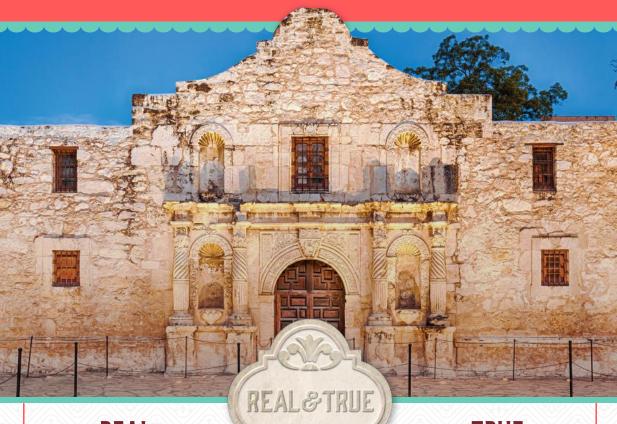


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# The Latest and Greatest in the Alamo Lity



Discover the newest additions to Real & True San Antonio.



# **FAMILY FUN**

A trip the whole family will enjoy is right here in San Antonio. Whether this is your first time with us or your 100th visit, new discoveries to make this family vacation unlike any other await.

Something, dare we say, diabolical is arriving at Six Flags Fiesta Texas just in time for summer. Dr. Diabolical's **Cliffhanger** is the park's newest roller coaster and it is all a part of Dr. Diabolical's evil plan to harvest the essence of human adrenaline and fear in order to nourish her creatures. Standing at 150-feet tall with 2,501 feet of soaring track and reaching speeds of 60 miles per hour, grab a seat on this coaster and walk away with bragging rights for conquering the steepest dive coaster in the world!

SeaWorld & Aquatica San Antonio also welcome new rides this year. **Riptide Race** at Aquatica San Antonio calls for a friendly competition between riders. Start atop a 51-foot tower and board a two-person raft as riders on the next slide over do the same. Then hold on for an exciting journey of 565 feet of splashing slides while trying to reach the slide's end before the other side wins. For a drier but nonetheless exhilarating experience, SeaWorld San Antonio offers the world's tallest and fastest screaming swing—Tidal Surge. Tidal Surge seats 40 riders at a time and features two pendulum-like arms that soar progressively higher to a staggering height of 135 feet at its peak, reaching speeds of up to 68 miles per hour. Take in the beautiful views of the park as your feet dangle over the waterski lake—but only for a moment before Tidal Surge brings you plunging back toward Earth.





# Stop by

attractions like Six Flags Fiesta Texas, **SeaWorld San Antonio**, and more. For the

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Take a walk below majestic jaguars at Pantera Walk at **San Antonio Zoo**. Pantera Walk allows the jaguars to stroll above visitors below as they make their way to the Amazonia habitat. The San Antonio Zoo is the only zoo in the United States to offer this unique catwalk for jaguars. After marveling at the beautiful jaguars, check out the rest of NEOTROPICA, the latest exhibit at the San Antonio Zoo, which focuses on the Neotropical regions of the Americas. NEOTROPICA recreates the look and feel of a remote fishing village with motifs characteristic of the Americas and nods to pre-Hispanic cultures.

# FOR THE FOODIES

As one of only two cities in the United States that holds the title of **Creative City of Gastronomy** by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), our culinary game is top-notch and a direct reflection of the confluence of cultures that call San Antonio home. Check out some of the latest newcomers to our culinary scene.

San Antonio locals are the first to sing the praises of dining options at the **Historic Pearl** and these new additions only enhance this location's stellar culinary reputation. Enjoy fresh seafood, housemade pasta, plus savory vegetables and meats and a full-service bar offering craft cocktails, spritzers, and Italian wines at Allora. For a fast-casual cafe, or tavola, head to Arrosta where a bohemian cafe experience, featuring elevated counter service and glass cases filled with baked goods and casual takeaway meals await. On the lighter side, Kineapple at Pearl's Bottling Department offers a variety of fresh smoothies, healthy snacks, salads, coffee, and more. Try the Crunchy Kale Salad, Free-Range Chicken Salad Sandwich, Kineapple Farm Bowl, Golden Overnight Oats, In-house Protein Bar and more. If you are looking for a tall drink with your meal, check out Three Star Bar, just a short distance from the Historic Pearl and offering a full bar with handcrafted cocktails and select beer and wine paired with an eclectic menu boasting items such as whiskey and maple glazed meatballs, borracho bean hummus, homemade burgers, a variety of fresh sandwiches filled with cured meats and much more.

Hemisfair is also enjoying the addition of some fantastic new restaurants. The Box St. All Day is the perfect spot to enjoy patio dining with a gorgeous view of the Tower of the Americas. Whether it is cocktails, coffee, a brunch spot, or dinner, it can all be found at Box St. All Day. Enjoy a delicious meal here—literally all day. After enjoying a meal at The Box St. All Day, visit the first winemaking and tasting room facility in downtown San Antonio: Re:Rooted 210 Urban Winery. With six wines on tap and a great collection of bottled wines, this urban winery specializes in local wine education and serves only authentic Texas wines.

Even better, San Antonio's hoteliers are also rising to the culinary occasion. **Canopy by Hilton San Antonio Riverwalk** is home to **Domingo**, an onsite restaurant paying homage to South Texas Cuisine. Enjoy





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ceviches, tacos, enchiladas, steaks, fresh fish and more, or try one of many agave-based cocktails while enjoying the dazzling view of the San Antonio River Walk. Not only does Thompson San Antonio Hotel have beautiful views, but it is also occupied by two charming restaurants. The first: Landrace, which focuses on Texas-grown ingredients prepared on a wood-burning grill. Try the steak au poivre in which the beef is crusted with ground chile Piquín, or the charbroiled Gulf oysters topped with New Orleans-style barbecue sauce. The second: The Moon's Daughters takes a Mediterranean approach with a menu of small plates designed for sharing. Expand your taste bud horizons with house-made feta burrata cheese with pesto, lamb ragu with hummus and pita, stuffed leek kebabs with squash and cashew cheese and many other mouthwatering dishes. LAZO with Don Strange at Estancia del Norte San Antonio is the perfect place to dine, whether you are looking for a relaxing meal or want to watch an evening of televised sports. South-Texas inspired dishes and cocktails are on the menu here. Be sure to try chile relleno stuffed with crab or the fideo with shrimp and chorizo.

# ARTS & CULTURE

San Antonio's creative community never ceases to amaze. While new public art and creative works are popping up daily, be sure to check out some of these latest works of art.

Take a stroll in **Historic Market Square** and stop by **Centro de Artes Gallery**, which recently reopened after being closed for a year and a half due to the pandemic, to see one of many rotating exhibits featuring art pieces by immensely talented artists.

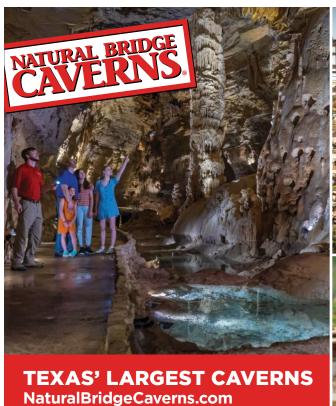
San Antonio artist Kaldric Dow is the mastermind behind "Spheres of Reflection," a sculpture paying homage to the representation of African American culture. Head to San Antonio's east side at Martin Luther King Park to see this sculpture that features elements influenced by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s teachings.

The San Antonio River Walk has an exciting new cultural destination: The River Walk Public Art Garden. Located near the intersection of Market and Alamo Streets, this outdoor museum provides a full public art experience, including free-standing sculptures, wall-mounted art installations and informational displays.

Among art installations found at The River Walk Public Art Garden is a portion of the "Bloom" series by Leticia Huerta. "Bloom" features oversized metal flower sculptures that, up close, resemble larger-than-life bicycle parts. The original "Bloom" installation can be found at Mud Creek in **McAllister Park** while the latest "blossom" can be found at Mario Farias Park. You can also find "Bloom" installations in **Eisenhower Park** and Brazos Pocket Park. For even more public art finds, visit www. SanAntonio.gov/Arts or follow @getcreativesa.

Finally, head over to the **McNay Art Museum** for an enhanced outdoor museum experience featuring additional works of art, "invisible" new landscaping and increased accessibility. Vibrant florals, dozens of native and drought-resistant trees, scenic walkways, meditative seating areas and enhanced lighting welcome you to a pleasant outdoor stroll among brilliant works of art.











# Real Stories. True Experiences.

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Welcome to a city bestowed with well over 300 years of traditions and heritage—a city where the real captivating stories of the past are as alive as the promise of our vibrant, true future. Museums representing all aspects of our diverse history, a Fiesta celebration like no other, hosts of exciting family-friendly rides and attractions, and scores of special events throughout the year await you in San Antonio. Take in our famed River Walk and Historic Market Square, stunning murals, World Heritage San Antonio Missions (Texas' only UNESCO World Heritage site!), and our worldclass culinary scene. The many flavors of San Antonio reflect the wealth of culture, traditions, and history found here. Indeed, the vast array of eateries and years of culinary traditions found in the Alamo City led to our designation by UNESCO as a Creative City of Gastronomy. Whether planning a day trip, a fun-filled family vacation, a romantic getaway, or a one-of-a-kind gastronomic journey, San Antonio is the destination for you. We are happy to be your guide as you get to know our beautiful city.

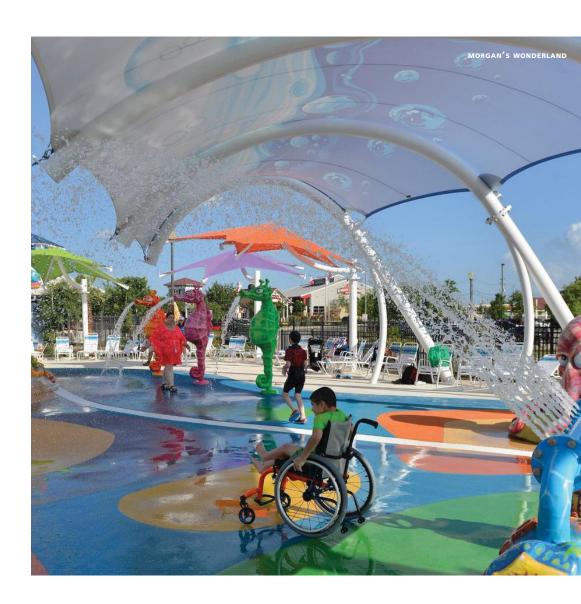




# Real Moments. True Adventures.



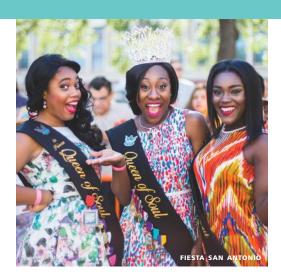
Unforgettable memories with the whole family are in the Alamo City.



Every day is an adventure in San Antonio! It is no secret that the Alamo City is the leading family fun destination in Texas! From our world-class zoo to multiple, major theme parks and child-friendly museums, attractions for the young (and young at heart!) are around every corner and are here to keep the family entertained.

Thrills, chills, water adventures and more! Six Flags Fiesta Texas, celebrating 30 years of entertainment, will get your adrenaline pumping with its dozens of rides including the new Dr. Diabolical's Cliffhanger, entertaining shows, a water park and adventures designed for everyone in your brood, from curious toddler to thrill-seeking adult. At SeaWorld & Aquatica San Antonio, experience thrilling rides from the Texas Stingray to the all-new Tidal Surge, or jump in and cool off with exciting waterpark rides and meet aquatic creatures up close, including gentle stingrays. At SEA LIFE Aquarium, watch out for the sharks swimming overhead when you walk through the city's only ocean tunnel. Get up close and personal with land animals, including giraffes, elephants and ostriches, at San Antonio Zoo or Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch. Cool, underground temperatures and stunning beauty invite you to linger in the massive caves of Natural Bridge Caverns. Build an adventure at **LEGOLAND Discovery Center** with rides and colorful brick-based fun. Morgan's Wonderland and Morgan's Inspiration Island splash park give children of all ages and capabilities options for joy at the world's first "ultra-accessible™" family fun park.

No matter the season, San Antonio brims with sports, concerts and festivals. Each February, the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo shows why it is one of the largest



indoor rodeos in the world as it serves up bronc riding, calf roping, an authentic charreada and main-stage entertainers. Your biggest challenge will be deciding where to head next! The one-of-a-kind Fiesta San Antonio, an 11-day city-wide celebration held every April, includes Battle of Flowers and Fiesta Flambeau parades and fireworks, all in celebration of the diverse heritage, culture and spirit of San Antonio.

# THRILLING RIDES

Are record-setting rides that get your pulse racing your jam? If so, San Antonio is the destination for you.

Six Flags Fiesta Texas recently unveiled Dare Devil Flying Machines. If the sensation of feeling complete weightless while you swoop through aerial banks, loops and dives sounds appealing to you, this is your ride. The world's tallest, fastest and longest wooden roller coaster in the entire state of Texas is ready for action at SeaWorld San **Antonio**. Find out how it feels to whip, dip and dive with a 100-foot drop, 3,379 feet of track, and a max speed of 55 mph when you board the Texas Stingray.

Looking for a thrill while staying cool? Head over to Aquatica San Antonio, SeaWorld's exciting water park and hop on the Tonga Twister. Speed through over 400 feet of twist and turns on this water slide from over 50 feet high before ending in a splash out.

# PINT-SIZE ADVENTURES

Morgan's Wonderland theme park and Morgan's Inspiration Island splash park are nationally recognized for superfun offerings for guests of all abilities and ages. With inclusive play as its mission, Morgan's 25 Ultra-Accessible™ attractions include a wheelchair-ready Ferris wheel and a carousel with wheelchair chariots that go up and down just like the beautifully crafted carousel animals. Morgan's Inspiration Island holds colorful splash pads, a boat ride and waterproof wheelchairs.

At Natural Bridge Caverns see otherworldly rock and mineral formations created by single drops of water over the slow passage of time. The optional Adventure Tour has you clambering over rocks and getting a real taste of spelunking. A natural

limestone bridge stretches 60 feet across a cavern, while the constant temperature hovers at 70 degrees. Above ground, more fun awaits at a ropes and zip rails course, outdoor maze and even the shops.

# Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch

features more than 500 animals from more than 45 different species that you can spy up close from your own vehicle on driving safari. Cute babies from species such as addax, emus, giraffes and scimitar horned oryx are often among the beautiful, freeranging animals. Be sure to check out the rhino habitat along with the zebras, giraffes and ostriches, scheduled animal feedings and the exotic animal petting zoo.

The DoSeum, San Antonio's museum for kids, offers hands-on, thought provoking fun. STEM, the arts and literacy come together in The DoSeum's permanent exhibits such as the Spy Academy, a tinkering gallery and Force Course, where children explore inclined planes, pulleys, wheels, wedges and levers to create ball runs. Big Outdoors includes







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a monarch butterfly garden and a 30-feet tall, German-built climbing structure.

The Witte Museum perfectly blends science, nature and culture. Dioramas show off Texas ecosystems, flora and fauna. Galleries tell Texas-centric stories of dinosaurs, prehistoric hunter-gatherers of Texas, trail drivers, settlers of South Texas and the famed King Ranch. Traveling exhibits and special events like STEAM Sunday, complement the permanent collection.

Bricks are the medium of choice at **LEGOLAND Discovery Center**, where the popular toy provides a solid platform for a good time. Count on year-round play areas such as Duplo Farm, MINILAND® San Antonio and Kingdom Quest, an indoor ride. Special temporary exhibits have exciting themes like pirates that your family is sure to enjoy.

Right next door, SEA LIFE Aquarium **San Antonio** is home to more than 5,000 marine and fresh-water creatures who live in ten interactive zones for guests to explore. A 50-foot-long tunnel winds under a tropical ocean tank filled with sharks, jellyfish and moray eels. To top it off: Watch feedings and take a behind-the-scenes tour.

# Good Times in Alamo Lity

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# Amazing Mirror Maze & The Vault Laser Challenge

Who knew there could be so many of you! Test your perceptions in this challenging mirror maze, and then compete in a timed laser race.

# **Buckhorn Museum & Saloon and Texas Ranger Museum**

A Texas-sized adventure is waiting for you here. Explore one-of-a-kind animal exhibits, a historic saloon, café, giftshop and the Texas Ranger Museum.

# **Experience Real History**

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# **Extreme Escape**

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# **iFLY**

Leave your fears behind when you "skydive" at iFLY. The motto is "No restraints here, just freedom," and you will experience the freeing sensations of being suspended on the wind without any danger of falling.

# **UTSA Institute of Texan Cultures**

This family-friendly museum offers hands-on, interactive exhibits so visitors can learn more about the impact of all the people and cultures that have shaped San Antonio.



# Kiddie Park at San Antonio Zoo

Little ones ages 12 and under love the rides here, including the hand-carved Herschell Spillman carousel and flying saucers. This adorable children's amusement park is considered one of the oldest in the U.S.



# San Antonio Botanical Garden

The Family Adventure Garden cultivates nature play and learning in areas scaled perfectly for children to enjoy plants, water and wildlife. The Family Flashlight Tour invites a nocturnal exploration of the garden by moonlight, with a light maze, campfire stories and crafts like creating a constellation viewer.

# Schlitterbahn

This waterpark original has something for everyone, from exhilarating water coasters, fun slides, and wave pools to lazy rivers. Stay overnight at the resort's accommodations that also include waterpark admission.





# **Tejas Rodeo Company**

Packed with the Western heritage that visitors love, find your authentic Texas steakhouse and saloon experience right here! Located just north of San Antonio in Bulverde, your gang will enjoy live pro rodeo, musical acts, food and fun.



Decked-out hitting bays provide the setting for you to swing at giant outfield targets with high-tech golf balls that score themselves. The restaurant and sports bar keep everyone fueled with tasty food and drinks.





# Tower of the Americas

Zip to the top of this 750-foot-tall tower for a meal at the revolving Chart House Restaurant or simply soak in the one-of-a-kind 360-degree view of San Antonio from the observation deck. There is also a 4D Theatre Ride sure to put you on the edge of your seat.





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# GOOD TIMES KEEP ROLLIN'

# The Magik Theatre

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# San Antonio Fire Museum

Fans of firefighters light up at this nationally recognized museum, thanks to antique fire trucks and equipment that include a 1953 model that kids are allowed to climb, before or after they don authentic replicas of firefighter gear.

## Texas Air Museum

Soar into the Texas Air Museum to learn all about aviation pioneers, technical advancements in aviation and the story of San Antonio's important role as the birthplace of American military aviation. See aircraft, vehicles, uniforms and artifacts like a F-4 Phantom ejection seat, all housed at the country's second-oldest airport.

# **Texas Transportation Museum**

The model railroads, historic train rides and working antique trucks, tractors and cars will delight transportation buffs of all ages. Check out the annual San Antonio Ford Model T Show and the Spook-Track-ula at Halloween.



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# Play All Day

# **BOLD ADVENTURE**

You cannot beat fresh air combined with thrilling rides and entertaining shows, and that is just what you will find at San Antonio theme and water parks. Six Flags **Fiesta Texas** has 80 acres of thrills, including Dare Devil Flying Machines. The park is open year-round with special events throughout the year, including Fright Fest and Holiday in the Park. Hop in the adjoining White Water Bay waterpark when you are ready to cool down. SeaWorld & Aquatica San Antonio boast rides like the Texas Stingray, the tallest, fastest and longest wooden coaster in Texas, and live-animal shows with bottlenose dolphins, puffins, stingrays and penguins. Up the road in New Braunfels is the waterpark that started it all, Schlitterbahn Waterpark and Resort, with 51 rivers, rides, slides and chutes that invite you to float the day away.





# GET OUTSIDE

Enjoy Yanaguana Garden at Hemisfair, a delightful urban park with activities for people of all ages and abilities. Little ones dig the sand play area and the cool waters of the Union Pacific Railroad Splash Pad, while the older set enjoys ping pong or cornhole with drinks in the shade. Come back at night for the artistic lighting! Take a refreshing guided bicycle tour exploring San Antonio's public art scene with **Mural** Ride Bike Tours. If you are looking to visit historic parks, unique neighborhoods and the San Antonio Missions, a laid-back tour with San **Antonio Bike Tours** is sure to please. Take the beloved **Brackenridge Park** miniature train that choo-choos around the 300-acre park, with stops at the Witte Museum and San Antonio Zoo. Morgan's Wonderland's outdoor fun and Morgan's Wonderland Sports are ultraaccessible for everyone, regardless of abilities. San Antonio Botanical **Garden** is renowned for plant life, futuristic glass pyramid greenhouses and such special events as Family Flashlight Night.

# MARVELOUS MUSEUMS

A visit to San Antonio may feel like a visit around the world at the **San Antonio Museum of Art (SAMA)**. Stop by and see why this museum is renowned for the most comprehensive ancient Greek, Roman and Egyptian art collections in the southern United States. The Witte Museum engagingly focuses on nature, science and culture with art, dioramas and interactive exhibits. At The DoSeum, a scavenger hunt throughout the 68,000-square-foot children's museum lets you visit all the galleries, from the sound and light studio to Little Town, an entire play community. And, as always, remember the **Alamo**, where the brand new Alamo Exhibition Hall & Collections Building is slated to open in late 2022.



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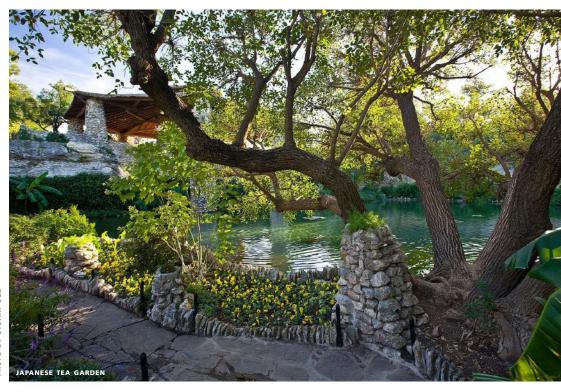




# Real Outdoors. True Gems.



Take advantage of the 250-plus days of sunshine and walk, hike, paddle, golf and explore this city in the fresh air.









With its greenbelts, waterways and easy access to the famous Texas Hill Country, San Antonio is a delight for outdoor enthusiasts.

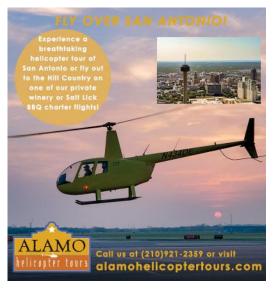
San Antonio's River Walk beckons visitors and locals alike. Indeed, you can expect your outdoor adventures in San Antonio to include many twists and turns. Choose your transportation: colorful river barge, kayak, bike, paddleboardor foot! Pick one or ride them all down the life-giving waters of the San Antonio River. Bike your way through urban landscapes, riparian ecosystems and parks. Looking to get some steps in? Explore the River Walk's 15-mile path by foot—dine and shop while you explore.

With more than 300 acres of extraordinary experiences awaiting you, look no further than Brackenridge Park, which is home to many must-see attractions in San Antonio. Relax at the **Japanese Tea Garden** before heading over to the San Antonio Zoo for unique animal adventures. Nearby you will find Kiddie Park amusement park, as well as The DoSeum children's museum. Brackenridge Park is also home to **The Witte Museum**, which focuses on Texas nature, science and culture. Pack a picnic and continue your outdoor adventures and family fun in manicured green spaces at the San Antonio Botanical Garden. If fast-paced rugged adventures are more your style, you will love the 80-plus miles of hike and bike trails of the Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails System.

Sun's out, clubs out: Choose from more than 50 local courses and take a swing in the Alamo City. Tee off at Alamo City Golf Trail, Canyon Springs Golf Club, Hyatt Hill Country Golf Club, Olympia Hills Golf Course, TPC San Antonio, The Club at Sonterra or The Quarry Golf Course. You will not want to miss Brackenridge Park Golf Course, designed in 1916 and designated as a Top 20 golf course in Texas by Golfweek. Just looking for some low stakes fun? Take your shot at TopGolf.







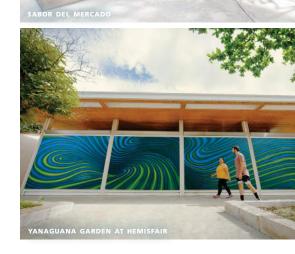




# The Great "Artdoors"

Look for fascinating outdoor artworks at the River Walk Public Art Garden and elsewhere in the city.

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



section, which pays tribute to the Labor Movement in San Antonio. Here are a few art works to look for:

Bloom by San Antonio artist Leticia Huerta is a series of radiant, oversized metal flower sculptures, designed to resemble native wildflowers Yellow Columbine and Lantana.

Spheres of Reflection is a 17-ft. steel-and-concrete sculpture located at Martin Luther King Park on the city's East Side. On the spheres, which represent Black hair, Dow has included key themes

Stargazer (Citlali) by Mexican artist Pedro Reyes. This monumental signature piece depicts a stylized female figure holding a small marble starlike object.

Sabor del Mercado is a large 10-ft. purple and blue hued paleta sculpture created by artist David Blancas and Centro de Artes Gallery. Blancas' childhood memories of chasing down the paleta man served as inspiration for this piece

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# PADDLE, PEDAL AND PLAY

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

# Mission Adventure Tours

Come on in, the water is fine! Take advantage of the opportunity to see the city sites from the water as you paddle the San Antonio River with kayaking tours available March through November, including thrilling, guided down-river trips to peaceful two-hour, family-friendly tours. Bike enthusiasts can cycle the city on various tours.

# Alamo Helicopter Tours

See San Antonio from the sky! Zip over the Alamodome and the Alamo. Fly over the San Antonio Zoo, the River Walk and the Alamo Quarry Market smokestacks. Or take a Hill Country Tour and see the beautiful Texas wine country all from the air.

# **Confluence Park**

A tranquil green space offering visitors landscaped hike and bike paths, this park is adjacent to the San Antonio River and close to San Pedro Creek Trail and Mission Concepción.

# San Antonio Zoo

Come face to face with a rare Grand Cayman blue iguana and the big cats at Pantera Walk, or meet Timothy the hippopotamus and feed towering giraffes. Visit Kiddie Park amusement park, and hop aboard the Zoo Eagle Train as it chugs past the city's most popular parks. Discover the newly renovated bald eagle habitat, just one of many of the San Antonio Zoo's efforts in animal conservation. Check out the year-round calendar of fun and events.

# Yanaguana Garden at Hemisfair

Yanaguana Garden at Hemisfair offers 4.1 acres of play environment designed for all ages and abilities, a popular splash pad, sand play area, climbing structures, outdoor movie nights and must-try eateries nearby. Soak up the fun!

# GO RIO River Walk Cruise

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

# Japanese Tea Garden

Be ready for plenty of photo ops at the Japanese Tea Garden. You will find a lush year-round garden and floral display with shaded walkways, stone arch bridges, a 60-foot waterfall, and koi ponds. The best part: admission is free.

# San Antonio Botanical Garden

Explore bubbling creeks, beckoning hills and sandy shores at the unique 2.5acre Family Adventure Garden with 15 adventure-themed areas encouraging nature play and discovery.

# San Pedro Creek Culture Park

Historic preservation, ecosystem restoration and native landscaping found here are essential to San Pedro Creek Culture Park's mission to preserve historic San Pedro Creek. Found on the western edge of Downtown, this newly redesigned environment invites guests of all ages to discover the natural wonders and enjoy the colorful public art and architectural design.

# Real Sports. True Spirit.



Basketball, bowl games, bull riding and more. From the faithful crowd at AT&T Center and the Alamodome to the more than two million annual visitors to the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, San Antonio sports get more exciting every year.



Everyone knows the San Antonio Spurs bring pride and excitement to Alamo City. The five-time NBA champions have fans far and wide. Look out, though—after this most recent football season there is a new sports sensation in town: The UTSA Roadrunners. The team captured the imagination and passion of San Antonio fans with their dominant gridiron success, becoming NCAA Conference USA champs. Make plans to see them in action Saturdays during the fall at the **Alamodome**.

Football fans will also delight watching the annual NCAA Division Valero Alamo Bowl held every year in December or January. Fútbol fans are also in for a treat—cheer on the United Soccer League team (USL), the San Antonio FC. In the warmer



months, enjoy America's favorite pastime with minor league baseball team the San Antonio Missions.

Golf fans will be pleased to hear that history and sports align at the Valero Texas Open, the third oldest of the PGA Tour tournaments, which recently celebrated its 100th year. San Antonio loves to rodeo as much as any Texan, saddling up annually for the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, a 17-day event. For even more rodeo (who can get enough?) head down to Tejas Rodeo **Company** in nearby Bulverde where, every Saturday night from March to November, visitors indulge in live music and plenty of ropin' and ridin.'

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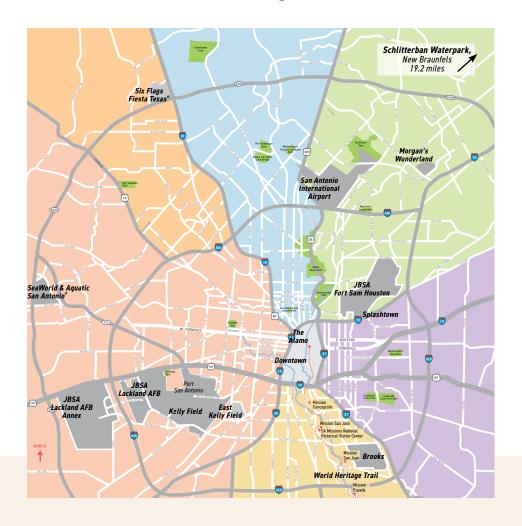


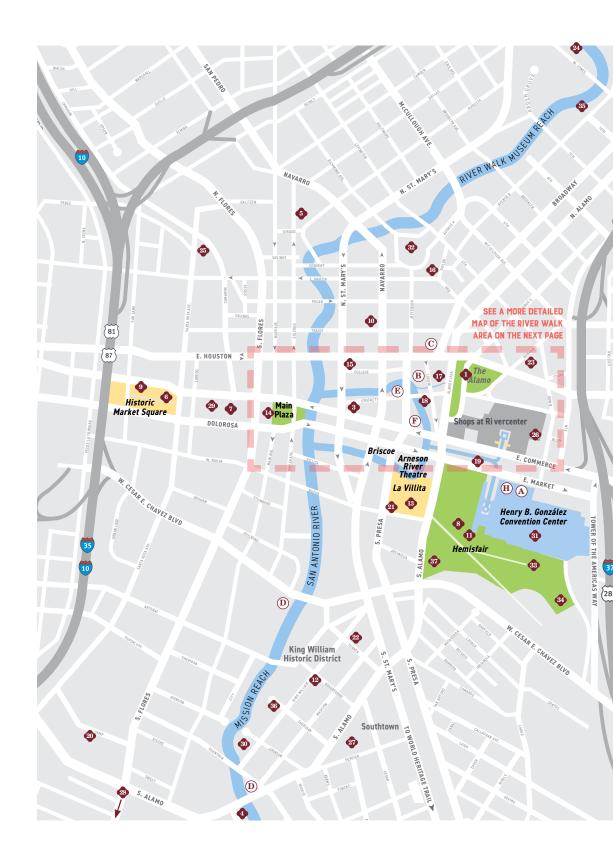
# San Antonio Area Maps

# Points of Interest and Landmarks

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

Alamo Helicopter Tours, The Barwalk, Food Chick Tours, Gray Line Tours, Mural Ride Bike Tours, Nightly Spirits, RJA Ghost Tours, San Antonio Bike Tours, Sisters Grimm Ghost Tours, and Yanaguana Mission Heritage Tours.





# E. HOUSTON Alamodome

# **√** Downtown & River Walk

## POINTS OF INTEREST

- Alamo
- Alamodome
- Aztec Theatre
- Blue Star Arts Complex
- Central Library
- Centro de Artes Gallery
- Cultural Commons Gallery
- Hemisfair
- Historic Market Square
- Hopscotch
- Instituto Cultural de México
- King William Historic District
- La Villita Historic Arts Village
- Main Plaza/San Fernando Cathedral
- Majestic/Empire Theatres
- Maverick Carter House
- Official Visitor Information Center
- River Walk
- River Walk Public Art Garden
- Ruby City
- San Antonio African American Community Archive & Museum
- San Antonio Art League & Museum
- San Antonio Fire Museum
- San Antonio Museum of Art
- San Pedro Creek Culture Park
- Shops at Rivercenter
- Southtown Arts District
- Southtown Art Gallery
- Spanish Governor's Palace
- Steves Homestead
- The Henry B. González Convention Center
- Tobin Center for the Peforming
- Tower of the Americas
- UTSA Institute of Texan Cultures
- VFW Post 76
- Villa Finale
- Yanaguana Garden at Hemisfair

# (A) Grand Hyatt San Antonio River Walk

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Grand Hyatt San Antonio River Walk celebrates the history and charm of the Alamo City with a welcoming spirit and an elegant style. Experience the River Walk in the heart of downtown San Antonio, and enjoy top restaurants, museums and must-visit sites, all within walking distance.

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# (C) Maverick Whiskey

MaverickWhiskey.com

210-447-7010

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## (E) Paesanos Riverwalk

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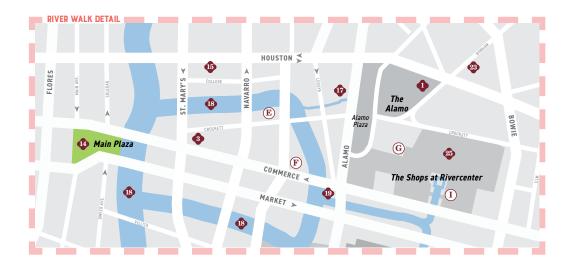
Paesanos Riverwalk is the perfect blend of the old world and the new. Nestled into a cozy bend of the San Antonio River Walk, it's where visitors and locals alike go to enjoy an authentic Italian experience, enjoying legendary dishes like our famous Shrimp Paesano—an experience not to be missed. With traditional Italian favorites, world-class wines and stealing bites from off each other's plates, you'll truly know the meaning of buon appetito.

## **Historic Market Square**

MarketSquareSA.com 210-207-8600

Historic Market Square, a downtown San Antonio landmark, brings together the cuisine and culture of old Mexico. Visit Market Square for a unique marketplace experience, while exploring traditional street food vendors, artisans, renowned restaurants and family-owned shops offering handcrafted gifts, pottery, leather goods and multi-cultural merchandise and clothing.





# ▲ <u>Downtown</u> & River Walk

#### POINTS OF INTEREST

F Rio Rio Cantina and Naked Iguana Lounge RioRioRiverWalk.com 210-226-8462

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**Maverick Carter House** MaverickCarterHouse.org 210-226-1715

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San Antonio Fire Museum SanAntonioFireMuseum.org 210-390-7236

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## **UTSA Institute of Texan** Cultures

TexanCultures.utsa.edu210-458-2300

The UTSA Institute of Texan Cultures gives voice to the experiences of people from across the globe who call Texas home. With a wide range of historical displays and exhibits it's a family-friendly must-see when you visit San Antonio.















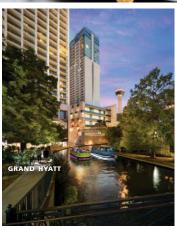




















#### POINTS OF INTEREST

- Japanese Tea Garden
- McNay Art Museum
- Monte Vista Historic District
- Museum Reach
- North Star Mall
- Phil Hardberger Park & Dog Park
- Robert L.B. Tobin Land Bridge
- San Antonio Botanical Garden
- San Antonio College/Scobee Planetarium
- San Antonio Zoo
- The Witte Museum
- The Strip (LGBTQ+ nightlife)

#### **Gray Line Tours** Graylinesa.com 800-341-6000

Gray Line offers guided tours, which explore every facet of San Antonio, from the Alamo and the Spanish missions to the River Walk and El Mercado. We also offer excursions to Hill Country vinevards, historic German towns and the LBJ Ranch. We can't wait to show you around town!

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

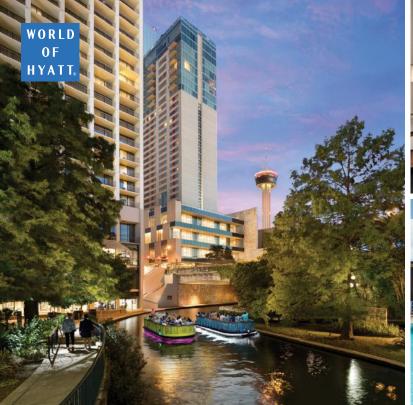
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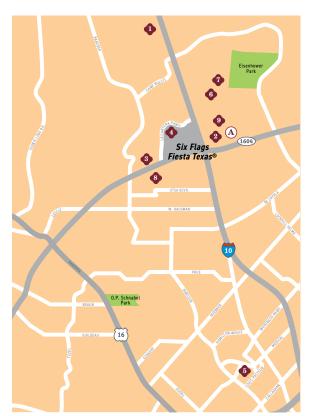
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# ■ Morthwest, Six Flags, Medical Center

#### POINTS OF INTEREST

- Friedrich Park
- iFLY
- Shops at La Cantera
- Six Flags Fiesta Texas®
- South Texas Medical Center
- The RIM
- The Rustic
- 8 The University of Texas-San Antonio
- Topgolf

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### ■ West/Sea World

#### POINTS OF INTEREST

- Basilica of the National Shrine of the Little Flower
- Deco District on Fredericksburg
- Government Canyon
- Guadalupe Cultural Community Center & the Virgen de Guadalupe Mosaic
- JBSA Lackland AFB
- Nelson Wolff Stadium
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- Woodlawn Lake Park
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### ◆ East/AT&T Center

#### POINTS OF INTEREST

- Alamodome
- Carver Community Cultural Center
- Ellis Alley/St. Paul Square
- Essex Modern City
- Freeman Coliseum & AT&T Center
- Hays Street Bridge
- Old SA City Cemeteries Historic District
- Historic Pearl

Southside Lions Park East

#### San Antonio Mural Ride Muralride.com210-901-8981

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# <u>Mortheast/Morgan's</u> <u>Wonderland</u>

#### POINTS OF INTEREST

- Alamo Quarry Market
- Brackenridge Park
- DoSeum
- Japanese Tea Garden
- McAllister Park
- McNay Art Museum
- Morgan's Wonderland
- Historic Pearl
- Quadrangle & U.S. Army Medical Museum at JBSA Fort Sam Houston
- San Antonio Botanical Garden
- San Antonio International Airport
- San Antonio Zoo
- Texas Transportation Museum
- The Witte Museum

#### Alamo Quarry Market QuarryMarket.com 210-824-8885

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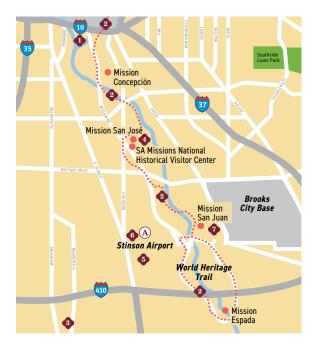
#### (A) Paesanos Lincoln Heights Paesanos.com

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## ◆ South/Missions

#### POINTS OF INTEREST

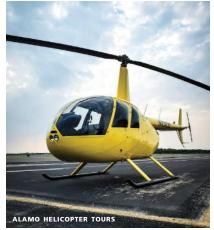
- Confluence Park
- Mission Reach Hike/Bike Trail
- Mitchell Lake Audubon Center
- San Antonio Missions National Historical Park
- Stinson Airport
- Texas Air Museum
- The Nature Trail at Mission San Juan

#### **Alamo Helicopter Tours** San Antonio, LLC

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## ▲ Beyond San Antonio

#### POINTS OF INTEREST

- Blanco
- Boerne
- Castroville
- Comfort
- Fredericksburg
- Natural Bridge Caverns
- Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch
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#### **Natural Bridge Caverns** NaturalBridgeCaverns.com 210-651-6101

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#### The Alamo And The Missions

Step inside any of the five historic missions, and travel back in time and into the lives of the early Spanish settlers who founded what would later become the city of San Antonio.

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

Next, Mission Concepción looks much as it did two centuries ago when it was first built making it the best-preserved Spanish colonial structure in the U.S. On the church's exterior, some of the original geometric designs are still visible. Inside, the frescoes remain vibrant, showcasing the stunning artwork typical of the time.

Continue south to Mission San José, also known as the Queen of the Missions because it has the largest structure. Notice its striking rose window and façade, a lavish example of Spanish colonial ornamentation. You can also find a central visitor's center here, as well as the departure point for free park rangerguided tours.

During the mid-1700s, Mission San Juan was known for its fertile farmlands and abundant crops, a prime example of a selfsustaining community. The mission also sustained fellow communities, providing goods to the surrounding regions as far south as Mexico.

Finish up at Mission Espada, the southernmost mission. Take in the compound's blacksmith shop, colonial-style irrigation system, and still-functioning kiln and spinning wheels for a glimpse into the Native American and Spanish settlers' agrarian ways of life.

You can travel among the missions using Mission Reach, which extends south of downtown to connect the River Walk to four of the five UNESCO status San Antonio



Missions. Mission Reach winds through an eight-mile riparian woodland ecosystem, featuring smooth walking and biking paths accented by public art for a memorable outdoor experience.

#### Fiesta San Antonio

Honoring the memory of the battles fought at the Alamo and San Jacinto, Fiesta San Antonio has remained the city's signature event since the late nineteenth century. Since 1891, it has evolved into an 11-day extravaganza with more than 100 events that celebrate the history, arts, and cuisine essential to its heritage.

## BREATHTAKING TOURS

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#### The Barwalk

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#### **RJA Ghost Tours**

#### **American Community Archives and Museum** (SAAACAM) Black History **River Tours**

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Cultures from all around the world do more than just coexist in San Antonio, they joyfully blend together, providing the city's rich artistic heritage. Explore them all at our renowned museums and galleries, as well as through dynamic live music and dance.

#### **Texas' Cultural Melting Pot**

San Antonio is a melting pot of different cultures. As one of Texas' historical treasures, our past and present (and, undoubtedly, our future) are made up of remarkable figures from around the world and the multitude of influences they brought with them when they made San Antonio their home: Spanish and German settlers, cowboys and cowgirls, Mexican poets and musicians, Black artists and historical leaders—the list is long and all-encompassing.

The Alamo City is not lacking in dynamic cultural sites: Street festivals in Southtown, picturesque galleries in **La Villita**, artwork hidden under bridges on the River Walk and stretching across building façades in colorful murals. Historic neighborhoods such as Monte Vista and King William showcase walkable galleries of architecture. A threeblock outdoor plaza lined with shops and restaurants in downtown San Antonio, **Historic Market Square**, is the largest Mexican market in the United States. The Casa Navarro State Historic Site consists of a house and office, both dating back to the 1850s, and a kitchen from the 1830s—once belonging to José Antonio Navarro, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence and a writer of the Texas State Constitution, who was a champion of civil rights for Hispanics. Steps from the River Walk discover the Spanish Governor's Palace. This National Historic Landmark permits visitors a glimpse into life in Texas under Spanish rule, as you tour the residence and offices used by the captains of the military garrison from 1722 until the early 1800s.

#### ESSENTIAL MUSEUMS

Art-lovers and history buffs will enjoy discovering new art pieces and expanding their knowledge in San Antonio's museums and galleries. Make time to explore the city's delightful art and historic wonders inside these captivating institutions...

Located just off the River Walk downtown, the Briscoe Western Art Museum captures the spirit of the West with three floors of artifacts, paintings, sculptures and more. Learn about the rich history and culture of the American West through the museum's fascinating exhibitions, each of which tells a unique story.

Founded in 1954, the McNay Art Museum is Texas' original modern art museum, boasting a pristine assortment of more than 200,000 works of modern art that stems



from its namesake Marion Koogler McNay's 700-piece collection. Known best for its Medieval and Renaissance art, as well as its European and American collections, the McNay enchants all who enjoy the visual arts.

Housed in the historic Lone Star Brewery downtown, the **San Antonio Museum of Art** features 30,000 objects bridging 5,000 years of history and culture from countries spanning the globe. The museum holds the largest collection of Asian art in the Southern U.S., as well as one of the most comprehensive collections of Latin American Art.

The Witte Museum displays children's exhibits, traveling exhibits and a renowned collection of early Texas art in these walls devoted to science and natural history. After recently bringing more than 170,000 square feet of renovated exhibition space, the Witte now offers the Mays Family Center, Naylor Family Dinosaur Gallery, the H-E-B Body Adventure and The South Texas Heritage Center, among other historic and cultural attractions on its ten-acre, garden-laden campus.

Located near the Tower of the Americas, the UTSA Institute of Texan Cultures showcases how diverse cultures from countries spanning the globe have influenced the Texan identity.

## Gallery Scene

Dubbed a "Laboratory of Dreams," Artpace is San Antonio's premier nonprofit contemporary art venue. View the creations of international artists-in-residence.

Housed in a former ice and cold storage warehouse, Blue Star Contemporary is home to San Antonio's longest-running contemporary art space, which also features a collection of art venues, shops, and studios. Free admission.

Located in the heart of Downtown at Historic Market Square. Centro de **Artes Gallery** is dedicated to telling the story of the Latino experience in the U.S. With a focus on South Texas through local and regional art, history and culture, the gallery exhibits showcase Latino Artists and Latino-themed works. Located in the Plaza de Armas building, **Culture Commons** consists of a storefront gallery on the first and second floors, as well as a 1,500-square-foot exhibit hall that features visual art exhibits, performance, quest speakers and workshops.

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

Sala Diaz offers an alternative gallery experience, with unconventional exhibits on marketing and consumerism, domestic life and other thought-provoking subjects. Located in the heart of the Cultural Arts District.

Southtown The Arts District comes alive during First Fridays and Second Saturdays for nights of good food, music, and art. Stop by The Friendly Spot Ice Haus for food and drink specials and take in free musical showcases at the First Friday Market and Music at Brick at Blue Star.

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

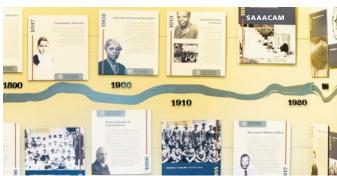
A gem of San Antonio's Eastside, the Carver Community Cultural Center has been holding enriching artistic performances that celebrate the diverse cultures and creativity thriving throughout the city for more than 75 years. With a robust artist-in-residency program with artists spanning all disciplines, the Carver honors its African and African American heritage, and has hosted such legendary entertainers as Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong.

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

A Victorian-style neighborhood dotted with dynamic galleries, fascinating museums and historic homes, the King William Cultural Arts District is a crown jewel of the Southtown Arts District. While in the area, visit Villa Finale Museum and Gardens or take a self-guided tour of Edward Steves Homestead Museum.

Dedicated to preserving San Antonio's African American history, the San Antonio African American **Community Archives and Museum** (SAAACAM) maintains an evolving digital collection of related artifacts in the form of a community-based archive. Uncover stories of the city's African American decedents that date back hundreds of years to Spanish colonialism













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and the Texas Republic. During the spring and summer, SAAACAM hosts African American history river boat tours, offering 100 minutes of Black History on the beautiful San Antonio River.

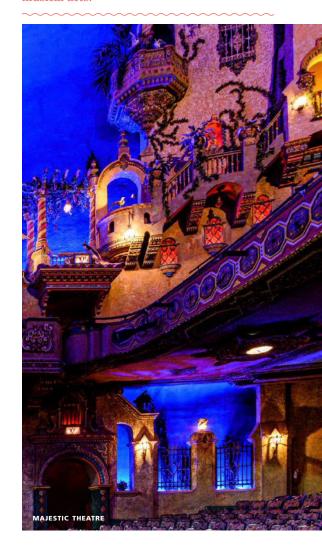
Nestled in the heart of the King William District, San Antonio Art League and **Museum** is the oldest arts organization in San Antonio. A stunning and intimate house-turned-museum and gallery, the space houses more than 400 works in all media focused on Texas artists, including revolving contemporary exhibits, and is always free and open to the public.

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

One of the most notable fire museums in the country, San Antonio Fire Museum is a hidden gem for children and history buffs alike. Housed in the original Central Fire Headquarters next door to the Alamo, the museum displays antique fire trucks and equipment, as well as memorabilia. Retired firefighters on hand share personal stories and teach fire safety, and children can dress up and climb on some equipment.

#### PERFORMING ARTS: ACTION!

The Performing arts take center stage here. San Antonio's extraordinary theaters and music venues transform nights of theater, dance, live music and spoken word performances into unforgettable experiences. And San Antonio's flourishing performing arts scene, championed by the **Tobin Center for the Performing Arts** and its neighboring historic theaters, the Majestic and Empire Theatres, offers a full calendar of theater, dance, opera, live comedy and celebrated international, national and local musical acts.





The gold-trimmed Charline McCombs Empire Theatre, beautifully restored to its original 1913 splendor, will have you reliving the golden age of Hollywood. This former vaudeville house-turned-motionpicture-theater has had icons like Charlie Chaplin and Lou Chaney grace its stage. At the stunning Spanish Mediterraneanstyle Majestic Theatre, even locals line up early for shows. Built in 1929, this National Historic Landmark is home to the popular Broadway in San Antonio series. (Tina Fey's *Mean Girls* is set to delight in August.) Reflecting the city's Mexican heritage, the Aztec Theatre hosts a variety of films, concerts and other events in a Mesoamerican architectural work of art.

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

Children's stories come to life at The Magik Theatre. Located adjacent to Hemisfair Park on S. Alamo Street, The Magik theatre has been bringing stories to life for San Antonio's children and their families with professional, accessible. literature-based theatre since 1994.

In the Dignowity Hill Historic District to the east, the Carver Community Cultural Center celebrates its African and African American heritage with dance, music, theater and spoken word. On the historic Westside, the Guadalupe Cultural **Arts Center** is the city's home for Chicano, Latino and Native American performing arts and entertainment. Inside, the Galería Guadalupe showcases art exhibitions emphasizing local and regional artists, and the GCAC's professional resident program, the Guadalupe Dance Company, specializes in Mexican flamenco and folklorico dance styles. Other great places to see special events and concerts include the AT&T Center, the 64,000-seat Alamodome and the 2,319-seat Lila Cockrell Theatre, tucked inside the Henry B. González Convention **Center**, where traditional performing arts as well as multi-media events are staged.

# Real Flavors. True Fusion.



Dine in the Culinary Capitol of Texas.

One of the best ways to get to know a city's culture is through its food, and San Antonio's eclectic cuisine evokes the rich cultures of its people. Take your tastebuds on a culinary tour, and understand why San Antonio is the only UNESCO City of Gastronomy in Texas (and one of only two in the entire United States!).







LOCAL FLAVORS

## Dining by District

San Antonio dishes up authentic flavor all over town, from downtown's long-standing classics to Pearl's innovative new eateries and beyond. Confirm hours of operation, location, and reservations before heading out. Check out visitsanantonio.com/eat for more information.

#### **Downtown**

With so many restaurants, cafés and bars to choose from, **Downtown San Antonio** may be the first stop on every visitor's list, but it certainly will not be their last.

Named one of Eater's "2019 Best in America," The Jerk Shack's Jamaican cuisine continues to draw crowds and critical acclaim. Do not leave without trying the crispy jerk fried chicken wings, braised oxtails and Jamaican patties.

Authentic German dishes like potato pancakes, Reuben sandwiches, schnitzel

and their famous split pea soup (Tip: add a bratwurst) continue to make Schilo's Delicatessen, the city's oldest restaurant. a true classic. Meanwhile, the breezy and modern NONNA Osteria pairs its Eurocentric wine list with succulent northern Italian dishes like Pappardelle Al Cinghiale (pasta with roasted bell pepper and wild boar) and Ravioli All'Aragosta (ravioli with lobster, pancetta and cherry tomatoes).

Even before restauranteur and TV personality Guy Fieri shined the spotlight on Dough Pizzeria Napoletana, San Antonians knew that these authentic pies were something special. Made with true Neapolitan techniques, these pizzas impress with a thin crust and farm-fresh toppings, cooked to perfection in a wood burning oven in only 90 seconds. Mi Tierra, a landmark Mexican café and bakery with traditional dishes, handmade margaritas and mariachis on site, visitors can expect authentic food with a friendly atmosphere.

Steakhouses and live entertainment go hand in hand, and San Antonio shines with stellar restaurants. Steaks and seafood take the spotlight at **Silo Prime**, the fourth of the immensely popular Silo restaurants. A cocktail menu of old-school classics with modern twists also deserves a standing ovation. At Texas de Brazil, a churrascaria, or Brazilian steakhouse, performance is part of the meal. Watch acrobatic "wine angels" serve wine from suspended wires while gauchos serve juicy beef from skewers.

Meet friends for the perfect "pre-show" hors d'oeuvre and bottle of wine at The Palm steakhouse. Enjoy prime steaks, daily fresh seafood and a casual atmosphere at lunch or dinner. Season your meal with live jazz at Bohanan's Prime Steaks & Seafood, Savor

Texas-raised Akaushi beef and seafood classics like the mesquite-grilled Gulf red snapper in old world elegance with a lively cocktail bar.

This legendary restaurant began with "the Million Dollar Hamburger," but Morton's The Steakhouse is now the spot for juicy New York Strips, tender filet mignons and seafood-filled Ocean Platters, starring a cold-water lobster tail. The ultra-posh St. Anthony Hotel is where you will find Rebelle, where fresh shrimp, oysters and Alaskan King Crab come in towers and all seven of the "deadly sins" have their own cocktail. Insider's Tip: Check out modestly priced small plates during Happy Hour.

#### **River Walk**

Hungry for an outdoor table with a view? A feast for the eyes and the palate, the River Walk welcomes pedestrians with towering cypress trees, charming stone bridges arching over the gentle river and the delightful sounds of strolling mariachi bands. While the popularity of these storybook establishments might mean a short wait, you will have no reservations about staring out at the twinkling lights reflected in the picturesque San Antonio River or your frosty beverage.

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

As purveyors of fine cuisine, community and conversation, chefs hold a special place in the hearts of San Antonians. From a perch above a picturesque, tree-canopied bend in the river, Chef Bruce Auden has been setting the standard for fine dining at **Biga on the** Banks for over 20 years. This James Beard Award nominee blends European, Tex-Mex, American and Asian flavors to create very *new* American cuisine. The three-course prix fixe is perfect for the couple who wants to share inventive cuisine and a view. At Range, downtown in the Embassy Suites, celebrity chef Jason Dady showcases the bounty of Texas Hill Country and the Gulf Coast. After



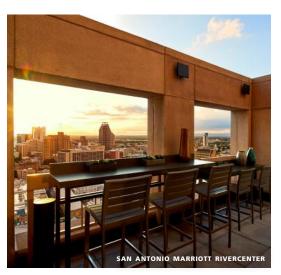


a long day of seeing the sights, enjoy a glass of wine at the long, marbled bar.

Churrascarias, or Brazilian barbecues, provide diners with outstanding cuisine and entertainment. At Fogo de Chao, gaucho chefs carve tender, choice cuts of meat right off the skewer and onto your plate. Find it just steps above the River Walk, adjacent to the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter. Steak lovers and Southwest foodies unite at Boudro's Texas Bistro. Embrace regional flavors like blackened prime rib with Boudreaux butter or house smoked jumbo gulf shrimp with Gulf crab enchiladas. No matter the occasion, it is always time to celebrate with the tableside guacamole and prickly pear margaritas.

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

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













Iron Cactus Mexican Grill & Margarita **Bar** serves over 100 premium tequilas and a

contemporary twist on traditional Mexicaninspired cuisine. Locals and visitors alike gather on the spacious patio of **Paesanos Riverwalk** for authentic Italian cuisine al fresco. Italian food lovers will want to try the Shrimp Paesano or a selection of classic and creative pizzas. The tri-level, ultra-modern **Ácenar** is not your average Tex-Mex joint. Among the favorites of the Nuevo Tex-Mex menu are short-rib tacos, pork roasted in banana leaves and spicy shrimp with roasted cream corn pico. The Original Mexican Restaurant on the River Walk is sure to satisfy your craving for authentic Mexican food, drinks and fun!

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

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

#### **Historic Pearl**

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

Pearl provides many delicious opportunities to mix up your menu. Named after the old Pearl Brewery's bottling department, the upscale Bottling Department Food Hall offers a variety of dining options. From short rib burgers to rotisserie chicken, you and your whole crew can find something to enjoy. Caribbean street food meets modern flair at Mi Roti. Named after the popular Indian flatbread, Mi Roti allows diners to build their own bowls or wraps with savory filling such as jerk chicken, pork belly and coconut rice. What happens when you cross the cuisines

of Peru and Asia? Peruvian-Asian fusion restaurant Botika has the answer: spring rolls of glass noodles, red cabbage, mango, avocado and yuzu ponzu, ceviche served with wonton chips and a bar stocked with sake, pisco and cachaça. From pop-up to Historic Pearl, Best Quality Daughter chefs Jennifer Dobbertin and Quealy Watson prepare creative Asian-American cuisine such as phat khaprao pork fried rice and salt and pepper shrimp inside the historic Mueller House. Check out tasty veggie options like Kung Pao cauliflower and miso ginger noodles, a vegan dish. For the culinary purists out there, the funky, riverside Mexican cantina La Gloría serves small street food plates and killer margaritas on an expansive patio and green lawn overlooking the Pearl Turning Basin.

Housed in one of Pearl's three original structures, Boiler House Texas Grill & Wine Garden welcomes guests to dine on gourmet Texas Hill Country fare beside the three enormous boilers that once powered the historic brewery. Outdoor patios and balconies provide views over the wine garden. You might as well be in Paris the atmosphere and menu are authentic at the popular Brasserie Mon Chou Chou, perfect for an afternoon respite, like a bowl of gratinée lyonnaise (onion soup) and a glass of vin blanc or a rich meal of duck confit and a freshly shaken cocktail. As you walk into **Cured**, the brewery's former administration building, a large charcuterie case clues you into what to expect on the menu: meat-centric





Wine + Food Festival

Four days of food, fun and a "big as Texas" culinary market await visitors this October.

As a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy, San Antonio lives up to its reputation as the Culinary Capital of Texas. This fall the celebration of culinary delights gets even more fantastic. Visit San Antonio is partnering with Culinaria and the legendary James Beard Foundation to host the first-of-its kind Tasting Texas Wine + Food Festival. The four-day festival will showcase up-and-coming Texas chefs, and host luminaries on the national food scene

The festival's headline event is a "big as Texas" Culinary Market, October 28–30, featuring over 100 award-winning chefs at the historic Travis Park, in the heart of downtown San Antonio. The festival will also host a top-shelf tequila tasting on the banks of the River Walk. Learn more at visitsanantonio. com. #TastingTexas #TTWFF

#### KID-APPROVED DINING

From green lawns to bowling alleys, charcuterie to chicken fingers, these establishments elevate family-friendly dining.

#### **Bubba Gump Shrimp Factory**

Yes, you will find plenty of yummy shrimp dishes here, as well as salads, sandwiches, burgers and more. The kids' menu offers an entrée, a side and milk.

Camp Outpost Co. Wood-fired rotisserie meats and fresh grilled sides are the focus at this casual eatery set in an industrial warehouse space in the Southtown-King William neighborhood. With a spacious patio, communal firepit and vintage Airstream bar, there is plenty of food and family fun on the menu.

Chicken N Pickle With a kidapproved child's menu, this is the place to score food and fun for the whole family. Crispy chicken and fried pickles and more are on the casual dining menu at San Antonio's first pickleball complex, where you can also grab a game on one of the indoor or outdoor courts.

Dave & Buster's at The Shops at Rivercenter With billiards, bowling, even a rideable Hungry Hungry Hippos game, the whole family can dine, drink and play—all under one roof.

#### **Dough Pizzeria Napoletana**

Fresh, authentic ingredients like house-made Stracciatella Cheese and cured Prosciutto di San Daniele make these pizzas both kid and foodie-approved!

**The Guenther House Enjoy** breakfast or lunch in a 19th century Art Nouveau mansion or pick up a fresh-baked treat and stroll the grounds along the river.

Joe's Crab Shack Sit on the patio perched along the River Walk, as you and the family tuck into fried shrimp platters, steam pots and fish entrees washed down with a Shark Bite cocktail. The kiddos will love the build-your-own sundae or paint-acrab dessert!

La Gloria at Pearl Celebrated Chef Johnny Hernandez elevates taco plates with the freshest flavors from interior Mexico.

Mi Tierra The colorful, welcoming atmosphere paired with live mariachis and delicious music will make this breakfast, lunch or dinner outing one to remember!

Rainforest Café Tropical treats and a full menu await adventure seekers in this jungle safari for the senses.

#### Rosario's Mexican Café Y

Cantina With two locations—in Southtown and North of the city and a family-friendly menu, this local favorite has been awarded numerous "Best Mexican Restaurant" for years.

Whataburger What-a-burger, indeed! Stop in or drive thru this beloved San Antonio-based chain for tasty burgers, chicken, shakes and onion rings.





selections featuring housecured charcuterie plates, chicken fried chicken livers and yeal osso buco. It is no wonder the San Antonio Express News has named it the #1 restaurant in the city. Chef Steve McHugh has been honored with five James Beard Foundation nominations, four for Best Chef: Southwest and one for Best Chef: Texas. Pack a meal to go with gourmet, picnic-ready dishes from Larder like a warm sandwich of Bratwurst with beer mustard, onions and gherkins on a pretzel roll, and remember to pick up some classic and colorful French macarons and coffee from **Bakery Lorraine**. For a unique dining experience that highlights the talents of Culinary Institute of America students under the supervision of the college's world-class faculty, be sure to stop by **Savor**.

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

#### Southtown

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

Begin your culinary journey with **The Good Kind**. Boasting both impeccable brunch and all-day menus, The Good Kind offers healthy cuisine options, smoothies, house made botanical cocktails, a spacious garden lounge, and weekly events featuring live music, markets, pop-ups and more. If you are in need of a digestive reset, head to the cozy outdoor patio of **Pharm Table**, where food is medicine. This farm-to-table restaurant serves up an impressive vegan menu with build-your-





own bowls of good-for-you ingredients and add-ins like Persian chicken, salmon gravlax, farm eggs and beef kefta for the omnivores.

Historic buildings find new purpose and a place in our hearts by serving up delicious meals in unforgettable settings. Honoring its spirit of origin, an early 20th-century firehouse (1924), Southern Italian restaurant Battalion showcases brick archways and a fire pole alongside hot dishes like ricotta and sage ravioli and parmesan-herb crusted lamb chops. At Guenther House, enjoy plate-sized cinnamon rolls, fluffy biscuits and gooey apple strudels in the beautifully restored 1860 home of the Pioneer Mills founder, or dine under the stars or in an elegantly redesigned gas station at Bliss. Featuring an impressive wine list and appetizer selection—be sure to try the Japanese Hamachi sashimi tostadas—Bliss will surely bring you to culinary ecstasy.

Once the home of the historic Blue Star Ice and Cold Storage complex, the Blue Star Arts Complex now showcases some of the city's best contemporary art galleries and lively restaurants. Here, as the river flows alongside the Mission Reach trail, find flavorful eateries such as Burgerteca, Chef Johnny Hernandez's laid-back burger joint that's a Mexican twist to the all-American classic, A

## Dining Inside Hotels

These hotel-based restaurants offer local flavor just steps from your room.

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

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

#### Ambler Texas Kitchen + Cocktails. Hotel Contessa

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

#### **Antiers Lodge**,

#### Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort & Spa

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

#### The Colonial Room Restaurant, Menger Hotel

In 1859, Mary Menger stepped in as the first chef of the Menger Hotel restaurant. The Victorian-era eatery continues as an homage to the past, complete with romantic lighting.

#### Dorrego's, Hotel Valencia

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

### Fairmount Rooftop Oyster Bar,

The Fairmount Hotel

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

#### Larder. Hotel Emma

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

#### Lazo with Don Strange,

Estancia del Norte

South Texas-inspired dishes, such as chile relleno stuffed with crab, is on the menu at this new luxury hotel near the San Antonio International Airport.

#### Ocho. Hotel Havana

Take a trip to a hidden lounge and discover an oasis of old Cuban charm. The Pan-Latin menu serves everything. from breakfast, to small plates, to late-night cocktails in a stunning glass conservatory overlooking the River Walk.

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

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

#### Ostra, Mokara Hotel

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

#### **Q** Kitchen Bar,

Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk

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

#### Range, Embassy Suites Downtown

Dedicated to Texas fare, and honoring steak seafood and beyond, Range pairs sophisticated cuisine with floor-toceiling River Walk views.

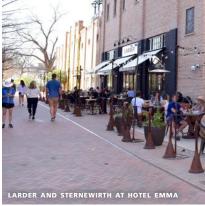
#### **Rebelle**, The St. Anthony Hotel

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

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

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





#### Ruth's Chris Steak House.

Grand Hyatt San Antonio River Walk

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

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

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

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

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

#### Sternewirth, Hotel Emma

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

#### Supper, Hotel Emma

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





#### Tributary,

San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter

Even appetites are bigger in Texas—but that is not a problem for this restaurant led by Chicago-trained Chef Ben Annotti. Locally-sourced ingredients and a creative Southern-style menu make this a meal destination you won't soon forget.

#### Windows on the River,

Holiday Inn San Antonio River Walk

You eat with your eyes first, so you are in for a real treat with the stunning river views found at Windows on the River—it pairs great with their delicious menu.

#### Zocca Cuisine d'Italia,

Westin Riverwalk

In the calming shade of a riverside patio, enjoy fresh, house-made dishes from one of the city's highest rated contemporary Italian restaurants. Enjoy a cappuccino with breakfast. For dinner, begin with beef carpaccio followed by seafood pasta. Cap off the perfect meal with snickerdoodle crème brûlée.



BBQ is Bigger in Texas and

Better-er in San Antonio. These eateries make sure the Alamo City leaves guite the impression on BBQ lovers.

#### 2M Smokehouse

this Texas Monthly top 50 joint smokes up spicy barked brisket,

#### **Bar-B-Cutie Smokehouse**

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

#### **County Line BBQ**

Now with a location on the River Walk, as well as its original (since

#### **Curry Boys BBQ**

#### Smack BBO + **Southern Kitchen**

haven was featured on Guy Fieri's

#### Pinkerton's Barbecue

This newcomer to the San Antonio scene recently received top BBQ Editor for their "candy paint" pork ribs, snappy jalapeño-cheese sausage and tasty brisket.

South BBO & Kitchen Just past Mission Concepción, this tiny but mighty joint serves up meats, sides, pickles and sauce, all made

#### **Smoke BBQ + Skybar**

ft. outdoor bar offers BBQ faves and open-air views of the Alamo City.

#### **Two Bros BBQ Market**

Jason and Jake Dady, the namesake '09. The classic meat market style-joint continues to serve up BBQ favorites like brisket, ribs and pulled pork.



house favorite is the Al Pastor: a guajillo and ancho chile-seasoned patty topped with grilled pineapple, manchego cheese and cilantro. Be sure to check out Hernandez's original Southtown establishment, The Frutería. Serving fresh fruit cups, smoothies, and tostadas by day, this vibrant, colorful cantina transforms into a swanky hotspot serving Mexican tapas and fruit-infused cocktails by sundown.

Much like the eclectic architecture of Southtown's King William Neighborhood, this dining district's cuisine showcases a variety of cultural influences. Gastropub Francis Bogside offers elevated pub grub with contemporary twists. Enjoy house cocktails and a late-night menu until 1:30 a.m. on weekends. With Instagram-ready ambiance and a stocked Tiki Bar, Hot Joy fires up small plates of spicy Asian food and fishbowls of tropical rum cocktails. At Maverick Texas Brasserie, French charm and Texas ingredients go hand-in-hand. Chefs cook seafood, steaks and poultry-even a whole roast duck-over the coals of a wood burning stove. Bring a hungry group for the scrumptious Sunday brunch out on the patio!

Locals and folks-in-the-know find some of the city's best Tex-Mex on South Alamo Street. Rosario's Mexican Café & Cantina welcomes guests with neon pink lights, a lively bar scene and some of the tastiest drinks in town. Consistently honored by critics as the best in San Antonio, Rosario's offers a contemporary twist on traditional south-ofthe-border dishes like fish tacos, ceviche and specialty margaritas.

#### **Near Downtown**

Eat like a local by venturing into quaint neighborhoods just a short drive or bike ride from Downtown. Many of the Alamo City's favorite dining destinations live along the charming commercial corridors that each give a distinct flavor to **Alamo Heights**, Monte Vista, Olmos Park and the **Broadway Cultural Corridor.** 

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

Find traditional bakery and café items at nearby La Panadería, but do not leave without trying their bestseller Tequila-Almond Croissants. At upscale French brasserie Bistr09, a French-leaning wine list compliments classic menu items such as duck a l'orange and braised shortribs. Authentic Italian dishes, like traditional pork osso buco and veal marsala, are always popular with the locals at Paesanos Lincoln Heights, but no celebratory meal would be complete without their signature dish: Shrimp Paesano. In the mood for some Southeast Asian seafood? Pinch **Boil House** offers a fun and welcoming environment to gather and share food.

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

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

using ancient cooking techniques. Save the sweetest for last with sweet crepes, ice cream and, of course, specialty chocolate at Chocollazo, Chocolatier & Confectionary.

Best known for its nightlife and bar scene, the St. Mary's Strip area also provides opportunities to fuel up before you get down. In a hurry? Food trucks like Ka-tii Thai Street Food, Tacos el Regio and Righteous Pie pizza offer bold flavors on the fly. If you are up before noon the next day, check out NOLA Brunch & Beignets, serving up brunch favorites with a Creole twist, like Cajun Boudin Chilaquiles, five days a week. Have no fear. They serve beignets all day! Holding court on the strip is Little Death, where natural and European-focused wines pair with tapas-style accompaniments.

With decor befitting its name, **Deco Pizzeria** is not your average pizza joint.

Pick up a 16-inch Deco Supreme to enjoy in the park or share a calzone over cocktails at their Sunday brunch. Catch live country music on the weekends at 151 Saloon, which features a daily happy hour and games, and food trucks on-site provide a variety of dining options.



#### North

North San Antonio's restaurant scene continues to flourish with the help of dynamic new eateries. Chef-driven and always bustling, Full Belly Café + Bar features mouth-watering breakfast, lunch and dinner items as well as a tempting cocktail menu. Nothing washes down fresh Gulf oysters like a cold beer, and at Southerleigh Haute South, guests pair southern style food with local Southerleigh craft brews. Sichuanese cuisine fuses with a modern American dining experience at DASHI Sichuan Kitchen + **Bar**. Wrap yourself in the warm hospitality and scenic views that surround Paesanos **1604**. If you have an appetite for activity, head to **Chicken N Pickle**—not just for crispy chicken and fried pickles (though they're also on the menu)—but for delicious, casual dining at the city's first pickleball complex. Challenge friends to a game on one of the indoor or outdoor courts. Winner buys the churro waffles! With a kid-approved child's menu, this is the place to score food and fun for the whole family.

Awarded the #1 spot on *Eater's* "Essential SA Restaurants of 2022" list, Clementine impresses with seasonal dishes of global flavors, created by chefs and husbandand-wife duo John and Elise Russ. After

a restorative yoga class, you can namaste all day at **The Alley on Bitters**. Explore galleries and boutiques, and seasonal Texas southern cuisine for brunch, lunch or dinner at **Meadow Neighborhood Eatery + Bar**.

Sample locally sourced craft beer, available only in Texas, at independently owned Weathered Souls Brewing Co, and pair your brew with some barbecue by South BBQ & Kitchen. Smoked brisket and pulled pork will pull you back for a second helping at South BBQ & Kitchen's primary location near the historic Mission Concepción on the city's south side. Up north, destinationworthy barbecue and a list of national awards draw meat lovers to the family-friendly Two Bros. BBQ Market.

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







#### **Eastside**

Just east of downtown, the culinary/ restaurant scene is booming. Treat yourself to hearty burgers and soul food at eastside establishments Tony G's Soul Food, Mrs. Kitchen and Tucker's Kozy Korner. Relax in the sunshine at outdoor eateries like Smoke BBQ + Skybar, Cherrity Bar and Dakota East Side Ice House. Raise a glass in elevated cocktail bars Pastiche and Lilly's Greenville or from your table at Toro Kitchen + Bar, an intimate Spanish restaurant featuring live music and tapas. There's something for everyone at the new Hackberry Market, featuring Black Laboratory Brewing, Cake Thieves, The Magpie (Korean-inspired cuisine) and Truth Pizzeria.



## Light & Flavorful

At these uniquely San Antonio healthy eateries, you can fuel up with some

**The Cove**—Enjoy local, sustainable, organic dishes

**The Good Kind**—This Southtown eaterv is the vision

**Green Vegetarian Cuisine (**Alamo Quarry Market

**Hash Vegan Eats**—Specializing in vegan comfort

**Jugo Juicery**—Get hooked on good health with

Pharm Table—Commit to clean eating, even at

**Señor Veggie**—Sure, queso is vegetarian, and so are

**Sweet Yams**—Offering organic, gluten-free, vegan-

Vegan Avenue on Main—Plant-based and gluten-

## Real Mightlife. True Entertainment.



When the sun sets over the Alamo, San Antonio is really just getting started. From nationally acclaimed theater and performing arts to raucous night clubs, romantic bars and hilarious comedy, this city is home to exhilarating nightlife.







If you are looking for live entertainment, comedy, ballet or nationally touring concerts, downtown San Antonio is the place to be. See an unforgettable show at the Majestic and Empire Theatres, the Aztec Theatre, the Carver Community Cultural Center or the **Tobin Center for the Performing Arts.** 

If live music and festivities is more your speed check out venues like Paper Tiger, The Amp Room, The Mix and Hi-Tones on the St. Mary's Strip. For a real flavor of San Antonio make sure you visit The Squeezebox where you will find live music and dancing featuring Tejano, conjunto and cumbia music in addition to DJ sets. At Jandro's, live music, local art and chill vibes are always on the docket. To eat well while you party down, check out The Rustic where regional fare, local beer and cocktails and live music under the stars ensure a memorable night.

Travel a little Northwest of town to Helotes where John T. Floore's Country Store

draws all the biggest names in country music. A timeless venue, many call it the birthplace of country music legend Willie Nelson. In Selma, you can find the biggest acts from Texas and beyond at the Blue Bonnet Palace. Expand your horizons beyond country music at Sam's Burger Joint where you can find more local and touring acts while enjoying a fantastic burger.

The Alamodome and AT&T Center are good for more than touchdowns and slam dunks-they both host all kinds of live performances. If you are all about the laughs, make sure to check out the country's best comics at Laugh Out Loud Comedy Club. If you think you might have a funny bone, get involved in the comedy at ComedySportz. More than an old-fashioned improv show, this has quick-witted comedians competing for laughs in teams. This BYOB venue allows kids in the early shows, but it becomes adultonly as the night goes on.

#### DANCE WITH SOMEBODY

Two-step? Tango? Just letting the music move you? San Antonio offers it all and then some.

If the cocktails come in buckets and the pianos are set to duel, you can be sure you are at Howl at the Moon. It is often called, "Part bar. Part concert. All fun." If you prefer a turntable to the ivory keys, go right downstairs to Merkaba, a cocktail lounge and nightclub that has DJs spinning when they are not hosting a live band. Trot the culinary globe at Carmens de la Calle with an always rotating global menu and a dance card featuring everything from Flamenco to Jazz. If honky tonk is what you are after, amble on over to Cowboys Dancehall, where all the cowboys and cowgirls go. Dance to live country music, ride a mechanical bull, and watch real professional bull riders at the indoor rodeo arena. If you are a rookie two-stepper, come early for free dance lessons, no partner required. Dance off all the tasty Texas cuisine you have enjoyed at Jazz, TX, with the beats of a live band, led by local bandleader Doc Watkins. For a sleek







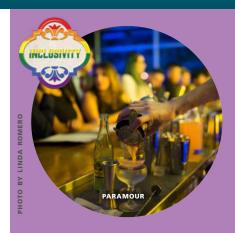
cocktail and some time on the dance floor, slip into the stunning 1902 Nightclub, housed in the former Sunset Station train depot on the city's east side. Late night dancers dance to the beat at Heat, part of The Strip SA, a vibrant nightlife zone of LGBTQ-friendly bars, restaurants and dance clubs. Take your pick of three thumping floors of fun at Bonham Exchange. Built in 1891 as a German athletic association, this downtown hotspot offers a variety of musical genres in an inclusive atmosphere.

Some of the best nightlife scenes are connected to San Antonio's premiere hotels. The swanky **Sternewirth**, offering signature cocktails, beer, wine and culinary temptations, is located within Hotel Emma. The Havana Bar within **Hotel Havana** was voted best hotel bar by readers of the San Antonio Current. Live it up at Bar Rojo at the Grand Hyatt where you will find delicious bar bites and craft cocktails. Be sure to visit their rooftop bar open in the warmer months. For another enticing rooftop spot, check out The Moon's Daughters on the 20th floor of the upscale **Thompson Hotel**.

Go for a taste of the Irish at **Durty Nelly's Irish Pub**, faithfully modelled after a 1620 tavern in Limerick, County Clare. Opened in 1933, to celebrate the end of Prohibition, **The Esquire Tavern** is one of most beloved watering holes in the city, serving cocktails, beer and history along the River Walk. At rooftop bar **Paramour**, choose from some 20 specialty hand-crafted cocktails while soaking in the views of the San Antonio skyline. Or fly high at **Jet-Setter**, a cozy mid-century sky lounge and craft cocktail bar. For a little Crescent City comfort, check out **Pat O'Briens**, built in replica of the famous New Orleans institution. Enjoy Cajun fare, Hurricanes and more right on the River Walk. Take a trip back to the 1920's for a prohibition-era bar at Devil's River Whiskey Distillery. The speakeasy vibe is strong in San Antonio. Check out the libations and aperitifs at Cellar Mixology, or make a reservation and head north of Downton to RD Hidden Door Speakeasy, where the cocktails are works of art. In the Southtown neighborhood, don't miss Bar 1919, a stylish spot serving classic cocktails and charcuterie.

To experience The Green Lantern, head north to the Stone Oak neighborhood and look for the green light below the patio. Enter the single large door, where you will find yourself in the company of some of the city's best mixologists. Be your own bartender and craft your own wine at Re:Rooted 210 Urban Winery. Interested in what lies beyond? Visit the city's most haunted bars and hotels while you pour some out for the dearly departed on a Nightly Spirits' Ghost Tour & Pub Crawl.





## Love the Nightlife

Queer and gueer-friendly night owls Unmistakably topping the list is The Strip, a gayborhood on North Main Avenue voque battle coliseum. For a chill time to its name with two dance floors, nightly drag and drink specials.

shell. Built in 1891 as a German athletic whiskey happy hours and drag shows, or to the Silver Dollar Saloon, a country-themed joint where two-stepping and karaoke nights await. Cocktail connoisseurs can awaken their taste buds at Pastiche, speakeasy-style bar in a converted house. Or stop at swanky rooftop bar **Paramour**, where guests can choose from 20 specialty hand-crafted cocktails while taking in

# Real Vibes. True Puro San Antonio.



With the Alamo and the River Walk, San Antonio boasts two of Texas' most visited tourist destinations—but the fun does not stop there. This bustling, ever-growing city offers savvy travelers many authentic experiences beyond these classic destinations. Check out these "mustdos" that are puro San Antonio.





# One For the Gram

Make your visit speak a thousand words with some beautiful snaps at these great San Antonio hot spots.

#### All the Murals

Murals abound in the Alamo City. For a vast variety in one spot, check out Essex Modern City, a former manufacturing site turned art project. San Antonio Street Art Initiative features the largest outdoor gallery in Texas. For even more mural locations, see highlights on the Visit San Antonio Instagram page **@VisitSanAntonio**.

# "Anything for Selenas"

Selena fans have plenty of 'gram-worthy spots in San Antonio. The Selena Bridge between N. Saint Mary's Street and Navarro Street was featured when Jennifer Lopez played Selena. Breathtaking Selena murals by Christopher Montoya and Alan Calvo are also calling out to be the background of your next Kodak moments.

#### **Hopscotch San Antonio**

at **Hopscotch**, an immersive visual and experiential gallery with artistic exhibits around every corner.

#### **Historic Market Square**

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

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### **Historic Pearl Brewery Smokestack**

The 22-acre site of the former Pearl Brewery shines as a top culinary and cultural destination. Pearl features eclectic retail, inventive restaurants and bars, including **Savor The Culinary Institute of America** and the picturesque farmer's market and green spaces.

#### The Strip Crosswalk

Photo ops entice at the corner of North Main Avenue and Evergreen Street, where four rainbow crosswalks brighten The Strip gay district in Tobin Hill. Painted with fade-resistant thermoplastic in 2018, these vibrant symbols are a lasting beacon of inclusiveness at a major crossing of the annual San Antonio Pride Parade

# La Veladora of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Overlooking Guadalupe Street and San Antonio since 2006, this sculpture by San Antonio artist Jesse Trevino, is said to be the largest mosaic prayer candle. or "yeladora." in the world.

#### **Tower of the Americas**

Survey San Antonio from high in the sky, with 360-degree views from the 750-foot-tall Tower of the Americas. Come for great photos, stay for tasty food at the Chart House restaurant

# San Antonio | The Saga

When the sun goes down, San Fernando Cathedral becomes a canvas for a visual journey through the history of San Antonio. French filmmaker and artist Xavier de Richemont takes the city through a 24-minute visual journey in the heart of Downtown San Antonio. Head to visitsanantonio.com for showtimes.





# LOCAL BREWERIES

Just as our city's culinary scene is growing and evolving, so are our local breweries. San Antonio's selection of brewpubs and beer halls take advantage of our lovely weather with outdoor spaces, food trucks and live music.

### Alamo Beer Company

This local favorite is open daily. Try a jumbo Bavarian pretzel and sip on an Alamo Shandy as you watch the San Antonio Spurs play.

# Blue Star Brewing Company

Located at the start of the Mission Reach, enjoy a fresh organic beer after biking through the many historical sites along the San Antonio River.

#### Freetail Brewing Co.

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

# Künstler Brewing

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

### Mad Pecker Brewing

Born out of a homebrewing operation in a Far Westside garage, this brewpub serves up handcrafted beer alongside pub food favorites.

### Roadmap Brewing Co.

At Roadmap Brewing Co., a family-run, dog-friendly brewery, all roads lead to beer. Try Craven Cottage, the 2021 US Beer Open Bronze Medal Winner.

# Southerleigh Brewing Co.

This brewpub brings brewing back to the historic Pearl Brewery with 15 beers on tap and a curated, seasonal menu highlighting fresh seafood. (Also try Southerleigh Haute **South** at the Rim)

# Weathered Souls **Brewing**

An independent brewer, this outfit buys local grain to brew beer you could only get in San Antonio. Try South BBQ Kitchen to work up a thirst on the patio.

# LOCAL DISTILLERIES

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

#### VODKA

#### Artisan on Alamo

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

#### VODKA & WHISKEY

#### Rebecca Creek Distillery

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

#### WHISKEY

#### **Devils River Distillery**

Set in a historic building within a block of the Alamo and the San Antonio River Walk, enjoy a tasting room, pre-prohibitionstyle bar and live music.

# **Maverick Whiskey**

Just steps from the iconic Alamo, where they distill all spirits on site, discover what it means to be a Texas Mayerick.

For even more brewery and distillery recommendations, head to VisitSanAntonio.com.





# Ranger Creek Brewing and Distilling

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

#### WINE

# Re:Rooted 210 Urban Winery

A tasting room with a dozen wines on tap in the heart of downtown San Antonio. Try Texas wines made from Texasgrown fruit.



# SPLURGING IN THE ALAMO CITY

San Antonio shopping has spots for all kinds of shoppers. Whether you love to stroll in major malls or you prefer open-air shopping centers, we have plenty of options here. Looking for niche, local boutiques and unique marketplaces? San Antonio has tons to offer in all categories.

When in town, make sure to stop at storied bootmaker
Lucchese, one of the many cool shops at the Alamo Quarry
Market and a former cement factory turned stylish lifestyle center (look for the iconic smokestacks!). Have kids? Join the free factory tour at San
Antonio Shoemakers (SAS), selling comfortable San Antonio made shoes since 1976, which will fascinate the entire family.

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

# **The Alley on Bitters**, affectionately known as Artisans Alley, is where San Antonio

locals and visitors alike can

enjoy a retail haven. The Alley on Bitters offers one of San Antonio's most unique collections of businesses, which includes a professional portrait studio, Yoga, Pilates, an Aveda salon, beading studio and classroom, art gallery and much more.

For a high-end shopping experience in the open-air, visit

The Shops at La Cantera, which overlooks Six Flags
Fiesta Texas. Nearby, The RIM offers boutique shopping, an IMAX theatre, a Bass Pro Shop and delectable dining.

Situated in the artsy Southtown neighborhood, Blue Star Arts

Complex is home to galleries, as well as specialty shops and bars.

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

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

Home of a famous enormous cowboy boots sculpture, **North Star Mall** offers 200 specialty stores and eateries just 10 minutes from downtown.



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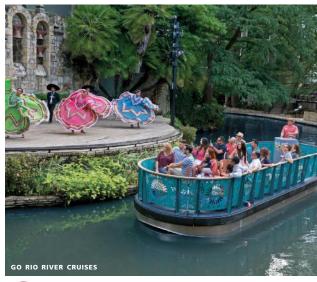
# On The Town

#### DOWN BY THE RIVER

The River Walk may be the place to party at night, but early risers know it is also a great place for a morning jog before it bustles back to life for the day. After a River Walk run, head over to Jugo Juicery to fuel up on a smoothie. Rent a bike or kayak and pedal (or paddle) along the Hike & Bike trail, visiting all five historic San Antonio Missions. Cool your heels with delicious brews and eats at Maverick Whiskey. After lunch, steer Downtown to watch the Conference USA champs UTSA Roadrunners run over their rivals in the **Alamodome**. Celebrate a football victory with the short walk back to the River Walk and hop on a Go RIO San Antonio River **Cruise** barge for a 35-minute tour of this part of the San Antonio River. Back on land, grab some appetizers and drinks at Rio Rio Cantina, Paesanos Riverwalk, or Lone Star Café. Keep the fun going with drinks and food served laneside while you bowl, play laser-tag and more at PINSTACK, or sing the night away at **Howl at the Moon** piano bar. Before turning in, grab a nightcap while taking in the unbeatable rooftop view at Paramour.





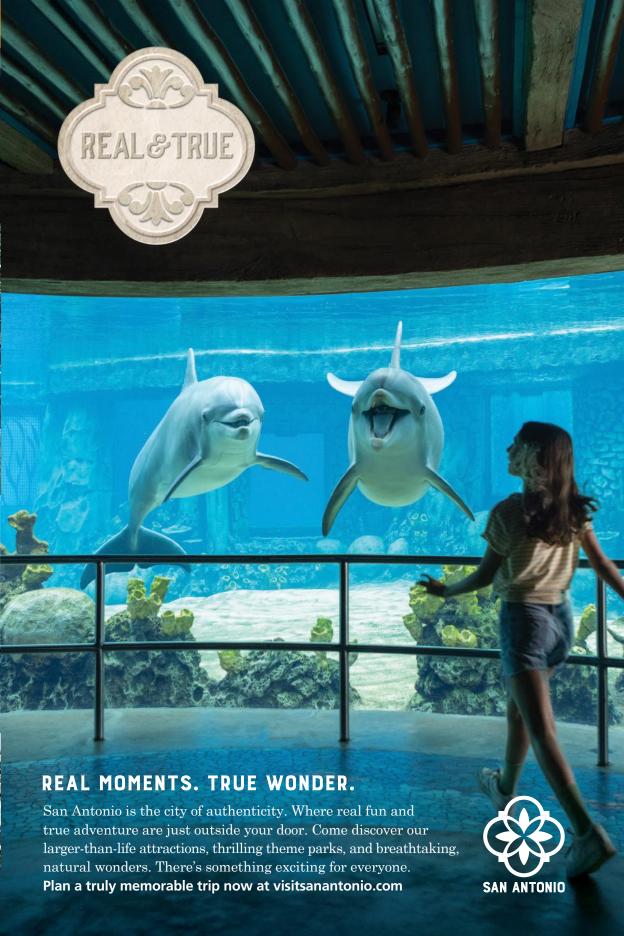


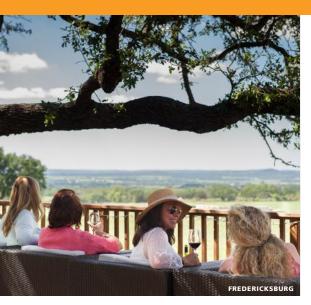


# LGBTO+ DAY OUT

Weekends offer so much for an LGBTQ+ traveler in San Antonio. Grab an early breakfast at **NOLA Brunch & Beignets**, which promises pancakes, beignets of all kinds and double-decker tacos. Then stroll the picturesque Japanese Tea Garden at Brackenridge Park or hop on a bike at Mural Ride Bike **Tours** and view the city's vibrant murals. Afterward, bring your taste buds (and small bills!) for Sunday drag brunch at Luther's Cafe. Or consider brunch and shopping: Head to **Alley** on Bitters, a popular shopping enclave for 40 years, located just north of Downtown San Antonio, and peruse the antiques, décor, fashion, art and more. Immerse yourself in visual arts at **Hopscotch**. Once you have made it through the exhibits, relax with a refreshing drink at the lounge on the main floor.







### DAY TRIPPIN'

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

### Fredericksburg

The picturesque town of Fredericksburg is perfect for wine enthusiasts, antiques lovers and foodies. This is one of the most popular spots in the famed Texas Hill Country, especially popular when lively street festivals and fairs take over the charming and historic Main Street. Pack a picnic and head to nearby Enchanted Rock State Natural Area, featuring a massive, hikeable granite dome rising among the rolling Texas hills. Or stop in at one of the more than 50 wineries and tasting rooms along the Wine Trail, and sip and sample the local fruits.

# Kingsville

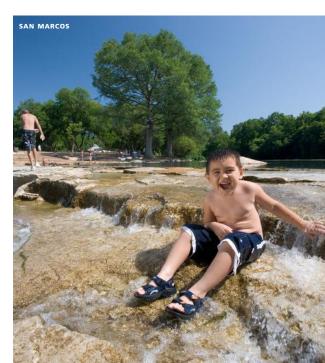
Explore the town of Kingsville, located just two hours south of San Antonio. This is where you'll find the 825,000-acre King Ranch and learn its dramatic story, as you tour parts of this legendary working ranch. Check out the 1904 Train Depot Museum, the King Ranch Museum and enjoy a treat at Harrel's Pharmacy's old-fashioned soda fountain.

#### New Braunfels and Gruene

A day trip to New Braunfels and neighboring Gruene (pronounced "green") will have you exploring Texas's German roots. Wander among antique shops, bakeries and restaurants in charming downtown New Braunfels, or refresh with tubing on the spring-fed Comal and Guadalupe Rivers. Catch a show or scoot your boots at Gruene Hall, Texas's oldest dance hall. Plan a full day (or two) at Schlitterbahn Waterpark & Resort in New Braunfels. With 51 attractions spread across 71 acres, the river rides, water slides and adventures range from mild to wild and will delight everyone in the family.

#### San Marcos

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





# Live the Lore!

Kick off your boots and stay awhile. Spend you days riding horses, hiking or driving the framed "Twisted Sisters". Kick back at a ranch. Listen to the birds and sample the music or two-step the night away at a local honky-tonk.

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# Major Events & Festivals



The Alamo City's event calendar is packed. Check out some of the city's top events.

2022-2023

**JUNE 2022** 

# **Bud Light Pride River Parade &** Celebration

Celebrate the LGBTQ+ community at this inaugural event on the San Antonio River Walk.

# Fiesta Noche Del Rio

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

### Juneteenth Festival

Admission is free to this event commemorating Juneteenth. Enjoy live

music, food vendors, children's activities. and more.

# **Pride Bigger than Texas Festival & Parade**

Celebrate the LGBTQ+ community with San Antonio. The annual festival and parade make their first inperson return in 2022 after two years of virtual events.

#### **JULY 2022**

# **Armed Forces River Parade**

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



Check event websites for dates, times, locations, and prices.

Go to VisitSanAntonio.com/events for more information and a full calendar of events.





# **Balcones Heights** Jazz Festival

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

# **Fourth of July** Celebrations

Eniov fireworks, concerts and celebrations at locations across San Antonio.

# **National Day of the** Cowboy

On July 23, the Briscoe Western Art Museum celebrates with a free community event for all ages to honor the contributions of the cowboy, cowgirl and vaquero.

#### **AUGUST 2022**

Marking Mexico's independence from Spain,

# Restaurant Weeks

A celebration of the city's

#### SEPTEMBER 2022

# Ford Parade of Lanterns

**Enormous** colorful illuminated lanterns float upon ten 26-foot-long boats throughout the downtown section of the San Antonio River Walk.

# **Fotoseptiembre** USA

Explore exhibits of photography and photo-based works at various galleries and exhibition spaces.

#### Jazz'SA Live

The nation's top jazz entertainers join local and regional talent for this two-day event in Travis Park. Free to attend.

# **World Heritage** Festival

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

# THEME PARK HAPPENINGS

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

June-Aug

Aug-Sept

Sept-Oct

Mar-Mav

#### SIX FLAGS **FIESTA TEXAS**

Sept-Oct

Nov-Jan

#### **MORGAN'S** WONDERLAND



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

# Culinaria

diverse dining scene. Enjoy prix-fixe menus from some of the city's top culinary locations.







### LGBTQ+ PROUD

#### San Antonio Pride

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

# **Bud Light River Parade & Celebration**

Celebrate the LGBTQ+ community on the famed River Walk and be a part of the first-ever river parade in San Antonio

#### San Antonio QFest

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

#### **Queer Events at Fiesta**

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

#### OCTOBER 2022

# **Tasting Texas** Wine & Food **Festival**

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

#### Chalk It Up

Check out the works of skilled local artists as they put their talents to work with chalk!

#### Dia De Muertos

Popular Day of the Dead events take place at Hemisfair and throughout the city.

# Oktoberfest San Antonio

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

# San Antonio **LGBT** International Film Festival

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

#### **NOVEMBER 2022**

# Diwali San **Antonio**

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

# **Ford Holiday** River Parade & Lighting Ceremony

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

#### Luminaria

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

#### **DECEMBER 2022**

# Citywide Holiday Celebrations

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

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

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

### Valero Alamo **Bowl**

College football comes to the Alamodome for a post-season collegiate bowl game featuring the top Pac-12 and Big 12 teams.

# Celebrate 2023 in San Antonio

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

# **Ford Holiday Boat Caroling**

Joyous caroling fills the evening air along the San Antonio River Walk.





### DIA DE MUERTOS

or Day of the Dead with not-to-be-

#### **JANUARY 2023**

#### **DreamWeek**

Be a part of this annual city-wide summit: Exchanging Ideas. Inspiring Discussion. Igniting Change.

# Martin Luther King, Jr. March

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

#### FEBRUARY 2023

# **Battle of** the Alamo Commemoration

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



# San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

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

#### **MARCH 2023**

# Contemporary **Art Month**

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

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

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

#### **APRIL 2023**

# L'Étape San **Antonio by Tour** de France

Part of a worldwide amateur cycling series, this event is designed to make you feel like a true Tour de France champion

# Fiesta San **Antonio**

Originating as a parade honoring the battles of the Alamo and San Jacinto in 1891, Fiesta San Antonio is held each year for 11 days, and is one of San Antonio's oldest traditions. The city gathers to celebrate the diverse heritage, culture and spirit of San Antonio with more than 100 events featuring music, food, sports, pageantry, the military, parades and more.

### Valero Texas Open

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

#### **MAY 2023**

# Cinco De Mayo

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

# **Tejano Conjunto Festival**

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













# Take Me To The River

San Antonio's famed River Walk is awash in color and festivities several times a year as the city celebrates annual events along the San Antonio River. From dyeing the water a nontoxic green for St. Patrick's Day to the Texas Cavaliers River Parade held during Fiesta in April, to Armed Forces River parade in July, September's Ford Festival of Lanterns and the Ford Holiday River Parade and Lighting Ceremony every November, San Antonio dearly loves to float!





How will you explore the Alamo City?

Easily accessible interstates and highways make getting to all the sights a breeze. Staying downtown? You may be surprised to find that much of downtown San Antonio is walkable!

#### **VIA BUS POUTES**

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

#### **SHUTTLES**

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

#### RENTAL CARS

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

#### **TAXIS**

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

#### RIDE SHARING

Via Link is the city's newest ondemand ride service. Operated by Via Metropolitan Transit, Via Link joins Lyft, Uber, and Wingz. These alternative transportation companies are approved for operation in San Antonio. Request your ride via each respective company's smartphone app.

#### PARKING

Pay stations in San Antonio are automated kiosks that accept coins, as well as credit and debit cards. and provide receipts. Instructions are offered in both English and Spanish to assist users.

#### **BIKES & SCOOTERS**

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

#### **GO RIO RIVER SHUTTLE**

**GO RIO River Shuttle** service runs every 60 minutes daily from 12 p.m.-8 p.m. The Shuttle runs along the River Walk from Downtown to Museum Reach. Look for the GO RIO Shuttle signs. GO RIO eco-friendly electric river boats also offers narrated San Antonio River Walk tours, which leave every 20 minutes, and run daily.



