scenic downtown stretch filled with public art, murals, and cultural design.

Edwards Aquifer Authority

Learn how the region's water shaped the city through interactive exhibits.

River Walk Public Art Garden

Stroll past sculptures and installations along one of the city's most iconic pathways.

Insider Tip

Want more? Learn about shared stories of sites throughout the city with the Office of Historic Preservation's **"There's a Story Here"** digital map and for more outdoor fun, check out **Free Things to Do in San Antonio, Texas**.



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THEATRE, SHOWS, & MORE

THE CURTAIN RISES

Theatre & Broadway

The Majestic Theatre

The centerpiece of Broadway in San Antonio, the Majestic welcomes world-class touring productions, concerts, and marquee performers to its breathtaking stage.

Charline McCombs Empire Theatre

Enjoy touring shows, concerts, comedy, and live performances inside a grand historic downtown theatre.

Tobin Center for the Performing Arts

A stunning riverside venue hosting symphony, **Ballet San Antonio**, and **Children's Chorus of San Antonio** performances, **Youth Orchestra San Antonio** productions, opera, concerts, and world-class performances year-round.

San Pedro Playhouse and Classic Theatre

Enjoy intimate productions, from locally inspired performances to thoughtfully staged classics. Each offers an engaging experience that brings you closer to the stories on stage.

The Magik Theatre

Perfect for families, this charming theater brings beloved stories to life on stage. While its home venue is currently under renovation, you can still enjoy performances at locations throughout the city.

BONUS: The San Antonio Theatre

Coalition is a collective of local theatre companies working together to strengthen and promote the city's vibrant performing arts scene.



CHARLINE MCCOMBS EMPIRE THEATRE



TOBIN CENTER

Music & Concert Energy

Aztec Theatre

Catch indie artists, rising talent, and crowd-favorite acts in an iconic downtown venue known for its bold energy and intimate atmosphere.

Musical Bridges Around the World

Enjoy free performances throughout the year that celebrate global music, cultures, and artistic exchange.

Youth Orchestras of San Antonio

Hear the next generation of musicians shine through inspiring orchestral performances.

Freeman Coliseum

Located on the Eastside, this venue is known for concerts, rodeo events, and high-energy entertainment throughout the year.



BONUS: Learn about the **Ambassador Theatre Group (ATG)** which brings nationally touring productions and Broadway performances to the city's most iconic stages!

Cultural Performance

Carver Community Cultural Center

A historic Eastside venue showcasing performances, events, and creativity rooted in Black culture and community.

The Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center

A powerful home for Latino arts featuring music, theatre, and cultural programming.

OPERA San Antonio

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Spring

Contemporary Art Month

March 2027

San Antonio becomes a citywide gallery during Contemporary Art Month (CAM). Galleries, museums, artist studios, performance spaces, and unexpected venues across the city showcase exhibitions, installations, and live performances that highlight the creativity shaping San Antonio.

Artwalks Monthly

Blue Star hosts a lively **First Friday Art Walk** featuring gallery openings, artist receptions, and creative happenings throughout the complex. In **Southtown** the Arts District, explore Second Saturday Art Walks. Finally, San Antonio's Eastside comes alive during Third Friday celebrations.

Fiesta San Antonio

April 15 – 25, 2027 *(dates vary annually)*

More than 100 events over 10 days, including the **Battle of Flowers® Parade**, Fiesta Flambeau® Night Parade, live music, and cultural celebrations honoring the city's history and community traditions.

Summer

Pan African Cultural Festival

Typically Held First Saturday in May

San Antonio is home to the Pan African Cultural Festival, a free community celebration honoring unity and culture across the African world community. Enjoy vibrant African drumming and dance, a dynamic fashion show, Capoeira demonstrations, poetry, storytelling, children's activities, and thought-provoking panel discussions.

Juneteenth

June 2026 – *Events held throughout the city all week long*

Commemorate **Juneteenth** with citywide events honoring freedom and **Black heritage**. From lively block parties and community festivals to a golf tournament, prayer breakfast, and cultural gatherings, the celebration brings residents and visitors together in reflection, joy, and unity.



CineFestival San Antonio

July 9-12, 2026

Presented by the **Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center**, this is the nation's longest-running Latino film festival, celebrating independent Latinx and Indigenous cinema each summer. This four-day event showcases regional, national, and international filmmakers while creating a vibrant space for authentic storytelling and cultural connection.

AC/DC at the Alamodome

July 24, 2026

Rock icons AC/DC bring their Power Up Tour to the Alamodome on July 24, 2026, delivering a high-voltage night of classic hits and hard-rock energy you'll want to experience live.

Fall

My Chemical Romance at the Alamodome

September 12, 2026

Grammy-nominated rock icons My Chemical Romance bring *The Black Parade 2026* tour to San Antonio, celebrating the 20th anniversary of their seminal album.



Guns N' Roses at the Alamodome

September 16, 2026

Rock royalty Guns N' Roses hit the stage in San Antonio, bringing their legendary sound and high-octane performance to the Alamodome for one unforgettable night.

Iron Maiden at the Alamodome

September 29, 2026

Metal legends Iron Maiden roar into San Antonio with iconic twin guitars and theatrical stage production delivering one of the year's most electrifying concert experiences.

San Antonio Black International Film Festival

October 2–4, 2026

A dynamic film festival showcasing independent films, documentaries, and shorts from Black filmmakers, along with panels, networking events, and cultural programming.

Día de los Muertos Celebrations

Events begin late October 2026

Celebrations fill the city with vibrant color and remembrance. From the longest-running

organized celebration at **Centro Cultural Aztlan** to the **Day of the Dead River Parade & Festival**, **Muertos Fest**, and events at **Esperanza Peace and Justice Center**, **Historic Market Square**, **Pearl**, and more, communities across San Antonio honor loved ones through altars, art, music, and shared traditions.

Luminaria

November 2026

A free, citywide contemporary arts festival transforming downtown with large-scale light installations, live performances, and interactive art experiences.

Winter

DreamWeek San Antonio

January 2027

A vibrant, citywide summit filled with art, dialogue, performances, and community events that celebrate diversity, civic engagement, and shared humanity.

Insider Tip:

Many **DreamWeek** events are free, but popular panels and keynote conversations fill up fast, so register early and plan your schedule in advance.

San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

February 2027

A two-week celebration featuring PRCA rodeo competitions, major concert headliners, livestock shows, carnival rides, and deep Texas tradition.

Insider Tip:

There are so many events happening year-round. Check out our **Event Calendar** for the most up-to-date festivities!

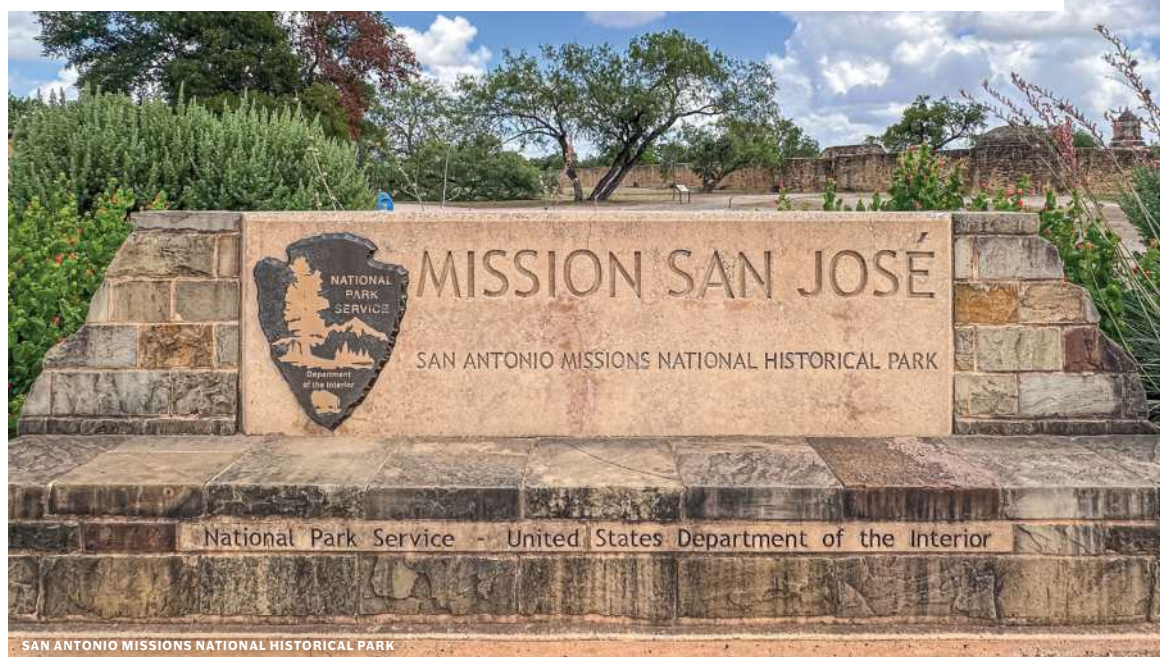
SAN ANTONIO'S LEGACY RECOGNIZED AROUND THE WORLD

A UNESCO World Heritage Experience.

San Antonio is home to the only **UNESCO World Heritage Site** in Texas. In 2015, **The Alamo** and the four Spanish colonial missions, **Mission Concepción**, **Mission San José**, **Mission San Juan**, and **Mission Espada** earned global recognition for their cultural and historic significance.

These sacred spaces reflect more than 300 years of history, continuing to shape the city today. Explore each mission, walk or bike the **Mission Reach**, and dive deeper into the designation at the **World Heritage Center**.

San Antonio's global credentials do not stop there. The city is also one of just two UNESCO Creative Cities of Gastronomy in the United States, and a member of The Food Capitals by Délice Network. (*Read more in our **Dining & Nightlife** sections.*)





THE ALAMO

More than a historic landmark, the **Alamo** is the place where Texas' story forever changed. Originally founded as Mission San Antonio de Valero in 1718, the site later became the setting of the pivotal 1836 Battle of the Alamo. Today, that legacy lives on in the heart of **downtown San Antonio**.

Step inside the Alamo Church, where the final stand took place. Admission is free, though entry tickets are required. Just beyond the church, the **Alamo Exhibit in the Ralston Family Collections Center** showcases more than 500 artifacts across 10,000 square feet of gallery space, including items from the Phil Collins Collection and the Donald and Louise Yena Spanish Colonial Collection.

For a deeper dive, book the Remember the Alamo™ Guided Tour (*additional fees apply*), led by knowledgeable Alamo History Interpreters. This 45-minute experience explores the original mission footprint across Alamo Plaza, walks through the events leading up to the battle, and includes entry to the Church, the Alamo Exhibit, and *Surrounded!*

The Alamo Augmented Experience. Spanish-language tours are offered daily.

Take time to wander the beautifully restored Plaza de Valero and Alamo Promenade, now open and designed as welcoming spaces for reflection, gathering, and live performances.

The newly opened **Texas Cavaliers Education Center** expands the Alamo's educational mission with an outdoor learning pavilion, gardens, and classroom space for student visitors.

In Summer 2026, **Paseo del Alamo** will further connect the site to the River Walk with shaded, fully ADA-accessible pathways.

Even more transformation is on the horizon. The new **Alamo Visitor Center and Museum**, opening in 2028, will feature immersive exhibits and state-of-the-art experiences that explore the site's full 300-year history.

Whether it's your first visit or your fifteenth, the Alamo continues to evolve while honoring the story that shaped Texas and inspired generations to "Remember the Alamo."



SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

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Stretching along the San Antonio River, **San Antonio Missions National Historical Park** preserves four Spanish colonial missions that remain active Catholic parishes and living community landmarks today.

A member of the National Park Service, the park invites you to explore centuries of history shaped by Spanish missionaries and Indigenous communities whose influence still defines the region.

MISSION CONCEPCIÓN

Completed in 1755, Mission Concepción is the oldest unrestored stone church in the United States. Its original walls and structure have stood for more than 250 years. Each year on August 15, a remarkable solar alignment fills the church with light as the sun shines directly through the doorway and illuminates the sanctuary.



SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS

MISSION SAN JOSÉ

Often called the Queen of the Missions, Mission San José is the largest and most fully restored of the four. The intricate Rose Window remains one of the finest examples of Spanish colonial stonework in North America. The park's Visitor Center, located here, is the ideal starting point to learn about the mission system and its lasting cultural impact.



THE ACEQUIAS AND RIVER SYSTEMS

Water was essential to life at the San Antonio Missions. Beginning in 1718, Spanish settlers and Native American laborers built an extensive network of acequias, or irrigation ditches, to divert water from the San Antonio River to the missions and their farmland. Stretching nearly 15 miles and irrigating more than 3,500 acres, the system included dams, gates, and aqueducts rooted in centuries-old engineering traditions.

Several of these features remain visible today. Portions of the Acequia Madre de Valero can be seen near the Alamo and Hemisfair Park. Mission San Juan's acequia holds the oldest water right in Texas, and the Espada Dam and Aqueduct, constructed in 1745, still stand as remarkable examples of Spanish Colonial design within the national park.



MISSION SAN JUAN

Mission San Juan feels especially peaceful, surrounded by open fields and native landscapes. Once a thriving agricultural center, the mission relied on an intricate acequia irrigation system that visitors can still see today. Nearby trails along the river offer scenic walking and biking routes through this historic setting.

MISSION ESPADA

Mission Espada is the oldest of the four missions and has a distinct architectural character, including brick archways and hand-carved wooden doors. Just a short distance away, the Espada Aqueduct continues to carry water as it has for centuries, a powerful reminder of early engineering ingenuity.



BECOME A JUNIOR RANGER

Exploring the San Antonio Missions just got even more fun. Stop by the Visitor Center at Mission San José to pick up a free Junior Ranger activity book or download one before you go. Complete the activities, learn about the missions' history and culture, and earn your official Junior Ranger badge. It's free, hands-on, and open to all ages.

Must-Dos at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park

- ✓ Start your visit at the Visitor Center at Mission San José to watch the park film and explore exhibits that bring the mission story to life.
- ✓ Join a free ranger-led program or explore at your own pace with a self-guided tour through centuries of living history.
- ✓ Bike or stroll the eight-mile Mission Reach Hike & Bike Trail, connecting all four missions with scenic river views along the way.
- ✓ Step inside for Mass at one of the active parish churches, where traditions dating back nearly 300 years continue today.
- ✓ Pause for nature. The park's native landscapes are home to diverse birdlife and wildlife throughout the year.



El Camino de San Antonio Missions and Padre Margil Pilgrimage Center

The **Padre Margil Pilgrimage Center** serves as a welcoming gateway for those embarking on the **El Camino de San Antonio Missions**, a modern-day pilgrimage route connecting San Antonio's five Spanish colonial missions.

Dedicated to Venerable Padre Antonio Margil de Jesús, a missionary known for traversing vast distances to spread his faith, the center offers visitors an immersive experience into the rich history of the missions.

Through interactive exhibits, you can delve into the lives of Padre Margil and the Franciscans who played pivotal roles in establishing these historic sites. Families will find engaging activities for children,

including a cozy Book Nook for quiet reading. Additionally, a dedicated video presentation provides insights into the pilgrimage traditions associated with the missions.

GO DEEPER INTO SAN ANTONIO'S LIVING HERITAGE

Beyond the missions themselves, several cultural sites and organizations help tell the broader story of San Antonio's World Heritage legacy.

The World Heritage Center offers exhibits and programming that connect visitors to the people and traditions tied to the missions. Nearby, the **City of San Antonio World Heritage Office and Historic Preservation Office** work to protect and promote the city's historic resources for future generations.

Downtown, the **Spanish Governor's Palace** stands as the only remaining example of Spanish colonial civil government architecture in Texas. The nearby **Casa Navarro State Historic Site** preserves the home of Tejano leader José Antonio Navarro, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence. At the **Bexar Heritage Center**, exhibits highlight the people and events that shaped the county's story.

At the heart of the city, **San Fernando Cathedral**, one of the oldest cathedrals in the United States, continues to serve as



SPANISH GOVERNOR'S PALACE



THE SAGA | SAN FERNANDO CATHEDRAL

an active parish while connecting visitors to centuries of faith and community life. On select nights, watch the cathedral's façade come to life during **San Antonio | The Saga**, a free 24-minute light show by international artist Xavier de Richemont that tells the story of the land, water, people, and pivotal moments that shaped San Antonio, Texas, and the United States.



SAN ANTONIO WORLD HERITAGE CENTER

UNMISTAKABLY SAN ANTONIO | THE CULINARY CAPITAL OF TEXAS®



San Antonio's culinary momentum is undeniable. As a **UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy** and a member of the **Food Capitals by Délice Network**, the city continues to gain national attention, with multiple **2026 James Beard Award** semifinalist nominations highlighting its growing influence. Across the city, chefs, pitmasters, bakers, and culinary innovators are shaping a food scene that's unmistakably San Antonio. Explore more at visitsanantonio.com/eat.

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MICHELIN-RECOGNIZED SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio, the **Culinary Capital of Texas**®, is also home to MICHELIN-Recognized culinary excellence! Now in its second year of MICHELIN Guide Texas recognition, 15 San Antonio restaurants have earned distinction for their exceptional flavors, creativity, and commitment to quality.

San Antonio's One MICHELIN Star Restaurants

- Isidore
- Nicosi
- Mixtli

San Antonio's Michelin Green Star Restaurant

- Isidore

San Antonio's MICHELIN Bib Gourmand Restaurants

- Cullum's Attaboy
- The Jerk Shack
- Ladino
- Mezquite
- Southerleigh Fine Food & Brewery



ISIDORE: ROBERT LERMA

KEY

✿ **One MICHELIN Star:** Awarded to restaurants using top-quality ingredients to create exceptional dishes that reflect the chef's personal style and culinary skill.

✿✿ **Two MICHELIN Stars:** Distinguishes establishments where the chef's creativity and expertise are evident in refined, inspired cuisine.

✿✿✿ **Three MICHELIN Stars:** The highest honor, given to restaurants where culinary artistry reaches an extraordinary level, with dishes destined to become classics.

🍷 **Bib Gourmand:** Highlights restaurants that provide excellent food at a great value, often personal favorites among MICHELIN inspectors.

🌿 **MICHELIN Green Star:** Recognizes restaurants that are pioneers in sustainable practices within the culinary world.

San Antonio's MICHELIN-Recommended Restaurants

- 2M Smokehouse
- Barbecue Station
- Garcia's Mexican Food
- Leche de Tigre
- Little Em's Oyster Bar
- Reese Bros Barbecue
- Signature Restaurant



ISIDORE



ALAMO HEIGHTS | PERFECT FOR DATE NIGHT

Just minutes north of downtown, **Alamo Heights** blends established neighborhood charm with polished dining destinations.

At **Piatti Ristorante | The Quarry**, house-made pastas and classic Italian recipes are served in a warm, refined setting rooted in tradition. A longtime local favorite, **Paesanos Lincoln Heights** delivers vibrant Italian dishes and signature specialties that have made it a staple for generations.

Silo Elevated Cuisine – Alamo Heights pairs inventive technique with approachable elegance. The grilled and roasted duck breast is a must-try.



PIATTI



JOSEPHINE STREET

CULTURAL CORRIDOR | NEIGHBORHOOD STAPLES & NEW FAVORITES

The **Cultural Corridor** blends longtime local favorites with energetic newcomers.

Josephine Street has been a San Antonio staple since 1979, serving steaks, whiskey, and its legendary chicken fried steak inside a former 1906 meat market. **Hot Joy** brings bold, playful energy to the table with inventive Asian-inspired dishes and a vibrant atmosphere that keeps things anything but predictable.

Backyard on Broadway pairs elevated comfort food with a relaxed, open-air setting built on a former football field. Family-friendly until 9 p.m., it offers scratch-made burgers, pizzas, award-winning margaritas, and a sprawling outdoor space where kids can play while adults unwind.

The Newstand blends café culture with community gathering, offering all day breakfast, coffee, cocktails, and light bites in a space designed for conversation and connection.



THE NEWSTAND COFFEE

DOWNTOWN | RIVER VIEWS, CLASSIC ICONS & ALL-DAY ENERGY

Downtown San Antonio brings together **River Walk** institutions, Texas classics, and globally inspired kitchens in one dynamic district.

For that morning energy boost, **La Villita Cafe** serves breakfast tacos, brisket-and-egg plates, omelets, pancakes, sandwiches, salads, and espresso drinks alongside local craft beer while **Pulp Coffee** roasts specialty-grade beans for espresso and brewed coffee inside **Aztec Corner Bar**. Or you can sit under the concha umbrellas and dine on oversized biscuits and Southern-inspired comfort at **Alamo Biscuit Company & Panaderia**.

Downtown's Italian influence stretches from rustic to refined. **Tre Trattoria** at the **San Antonio Museum of Art** channels Tuscany with house-made pasta and cast-iron pizzas served in a historic riverside setting while **Paesanos Riverwalk** carries on its longtime Italian tradition along the water. You can't go wrong with their iconic Shrimp Paesano.

Beyond Italy, chef-driven kitchens expand the flavor profile. **Biga** highlights seasonal New American cuisine while **Boudro's** blends Texas flavors with Southwestern influences. You must try the tableside guacamole.

Everything is bigger in Texas, including these favorites! **The Republic of Texas** serves half-pound burgers, sizzling fajitas, country-fried steak, and its signature 42-ounce margarita crafted with exclusive tequila. **Lone Star Cafe** leans fully into Texas tradition with chicken fried steak, barbecue, and classic burgers.

Seafood lovers have plenty of options, from shrimp baskets at **Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.**

to Gulf Coast-inspired plates at **Landry's Seafood House** and crab-centric classics at **Joe's Crab Shack**.

Mexican and Tex-Mex cuisine are a defining presence along the River Walk. Dine on your Tex-Mex favorites under the iconic umbrellas at **Casa Rio**. **Rita's on the River** prides itself on iconic views, sizzling fajitas, and Texas-sized margaritas while **Casa Catrina Riverwalk** serves authentic Mexican dishes in a vibrant Día de los Muertos-inspired setting.

Savor the flavors of Old Mexico cuisine at **The Original Mexican Restaurant & Bar** and enjoy contemporary Mexican flavors with dishes like fresh seafood and signature enchiladas overlooking the river at **Ácenar**. At **Café Olé**, you can enjoy delicious Tex-Mex dishes and margaritas with over 30 types of tequila to choose from.



Iron Cactus Mexican Grill brings bold Mexican flavors to the River Walk, pairing sizzling fajitas and enchiladas with an extensive margarita selection. Plus, they're now 100% seed-oil free. The all-new **Mexico Ceaty** by Chef Jason Dady is a must-visit. Set inside the **Shops at Rivercenter**, this immersive dining experience includes drink and dining options like **Tres Arcos** and **Dos Cantinas**, a main plaza, and more!

Just a few blocks away, **Historic Market Square** celebrates San Antonio's Mexican heritage through food and tradition. **Mi Tierra Café y Panadería** has been serving Tex-Mex favorites, fresh pan dulce, and bakery classics for generations in a vibrant, fiesta-inspired setting. Nearby, **La Margarita Mexican Restaurant & Oyster Bar** combines traditional Mexican plates with fresh oysters and seafood in the heart of the market district.

Steakhouses and fire-driven cooking also make a strong showing downtown. **Bohanan's Prime Steaks & Seafood** is known for expertly prepared prime beef and seafood in a classic setting, while **The Palm** delivers upscale steak and seafood options — see which caricatures you recognize along the walls. Flip your coaster to green and let the



filet mignon, fraldinha, and more come to you at **Fogo de Chão**, a Brazilian churrasco.

Brenner's on the River Walk pairs prime steaks and seafood with a lush riverside backdrop, while **Morton's The Steakhouse** continues the tradition with custom-aged cuts and classic steakhouse entrées served sizzling. Savor Certified Angus Beef® and hearty sides at **Saltgrass Steak House**.

Keep Texas barbecue traditions alive with brisket, ribs, and smoked specialties cooked low and slow at **Pinkerton's Barbecue** or tuck in at **County Line River Walk**, which delivers mesquite-smoked brisket, ribs, and sausage in true Texas barbecue fashion.

For house-made root beer, sausages, and deli classics in a historic setting, head to **Schilo's**, one of the city's oldest restaurants. **Tokyo Cowboy** introduces Asian-inspired dishes, vegetarian options, and an extensive list of great cocktails.

Casual favorites and lively hangouts keep the energy high. **Yard House** is home to one of the largest draft beer selections in town, pairing global taps with American favorites like burgers, street tacos, steaks, and seafood. **Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville** leans into island flavors and tropical cocktails in a lively, vacation-ready atmosphere.



Dick's Last Resort delivers burgers, seafood, and sandwiches with a famously rowdy, tongue-in-cheek service style while **Leo's Hideout** keeps it laid-back with New York-style whole pies, pizza by the slice, and fresh salads in a casual downtown setting.

At **La Villita, Texas River Bar** brings brisket tacos, nachos, and barbecue plates to the River Walk alongside live entertainment and **Buffalo Blue** serves up bold bites and cold brews. **Colette at the Phipps** draws inspiration from French writer Sidonie-Gabrielle Colette, blending culinary influences from France, Latin America, and Japan into a menu that feels both refined and expressive.

At **Hard Rock Cafe San Antonio**, classic American fare like burgers and sandwiches is served alongside iconic music memorabilia. For families, **Rainforest Cafe** transforms dining into an adventure, surrounding kid-friendly plates with animatronic wildlife, thunderstorm effects, and a rainforest setting that keeps little ones entertained.

Hemisfair pairs park views with memorable dining. **Box St. All Day** anchors the daytime scene with brunch, lunch, espresso drinks, and craft cocktails while **Dough Pizzeria Napoletana** crafts authentic Neapolitan pizzas, a fresh, seasonal menu, and incredible seasonal pasta options. For a great date night option, **Chart House** at the **Tower of the Americas** serves seafood and steak dishes alongside sweeping skyline views from 750 feet above the city.

Top off your meals with some cool treats. **Mr. Ice Cream** keeps things classic with old-fashioned scoops and sundaes along the historic River Walk, while **Justin's Ice Cream** serves handcrafted flavors perfect for a riverside stroll.



DOWNTOWN HOTEL DINING A TO Z | THE BEST STAYS WITH GREAT EATS

Ambler Texas Kitchen + Cocktails | Hotel Contessa

Southwestern-Mexican flavors with international influences, perfect for breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

Cactus Flower | San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk

Perfect breakfast option for Southwestern-inspired dishes.

Cavalier | InterContinental Riverwalk

Bold American brasserie open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and weekend brunch.

The Colonial Room | Menger Hotel

Upscale Victorian setting in a hotel full of history, open for breakfast, lunch, & brunch.

Corinne San Antonio |

Plaza San Antonio Hotel & Spa

Seasonal American cuisine in a modern setting, also open for weekend brunch.

Crockett Tavern | Crockett Hotel

Rustic Texas-inspired fare rooted in frontier tradition with bold, country-style comfort dishes, and a full bar program.

Current & Craft | San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk

Gulf Coast seafood combined with authentic San Antonio flavors, craft cocktails, and stunning River Walk views.

Dean's Steak & Seafood | Kimpton Santo

Classic steakhouse and bar with an elevated menu of prime steaks and top-quality seafood.

Domingo | Canopy San Antonio

Modern Mexican and South Texas cuisine overlooking the River Walk.

Dorrego's | Hotel Valencia

Argentine specialties including empanadas and grilled meats.

Fiume Pizzeria & Wine Bar | Hilton Palacio del Rio

Neapolitan-style pizzas meet bold Texas ingredients in signature Texapoletana™ creations.

Four Brothers Southern Provisions |

Omni La Mansión del Rio

Southern and South Texas dishes infused with Latin and French influences.

Mengerita Tacos | Menger Hotel

Casual Tex-Mex bites and specialty frozen "Mengeritas" served steps from the Alamo.

Moda Fare | Grand Hyatt San Antonio River Walk

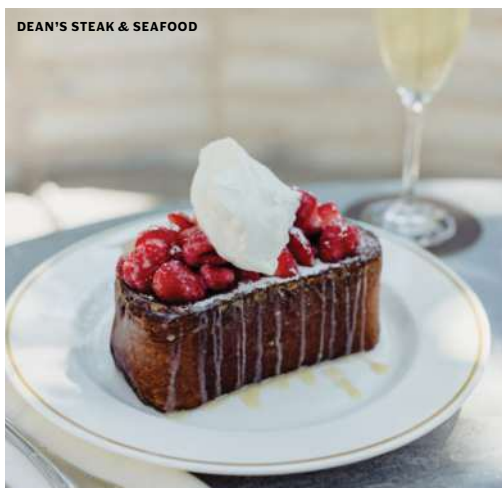
Italian offerings with modern elegance open for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and cocktails.



CAVALIER



CORINNE



DEAN'S STEAK & SEAFOOD

NONNA Osteria | Fairmount Hotel

Traditional Italian cuisine with handmade pastas and classic preparations.

On the Bend Oyster Bar & Cigar Lounge | Hyatt Regency Riverwalk

Oysters, seafood, cigars, and cocktails enjoyed along the River Walk with live jazz music select days.

Oro Restaurant | Emily Morgan Hotel

Southwestern-inspired cuisine, a rotating seasonal menu, and award-winning margaritas.

Ostra | Mokara Hotel & Spa

AAA Four Diamond seafood restaurant with exotic dishes and an acclaimed oyster bar.

Paris Baguette | Gunter Hotel

Step into this café for French-inspired pastries, breads, and café drinks.

Q Kitchen & Bar | Hyatt Regency Riverwalk

Enjoy chef-driven dishes, local brews, and signature cocktails with live music on select weekends.

Range | Embassy Suites

by Hilton San Antonio Riverwalk

Tuscan Italian cuisine with a focus on steak, seafood, and seasonal field-to-table ingredients.

The River's Edge | Hilton Palacio del Rio

Traditional Mexican cuisine with a modern twist.

Ruth's Chris Steak House | Grand Hyatt River Walk

Custom-aged Prime steaks and classic steakhouse entrées.

Silo Prime | Fairmount Hotel

Prime steaks and elevated American fare in a restored historic setting.

Tributary | San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter

Take your pick from burgers, cheesesteaks, tacos, sandwiches, and more.

Zocca Cuisine D'Italia | Westin Riverwalk

Exquisite Italian specialties served riverside with indoor and outdoor seating options.



NONNA OSTERIA



4 GRAB-AND-GO HOTEL FLAVORS

1 Café Carino | San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk

Delicious grab and go options including Starbucks coffee and pastries.

2 Café Bocadillo | San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter

Stop by for quick cravings like coffee, pastries, and light fare.

3 Spoonful Provisions | Grand Hyatt River Walk

Premium coffee, Texas-inspired products, gelato, and grab-and-go options.

4 MKT. Place | Hyatt Regency Riverwalk

Casual café fare and snacks available throughout the day.

EASTSIDE: THE SOUL OF SAN ANTONIO | NEIGHBORHOOD FLAVOR & CULINARY CRAFT

San Antonio's Eastside continues to grow as a destination for bold flavors and chef-driven kitchens.

Cullum's Attaboy brings cozy diner offerings including steak and eggs, burgers, and cocktails. The restaurant has earned a MICHELIN Bib Gourmand and is a past James Beard Award nominee. **Smoakwood BBQ SATX** keeps things rooted in Texas tradition, serving smoked brisket, ribs, and house-made sides in a laid-back setting that honors slow-cooked craft.

For coffee enthusiasts, **Pulp Coffee's** Eastside roasting facility offers a behind-the-scenes look at its specialty-grade beans. Visits are available by appointment only, making it a unique stop for those wanting to see where the roasting magic happens.



SOUTHTOWN | CREATIVE KITCHENS & CULTURAL ROOTS

Southtown blends historic charm with some of the city's most thoughtful, chef-driven dining.

Stop in at **Blush Restaurant** for high-quality homemade brunch, lunch, and dinner dishes alongside artisan baked goods and craft cocktails in a cozy Southtown setting. You can also dine on breakfast and lunch plates with historic charm inside the former home of Pioneer Flour Mills' founder at **The Guenther House**.

For great coffee options, **Mila Coffee** provides your favorite brews in a cozy neighborhood stop.

Camp Outpost Co. merges American



PHARM TABLE



MAVERICK TEXAS BRASSERIE

comfort food with outdoor camp-like vibes, and **Pizzeria Vesuvio** serves traditional Italian favorites and classic pies in a casual setting.

At **Pharm Table**, acclaimed Chef Elizabeth Johnson leads a locally sourced, globally inspired kitchen centered on healthful farm-to-table cuisine, regenerative farming partnerships, and seasonal dishes rooted in the medicinal power of food and botanicals. For French technique that meets Texas soul, check out **Maverick Texas Brasserie**, where live-fire steaks, French comfort dishes, and bold Southern flair come together.

Then, make dinner plans at **Rosario's ComidaMex & Bar** for authentic Mexican comfort food and bold nights at their rooftop bar.



ROSARIO'S COMIDAMEX & BAR

PEARL | CULINARY CREATIVITY BY THE RIVER

Along the river north of downtown, the **Pearl** area brings together chef-driven restaurants, artisan markets, and gathering spaces that make it one of the city's most dynamic dining destinations.

Southerleigh Fine Food & Brewery, a MICHELIN Bib Gourmand restaurant, celebrates coastal Southern cuisine with Gulf-inspired seafood, house-brewed beers, and a historic setting. **La Gloria** brings interior Mexican street food traditions to the river with tacos, ceviches, and margaritas in a colorful, open-air space.

Just steps away, **Supper at Hotel Emma** highlights seasonal New American dishes rooted in South Texas ingredients. For market-style exploring, **Larder Fine Groceries & Prepared Food** stocks specialty ingredients, prepared dishes, and gourmet finds.

Ladino, MICHELIN Recognized in both 2024 and 2025, explores bold Eastern Mediterranean flavors with wood-fired cooking and vibrant small plates, and French

flavors shine at **Brasserie Mon Chou Chou**, where classic brasserie dishes and Alsatian influences meet polished hospitality.

Down on Grayson pairs American comfort fare with craft cocktails in a refreshing indoor-outdoor setting, and **Sam's Burger Joint** serves up stacked burgers alongside live music energy. Modern creativity continues at **Best Quality Daughter**, where Asian American flavors bring Chef Jennifer Hwa Dobbertin's inventive takes on nostalgic dishes, colorful interiors, and a menu that blends tradition with personality.

Over at **Bakery Lorraine** you'll find delicate pastries, artisan breads, and refined brunch fare. Stop by the **Culinary Institute of America, San Antonio** for chef-led dining workshops and experiences showcasing globally inspired cuisine from rising culinary talent.

At the **Bottling Department Food Hall**, a curated lineup of local concepts offers everything from bold global flavors to crave-worthy comfort food, including **Freight Fried Chicken** by Chef Nicola Blaque, featuring crispy Southern-style favorites inspired by Black women in post-Civil War America who sold fried chicken to rail





passengers traveling through Virginia.

Nearby, the **Creamery District** blends dining and community gathering in a reimagined historic space, home to **Crème Coffee and Social** for craft coffee and cocktails, and **Costa Pacifica Margarita Garden** for vibrant coastal Mexican flavors in an open-air setting.

At the heart of the district, **Pullman Market** unfolds as a dynamic culinary marketplace blending specialty retail, chef-driven dining, and provisions. Here, you'll find **Isidore**, the only restaurant in Texas that holds both One MICHELIN Star and a MICHELIN Green Star, which spotlights seasonal, Texas-grown ingredients in a diverse menu. **Fife & Farro** delivers wood-fired pizza and pasta in a family-friendly space and **Mezquite**, another MICHELIN Bib Gourmand restaurant, explores the flavors of Sonora with grilled meats, flour tortillas, and delicious cocktails. **Nicosi**, a One MICHELIN Star restaurant, is a must-experience dessert journey. Enjoy an eight-course, preset menu in an exclusive setting that only seats 20 at a time.

NORTHEAST-AIRPORT | FAMILY TRADITIONS & FLAVORFUL FINDS

Near the airport and just minutes from downtown, **this area** blends longtime San Antonio traditions with laid-back neighborhood favorites.

Two Bros. BBQ Market is perfect for a family day out, serving smoked meats and classic sides in a casual, kid-friendly setting with an outdoor play yard.

Enjoy a seasonal, globally inspired menu at **Clementine** featuring inventive small plates and curated tasting experiences. Or dine on casero-style Mexican cooking with signature dishes like El Mofofito and a standout enchilada assortment at neighborhood favorite **La Hacienda de Los Barrios**.





NORTHWEST-SEAWORLD | GLOBAL FLAVORS & HILL COUNTRY VIEWS

On the city's **northwest side**, bold international flavors and resort dining come together.

Viola's Ventanas carries on the Los Barrios family tradition with casero-style Mexican cuisine rooted in handcrafted recipes and decades of heritage. **The Jerk Shack**, led by Chef Nicola Blaque, serves artisan Caribbean cuisine and has earned MICHELIN recognition for its vibrant, flavor-packed dishes.

At **Sichuan House**, Chef Kristina Zhao brings authentic Sichuan cuisine to the table with depth and tradition in every bite. Inside the **Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Villas**, **Antlers Lodge** pairs Southwestern fare with sweeping Hill Country views, while **Chama Gaúcha Brazilian Steakhouse** delivers tableside churrasco carved fresh from the flame.



UPTOWN CENTRAL | BOLD FLAVORS & NEIGHBORHOOD STAPLES

In **Uptown Central**, longtime local favorites and bold new flavors share the spotlight.

Curry Boys BBQ brings Southeast Asian curry and classic Texas barbecue together in crave-worthy rice bowls that pack bold flavor into every bite.

A longtime San Antonio favorite, **Los Barrios** has been serving home-style Tex-Mex since 1979, pairing fresh, traditional dishes with welcoming patio dining that keeps families coming back.



PAESANOS 1604



SILo 1604



SIGNATURE

LA CANTERA DISTRICT | HILL COUNTRY VIEWS & POLISHED PLATES

On the city's northwest edge, the **La Cantera District** pairs sweeping Hill Country views with everything from chef-driven dining to lively gathering spots.

Southerleigh Haute South serves up Southern comfort classics with a refined touch, while **Signature Restaurant** set inside **Signia by Hilton La Cantera Resort & Spa** has been a MICHELIN Guide Texas Recommended restaurant for both 2024 and 2025 and serves

contemporary twists on classic dishes.

Silo 1604 is a great option for contemporary American classics alongside prime steaks and fresh seafood.

Meanwhile, **Paesanos 1604** continues the family's Italian tradition with signature pastas, seafood dishes, and longtime guest favorites that have defined the brand for decades. At **Piatti Ristorante at Eilan**, house-rolled pastas and stone-hearth pizzas take center stage in a traditional Italian trattoria setting that blends polished hospitality with a welcoming neighborhood spirit.

For bold flavors and festive energy, **Mi Familia at the Rim** honors family traditions



with vibrant Mexican cuisine, and **Aldaco's Mexican Cuisine** has been feeding San Antonio Mexican favorites and serving up delicious margaritas since 1989.

Craving meats? **Fogo de Chão at 1604** offers Brazilian churrasco carved tableside, and **County Line IH-10** brings Texas barbecue traditions to the area with smoked meats and classic sides.

More casual outings shine here too. **Yard House at La Cantera** features an expansive draft beer list alongside burgers, steaks, tacos, and seafood. **Rock & Brews** serves American comfort fare in a music-driven setting, and **Sweet Paris Crêperie & Café** offers sweet and savory crêpes perfect for brunch or dessert.

Chef Jason Dady's **Roca & Martillo**, located at **The Rock at La Cantera**,

seamlessly blends traditional Tuscan flavors with the bold tastes of South Texas in an atmosphere celebrating culinary innovation and family dining.

WESTSIDE-DECO DISTRICT | BOLD TRADITIONS & NEIGHBORHOOD FLAVOR

In the heart of San Antonio's historic **Westside**, longtime favorites serve up Tex-Mex classics with serious pride.

Pico de Gallo serves an extensive menu of Tex-Mex favorites, interior Mexican specialties, and signature dishes that have made it a local staple and **Crystal's Café** keeps things simple and satisfying with tacos and traditional Tex-Mex fare.



SAN ANTONIO'S UNMISTAKABLE NIGHTLIFE SCENE

When the sun goes down, San Antonio turns up the volume with rooftop views, craft cocktails, live music, and dance floors that keep the night moving. Find more nightlife fun at visitsanantonio.com/nightlife.

The Esquire Tavern, one of Texas' oldest bars, pairs craft cocktails with River Walk views and a legendary wooden bar, while **The Menger Bar** pours history into every glass just steps from the Alamo.

Devils River Whiskey serves Texas-crafted whiskey in a dedicated tasting room where guests can sample small-batch spirits and signature cocktails built around the brand's bold flavor profile.

Get global with your nightlife options. **Waxy O'Connor's Irish Pub & Eatery** channels traditional Irish hospitality with



pints, pub fare, and live music while **Mad Dogs British Pub** brings a classic UK pub atmosphere to the River Walk with draft beers and British staples. **Durty Nelly's Irish Pub** keeps the party going with live bands, singalongs, and a lively crowd that spills onto the patio.

Naranja Tequila & Mezcal Bar is a dedicated tequila bar on the River Walk, pouring an expertly curated lineup of blanco, reposado, añejo, and cristalino tequilas alongside an extensive mezcal selection.

FlorVino Flower Winery reimagines the wine experience with award-winning flower wines praised for their body, complexity, and velvety finish, offering something truly

distinctive in the downtown scene.

MALAFAMA Nightclub turns up the heat with VIP bottle service, top-tier entertainment, the largest LED screen and disco ball in the city, and a high-energy dance floor right on the River Walk. **Hugman's Oasis** delivers a tropical cocktail escape in the heart of downtown, serving island-inspired drinks in a vibrant, laid-back setting that feels far removed from everyday life.

Things are getting scary! **Paradise Unknown** blends spooky flair with island energy, mixing tropical cocktails and karaoke into one playful, late-night hideaway.

When the night calls for music and movement, **Howl at the Moon** keeps the crowd singing along with high-energy dueling pianos, while upstairs **Merkaba** fuels late-night dancing with DJ-driven beats.

Double Standard lives up to its name with strong pours and a chef-driven menu featuring burgers, small bites, and fresh Texas oysters, including daily happy hour





specials with discounted drafts, cocktails, and dollar oysters. **Tejas Lounge at Moda Fare** pairs mid-century modern design with a curated cocktail program spotlighting Texas spirits, alongside light bites in a cozy, polished setting made for unwinding before or after a night out.

Pink Shark brings playful energy to the River Walk with oversized photo-ready installations, and a hidden speakeasy-style back room hosting DJs, live music, karaoke, and themed events. **Anaqua Garden Bar** offers a tucked-away garden escape inside **Plaza San Antonio Hotel & Spa**, blending Japanese and Latin flavor influences in botanical cocktails served beneath lush greenery and the shade of its namesake Anaqua tree.

Rooftop views are part of the downtown experience, but each lounge brings its



own personality to the skyline. Floating 20 stories above the River Walk inside the **Thompson Hotel**, **The Moon's Daughters** pairs indoor-outdoor lounge seating with



dramatic city views and a celestial-inspired atmosphere. **Otro Rooftop Bar** leans into contemporary Texas flavors with small plates and plated favorites alongside a strong agave-focused cocktail program.

At **1 Watson**, 15 floors above downtown inside the **AC Hotel**, craft cocktails and Southwestern dishes like smoked brisket tacos and cilantro lime chicken are served with views of the River Walk and San Fernando Cathedral. After 9 p.m., it shifts to a 21+ experience. **Smoke Skybar** blends rooftop nightlife with Texas BBQ, jumbo screens for sports, and high-energy evening entertainment, marking more than a decade as a downtown go-to.

Tenfold Rooftop delivers 360-degree skyline views, 10 floors up, with a tequila- and mezcal-forward cocktail list and its signature “10x Tour,” a prix-fixe tasting featuring dishes inspired by 10 regions

around the world. **High Praise Rooftop Bar** keeps things playful with tiki-inspired cocktails and hand-held snacks in a bright indoor-outdoor lounge setting.

Teller’s Bar, located in the **Drury Plaza Hotel**, stuns with handcrafted cocktails inside a former bank vault space. You can enjoy tapas and drinks at **AC Lounge** at the **AC Hotel**.

The Study at Dean’s, located inside **Dean’s Steak & Seafood**, is a high-end cocktail experience that is reservations-only. **El Colegio Bar** pays tribute to the former St. Mary’s School of Law that occupied the space in 1934, channeling pre- and post-prohibition cocktail culture in a richly detailed setting.

And if you’re looking for something a little different, **Elsewhere Bar & Kitchen** pairs cocktails with creative outdoor space and community energy in one of downtown’s



most distinctive hangouts. Be sure to also check out its sister bar, **Elsewhere Too**, where you can wander a whimsical six-acre outdoor venue complete with a 52-foot Ferris wheel, immersive art installations, fire pits, and a glowing flower tunnel. No kids after 8 p.m., making it an especially fun grown-up playground once the sun goes down.

Big Aztec Corner Bar right around the corner from **Aztec Theatre** keeps things easy and energetic in the heart of downtown, serving cold drinks, gourmet hot dogs, and even coffee options.

Deco Bar delivers a fully immersive beverage experience centered around one of the city's most inventive cocktail menus, from creative reinterpretations of classics to entirely new libations. At **Howdy, Sore Loser**, step inside a neon-lit saloon and enjoy beers on tap, ranch waters, game nights, and a full kitchen serving bold bar bites.

River North Icehouse delivers a laid-back indoor-outdoor vibe inside a revitalized warehouse, with cold drinks, watch parties, arcade games, and plenty of space for sports fans and dog lovers alike. Just down the road, **1902 Nightclub** turns a restored 1890s train depot into a posh dance destination with DJ sets, bottle service, and a buzzing patio.

The Liberty Bar pairs craft cocktails and thoughtful bites inside a colorful former convent, while **The Friendly Spot Icehouse** keeps things casual with one of the city's largest beer selections and a sprawling outdoor space perfect for gathering with friends.

Casa Hernán leans into agave spirits and handcrafted cocktails in a cantina-inspired setting filled with curated art, live music, and hacienda charm while **Paseo Bar** at **Estancia del Norte** offers a polished hotel bar experience ideal for evening cocktails in a refined setting.



For high-energy fun, **Camp 1604** (21+) brings national park nostalgia to life with shaded patios, yard games, archery lanes, and more than 75 beers, wines, and cocktails. **Kung Fu Saloon** (21+) mixes vintage arcade games, free skee-ball, pickle shots, and draft cocktails into one playful party atmosphere.

Inside **Hotel Emma**, you'll find **Sternewirth**, where craft cocktails are served beneath soaring ceilings in a beautifully restored brewery space that blends historic character with polished bar culture. At **Amelia Social Lounge**, classic cocktails, small bites, and an extensive wine list invite you to unwind amid moody music and eclectic design.

BEYOND SAN ANTONIO

Three Hill Country Day Trips to Add to Your Stay.



TEXAS HILL COUNTRY WINERY

A San Antonio visit places you in the heart of the **Texas Hill Country**, making it easy to build a scenic day trip into your itinerary.

Start and end your day in the city, and work in vineyard views, refreshing rivers, and small-town charm just down the road.



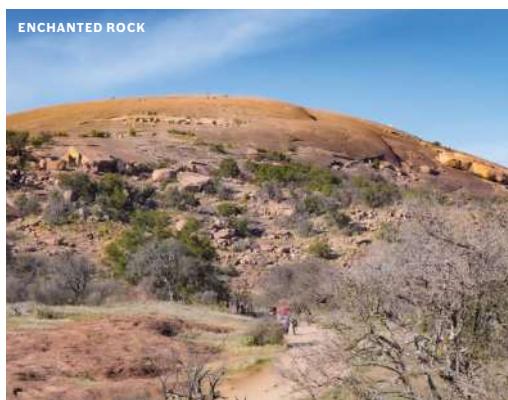
A Day in San Marcos

Head north from San Antonio for a day built around water and adventure. The spring-fed San Marcos River stays a cool 72 degrees year-round, creating the perfect setting for tubing, kayaking, or paddleboarding beneath towering cypress trees.

After time on the water, explore the **San Marcos Premium Outlets**, one of the largest outlet destinations in the country with more than 145 designer and luxury brands.

Round out the afternoon with a visit to Wonder World Cave, the nation's only commercially operated earthquake-formed cave, or take a glass-bottom boat tour at The Meadows Center to see the bubbling springs of Spring Lake.

Then return to San Antonio for dinner, nightlife, or a sunset stroll along the River Walk.



A Day in Fredericksburg

Drive west from San Antonio and arrive in Fredericksburg in just over an hour, where German heritage and Texas Wine Country define the day.

Begin along Main Street, browsing boutiques, galleries, and tasting rooms before settling in for lunch featuring traditional fare or locally sourced Hill Country cuisine.

In the afternoon, explore the National Museum of the Pacific War or head outdoors to Enchanted Rock State Natural Area for panoramic views from its iconic pink granite summit.

During wildflower season, Wildseed Farms adds bursts of color to the landscape.

Before returning to San Antonio, stop at one of more than 50 nearby wineries for a tasting.



A Day in Bandera

Don't miss the "Cowboy Capital of the World," located just one hour northwest of San Antonio. Hike and fish, ride a horse on a scenic trail, or stay at one of the many authentic and historic dude ranches here. Immerse yourself in cowboy and cowgirl culture—the town is brimming with history, horses, and fun.

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DAY OF THE DEAD RIVER PARADE

Fall in San Antonio is a season that comes alive. Years of tradition burst into color during Día de los Muertos and DiwaliSA, live music and major events fill the calendar, and cooler evenings invite you to explore the River Walk, outdoor spaces, and neighborhoods across the city.

Come for a family getaway, a weekend build around food and culture, or a change of scenery. However you choose to experience it, fall in San Antonio is brighter, bolder, and unmistakably its own.

For even more fall inspiration, visit visitsanantonio.com/fall.

FALL EVENT SAMPLER

For even more events, find our event There's always something happening in San Antonio. Mark your calendar for these can't miss fall events. Discover even more at visitsanantonio.com/events.

SEPTEMBER

Hispanic Heroes

From **September 15 – 30**, discover six San Antonians who have shaped the city's music scene through special art installations at hotels along and near the River Walk.

Jazz'SAlive

Catch two days of world-class jazz from **September 25 – 26** at Civic Park at **Hemisfair**, where national stars, local talent, food, and family fun come together for this free annual festival.

OCTOBER

San Antonio Black International Film Festival (SABIFF)

Celebrate Black cinematography and storytelling from **October 1 – 4** with independent films, filmmaker conversations, workshops, and cultural experiences from San Antonio and beyond.

Day of the Dead San Antonio River Parade

On **October 23**, see the River Walk transform into a celebration of life and remembrance as decorated barges featuring altars, catrinas, and costumed riders make their way along the river honoring those who have passed.

Calaverita Run 5K & Family Walk

Lace up in your best calavera-inspired look on **October 24** for a family-friendly evening of culture and remembrance honoring loved ones during Día de los Muertos.

Muertos Fest at Hemisfair

From **October 23 – 25**, gather at Hemisfair for three days of altars, processions, music, workshops, and the Muertos Mercado during one of San Antonio's signature Día de los Muertos celebrations.

NOVEMBER

DiwaliSA

On **November 7**, experience the Festival of Lights with Indian music, dance, food, glowing diyas, and vibrant rangoli during an unforgettable night celebrating San Antonio's connection to Chennai, India.

Luminaria Contemporary Arts Festival

On **November 14**, see downtown in a new light as installations, projections, music, film, poetry, theater, and dance transform the city into an open-air celebration of contemporary art.



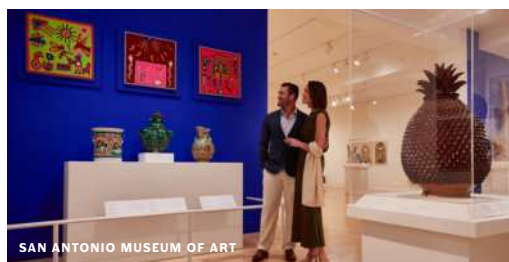
MORE WAYS TO MAKE FALL YOUR OWN

Fall in San Antonio is about more than what's on the calendar. Cooler mornings and evenings make it easier to spend time outside; the city's food scene gives you plenty of reasons to come hungry, and arts and cultural experiences add even more to explore between the season's biggest events.

Get Outdoors This Fall

With cooler temperatures on the horizon, fall is a great time to be outside and discover more of San Antonio. Hike through the rugged Hill Country landscape at **Government Canyon State Natural Area**, explore the trails and outdoor spaces of **Brackenridge Park**, or take to San Antonio's growing greenway trail network by bike.

For a different way to explore downtown, follow **San Pedro Creek Culture Park**, where public art, history, native landscaping, and water come together along a walkable urban trail.



Come Hungry for Fall Flavors

Fall is a perfect time to discover why San Antonio is the **Culinary Capital of Texas®**. Build an evening around dinner and drinks, grab a table outside as temperatures cool, or explore the flavors of a neighborhood you haven't visited before.

From longtime local favorites and **MICHELIN-recognized restaurants** to local breweries and seasonal specialties, there's no shortage of ways to make food part of your fall getaway. As celebrations get underway, Oktoberfest flavors, pan de muerto, and other seasonal favorites give you even more to taste.

Add a Little Art to Your Getaway

San Antonio's creative side gives you even more to explore between fall festivals and major events. Spend an afternoon discovering a new exhibition at the **San Antonio Museum of Art**, wander through galleries and public art, or plan your visit around special programming happening throughout the season.

At the **McNay Art Museum**, Second Thursday returns on select evenings this fall, pairing free gallery admission with live music, art activities, food, and drinks.

THE LARGEST DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATIONS IN THE COUNTRY

Día de los Muertos is a time to honor loved ones who have passed and celebrate the lives they lived. Rooted in Mexican culture, the tradition holds special meaning in San Antonio, where generations come together through ofrendas, music, food, art, storytelling, and gatherings centered on remembrance.

Discover the Meaning Behind the Celebration

Bright marigolds, colorful calaveras, intricate papel picado, and deeply personal ofrendas are among the meaningful sights you'll encounter throughout the season. Each carries its own significance, connecting remembrance with family, heritage, and tradition.

Ofrendas are especially central to the observance, bringing together photographs,

candles, flowers, favorite foods, and personal belongings to remember those who have passed. Throughout San Antonio, you'll find these heartfelt altars created by families, artists, and communities, each telling a story of its own.

Learn more about the **sights, symbols, and traditions of Día de los Muertos.**

Experience Día Along the River Walk

Follow the **Día de los Muertos Tradition Trail October 3 – November 2**, where larger-than-life alebrijes, calaveras, catrinas, and altars bring the art and symbolism of the season to the River Walk.

Then, on **October 23**, watch illuminated barges float along the river for the **Day of the Dead San Antonio River Parade**. Elaborately decorated floats, costumed riders, music, and meaningful tributes create one of the season's most memorable ways to honor life and loved ones.





Gather at Muertos Fest

From **October 23 – 25, Muertos Fest at Hemisfair** brings three days of remembrance and celebration to the heart of downtown. Explore San Antonio's iconic open altar exhibition, watch community processions, browse the Muertos Mercado, and enjoy music, dance, poetry, workshops, and family activities throughout the weekend.

The free festival brings artists, musicians, families, and visitors together while keeping remembrance at the center of the experience. Its community-created altars show how individual stories and memories become part of a much larger celebration.

Celebrate Across San Antonio

Día de los Muertos reaches neighborhoods and cultural destinations throughout the city, each offering its own way to experience the season.

At **Historic Market Square**, community altars, music, food, and family-friendly activities fill one of San Antonio's most storied cultural destinations.

At **Pearl**, community ofrendas, large-scale art, music, cultural performances,



and hands-on activities bring Día traditions throughout the neighborhood.

The observance takes on a more reflective character at the **San Antonio Missions**, where parish communities create ofrendas honoring loved ones at Mission Concepción, Mission San José, Mission San Juan, and Mission Espada.

Connect with Community Traditions

San Antonio's longtime cultural organizations offer another opportunity to connect with the traditions behind Día de los Muertos.

Esperanza Peace & Justice Center brings the community together through hands-on traditions such as paper flowers, sugar skulls, and papier-mâché calaveras.

At **Centro Cultural Aztlán**, the annual Altares y Ofrendas exhibition brings together artists and community members through altars, artwork, music, and traditions that have helped keep the observance alive across generations.

Explore **even more Día de los Muertos celebrations across San Antonio.**

HALLOWEEN FUN FOR EVERY LEVEL OF BRAVE

Halloween in San Antonio can be as playful or spine-chilling as you want. Families can fill their days with costumes, candy, and not-so-scary fun, while grown-up thrill seekers can wait until nightfall for haunted attractions, ghostly encounters, and eerie experiences that show off San Antonio's darker side.

Not-So-Spooky Fun at the San Antonio Zoo

Costumes are encouraged at **San Antonio Zoo's Zoo Boo!**, from **September 20 – October 31**, little ghosts and goblins can enjoy daytime Halloween fun alongside a full day of exploring the zoo. Trick-or-treating, seasonal activities, themed entertainment, and plenty of photo opportunities make this annual favorite a great choice for families with children.

Best of all, Zoo Boo! keeps things festive rather than frightening, so even your littlest trick-or-treaters can join the fun.

Make a Splash at SeaWorld's Halloween Spooktacular

Halloween gets an under-the-sea twist at **SeaWorld San Antonio's Halloween Spooktacular**, from **September 11 – November 1**. Dress the kids in their Halloween best and spend the day trick-or-treating, meeting colorful characters, catching seasonal entertainment, and enjoying the park's rides and animal experiences.

With plenty to do beyond the Halloween festivities, families can easily make a full day of it before the park takes a decidedly scarier turn after dark.





45TH ANNUAL FORD HOLIDAY RIVER PARADE & LIGHTING CEREMONY

Friday, November 27, 2026

Held the day after Thanksgiving, the **Ford Holiday River Parade and Lighting Ceremony** marks the start of the holiday season along the San Antonio River Walk, when thousands of holiday lights illuminate the river for the first time.

This year's theme, "**Holiday Wishes Come True,**" brings even more magic to the annual parade, with beautifully illuminated floats, festive entertainment, and the Witte Museum serving as Grand Marshal as it celebrates its 100th birthday.

The lights continue to brighten the River Walk from sundown to sunrise through early January, but there's nothing quite like seeing it all come to life on parade night.

Tickets are on sale now, reserve your spot along the River Walk and be there when San Antonio kicks off the holiday season.

Tricks, Treats, and Thrills at Six Flags Fiesta Texas

Keep the costumes ready for **Tricks and Treats at Six Flags Fiesta Texas**, happening Saturdays and Sundays between September 12 – November 1. Younger visitors can enjoy seasonal treats, entertainment, activities, and plenty of family rides throughout the park.

It's an easy way to mix classic Halloween fun with the thrills of the **Theme Park Capital of Texas** while keeping the daytime experience firmly on the kid-friendly side of spooky.

When the Sun Goes Down...

Once night falls, San Antonio turns up the scares. Haunted houses, sinister characters, ghost stories, and immersive experiences offer plenty of reasons for older teens and adults to stay out after dark - if they're brave enough.



Brave the Theme Parks After Dark

The playful daytime atmosphere disappears during **Howl-O-Scream at SeaWorld San Antonio**, running on select nights between **September 11 – November 1**, when haunted houses, scare zones, sinister entertainment, and nighttime rides transform the park into a much darker Halloween experience.

Across town, **Fright Fest at Six Flags Fiesta Texas** brings its own after-dark thrills on select nights between **September 11 – November 1**, with haunted mazes, roaming scares, live entertainment, and coasters in the dark.

Check Into The Scream Experiment

For a different kind of scare, head downtown to **The Scream Experiment** on Alamo Plaza. This year-round, live-action haunted attraction invites guests inside the mysterious Restful Sleep Hotel, where immersive storytelling, live actors, and multi-sensory effects blur the line between haunted house and theatrical experience.

Its downtown location also makes it easy to work a serious scare into an evening of dining, drinks, and exploring the heart of San Antonio.



Meet the Ghosts of San Antonio's Past

Some of San Antonio's best ghost stories don't need special effects. Follow **Sisters Grimm Ghost Tours** through downtown as guides uncover tales of haunted hotels, historic buildings, and the people whose stories have lingered long after their time.

Escape to Paradise Unknown

Finish the night somewhere unexpected at **Paradise Unknown**, a 21+ cocktail hideaway near the River Walk that feels like stepping onto a mysterious island after dark. Tropical cocktails, an immersive setting, special effects, and plenty of surprises give this nightlife experience an eerie edge without turning it into another haunted house.



FORD HOLIDAY BOAT CAROLING

December 4 – 6 & 11 – 23, 2026

The festivities continue in December with **Ford Holiday Boat Caroling**, when groups of carolers take to the water and fill the River Walk with the sounds of the season.

Gather friends and family and reserve a boat to join in on the singing or find a spot along the River Walk and listen as the caroling boats float by. It's a special San Antonio way to share our holiday cheer with family and friends alike.

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In San Antonio, summer gives families more to do, all in one place! Stroll through river paths, enjoy historic sights at the Missions and Alamo, and unwind at family-friendly resorts with refreshing pools. Cool off, explore at your own pace, and most of all, enjoy quality time together.

Plan a memorable family trip at [VisitSanAntonio.com/Summer](https://www.VisitSanAntonio.com/Summer)



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