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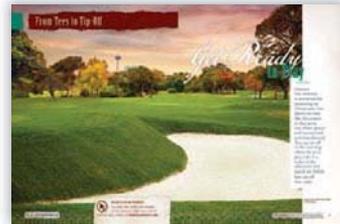
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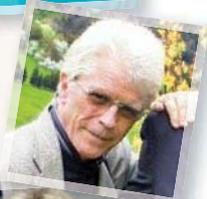
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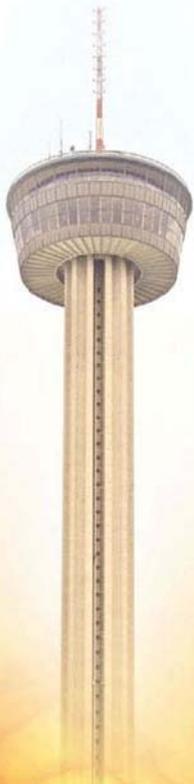
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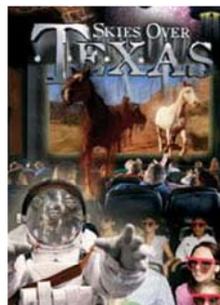
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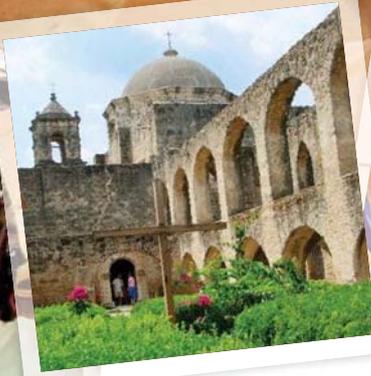
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Bienvenidos a San Antonio



It all starts with the river.

San Antonio's one-of-a-kind River Walk is the lifeline of this charming city – anchoring a vibrant downtown that sits in the very heart of south Texas. It flows past lively restaurants and clubs, world-class hotels and spas, historic villages, museums and, of course, the iconic Alamo.

And beyond its banks you'll find an exciting mix of diverse cultures, big-time attractions and outdoor recreation stretching well into the breathtaking Texas Hill Country.

Where will the river take you?

The downtown River Walk, Spanish missions and a mix of authentic cultures are among San Antonio's many charms.

What's New

Bigger & Better

Few cities combine the allure of living history – so present at the Alamo and Spanish Missions – with the exhilarating mood of a party. That festive feeling is everywhere in San Antonio, and now there's even more to get excited about ...

Public art installation and new Museum Reach River Walk entrance to the San Antonio Museum of Art



RIVER WALK OPENS NEW MUSEUM REACH, CONNECTING MORE ATTRACTIONS

The world-famous River Walk nearly doubled in size with the opening of the **Museum Reach**, offering visitors twice the charm and access to even more attractions.

Following the river north of the Southwest School of Art & Craft, this lushly landscaped new section connects the River Walk with more shops, restaurants and art, including the outstanding San Antonio Museum of Art. Another plus is a new lock and dam system that lets visitors ride river barges as far as the Pearl Brewery complex.



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VISITORS ENJOY FLOATING ART CORRIDOR

The most mesmerizing feature of the River Walk's new Museum Reach is the **public art installations** visitors will pass as they explore this 1.3-mile expansion. Here's just a sampling of what you'll see:

- ◆ At the Lexington Street Bridge, British artist **Martin Richman** has designed an installation of reflective, suspended elements that dance in the breeze, scattering flashes of color.
- ◆ San Antonio artist **Rolando Briseno** redesigned dynamic railings on three bridges at McCullough Avenue, Brooklyn Avenue and Ninth Street.
- ◆ As visitors pass beneath bridges at McCullough and Brooklyn, groups of shimmering stainless steel mesh panels on both sides of the river change colors, playing with our perception of color and light as we move. The installation reflects **Stuart Allen's** conceptual creativity combined with smart engineering.
- ◆ Now based in San Antonio, New York painter **Mark Schlesinger** uses the concrete of the Ninth Street underpass and bridge as his canvas for experimenting with space and perception.
- ◆ Sequenced speakers under the Jones Avenue Bridge create a flowing, changing river of sound near the San Antonio Museum of Art. Sound artist **Bill Fontana** blends recorded and live broadcasts from multiple locations along the river to engage the auditory senses of passersby with his unique "sound sculptures."
- ◆ San Antonio sculptor **George Schroeder** has fashioned intricately forged native plants and animals from steel to embellish handrails on the Camden and Newell bridges.
- ◆ A school of larger-than-life fiberglass fish crafted by Philadelphia artist **Donald Lipski** swim suspended above the river and below the Interstate 35 overpass adjacent to Camden Street.
- ◆ When visitors reach the turnaround point at the Pearl Brewery complex, they'll see an enormous, realistic tree at street level by **Carlos Cortes**, a San Antonio artist who specializes in faux bois, the art of making concrete look like wood.
- ◆ Down the river, Cortes has also created a grotto with a lovely waterfall visitors can stroll behind. He is the third generation of a family famed for this unique type of art.

ART MUSEUM ADDS RIVERSIDE LANDING

Renowned for its Latin American folk art collection and stunning conversion of an old brick brewery into gorgeous galleries, the **San Antonio Museum of Art** opened a new riverside landing on the Museum Reach in May 2009.

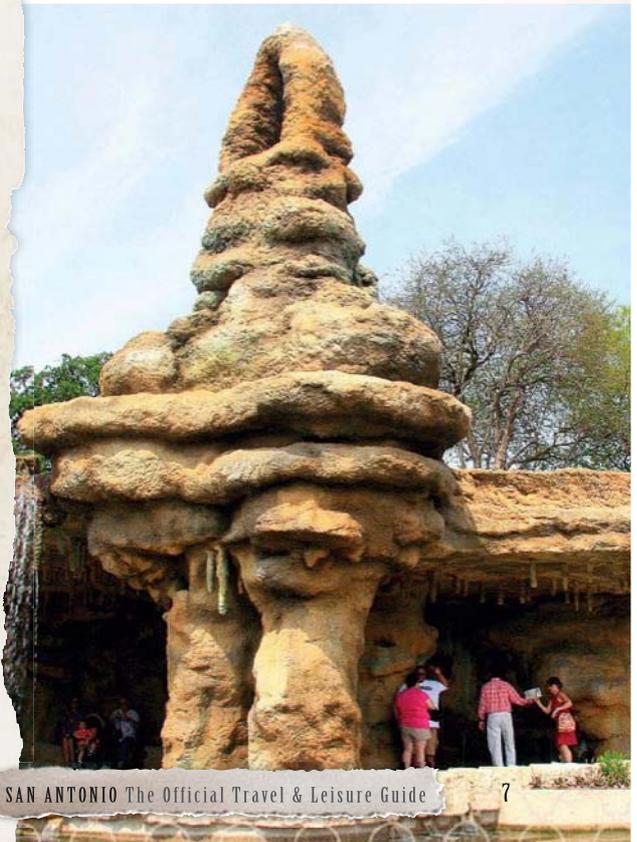
Flanking the longest stretch of riverfront property in town, the landing leads to the River Pavilion, an expansive patio for hosting festivals, receptions, lectures and special events for up to 300 people. A covered walkway links the pavilion with a large covered terrace overlooking the river.



→ IF YOU GO:

San Antonio Museum of Art,
210-978-8100, www.samuseum.org

Faux bois grotto along the new
Museum Reach of the River Walk



Enjoy an expanded River Walk, along with new public art displays, theme park attractions and world-class hotels.

MORE ART IN THE PARK AT BRACKENRIDGE

Today **Brackenridge Park** blooms not only with bright flowers, but also with fine art. Visitors are now discovering these new creations as they explore the park's grounds:

- ◆ Forged metal gates by local sculptor **George Schroeder** welcoming visitors at Broadway and Avenue B.
- ◆ "Glorieta," a bronze sculpture placed where two park trails intersect, by local artist **Anne Wallace**.
- ◆ Fired clay sculptures atop stacked stone pedestals by local artist **Susan Budge** at several trailheads.
- ◆ Images that evoke water and vegetation by local artist **Cakky Brawley** covering the top two stories of the elevator shaft at the new parking garage near the **Witte Museum**. LED lights make the sculpture glow at night.

★ → **IF YOU GO:**
Brackenridge Park,
210-736-9534,
www.sanantonio.gov/sapar



Fired clay sculptures atop stacked stone pedestals in Brackenridge Park

FORMER HISTORIC 'BREWERY' HAS MORE ON TAP

The Pearl – a former brewery still crowned with its trademark baroque cupola – shows off this city's knack for recycling fabulous old buildings with style. Instead of beer, the cool loft-like spaces of this former industrial complex hold shops, restaurants, offices and a branch of the prestigious Culinary Institute of America – and there's more to come.

★ → **IF YOU GO:** Pearl Historic Brewery, 210-212-7260, www.pearlbrewery.com

WIGGLE THROUGH A NEW WORLD AT SIX FLAGS® FIESTA TEXAS

Sing along with Dorothy the Dinosaur, Henry the Octopus and other pals in the new Wiggles World children's area of **Six Flags® Fiesta Texas**. This interactive adventure invites little wigglers to ride along in the Big Red Car and Big Red Planes, have a blast on the Wiggly Trail Ride and The Romp-Bomp-A-Stomp roller coaster – even climb aboard the S.S. Feathersword Play Ship. Then the entire family can stop by the interactive children's show, "Get Ready to Wiggle!"

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CHILL OUT WITH NEW THRILLS AT SPLASHTOWN

To celebrate its 25th anniversary, **Splashtown** has unveiled a completely remodeled activity pool, Crystal Falls, with seven new water slides and 250 feet of twisting chutes through a mountain of rocks and waterfalls.

On 20 acres just three minutes north of downtown, this exciting water park has the largest wave pool for body surfing in Texas, a quarter-mile "lazy river," 40 water slides, a Kid's Kove with 16 slides for smaller guests, plus water and sand volleyball courts. Friday nights during summer feature outdoor movies guests can watch from the wave pool.

★ → **IF YOU GO:** Splashtown San Antonio, 210-227-1400, www.splashtownsa.com

NEW HOTELS PAMPER GUESTS

The **JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa** is scheduled to open in early 2010 in the scenic Cibolo Canyons area of the Texas Hill Country. The 1,002-room resort will include 85 suites, a full-service spa, multiple restaurants and boutiques, and a pool complex encompassing a 650-foot rapid river ride, water slides, flowing "lazy river" with children's pools, serene adult pool, and hot and cold plunge pools.

The new **Grand Hyatt San Antonio** on the River Walk downtown pampers guests with luxurious rooms, concierge service, 24-hour fitness center and a heated outdoor pool on the sundeck. It has also become a magnet for foodies with its exciting fusion of the cuisines of Mexico, South and Central America, and the Caribbean in the Achioté River Café overlooking the River Walk.

 **→ IF YOU GO:** JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa, 210-403-3434, www.jwsanantonio.com.
Grand Hyatt San Antonio, 210-224-1234, www.grandsanantonio.hyatt.com

BRACKENRIDGE GOLF COURSE SPRUCES UP

When the city renovated **Brackenridge Park**, it didn't forget its legendary golf course – created by renowned designer A.W. Tillinghast and the first public course in Texas. With fairways lined by majestic pecan and oak trees and a back nine re-routed to better incorporate the San Antonio River into play, the par-71 course is again getting great reviews.

 **→ IF YOU GO:** Brackenridge Park Golf Course, 210-226-5612.



Grand Hyatt San Antonio

TEXAS GOLF HALL OF FAME IN THE WORKS

Adjacent to Brackenridge Golf Course, the new **Texas Golf Hall of Fame and Museum** is taking shape in the original Brackenridge clubhouse, built in 1923. The 1885 stone building next to it will be restored as an events pavilion but will also showcase museum pieces. A new Texas Golf Walk of Fame will connect the two buildings. The museum is scheduled to open in 2010.

 **→ IF YOU GO:** Texas Golf Hall of Fame and Museum, 210-226-5612

NCAA® WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR® COMING TO TOWN

Nothing captivates the nation like March Madness coming to town, and all eyes will be on San Antonio for the **2010 NCAA® Women's Final Four®** when it is hosted at the Alamodome April 4 and 6.

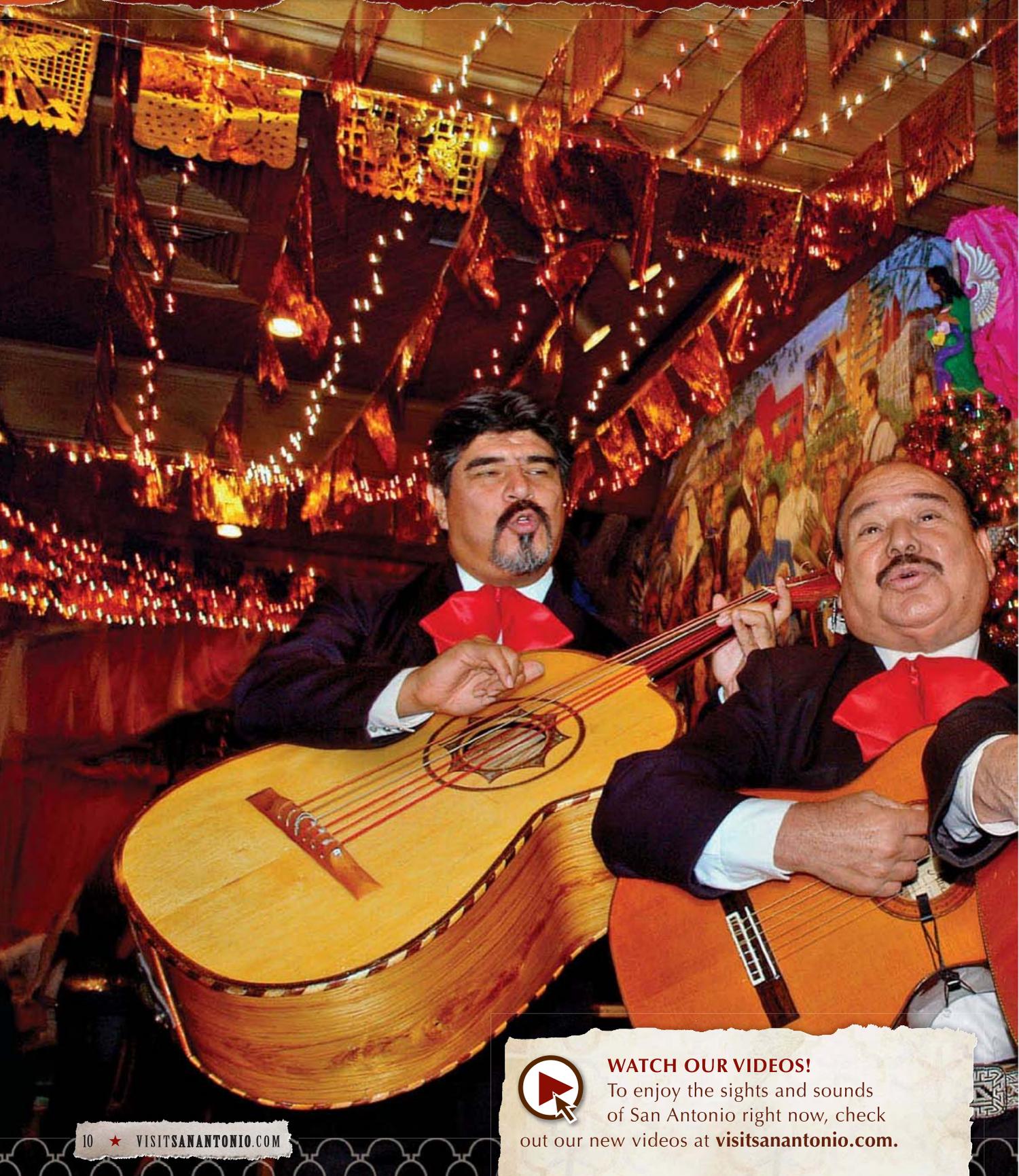
VALERO TEXAS OPEN CHANGES COURSE

The PGA TOUR's top tournament in charity giving now takes place in spring instead of fall. Since 1922, the **Valero Texas Open** has brought four days of excitement and some of golf's brightest stars to The Resort Course at La Cantera. But in May 2010, the Valero Texas Open will move to the AT&T Oaks Course at TPC San Antonio adjacent to the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa.

 **→ IF YOU GO:** Valero Texas Open, www.golfsanantonio.org
AT&T Oaks Course, 210-507-4191, www.tpcsanantonio.com



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A Proud Heritage

by Ron Bechtol

San Antonio wears its culture proudly. You might sense it first in the buildings and public places that began to shape this stately city over 300 years ago: The Alamo of myth and martyrdom, La Villita evoking a charming 18th century village, San Fernando Cathedral marking the spiritual center of the original Canary Islanders' settlement, the cypress-shaded River Walk. All are part of the city's cultural DNA.

An evening of mariachi music at Mi Tierra Cafe and Bakery

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These must-sees and more are evocative and inspirational on their own, but the city's places and spaces truly come alive with the seasonal celebrations that are presented in and around them.

CULTURAL FESTIVALS

Art invades the streets in early spring during **Luminaria**, **Fiesta** takes over the entire city in April, HemisFair Park is the setting for the annual **Texas Folklife Festival**, the **Fall Art Festivals** encompass opportunities from accordion extravaganzas to **Day of the Dead** celebrations – and the **River Walk** sees the lighting of millions of lights for the December holiday season and be vies of river cruisers at almost every moment.

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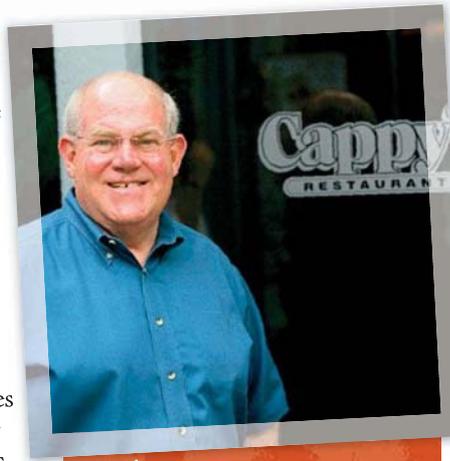
- *Luminaria Arts Night*, 210-207-6960, www.luminarias.org
- *Texas Folklife Festival*, 210-458-2224, www.texancultures.com/tff/tff2009.index.html
- *Fall Arts Festival*, www.fallartsfestivals.com
- *San Antonio River Walk*, 210-227-4262, www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com

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HISTORIC ROOTS

San Antonio began simply, but quickly became the most important city in an infant Texas as it embraced a multitude of cultures.

◆ The genesis of it all is the modest settlement founded in 1718 alongside a spring in what is now **San Pedro Park**, the second-oldest park in the nation. Later moving south, the city soon began to build in stone, both around squares in the new city center and along the San Antonio River with a string of missions whose fields were irrigated by a system of channeled acequias.



Faces of San Antonio

CAPPY LAWTON,
Restaurateur

Restaurateur Cappy Lawton still speaks with the same enthusiasm that led him to open his first place, a college pub, in 1973.

"A lot has changed since then," he says. Thirty-five years later, Lawton can look back on having opened 29 establishments and introducing San Antonio to the concepts of daily fresh fish, rotating art shows on restaurant walls and inventive daily specials. "There's almost nothing you could name we haven't cooked."

Focused now on three restaurants – Cappy's (the flagship), Cappyccino's (an upscale pub) and La Fonda on Main (both Tex-Mex and interior Mexican) – Lawton muses that "there are a lot more people in San Antonio interested in food these days. In the beginning it was almost impossible to find culinary grads, and now we have 12."

A longtime advocate of culinary education, Lawton's efforts helped convince the prestigious Culinary Institute of America to open a branch at the Pearl Complex.

◆ Today's **Mission Trail** links four of the evocative missions: San José, Concepción, San Juan and Espada, with its nearby aqueduct. The fifth is the Alamo itself – firmly fixed in the minds of millions as the scene of a battle that helped secure Texas independence from Mexico.

◆ Enhanced from its modest beginnings in 1738, **San Fernando Cathedral** finally has the framework it deserves in the form of a newly renovated Main Plaza (originally *Plaza de las Islas* in honor of the 15 families from the Canary Islands who arrived in 1731).

◆ Just a block farther west is the **Spanish Governor's Palace** dating from 1749. Don't expect gilt and glitter; this is a building that both breathes with the spirit of the times and resonates with strains of the fandangos (candle-lit fiestas) once held here.

◆ The palace faces **Military Plaza**, also called *Plaza de Armas*, now dominated by City Hall but once one of the liveliest spots in Texas due to activities that ranged from hangings to haggling over produce and late-night revels revolving around the stands of the legendary Chili Queens.

→ **IF YOU GO** (as referenced in text)

- *San Pedro Park*, www.sanantonio.gov/sapar/sanpedrohis.asp
- *Mission Trail*, 210-932-1001, www.nps.gov/saan/
- *San Fernando Cathedral*, www.sfcathedral.org/
- *Spanish Governor's Palace*, 210-224-0601, www.sanantonio.gov/dtops/SPANGovPal.asp (Check operating hours before you go.)

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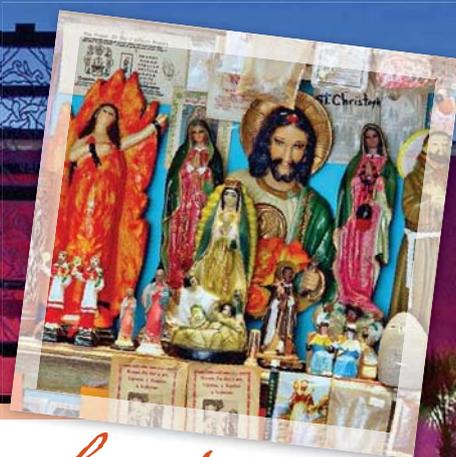


The Museo Alameda at night

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

The city's museums help put all of this history into perspective.

- ◆ The **Texas Ranger Museum** has relocated adjacent to the **Buckhorn Saloon & Museum** downtown and documents the history of the fabled institution. Ranger memorabilia formerly shared space with the **Texas Pioneer Museum** on Broadway, which has expanded to include exhibits of notable Texans.
- ◆ Next door at the **Witte Museum**, reconstructed log cabins from pioneer times can be seen outdoors, and permanent exhibits plus special shows on science and local history are displayed inside. (Don't miss the fanciful **H-E-B Science Treehouse** that contains interactive kid-friendly exhibits.)
- ◆ For more family-friendly fun, visit the **San Antonio Children's Museum** where 80 exhibits provide engaging, hands-on experiences.
- ◆ The **San Antonio Museum of Art** converted a 19th-century brewery into a showcase for Latin American art across the centuries, along with Asian, Greek and Roman collections, and American art from Colonial times to the present.
- ◆ The **Marion Koogler McNay Art Museum**, with its focus on 19th- and 20th-century works, evolved from a 1927 Spanish Colonial Revival-style villa and just completed an extensive addition for traveling exhibitions.
- ◆ Another contemporary structure, located at the foot of Market Square just west of downtown, houses the Smithsonian-affiliated **Museo Alameda**, its shows dedicated to presenting the Latino experience in San Antonio and beyond.
- ◆ The **Southwest School of Art & Craft** occupies a former convent built in 1851 for the Ursuline Academy of French nuns, and now includes classrooms, a gift shop, cafeteria and gallery space.
- ◆ Rounding out the conversions, a group of industrial buildings south of King William Historic District now houses the **Blue Star Contemporary Art Center**, with thriving galleries like UTSA Satellite Space, San Angel Folk Art and the Joan Grona Gallery.



Signature SOUVENIRS

Sure, there are T-shirts – some even unique to San Antonio – but you can do better. Here's a sampling:

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- ★ **Garcia Art Glass**
(unique mouth-blown works)
- ★ **Southwest School of Art & Craft**
(contemporary crafts)
- ★ **Stonemetal Press** (prints)

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- ★ **San Antonio Museum of Art**
(art guides, gifts)
- ★ **Witte Museum** (South Texas gifts)
- ★ **McNay Art Museum**
(signature items, posters, etc.)
- ★ **The Alamo**
(Alamo-themed everything)
- ★ **Museo Alameda**
(unique Hispanic gifts)

FOLK ART & LOCAL GIFTS

- ★ **San Angel Folk Art**
(local and folk artists)
- ★ **Institute of Texan Cultures**
(unique Texas gifts)
- ★ **Fiesta on Main**
(cascarones, piñatas, party props)
- ★ **Interartisan International Folk Art** (Mata Ortiz pottery, Oaxacan carvings)
- ★ **Market Square**
(working artists, unique shops)
- ★ **La Villita** (numerous shops with folk art, fine art, ethnic clothing)



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Blue Star Arts Complex

- ◆ Catch a truly cinemascopic glimpse into San Antonio and the rest of Texas at the **Institute of Texan Cultures** on the eastern edge of HemisFair Park. Within this distinctive structure, the fascinating stories of all the ethnic groups that make up the state's storied history come convincingly to life.
- ◆ Visit Fort Sam Houston to experience the history of San Antonio's landmark Army post at the **Quadrangle**, the **Fort Sam Houston Museum**, and discover the history of military medicine at the **U.S. Army Medical Department Museum**.

→ IF YOU GO (as referenced in text)

- **Buckhorn Saloon & Museum & Texas Ranger Museum**, 210-247-4000, www.buckhornmuseum.com
- **Texas Pioneer Museum**, 210-822-9011
- **Witte Museum**, 210-357-1900, www.witemuseum.org
- **San Antonio Children's Museum**, 210-212-4453, www.sakids.org
- **San Antonio Museum of Art**, 210-978-8100, www.samuseum.org
- **Marion Koogler McNay Art Museum**, 210-824-5368, www.mcnayart.org
- **Museo Alameda**, 210-299-4300, www.thealameda.org
- **Southwest School of Art & Craft**, 210-224-1848, www.swschool.org
- **Blue Star Contemporary Art Center**, 210-227-6960, www.bluestarart.org
- **Blue Star Arts Complex**, 210-225-6742, www.bluestartscomplex.com
- **Institute of Texan Cultures**, 210-458-2300, www.utsa.edu
- **Fort Sam Houston Museum**, 210-221-1886, <http://ammeddregiment.amedd.army.mil/fsh muse/fsh muse.htm>
- **U.S. Army Medical Department Museum**, 210-221-6358, <http://ammedmedregiment.amedd.army.mil/tour4.htm>

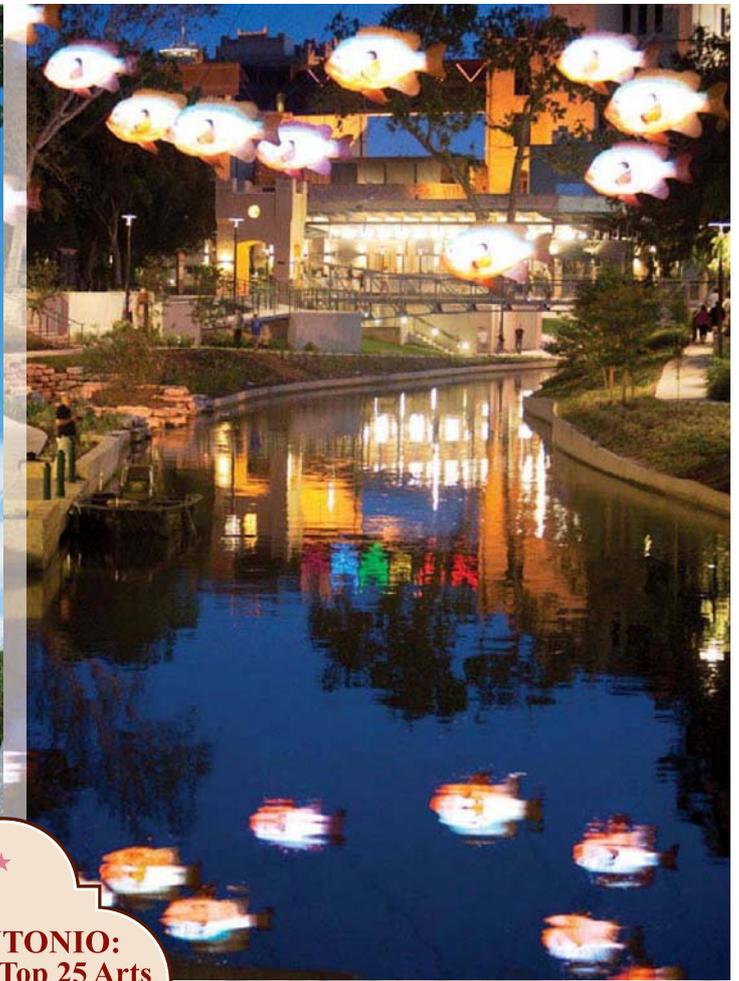
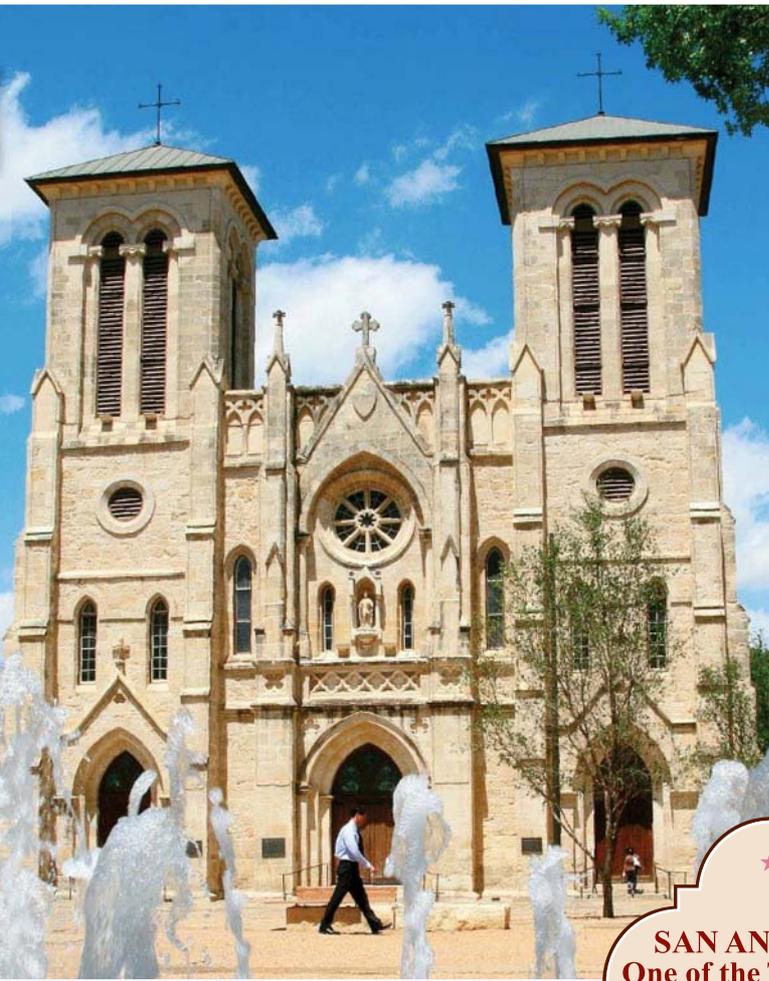
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AUTHENTIC Tastes

Enjoy the unique flavors of San Antonio while you're here, but don't forget to take those great tastes home with you.

- ★ **Mi Tierra Café & Bakery**
(Mexican pastries and more),
218 Produce Row,
210-225-1262
www.mitierracafe.com
- ★ **Segovia Mexican Candy**
(complete line of locally made candies),
1837 Guadalupe St.,
210-225-2102,
www.algodulce.com
- ★ **Delicious Tamales**
(nationwide shipping), several locations, 1-800-TAMALE-1,
www.delicioustamales.com
- ★ **Al's Gourmet Nuts**
(Texas pecans and more),
210-822-9121, 1-877-822-NUTS,
www.alsgourmetnuts.com
- ★ **Santitos Salsa** (and others); visit any H-E-B grocery outlet for locally made salsas.



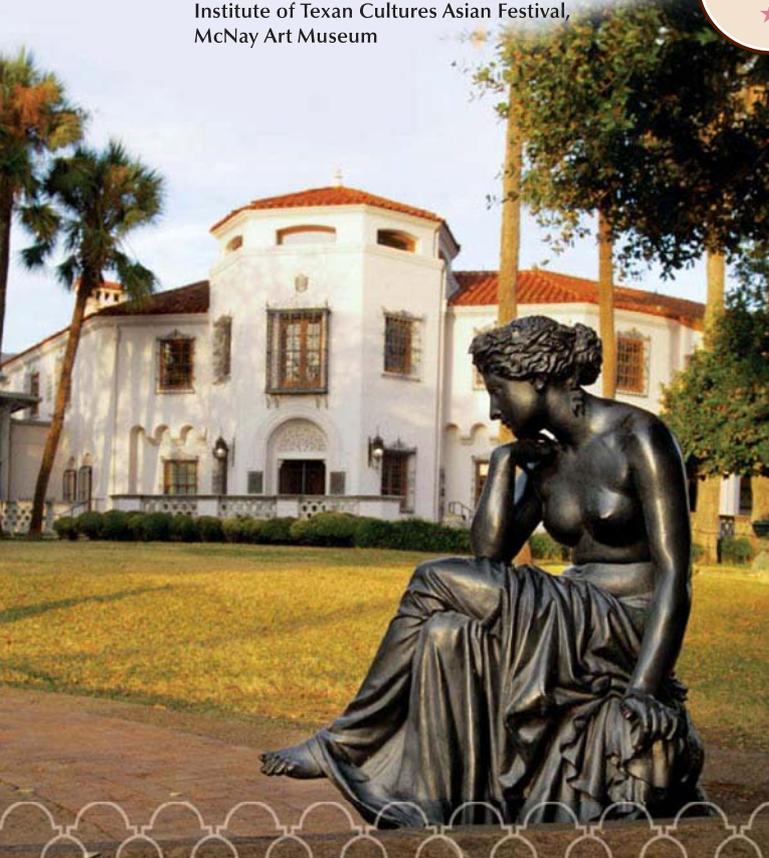


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Clockwise from top left: San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio Museum of Art along the new River Walk Museum Reach, Institute of Texan Cultures Asian Festival, McNay Art Museum



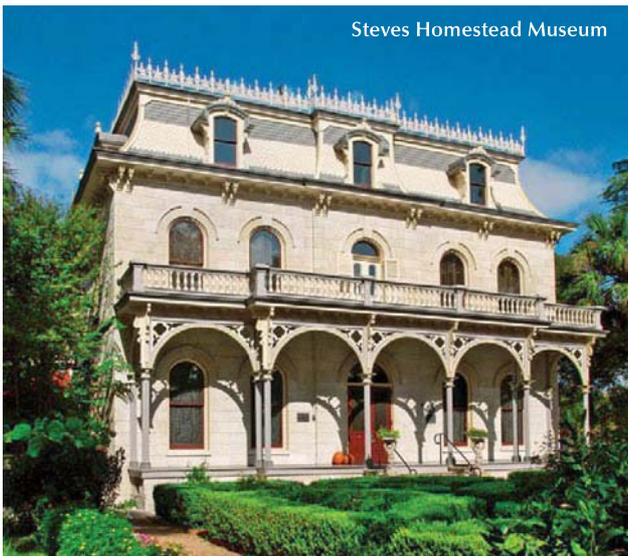
Oak-shaded strolls along the area's streets are the best ways to appreciate stately architecture.

ARCHITECTURE/HISTORIC TOURS

San Antonio may be known for its Colonial missions, but some serious touring will reveal more contemporary treasures, too.

◆ The old **Pearl Brewery** complex just north of downtown, the most ambitious repurposing project in years, now includes a spa, cooking store and branch of the Culinary Institute of America. Restaurants at the Pearl include Texas Farm to Table and, soon, two by super-chef Andrew Weissman, Il Sogno and Sandbar Fish House & Market. The Saturday-morning **Pearl Farmers Market** debuted in May 2009, featuring only goods produced within a 150-mile radius.

◆ Back in the center of town you'll find **King William Historic District**, once home to German families who helped define the city in the mid-19th century. **Pioneer Flour Mills**, on the opposite bank, is one such institution, and its **Guenther House** museum and restaurant is a perfect place to refuel. Oak-shaded strolls along the area's streets are the best ways to appreciate the stately architecture. A visit to **Steves Homestead** museum gives you an inside look and side trips to flanking **Southtown** – a thriving area of restaurants and galleries, especially alive during First Friday celebrations – provide colorful contrast.



Steves Homestead Museum

◆ For additional contrast, check out the “enchilada red” **San Antonio Public Library**. Located next to the **Southwest School of Art & Craft** housed in the 150-year-old Ursuline Academy, the library's bold forms and colors speak to the city's contemporary connection to Mexico.

◆ Visitors to the **Alamo** may pick their own path through the shrine's history by attending a talk, given every 30 minutes, and referencing its Wall of History.

◆ Turn your iPod, MP3 player or other listening device into a virtual tour guide and learn about San Antonio's Arts and Culture or History and Heritage. Purchase a pre-loaded tour at the **Visitor Center** across from the Alamo.



San Antonio Central Library

→ IF YOU GO (as referenced in text)

- ◆ Pearl Historic Brewery, 210-212-7260 (ex. 205), www.pearlbrewery.com
- ◆ Culinary Institute of America, San Antonio Campus, 210-222-1113, www.ciachef.edu/sanantonio/
- ◆ Texas Farm to Table, 210-444-1404, www.texasfarmtotable.com
- ◆ Pearl Farmers Market, www.pearlfarmersmarket.com
- ◆ King William Association, 210-227-8786, www.kingwilliamassociation.org
- ◆ Guenther House, 210-227-1061, www.guentherhouse.com
- ◆ Steves Homestead Museum, 210-227-9160, www.saconservation.org
- ◆ Southtown Arts District, 210-226-0888, www.southtown.net
- ◆ San Antonio Central Library, 210-207-2500, www.sanantonio.gov/Library/central
- ◆ Southwest School of Art & Craft, 210-224-1848, www.swschool.org
- ◆ Alamo, 210-225-1391, www.thealamo.org



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Four Days of *Culture*

San Antonio has so much more to offer! For more information, including listings of attractions, accommodations, restaurants and shops, check out visitsanantonio.com. Then get started on this great cultural tour ...

Day 1

DOWNTOWN

Start with the **Alamo**. After your homage to history, visit the **Silver Spur** in the Menger Hotel for glittery Texas-style apparel, then head for Houston Street at Broadway and its collection of unique shops. Next, descend to the **River Walk**: in one direction there's **Rivercenter Mall** and the grotto providing a passage into **HemisFair Park**; in another, a way up through the **Arneson River Theatre** into historic **La Villita** with restaurants and shops offering folk art, jewelry, textiles and more. And all along the way are spots offering River Walk dining, such as **Boudro's**, **Las Canarias**, **Paesanos**, **Rio Rio Cantina** and **Zuni Grill**.

Day 2

NORTH

Start the day with breakfast tacos at **Taco Taco Café**, then take Broadway to the **Pearl Brewery Complex** (a don't-miss detour: the one-of-a-kind leaning **Liberty Bar** on Josephine Street), then continue to **Brackenridge Park** with its zoo and **Japanese Tea Garden**. (Another detour: the **San Antonio Botanical Garden** and the **Witte Museum** are nearby.) Turn right on Austin Highway to North New Braunfels Avenue for edifying art at the **McNay Art Museum**, or continue up Broadway to Basse Road for **The Alamo Quarry Market** and shops like **Lucchese Boots**. Conclude your day with dinner at **Cappy's** or **Paloma Blanca** in Alamo Heights.



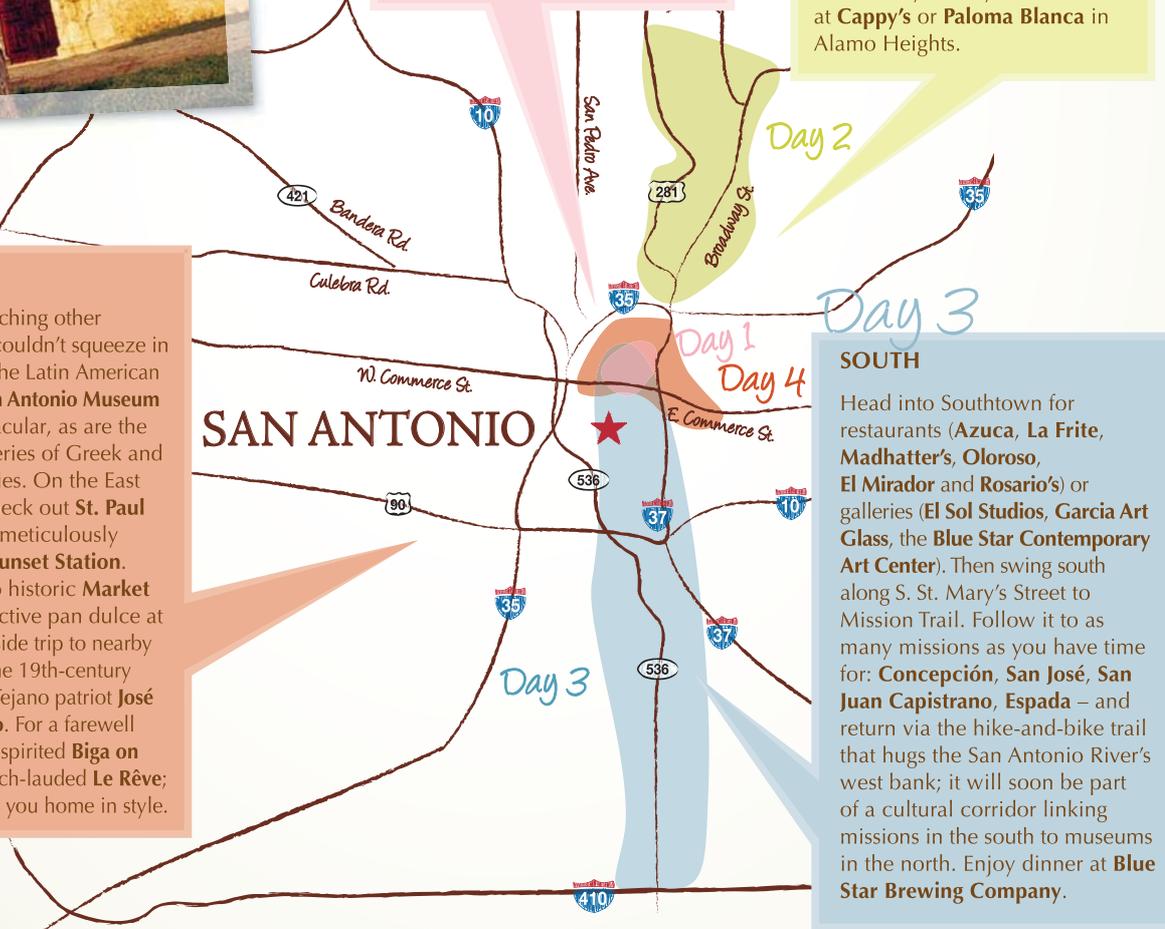
Mission San José

Day 4

RECAP

Spend today catching other attractions you couldn't squeeze in before. Missed the Latin American folk art at the **San Antonio Museum of Art**? It's spectacular, as are the remodeled galleries of Greek and Roman antiquities. On the East side of town, check out **St. Paul Square** and the meticulously restored 1902 **Sunset Station**. Or head west to historic **Market Square** for seductive pan dulce at **Mi Tierra** and a side trip to nearby **Casa Navarro**, the 19th-century adobe home of Tejano patriot **José Antonio Navarro**. For a farewell dinner, consider spirited **Biga on the Banks** or much-lauded **Le Rêve**; they'll both send you home in style.

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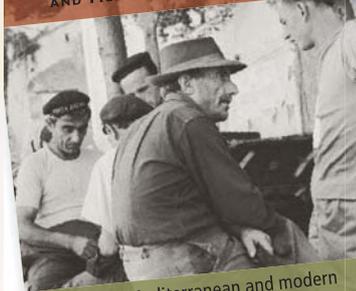


Day 3

SOUTH

Head into Southtown for restaurants (**Azuca**, **La Frite**, **Madhatter's**, **Oloroso**, **El Mirador** and **Rosario's**) or galleries (**El Sol Studios**, **Garcia Art Glass**, the **Blue Star Contemporary Art Center**). Then swing south along S. St. Mary's Street to Mission Trail. Follow it to as many missions as you have time for: **Concepción**, **San José**, **San Juan Capistrano**, **Espada** – and return via the hike-and-bike trail that hugs the San Antonio River's west bank; it will soon be part of a cultural corridor linking missions in the south to museums in the north. Enjoy dinner at **Blue Star Brewing Company**.

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Texas-Sized Thrills



WATCH OUR VIDEOS!

To enjoy the sights and sounds of San Antonio right now, check out our new videos at visitsanantonio.com.

A man with dark curly hair, wearing a yellow polo shirt with blue and white stripes, is riding a roller coaster. He is wearing a yellow safety harness and has a wide, joyful smile. The background shows other riders on the coaster, all appearing happy and excited. The scene is bright and sunny, suggesting a day at a theme park.

Big Family Fun

by Kathryn Jones

San Antonio is a great destination for big family fun. Whether you're sliding down chutes or floating through lagoons at water parks, marveling at killer whales and zoo animals, riding horses at a dude ranch, testing your mettle on a thrilling roller-coaster or exploring mysterious caves, Texas-sized thrills will keep your adrenaline pumping.

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From soaring coasters to exploring caves, San Antonio is ready to thrill.

THEME & WATER PARKS

Big fun awaits at theme and water parks where you can play all day.

◆ World-famous killer whale Shamu and friends put on a dazzling show at **SeaWorld® San Antonio**. Take a dip with a California sea lion, feed the dolphins, see sharks, encounter penguins and gawk at alligators.

◆ With 11 roller-coasters, blockbuster shows and a free water park, **Six Flags® Fiesta Texas** delivers super-sized fun along with Texas culture and history. Wiggles World and five new rides for kids are also on tap this year.

◆ **Schlitterbahn Waterpark Resort** in New Braunfels offers three miles of tubing adventures, 17 water slides, the world's first surfing machine and three uphill water coaster "blasters." Enjoy pools, lazy "rivers" and swim-up bars.

◆ **Splashtown San Antonio** marks its 25th anniversary in 2009 with an improved activity pool, seven new water slides and more than 20 acres of lagoons, coves, picnic areas and volleyball courts. Tejano music will be presented on select weekends.

→ IF YOU GO (as referenced in text)

◆ **SeaWorld® San Antonio**, 800-700-7786, www.seaworld.com/sanantonio

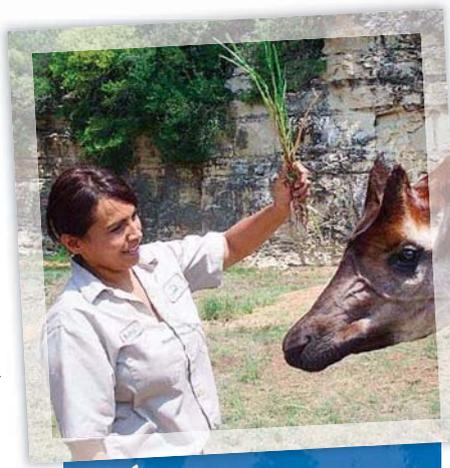
◆ **Six Flags® Fiesta Texas**, 210-697-5000, www.sixflags.com/fiestaTexas

◆ **Schlitterbahn Waterpark Resort**, 830-625-2351, www.schlitterbahn.com

◆ **Splashtown San Antonio**, 210-227-1400, www.splashtownsa.com



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Faces of San Antonio

**ANITA BALAN, Supervisor,
San Antonio Zoo and Aquarium**

Anita Balan opens a pen at the San Antonio Zoo and Aquarium to check on George, the oldest endangered tapir in captivity.

"He's a really cool animal." To help relieve aging joints, the 38-year-old tapir has undergone acupuncture. "He's definitely babied."

As the Supervisor of Large Mammals, Anita also oversees a diverse department of smaller otters, squirrel monkeys, black-footed cats, African crested porcupines and more. Her job is to help the zoo-keepers. Together, they plan and adjust animals' diets, make sure they are "enriched" with toys and problem-solving exercises to keep them engaged, and train them to be handled.

"I really feel at home in San Antonio," Anita says. "I love the climate and the small-town atmosphere."

And the animals, of course.

ZOO, WILDLIFE & CAVERNS

Natural wonders, from big cats to enormous caverns, are ready to wow you with wild beauty.

◆ Ranked among the Top 10 Best Zoos for Kids by *Parents Magazine*, the **San Antonio Zoo and Aquarium** is the nation's third-largest zoo. It began in 1914 with just a small collection of animals. Now it's home to more than 3,500 wild creatures and 750 species. The newly renovated Friedrich Aquarium features 24 tanks of tropical fish.

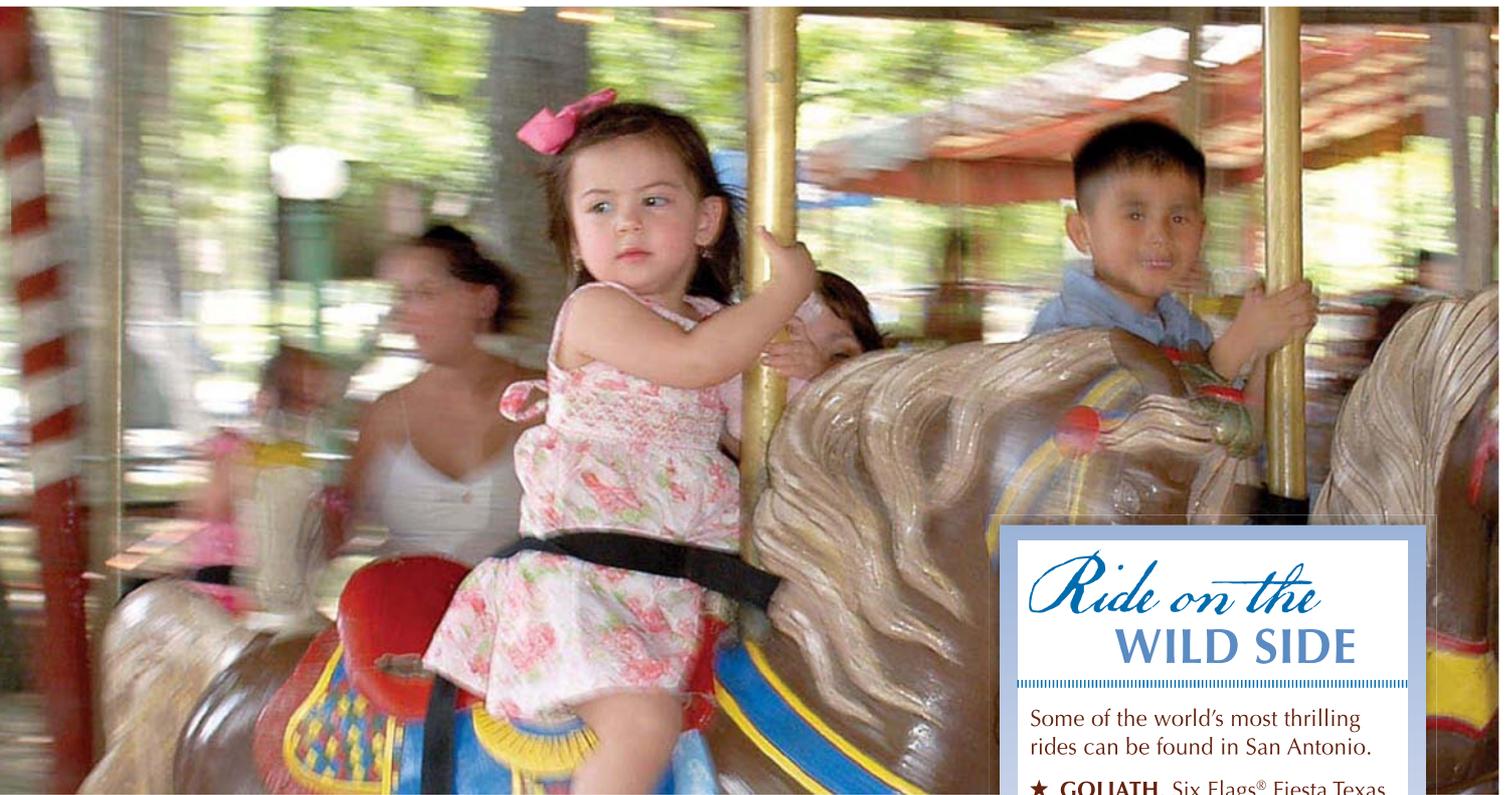
Located in wooded **Brackenridge Park**, the zoo prides itself on natural-looking habitats and conservation programs. The miniature train is a big hit with kids and adults alike. In 2010 the zoo unveils its Africa Live! expansion, including an aviary and habitats for African wildlife.

◆ **Natural Bridge Caverns**, a half-hour north of San Antonio in New Braunfels, is a vast limestone cavern carved millions of years ago by underground water. Marvel at huge underground chambers with formations of long "soda straw" stalactites, waves of "cave ribbon" and hanging "chandeliers."

Test your climbing skills on the manmade Watchtower, get hitched to a zip line or crawl, climb, hike, rappel and explore the caverns' natural beauty for yourself on a guided adventure tour.

◆ **Cascade Caverns** in Boerne, just north of San Antonio, is Texas' only cavern with a 100-foot waterfall.

◆ **Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch** lets you take an African-safari, Texas-style. You can view, photograph and feed zebras, giraffes and more than 500 animals from 40 species of native, exotic and endangered wildlife – right from the comfort of your vehicle.



Carousel at Kiddie Park

- ◆ **Wild Animal Orphanage** provides a permanent home and lifetime care to abandoned animals in a 10-acre park open for guided educational tours.
- ◆ **WonderWorld Park** in San Marcos calls itself the only real “earthquake cave” that gives viewers a tour of a cave along the Balcones Fault Line. Other attractions include an observation tower, anti-gravity house and petting park, where kids can feed and pet deer and other critters.

Ride on the WILD SIDE

Some of the world’s most thrilling rides can be found in San Antonio.

- ★ **GOLIATH**, Six Flags® Fiesta Texas – Inverted coaster climbs 10 stories in a vertical loop and boasts five more inversions and two corkscrews at speeds of 50 mph.
- ★ **GREAT WHITE**, SeaWorld® San Antonio – Southwest’s first inverted, hang-ride coaster has soaring vertical loops, spirals and corkscrews with a 4.6 positive G-force.
- ★ **SCREAM**, Six Flags® Fiesta Texas – This floorless, free-fall machine takes riders on a 20-story plunge.
- ★ **STEEL EEL**, SeaWorld® San Antonio – Coaster offers periods of weightlessness and speeds up to 65 mph, with an initial drop of 15 stories.

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- ◆ **San Antonio Zoo and Aquarium**, 210-734-7183, www.sazoo-aq.org
- ◆ **Natural Bridge Caverns**, 210-651-6101, www.naturalbridgedaverns.com
- ◆ **Cascade Caverns**, 830-755-8080, www.cascadecaverns.com
- ◆ **Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch**, 830-438-7400, www.wildliferanchtexas.com
- ◆ **Wild Animal Orphanage**, 210-688-9038, www.wildanimalorphanage.org
- ◆ **Wonder World Park**, 512-392-3760, www.wonderworldpark.com

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DUDE RANCHES

Dozens of dude ranches and hundreds of real cowboys make their home in **Bandera**, the so-called “Cowboy Capital of the World,” about an hour’s drive from San Antonio. Many are working ranches that offer horseback riding, fishing, cookouts, hayrides and Western entertainment.

Rodeos are held at least twice weekly from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, and here’s just a taste of what else awaits.

- ◆ Tour a working longhorn cattle ranch at the **LH7 Ranch**.
- ◆ Take a wildlife tour through the 9,000-acre **Flying A Ranch**, featuring exotic and native species.



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Enchanted Springs Ranch, originally designed for Western movies

- ◆ **Dixie Dude Ranch** dates to 1937 and has 725 acres for guests to explore on foot or horseback. Stay overnight in cabins or a lodge, hike nature trails and enjoy an authentic ranch experience complete with a cowboy breakfast cooked outside.
- ◆ Experience the Old West only 25 minutes from San Antonio at **Enchanted Springs Ranch** in Boerne. This 86-acre working ranch has rugged natural beauty, exotic animals and a Western town right out of the 1800s. Originally designed for Western movies, the town provides a hands-on experience of Texas heritage and offers cabins for rent.

→ IF YOU GO (as referenced in text)

- *Bandera Texas Convention and Visitors Bureau, 800-364-3833, www.banderacowboycapital.com*
- *H7 Ranch, 830-796-4314*
- *Lying A Ranch, 830-796-4750, www.flyingaranch.net*
- *Dixie Dude Ranch, 830-796-7771, www.dixieduderranch.com*
- *Enchanted Springs Ranch, 830-249-8222, www.enchantedspringsranch.com*

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KID-FRIENDLY ATTRACTIONS

Take the kids – or tap into your own inner child – for family fun.

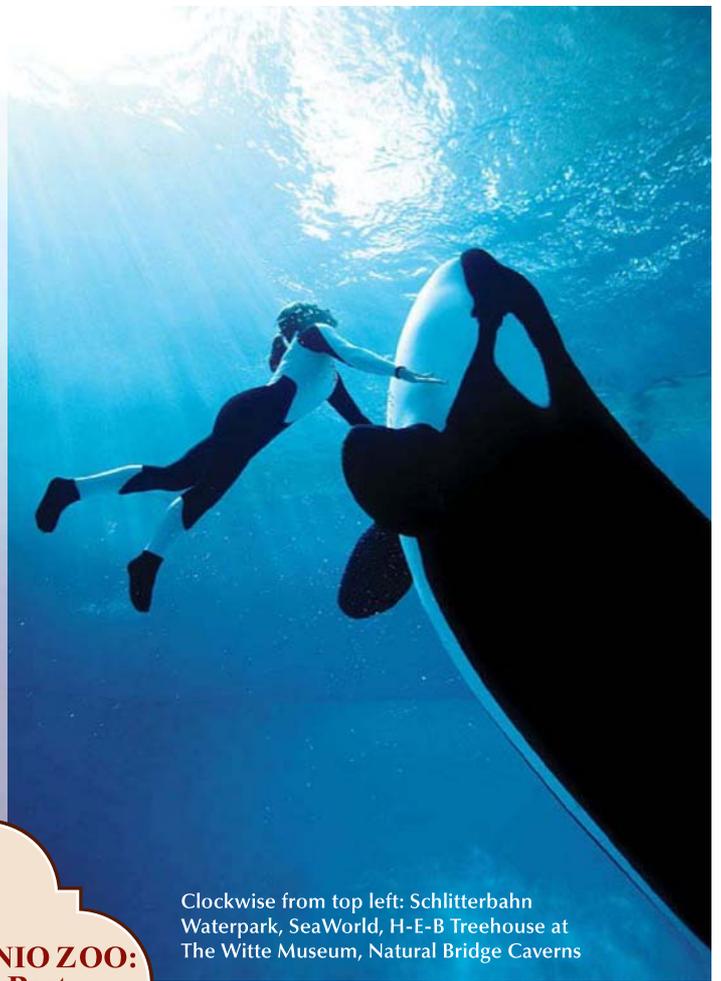
- ◆ Kids play to learn and adults learn to play at **The San Antonio Children's Museum**. Kids ages 2 to 12 can pilot an imaginary flight, zoom to the top of the museum's Tower of the Americas in a kid-powered elevator, see how the human skeleton moves on a bike or explore a kid-friendly cave.
- ◆ **The Magik Theatre** brings works such as Dr. Seuss books and *Beauty and the Beast* to life for young audiences and their families.

MORE TO DO *at the Zoo*

Check out these fascinating exhibits at the San Antonio Zoo.

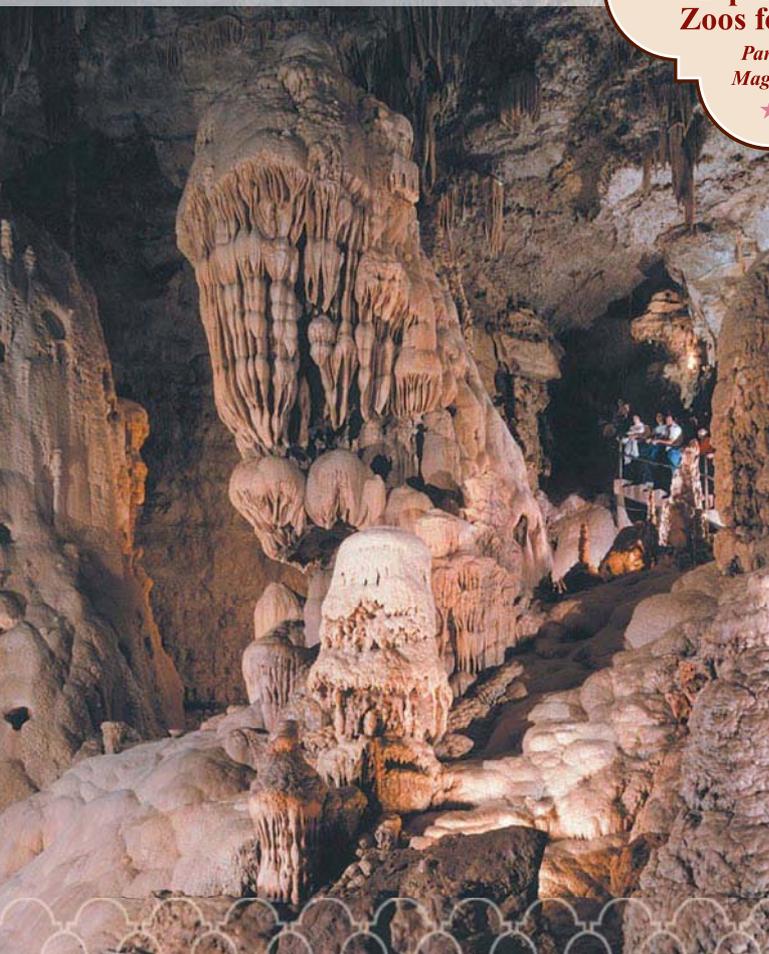
- ★ **AFRICA LIVE!** – The zoo's newest expansion opens in 2010, but visitors can already see hippos and crocodiles swimming in a manmade "stream" from an underwater window.
- ★ **AMAZONIA** – Amazon creatures such as sloths, spider monkeys, giant anteaters, big and small cats like the jaguar and ocelot, and many rare tropical plants live in a lush setting.
- ★ **GIBBON FOREST** – Observe gibbons interacting, raising their families and playing in a naturalistic setting among limestone walls.
- ★ **LORY LANDING** – Australian rainforest environment where 53 species of lorries, or brightly colored parrots, hang upside down, perform aerial acrobatics and eat a cup of nectar while perched on visitors' shoulders or hands.





★
**SAN ANTONIO ZOO:
Top 10 Best
Zoos for Kids**
*Parents
Magazine*
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Clockwise from top left: Schlitterbahn Waterpark, SeaWorld, H-E-B Treehouse at The Witte Museum, Natural Bridge Caverns



The Buckhorn Saloon & Museum amazes visitors with a Texas history wax museum and a café in the Western saloon.

◆ With an eight-story-high screen and dazzling special effects, the **IMAX Theatre** in the River Walk's Rivercenter Mall shows Hollywood movies, documentaries and special films such as "Alamo, The Price of Freedom."

◆ View more than 250 lifelike figures of Hollywood stars and historical figures at **Louis Tussaud's Plaza Wax Museum**. At the same location, **Ripley's Believe It or Not** features oddities like a hand-carved miniature circus, animated T-Rex dinosaur and an interactive time travel center.

◆ There's more interactive fun at a three-in-one attraction across from the Alamo. **Ripley's Haunted Adventure** features live actors and animatronics; the **Guinness World Records Museum** brings the famous book to life with artifacts, exhibits, videos, games and more; and **Tomb Rider 3D** is an adventure ride loaded with special effects.

◆ The retro-feeling **Kiddie Park** claims to be the oldest original children's amusement park in America. Ride the gorgeous 1918 vintage hand-carved merry-go-round.

◆ The **Witte Museum** is another kid-friendly spot. Children can explore the lives of prehistoric creatures in

Dino Hall, then learn about science while playing in the H-E-B Science Treehouse.

◆ The **Buckhorn Saloon & Museum** amazes visitors with its collection of more than 1,200 trophy mounts – including a 78-point buck! – a Texas history wax museum, an old-fashioned curio store and a café in the Western saloon. Also, don't miss the **Texas Ranger Museum** at the same location.

→ IF YOU GO (as referenced in text)

- San Antonio Children's Museum, 210-212-4453, www.sakids.org
- The Magic Theatre, 210-227-2751, www.magiktheatre.org
- IMAX Theatre Rivercenter, 210-247-4629, www.imax-sa.com
- Plaza Wax Museum & Ripley's Believe It or Not, 210-224-9299, www.plazawaxmuseum.com
- Ripley's Haunted Adventure, Guinness World Records Museum and Tomb Rider 3D, 210-226-2828, www.alamoplazaattractions.com
- Kiddie Park, 210-824-4351, www.kiddiepark.com
- Witte Museum, 210-357-1900, www.witemuseum.org
- Buckhorn Saloon & Museum, 210-247-4000, www.buckhornmuseum.com



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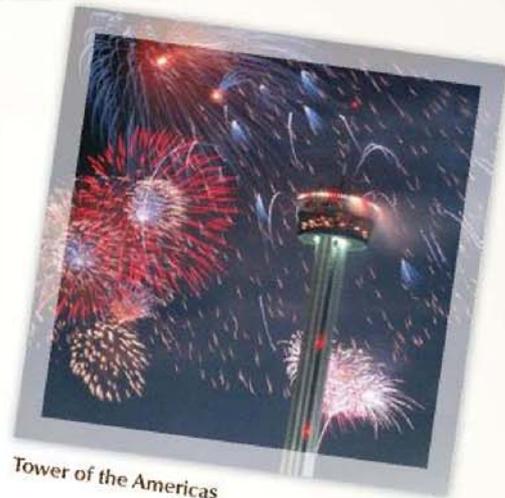
Viewing hippos at the San Antonio Zoo, Louis Tussaud's Plaza Wax Museum



Four Days of Texas Thrills

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Tower of the Americas

Day 3

DAY TRIPPIN'

See real cowboys and take a horseback ride at one of the dozens of dude ranches in **Bandera**, about an hour's drive away. Alternate day trip during summer: Drive a half-hour to New Braunfels and slide down the chutes at **Schlitterbahn Waterpark**. If you have time, check out **Natural Bridge Caverns** or **Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch**. On the way back to San Antonio, stop at **Rudy's Country Store and Bar-B-Q** (with locations in New Braunfels, Selma and two in San Antonio) or enjoy Texas barbecue at the **County Line Restaurant** on the River Walk.

Day 2

TAKE A WILD RIDE

Spend the day at **Six Flags® Fiesta Texas** and check out several new rides and Wiggles World. On your way back, stop for great home-cookin' at **The Barn Door** restaurant, then continue downtown to shop for Mexican pottery, folk art, toys and that all-important sombrero at the colorful shops at **Market Square**. Need a late-night snack? Savor excellent nachos, tacos, enchiladas and pralines at **Mi Tierra**, a local institution since 1941.

Day 4

CHILD'S PLAY

The **San Antonio Children's Museum** is a place where kids can touch everything! Afterward drop by the **H-E-B Science Treehouse** at the **Witte Museum**. End your San Antonio thrill-ride with dinner at the fanciful **Magic Time Machine Restaurant**. Then say "hasta la vista" until your next visit.

Day 1

WATERY WONDERS

Spend the day at **SeaWorld® San Antonio**. Before dinner, ride up to the top of the 750-foot **Tower of the Americas** for a panoramic view of the city, and then enjoy the **Skies over Texas 4-D Theatre Ride**. Have dinner and watch the sunset at the tower's **Chart House Restaurant**, which revolves 360 degrees, or on one of the dinner barges that cruise the San Antonio River.



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★ SAN ANTONIO ZOO



The 35-acre zoo houses more than 3,500 animals of 600 species. The newest exhibit, "Africa Live!", features close-up views of hippo and Nile crocodiles. And, don't forget to take a train ride on The San Antonio Zoo Eagle, a miniature train powered by a replica of an 1863 Central Pacific Huntington steam locomotive, which travels less than two miles around Brackenridge.

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The San Antonio Children's Museum, where kids play to learn and adults learn to play! With more than 80 interactive exhibits, science and arts activities designed for children ages 2 - 10.

305 E. Houston St.
Phone: 210-212-4453

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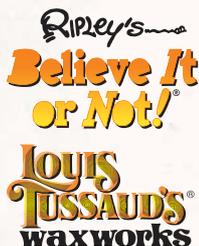


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For a taste of the Old West and wildlife exhibits from all over the world, visit San Antonio's classic 1881 saloon and museum. Visit the Texas Ranger Museum and experience the vast history of the world's most famous law enforcement agency.

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From Tees to Tip-Off



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Get Ready to Play

by Josh Sens

Historic San Antonio is renowned for preserving its vibrant past, but there's no time like the present in this scenic city where sports and recreational activities abound. You can tee off in the morning where the pros play, take in a rodeo in the afternoon and watch the NBA's best tip-off that night.

Sand trap at Brackenridge Park Golf Course

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Remember the Alamo? We know you will, but don't forget your irons – or your appetite for excitement. In San Antonio, the fun doesn't end on the 18th hole.

WHAT'S NEW

Golf boomed in San Antonio in the early 1990s and has echoed with activity and accolades ever since. Here's the latest on the game here:

◆ **Two New TPCs** – Otherwise known as Tournament Players Clubs, TPCs represent the highest standard in golf course design. In 2010, San Antonio will christen two of these gems, **AT&T Oaks** and **AT&T Canyons**, along with a luxury **JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa**. The Oaks was conceived with input from golf icon Greg Norman and current TOUR player Sergio Garcia; the Canyons is the creation of veteran star Bruce Lietzke and celebrated architect Pete Dye.

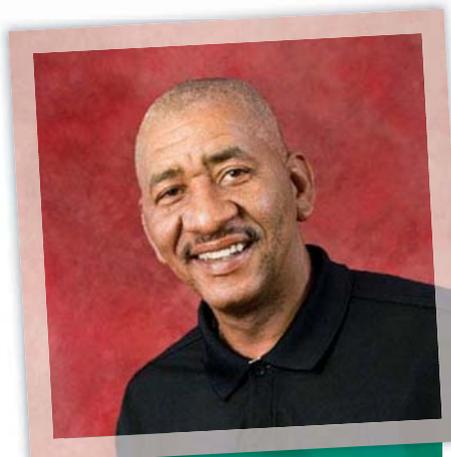
◆ **The Top 40** – When they open, the TPCs will join a stellar constellation of public and resort courses that already brighten the local scene; more than 40 altogether in the San Antonio area – all superb, all varied in their scenery and style. "Because of the great weather, you can play pretty much year 'round," says Reid Meyers, president of the San Antonio Municipal Golf Association. "But because the choices are so diverse, you're guaranteed to never get bored."

→ **IF YOU GO** (as referenced in text)

- **AT&T Oaks Course and AT&T Canyons Course** 210-507-4191, www.tpcsanantonio.com



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Faces of San Antonio

GEORGE "ICEMAN" GERVIN,
NBA Hall of Famer

"I can't get enough of golf, so it's a good thing I live in San Antonio," says George "Iceman" Gervin, former shooting guard for the San Antonio Spurs. "I won't go out if it's colder than 50 degrees, but around here that means I can pretty much play year 'round."

"The variety and quality of the courses is just over-the-top. You've got the Resort Course at La Cantera, where the TOUR plays, and the Palmer Course, which is just about as hilly and scenic as any course you'll find."

"That's what I love about golf: the challenge and the beauty. I'll play a course like The Quarry, which has a 205-yard par three on the back that's just a beast, or drive out to Horseshoe Bay in the Hill Country, then cap it off with dinner on the River Walk."

"That's what I call a great day in my hometown." ★

THE CLASSICS

For golf history buffs, San Antonio has lots of courses. But you'll need your A-game to pass their tests. Here are two that top the list:

◆ **Brackenridge Park Golf Course** – Known to locals as "Ol' Brack," it hosted the first Texas Open in 1922 and is the oldest public track in the state. Nearly a century after it opened, Ol' Brack remains a purist's paradise – but it hasn't remained trapped in time. A.W. Tillinghast designed it in 1915, and the city blessed it with \$6 million in upgrades just last year. The course will also serve as the fitting home to the **Texas Golf Hall of Fame**.

◆ **Pecan Valley Golf Club** – This tight, tree-lined layout hosted the 1968 PGA Championship, where Julius Boros edged Arnold Palmer in one of golf's most compelling final rounds. Thanks to \$5.5 million in recent improvements, this old-school course stays in mint condition year 'round.

→ **IF YOU GO** (as referenced in text)

- **Brackenridge Park Golf Course**, 210-226-5612, www.playsanantoniogolf.com
- **Pecan Valley Golf Club**, 210-333-9018, www.pecanvalleygc.com



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THE CONTEMPORARY

Even throwback golfers enjoy modern-day indulgence, and San Antonio doesn't disappoint. Consider these luxurious destinations:

◆ **Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa** – This resplendent retreat, just down the road from SeaWorld® San Antonio, sports 27 scenic golf holes by acclaimed architect Arthur Hills. Awash in rainbow-colored wildflowers



Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa Oaks Course

in the spring, the surrounding hillsides are a sight for sore eyes. As for the on-property spa, it's just the thing for other aches and pains.

◆ **Westin La Cantera Resort** – Another A-list destination, this 508-room resort sports two championship layouts: the challenging Palmer Course and the award-winning Resort Course, which was designed by architect Jay Moorish and PGA TOUR star Tom Weiskopf and was host to the PGA TOUR's Valero Texas Open. Both courses stretch alongside the Six Flags® Fiesta Texas theme park. You can even see the spines of thrill rides from several fairways and tees.

City of Champion TOURNAMENTS

Home to such first-rate golf tournaments as the Valero Texas Open and the AT&T Championship, San Antonio's courses have seen their share of champions.

- ★ **ARNOLD PALMER**, winner of three straight Valero Texas Open (then Texas Open Invitational) titles from 1960 to '62
- ★ **CHI-CHI RODRIGUEZ**, the first Puerto Rican inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame, won the AT&T Championship (then Vantage at The Dominion) in 1987
- ★ **ZACH JOHNSON**, two-time Valero Texas Open champion, won his second consecutive title in 2009 after a sudden-death playoff
- ★ **JOHN COOK**, won the last two AT&T Championships at Oak Hills Country Club

→ **IF YOU GO** (as referenced in text)

◆ Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa, 210-647-1234, www.hillcountry.hyatt.com

◆ Westin La Cantera Resort, 210-558-6500, www.westinlacantera.com



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A COURSE THAT ROCKS

San Antonio can do classic and it can do contemporary. It can also do quirky, with a course that's unlike any you've ever played.

True to its name, **The Quarry's** unique layout was carved from grounds once operated by the Alamo Cement Plant. Nevermind the golfers – workers here once did some serious hacking. On the back nine, steep quarry walls rise dramatically above fairways and greens.

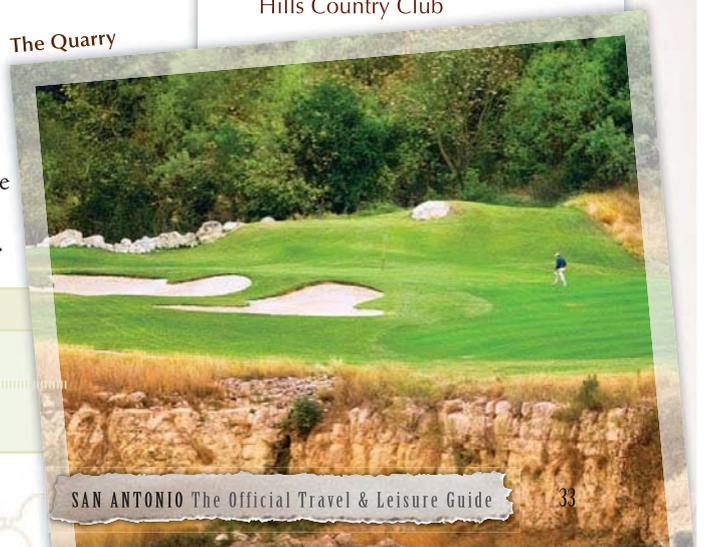
→ **IF YOU GO** (as referenced in text)

◆ The Quarry Golf Club, 210-824-4500, www.quarrygolf.com



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The Quarry



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Rock 'n' Roll San Antonio Marathon and 1/2 Marathon

THE SPORTING NEWS

San Antonio's sports scene also boasts other stars thanks to two stellar basketball franchises and a top-notch facility.

◆ **Top Tournaments** – The Alamodome has been selected as the site of the 2010 NCAA Women's Final Four, April 4-6.

◆ **San Antonio Spurs** – The four-time NBA Champions are the city's beloved heroes of the hardwood. Spurs home games are held in the AT&T Center, just east of downtown, a spectacular arena where frequent sellout crowds and scintillating play make for great family-friendly entertainment.

◆ **San Antonio Silver Stars** – Owned and operated by the Spurs, and sharing the same arena, the Silver Stars are the city's entry into the Women's NBA. And, like the Spurs, they're bent on building a winning tradition.

◆ **Stellar Football** – Every winter, the Alamodome downtown welcomes the Valero Alamo Bowl, a prestigious tete-a-tete between two top college football squads. It also hosts the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, as well as the Texas Football Classic to kick off the high school football season. And on Oct. 31, 2009, Notre Dame plays its first "home" game outside of South Bend, Ind., taking on Washington State.

→ IF YOU GO (as referenced in text)

☎ San Antonio Spurs, 210-444-5000, www.attcenter.net, www.nba.com/spurs

☎ San Antonio Silver Stars, 210-444-5050, www.wnba.com/silverstars

☎ Alamodome, 800-884-3663, www.alamodome.com



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TITLE *Town*

For a city that loves its sports as much as San Antonio does, it's no surprise fans have cheered many a team to championship titles.

★ **SAN ANTONIO SPURS**,
four-time NBA Champions



★ **SAN ANTONIO SILVER STARS**,
2008 WNBA Western Conference
Champions



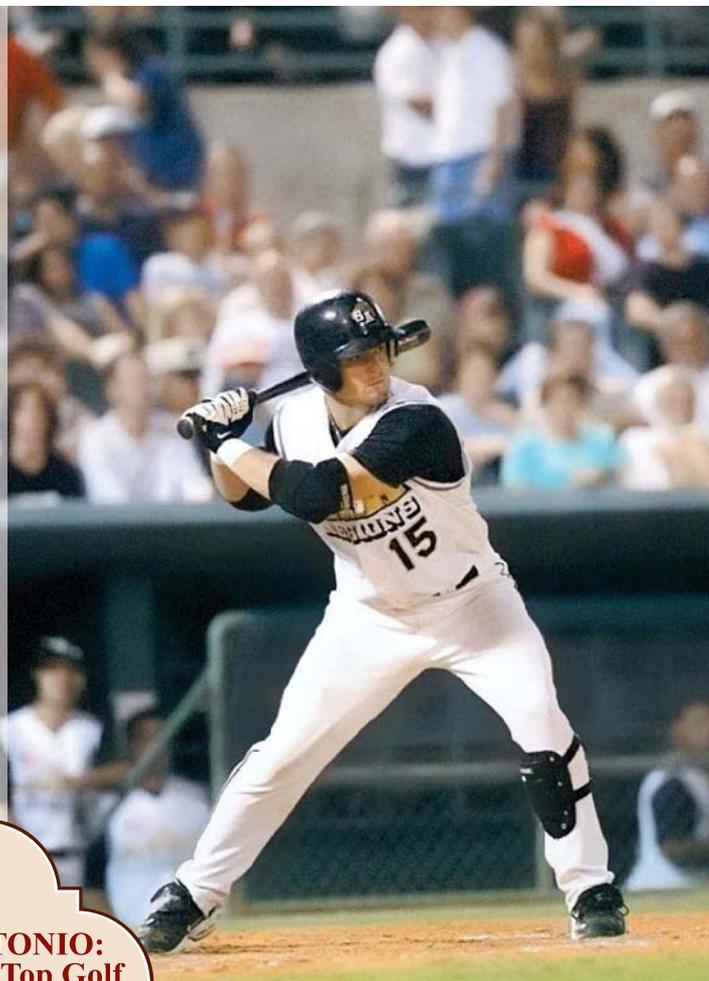
★ **SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS**,
11-time Texas League Champions

★ **2008 ROCK 'N' ROLL
SAN ANTONIO MARATHON &
1/2 MARATHON**, largest inaugural
marathon in Texas history

★ **SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW
& RODEO**, Professional Rodeo
Cowboys Association's four-time
Largest Indoor Rodeo of
the Year



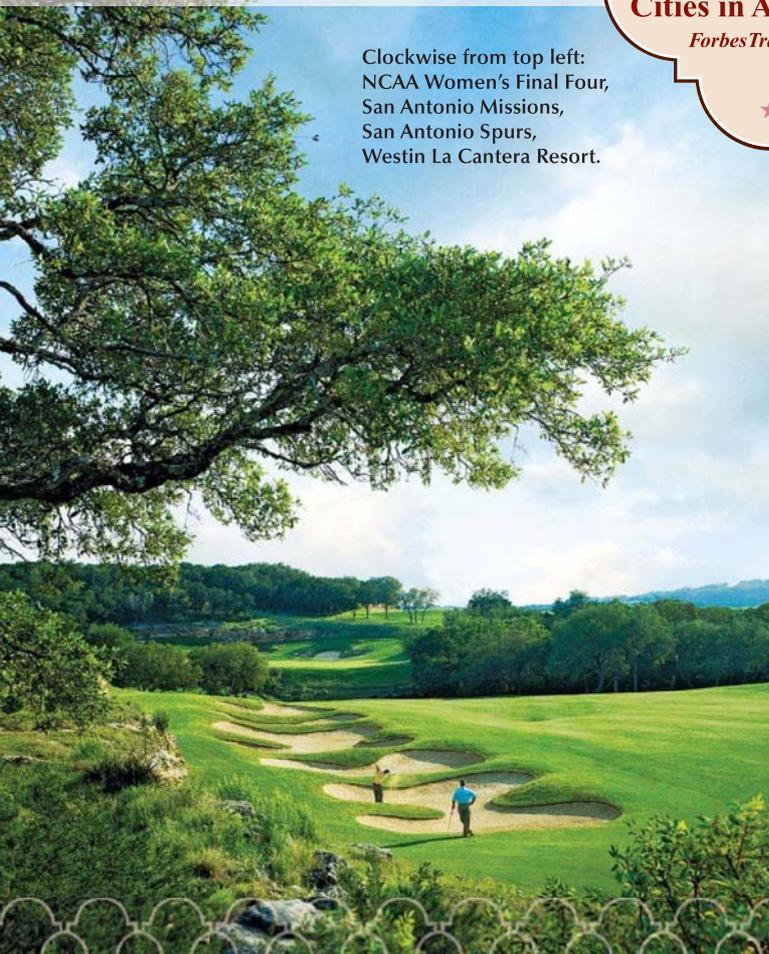
NCAA 2010 WOMEN'S
FINAL FOUR
SAN ANTONIO



★
**SAN ANTONIO:
One of the Top Golf
Cities in America, #7**

Forbes Traveler.com

Clockwise from top left:
NCAA Women's Final Four,
San Antonio Missions,
San Antonio Spurs,
Westin La Cantera Resort.



From Tees to Tip-Off

MINOR LEAGUES, MAJOR EXCITEMENT

Get in touch with our national pastime through the **San Antonio Missions**. A AA-affiliate of the San Diego Padres, they play home games at Nelson W. Wolff Municipal Stadium just west of downtown. During the seventh inning stretch, "Henry the Puffy Taco" mascot races children around the bases.

If you want to watch something really fast-moving, follow the action when the AHL's **San Antonio Rampage** lace up their skates. They're the hottest local show on ice.

→ IF YOU GO (as referenced in text)

- *San Antonio Missions*, 210-672-7275, www.samissions.com
- *San Antonio Rampage*, 210-444-5554, www.sarampage.com

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RIDE 'EM COWBOYS

Whether you're a seasoned rodeo fan or newcomer looking to learn the ropes, San Antonio is the place for you. Saddle up for a wild ride at the **San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo**, held each February at the AT&T Center and Freeman Coliseum Grounds. Some of the world's best cowboys compete for big money, and music industry stars compete to entertain enthusiastic crowds.

For a colorful encounter with bucking bronco culture, check out a charreada. Packed with pageantry and action, they feature events like bull-riding by vaqueros dressed in vibrant garb. The **San Antonio Charros** hold charreadas throughout the year at different locations, and **Tejas Rodeo Company** offers events Saturday nights March through November.

→ IF YOU GO (as referenced in text)

- *San Antonio Rodeo*, 210-225-5851, www.sarodeo.com
- *San Antonio Charros*, 210-846-8757, www.sacharro.com
- *Tejas Rodeo Company*, 830-980-2226, www.tejasrodeo.com

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ROCK 'N' RUN

Held in November, the always-entertaining **Rock 'n' Roll San Antonio Marathon and 1/2 Marathon** features scores of live bands, thousands of runners and even greater numbers of cheering fans along its route.

→ IF YOU GO (as referenced in text)

- *Rock 'n' Roll San Antonio Marathon and 1/2 Marathon*, 800-311-1255, www.rnrsa.com

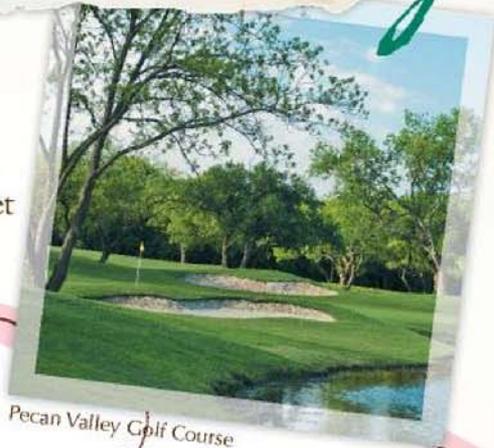
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Charro Ranch, San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo



Four Days of Texas Swing'

San Antonio has so much more to offer! For more information, including listings of attractions, accommodations, restaurants and shops, check out visitsanantonio.com. You can't play every course in one visit, but you sure can get a taste of San Antonio's incredible golf courses and resorts on this suggested four-day trip ...



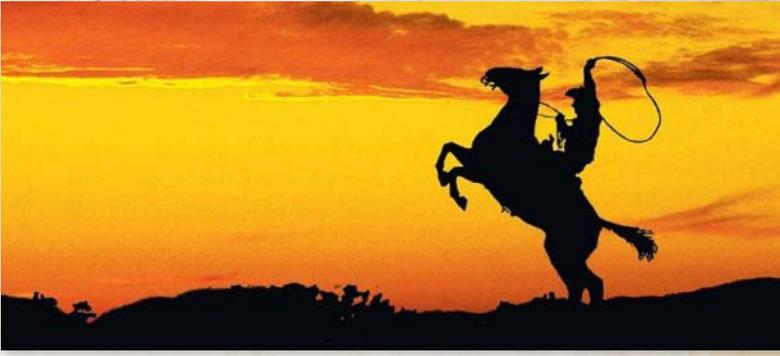
Day 1
COWBOY UP
Saddle up and head out to the Hill Country for a round at **Bandit Golf Club**, a sweetly rolling course that basks in a tranquil air of rural remove. That afternoon, keep up the rustic theme by arranging for a horseback ride at **Twin Elm Ranch**, a real-life dude ranch that stages rodeos every Friday night. After all that outdoor fun, cool off and watch the sunset at **The Oasis** at Medina Lake.

Day 2
PGA PAIRING
San Antonio has a long-lasting relationship with the PGA TOUR. Celebrate that tie with a morning round at **Pecan Valley**, a tight, tree-lined course that hosted the 1968 PGA Championship, then zip out to the Hill Country for a round at the **Resort Course at La Cantera**, the finely manicured home of the Valero Texas Open until 2010. Nearby Loop 1604 boasts numerous stellar restaurants, such as **Brasserie Pavil**, **Eddie V's Wildfish Grill** and **La Hacienda de los Barrios**.

Day 4
HISTORIC SAN ANTONIO
Play your way through the past at **Brackenridge**, the oldest public course in Texas and the original host of the Texas Open. It's the granddaddy of San Antonio golf courses, but it's looking pretty youthful these days, thanks to a \$6 million renovation. After wrapping up, have lunch at **Rosario's** in Southtown and move on to the missions – or a much-deserved siesta. Wrap up the day in Southtown at **Casbeers at the Church** for some of the best burgers in town and live music.

Day 3
HILL COUNTRY COOKING
What could be better than great golf and grub? Start your day at the **Hyatt Hill Country Resort and Spa's** scenic 27-hole facility designed by acclaimed architect Arthur Hills. Feast your eyes on ancient oaks and vibrant fields of wildflowers, then indulge in an authentic Texas dinner at **Rudy's BBQ** just up the road. Still hungry? Head to **Texas Pride Barbecue** for more.

★ BANDERA, TEXAS



If John Wayne, Roy Rogers, Dale Evans and Hank Williams are names you admire, a visit to Bandera is a must. Less than an hour from San Antonio in the Texas Hill Country, Bandera offers year-round cowboy fun and still lives the cowboy way. Enjoy horseback riding, summer rodeos and country music with the locals. Visit for a day or a week. You will leave a friend.

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www.banderacowboycapital.com



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★ FREDERICKSBURG, TEXAS



Fredericksburg, just an hour northwest of San Antonio, makes a great base for exploring the Texas Hill Country wine region, now with over 30 wineries. Shopping, art galleries, museums, golf, natural wonders, festivals, live Texas music and romantic accommodations add to the fun! Finish your days with dinners inspired by our German and Texan heritage. So come, savor and enjoy.

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www.FredTexLodging.com



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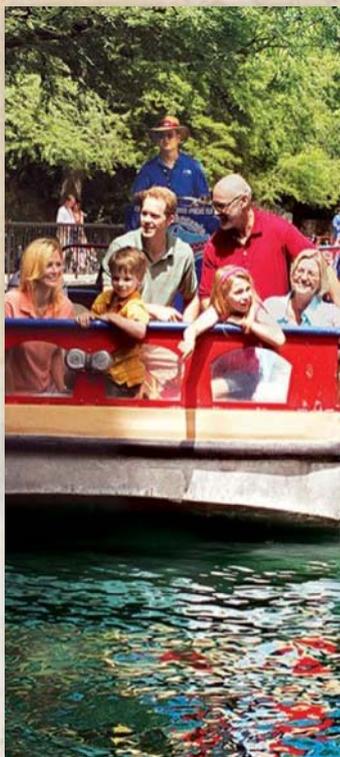


San Antonio has a dynamic and diverse economy. From a rapidly growing bioscience industry to high-tech manufacturing, the city is strategically located for a variety of industry sectors. We are committed to providing an excellent quality of life and friendly business environment. That's why major corporations like Valero Energy, Kinetic Concepts, USAA, Rackspace, Zachry Construction and Clear Channel Communications call San Antonio home.



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★ S.A.V.E.



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★ KERRVILLE, TEXAS



The heart of the Texas Hill Country, Kerrville is a scenic one hour drive west of San Antonio on I-10. Enjoy the beautiful Guadalupe River, an array of galleries and boutiques, along with year-round events and attractions. Kerrville is an ideal base for exploring the treasures of central Texas. Visit our website for a calendar of events or call for a visitors guide.

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★ DOWNTOWN SAN MARCOS



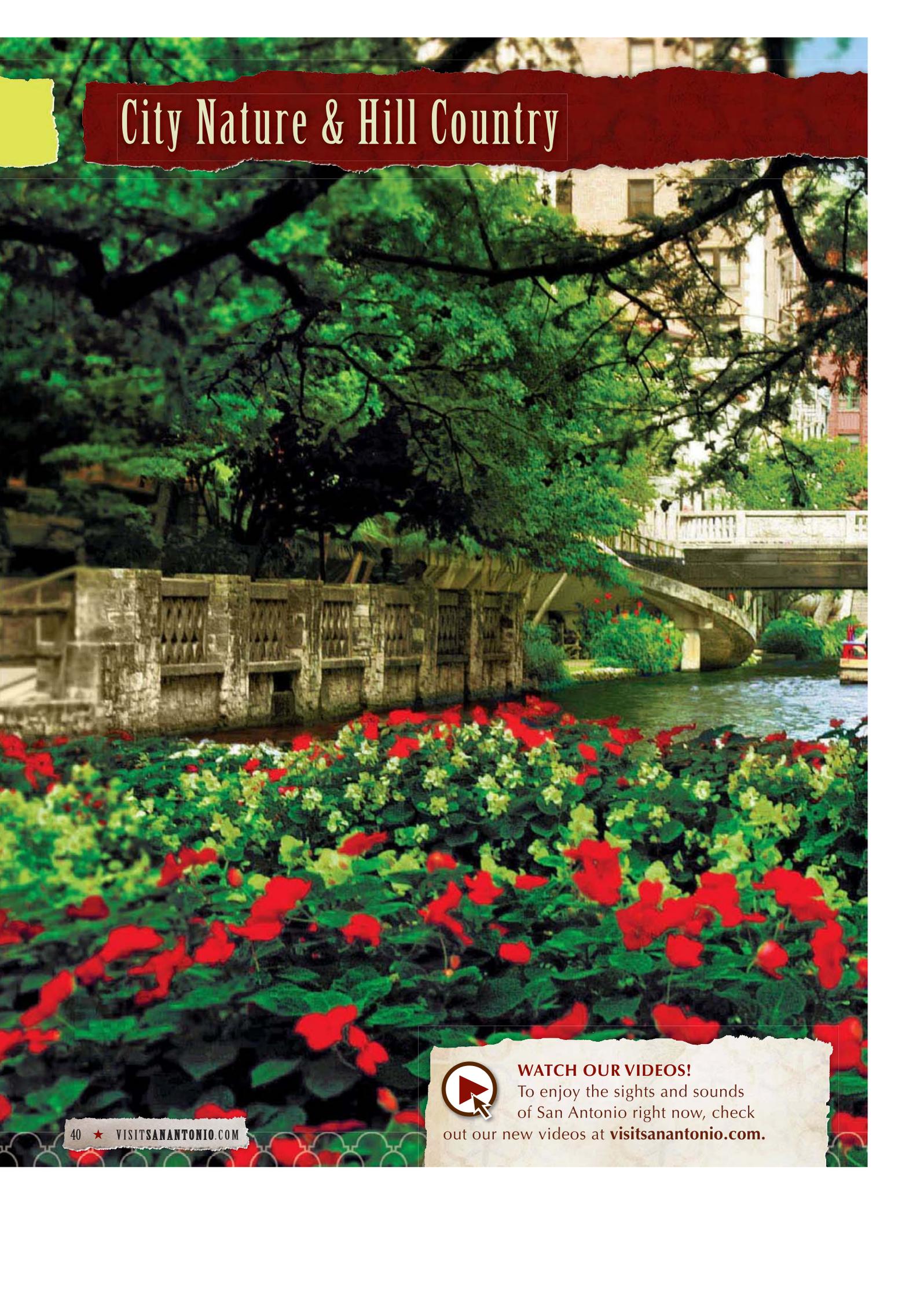
Savor the unique flavor of Historic Downtown San Marcos by dining in a restored funeral parlor or the vault of a celebrated bank. Select from a medley of food choices, from Texas cuisine to traditional American dishes. In addition to dining, stroll the picturesque streets filled with fashionable boutiques, Texas-sized gift shops, and legendary music venues and pubs.

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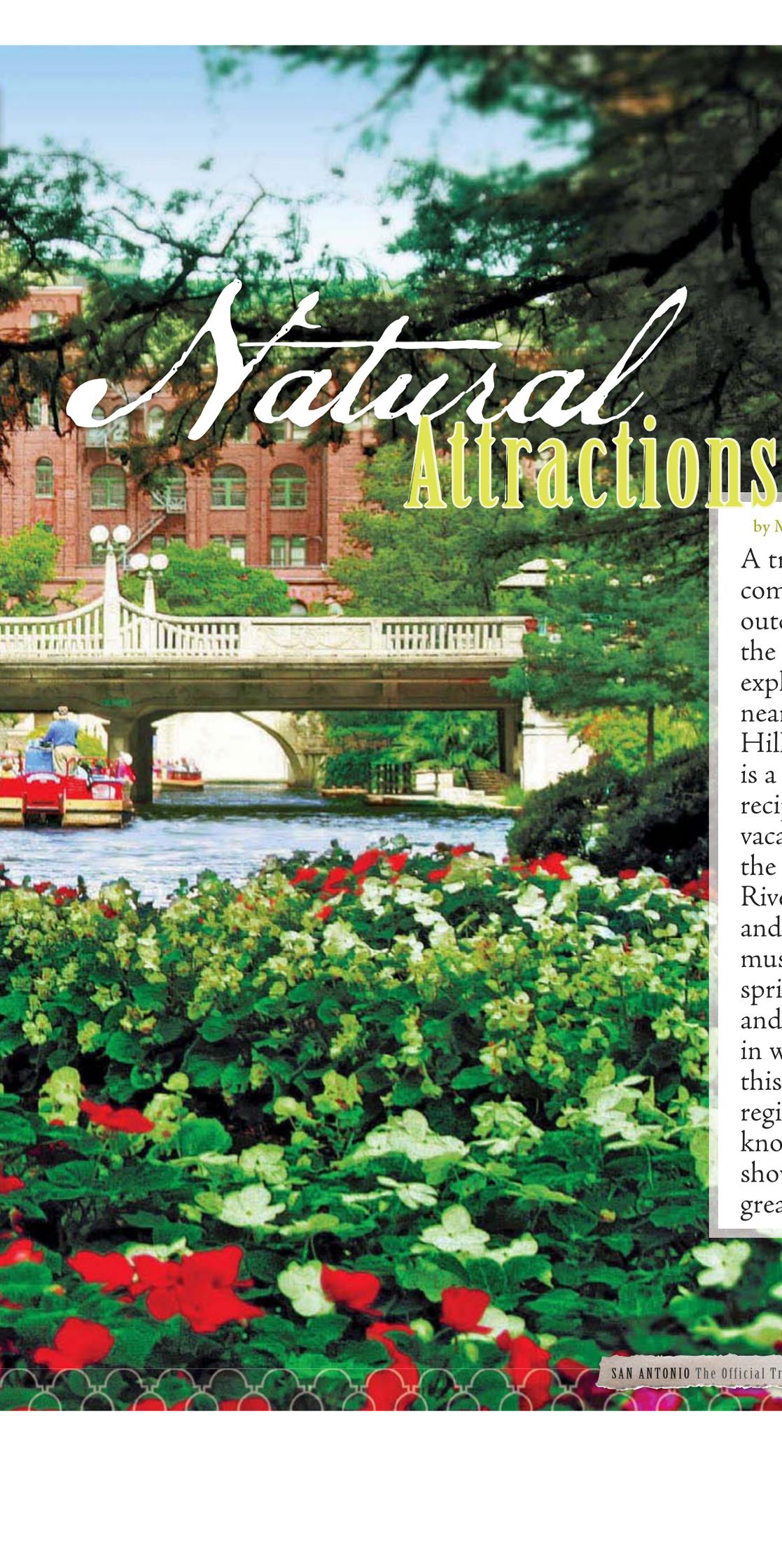
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Natural Attractions

by Melanie Young

A trip combining outdoor fun in the city with exploring the nearby Texas Hill Country is a guaranteed recipe for a great vacation. From the urbane River Walk and world-class museums to spring-fed rivers and fields awash in wildflowers, this beautiful region of Texas knows how to show visitors a great time.

San Antonio River Walk

Whether your passion is wine, antiques, horse-back riding, water sports or live music, you'll find it all here.

THE RIVER WALK

Open-air cafés along the river, big shady trees, music mingling with the bustle of people flowing past – no wonder everyone falls in love with San Antonio's famed River Walk.

Over the years this popular gathering place has continued to grow and add new attractions, most recently the new Museum Reach section heading north from downtown toward Brackenridge Park. With the opening of this first extension in May 2009, you can ride river cruisers as far as the Pearl Brewery complex to shop or dine. And getting there is half the fun: along the way, you'll pass a dozen new public artworks by gifted creators.

To learn more about the River Walk extension and new public art, go to visitsanantonio.com and click on "Play" and then "River Walk."

Of course, everyone discovers their own special places along the Paseo del Rio, the River Walk's Spanish name. Here are just a few:

- Toasting friends with prickly-pear margaritas as your waiter makes fresh guacamole table-side at Boudro's.
Being mesmerized by the belly dancers and talented musicians who perform nightly at Dolores del Rio, where the Italian fare is as rich as the ambiance.
Shopping for unique art and hand-made crafts at La Villita, a village of stone and stucco cottages that began when the first Spanish soldiers made their homes there in the 1700s.
Taking a river cruiser tour around the River Walk and learning about its history and special places.



Faces of San Antonio

STUART ALLEN, Artist

One of eight artists chosen to create public art for the River Walk's new Museum Reach, 38-year-old Stuart Allen also has one of his striking works at the San Antonio Museum of Art. Suspended above the museum's atrium lobby, white bands of sailcloth seem to float in the lofty space as they span it.

But rather than light, airy materials, his new works on the Museum Reach are fabricated with five layers of stainless steel mesh set in large steel frames. The mesh reveals different colors as the viewer moves. "The concept is dynamic, based on the viewer being in motion," he says.

Stuart and his wife moved to San Antonio five years ago after living in Mexico and California.

"I like the pace here, the lifestyle. It's amazing how welcoming the art community is. I felt integrated within a year. San Antonio is a delightful place."

- Watching a Mexican folkloric dance troupe perform in rainbow-hued costumes at the Arneson River Theatre.
Catching a swinging performance of jazz at Jim Cullum's Landing.

Adjacent to the River Walk, Main Plaza is a perfect place to spend time outdoors while being entertained. Watch interactive fountains under the shade of centuries-old live oaks. Or come for free concerts ranging from blues and jazz to country and Latin. This historic plaza was laid out in 1731 by Spanish settlers from the Canary Islands.

IF YOU GO (as referenced in text)

- Boudro's: A Texas Bistro, 210-224-8484, www.boudros.com
Dolores del Rio Ristorante, 210-222-9998, www.doloresdelrioristorante.com
La Villita, 210-207-8610, www.lavillita.com
Arneson River Theatre, 210-207-8610, www.lavillita.com/arneson
Jim Cullum's Landing, 210-223-7266, www.landing.com
Main Plaza, 210-225-9800, www.mainplaza.org

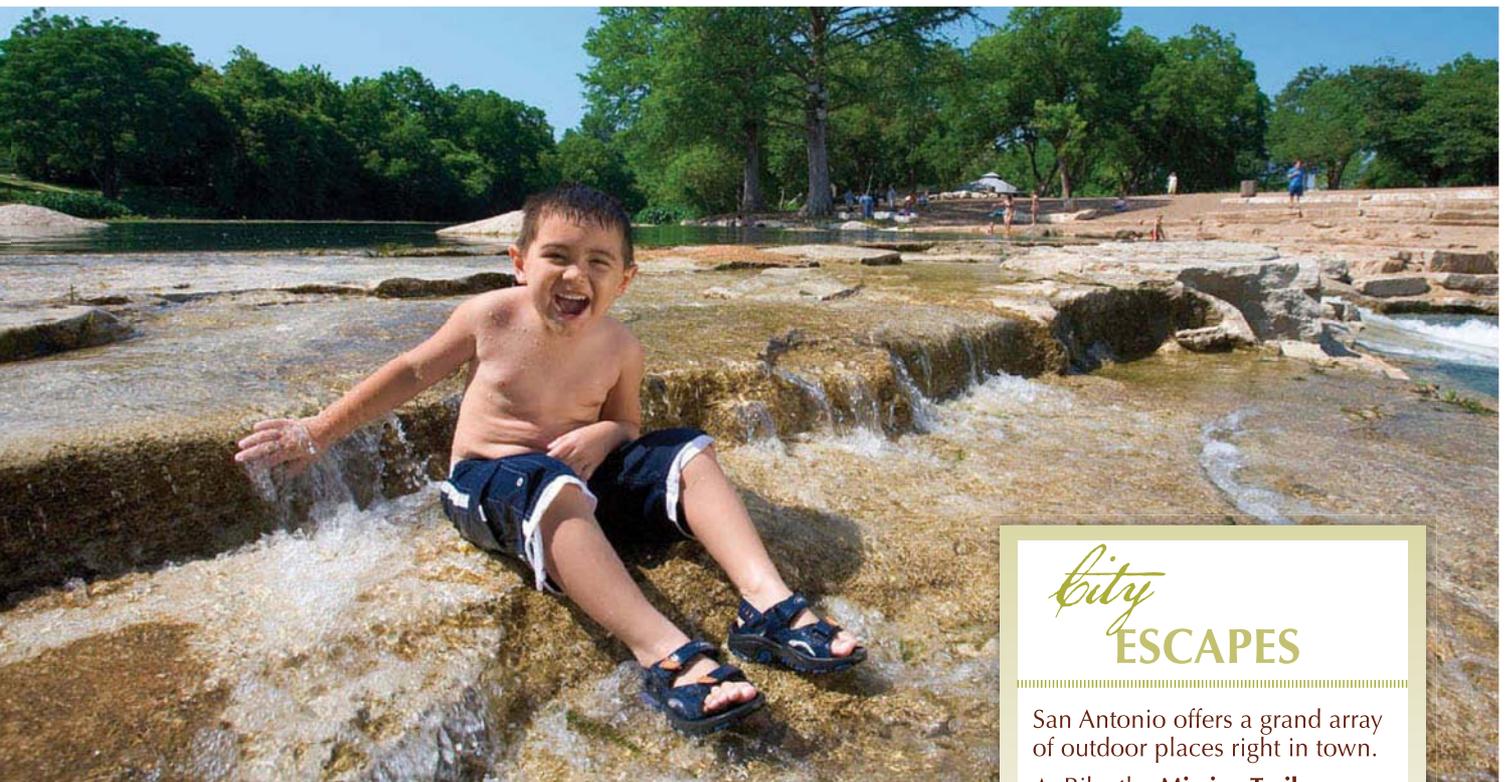


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NATURE IN THE CITY

With San Antonio's sunny weather and mild winters, outdoor fun beckons year 'round. In fact, the city offers so many beautiful parks and open-air attractions, that your only challenge is deciding where to go first.

- The San Antonio Botanical Garden is a world in itself, where you could easily spend an entire day – and evening during special events. Designed by world-famous architect Emilio Ambasz, the sparkling glass pyramids and cones of the Lucile Halsell Conservatory contain a fascinating array of plants and trees from different



Hill Country fun in the San Marcos River

climates. Concerts Under the Stars and the **Magik Theatre's** Shakespeare in the Park and are among the special events held on evenings throughout the year.

◆ **Brackenridge Park**, San Antonio's equivalent to New York's Central Park, is better than ever after recent renovations. Restored to its former glory, the **Japanese Tea Garden** is filled with color – flowers blooming throughout the former rock quarry and a pond where koi flash their scarlet, gold and orange markings as they cruise among the water lilies. The **San Antonio Zoo**, the third-largest in the nation, is like a journey through some of the world's most intriguing ecosystems via its "Amazonia," "Butterflies!" and "Africa Live!" exhibits.

◆ The **Witte Museum** at the edge of Brackenridge Park has changing exhibits ranging from natural history to Texas furniture, as well as permanent exhibits such as the rock art of "Early Texans" of the Trans-Pecos region.

◆ **Scobee Planetarium** at San Antonio College provides star-studded celestial entertainment on Friday nights. After the last show, visitors may view the night sky (weather permitting) through the Observatory Telescope.

→ **IF YOU GO** (as referenced in text)

- ◆ **San Antonio Botanical Garden**, 210-207-3250, www.sabot.org
- ◆ **Brackenridge Park**, 210-736-9534, www.sanantonio.gov/sapar
- ◆ **Japanese Tea Garden**, 210-736-9534, www.sanantonio.gov/sapar/japanhis.asp
- ◆ **San Antonio Zoo and Aquarium**, 210-734-7184, www.sazoo-aq.org
- ◆ **Witte Museum**, 210-357-1900, www.wittemuseum.org.
- ◆ **Scobee Planetarium**, 210-733-2910, www.accd.edu/sac/ce/scobee/publicshows2.html



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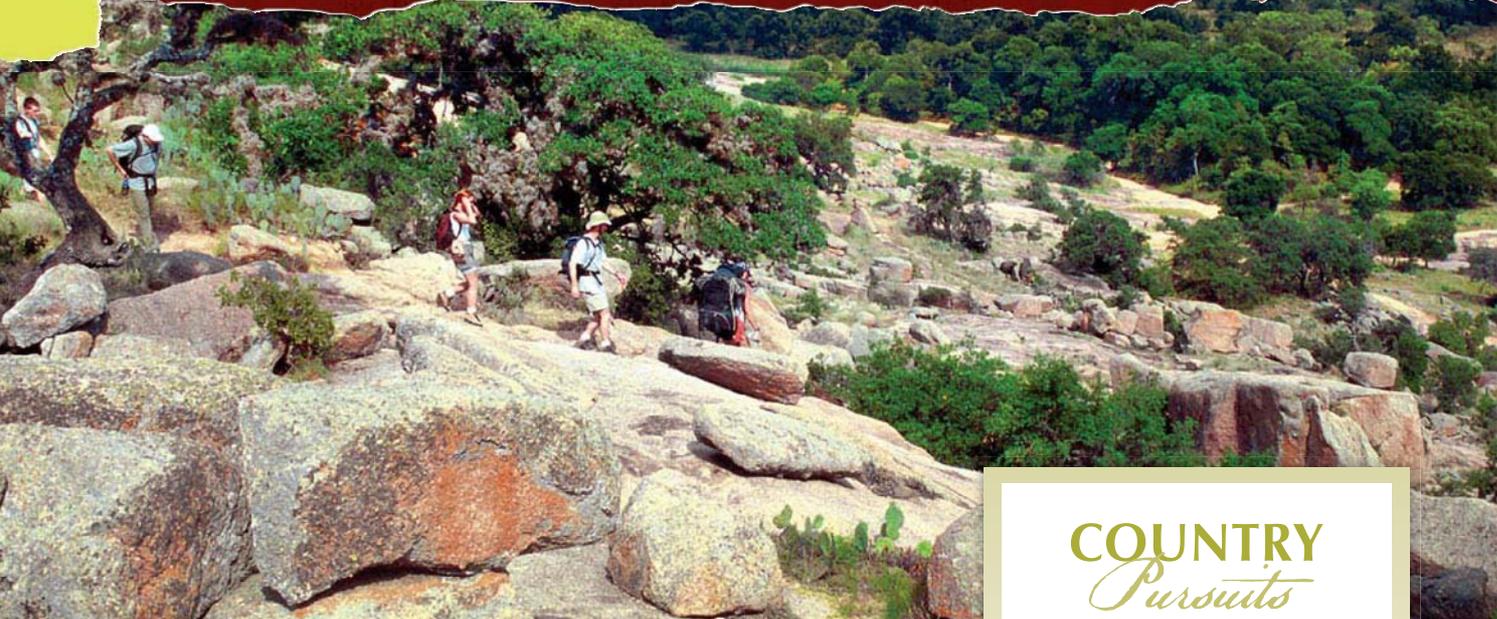
City ESCAPES

San Antonio offers a grand array of outdoor places right in town.

- ★ Bike the **Mission Trail**
- ★ Ride the miniature train around **Brackenridge Park**
- ★ Picnic at the **San Antonio Zoo**
- ★ Admire the restored Victorian-era mansions and homes of the shady **King William Historic District**
- ★ Walk around the historic **Quadrangle** at Fort Sam Houston, where you can feed deer, birds and rabbits that wander freely
- ★ Stroll along the **River Walk** to savor tropical plants, water birds, mosaic tile murals, arched bridges and architectural details
- ★ Meander among the soothing fountains and cooling water features in **HemisFair Park**
- ★ Take to the air on a thrilling **Alamo Helicopter Tour** or an **Incredible Journeys Hot Air Balloon** ride



City Nature & Hill Country



Hikers at Enchanted Rock State Natural Area

HILL COUNTRY ESCAPES

In San Antonio you don't have to go far to find trails that lead through untrammeled natural landscapes. Here are some favorite outdoor escapes:

- ◆ **Government Canyon State Natural Area** offers a wealth of winding trails for hiking and mountain biking on its 8,622 acres.
- ◆ At 600-acre **Emilie and Albert Friedrich Park**, trails meander through woods, grasslands and canyons, while some lead to sweeping vistas.
- ◆ The 1,200-acre **Mitchell Lake Audubon Center** has trails and 215 acres of wetlands and ponds that attract a great variety of birds.
- ◆ The Guadalupe River fills **Canyon Lake**, one of the deepest in Texas, with clear water that makes it popular with scuba divers.
- ◆ **Guadalupe River State Park** has four miles of frontage on the green Guadalupe River, one of Texas' most popular for swimming and tubing.
- ◆ Horseback riders should trot over to **Hill Country State Natural Area** near Bandera, where guest ranches offer equestrian rentals and tours of the park's 40 miles of trails, which also accommodate hiking and biking.
- ◆ Stretching more than 1,600 acres near Big Sandy Creek, **Enchanted Rock State Natural Area** offers hiking, camping, rock climbing and more.

→ IF YOU GO (as referenced in text)

- *Government Canyon State Natural Area*, 210-688-9055, www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/government_canyon
- *Emilie and Albert Friedrich Park*, 210-564-6400, www.sanaturalareas.org/fp
- *Mitchell Lake Audubon Center*, 210-628-1639, www.tx.audubon.org/Mitchell.html
(Confirm operating hours before you go.)
- *Canyon Lake Chamber of Commerce*, 800-528-2104, www.canyonlakechamber.com
- *Guadalupe River State Park*, 830-438-2656, www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/guadalupe_river
- *Hill Country State Natural Area*, 830-796-4413, www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/hill_country
- *Enchanted Rock State Natural Area*, 830-685-3636, www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/enchanted_rock

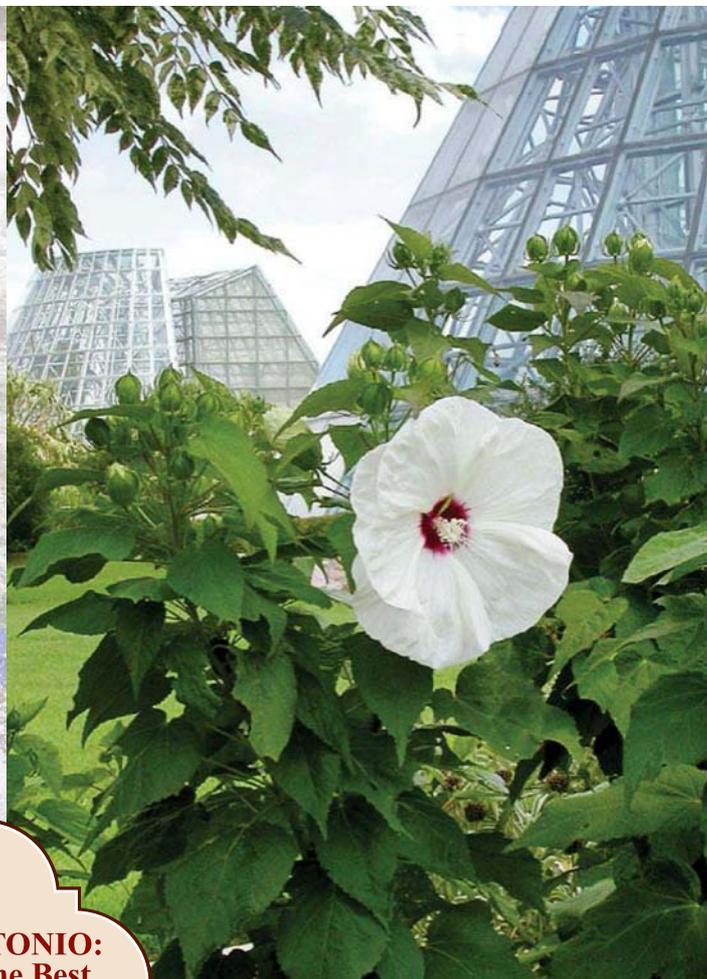
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COUNTRY *Pursuits*

From equestrian adventures to scenic drives, you could enjoy a different excursion every day in the Hill Country.

- ★ Zoom down the Tube Chute on the **Comal River** in New Braunfels
- ★ Tube or raft on the **Guadalupe River**
- ★ Take a wild game photo safari on the **Y.O. Ranch** near Mountain Home
- ★ Cruise the **Devil's Backbone** – R.M. 32, a scenic road along a twisty ridge between R.R. 12 (south of Wimberley) and Blanco
- ★ Gaze at fish on a glass-bottom boat tour at **Aquarena Center** in San Marcos
- ★ Bike the **Willow Loop** near Fredericksburg
- ★ Savor the spectacular fall foliage at **Lost Maples State Natural Area**





Clockwise from top left: Rafting near New Braunfels, San Antonio Botanical Garden, Hill Country relaxation, San Antonio River Walk

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Southern Living
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The flourishing Texas Hill Country wine industry features more than 20 wineries offering tastings and tours.

COLORFUL CULTURES

Postcard-perfect scenery and outdoor fun aren't the only reasons visitors come to the Texas Hill Country. Its charming small towns, culture and traditions, live music, wineries and shopping are also big draws.

◆ The "Sunday houses" of **Fredericksburg** were built by German farmers in the late 1800s so they could bring their produce and livestock to market on Saturday and stay over for church on Sunday before going home. You can also see one along with other historic buildings at the Pioneer Museum complex in Fredericksburg.

◆ Conservation Plaza and Heritage Village in **New Braunfels** both feature restored homes and other structures built by its early German settlers, complete with handmade furnishings and the Biedermeier furniture prized by antique collectors today. On the edge of New Braunfels, the town of **Gruene** boasts the oldest operating dance hall in Texas (the wood-floored Gruene Hall) as well as Gruene Market Days, offering everything from handmade jewelry to heirloom antiques.

◆ The Boerne Village Band, possibly the oldest in Texas, sometimes plays their German oompah music at the Victorian bandstand/gazebo on the Main Plaza in **Boerne**. The band was founded by German settlers in the 1860s and has continued its tradition unbroken as the instruments are passed down through generations.

◆ **Comfort's** historic Faltn Mercantile Building sells beautiful antiques and gifts.

→ IF YOU GO (as referenced in text)

- *Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce*, 888-997-3600, 830-997-6523, www.fredericksburg-texas.com
- *New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce*, 800-572-2626, 830-625-2385, www.nbcham.org
- *Gruene*, 830-629-5077, www.gruenetexas.com
- *Boerne Convention & Visitors Bureau*, 830-249-7277, www.visitboerne.org
- *Comfort Chamber of Commerce*, 830-995-3131, www.comfort-texas.com



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TEXAS WINE TRAILS

Folks in the territory that eventually became Texas have been making wine since Franciscan priests turned native grapes into communion wine in the 17th century. Today the flourishing Hill Country wine industry, with more than 20 wineries, has made wine-tasting tours quite popular. With a winery map you can take a self-guided tour or sign up for a guided tour by limo or van.

In April, when bluebonnets and wildflowers blanket the hillsides, there's an official **Wine and Wildflower Trail**. There are also special tours in the fall and holidays, plus events like the **Hill Country Wine & Food Festival** and **San Antonio New World Wine & Food Experience**, where chefs, restaurants and wineries celebrate this great culinary destination.

→ IF YOU GO (as referenced in text)

- *Wine and Wildflower Trail*, 866-621-9463, www.texaswinetrail.com
- *Hill Country Wine & Food Festival*, 512-249-6300, www.texaswineandfood.org
- *San Antonio New World Wine & Food Festival*, 210-822-9555, www.nwwff.org
- *Texas Wine Tours*, 877-TEX-WINE, www.texas-wine-tours.com
- *Wine Tours of Texas*, 512-458-LIMO, www.winetoursoftexas.com



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Hill Country wine tasting

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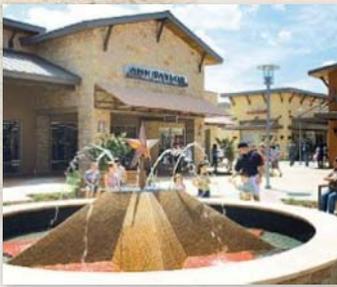
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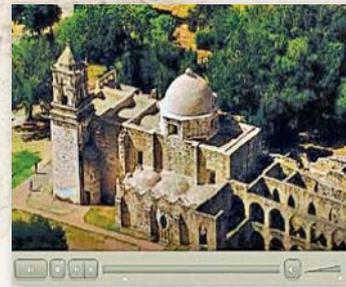


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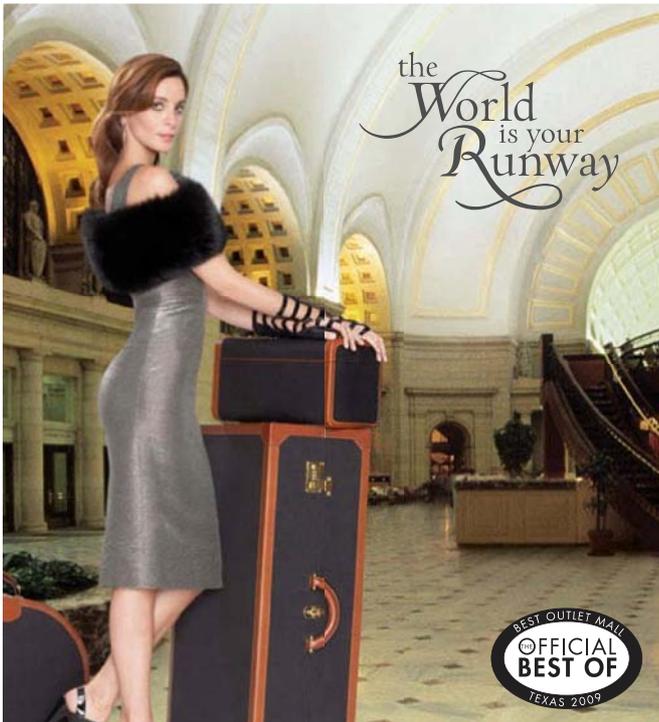
★ **SEE OUR STORY**



"The San Antonio Story," a three-minute video of San Antonio, tells a beautiful and emotional story about a truly authentic, all-American destination.



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Passions Run Deep

by Kathryn Jones

Slip away for a while and into something more comfortable ... San Antonio. This colorful city's vibrant, yet serene, atmosphere beckons those seeking a romantic getaway with someone special – or a relaxing vacation with family, friends or just you and your thoughts.

A romantic stroll
through Texas Hill
Country vineyards

Stroll hand-in-hand along the River Walk. Relax at a spa. Check into historic hotels and charming B&Bs. Savor award-winning cuisine. Stroll in tropical gardens and take time for yourself – and each other.

HISTORIC HOTELS

If the walls of San Antonio's most storied downtown hotels could talk, they'd speak of history, luxury, architecture and a strong sense of place.

◆ Built in 1909 on the site of the Alamo battlefield, the **Crockett Hotel**, a cozy romantic getaway, is on the National Register of Historic Structures.

◆ Across from historic Travis Park and near the River Walk, the **St. Anthony Hotel**, a Wyndham Historic Hotel, welcomes guests with 1909 grandeur.

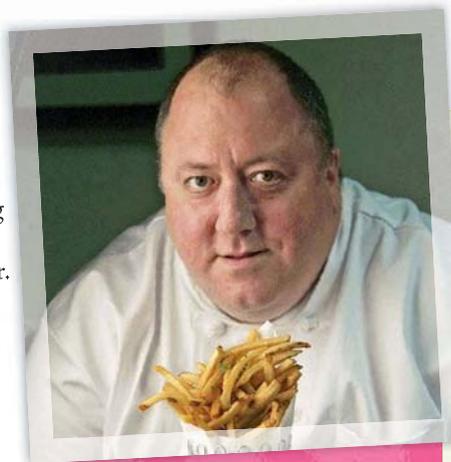
◆ Built in 1859, the **Menger Hotel** welcomes guests with a Victorian lobby, secluded courtyard and historic photographs of Teddy Roosevelt, who recruited Rough Riders from the bar to fight in the Spanish American War.

◆ A luxurious boutique property, the **Emily Morgan Hotel** is in the 1924 Medical Arts Building. Legend says Emily Morgan was the heroine of the Texas Revolution and inspiration for the song "Yellow Rose of Texas."

◆ On the National Register of Historic Places, the **Sheraton Gunter Hotel** retains its grace of the early 1900s.

◆ The boutique **Fairmount Hotel**, built in 1909, is a National Trust Historic Hotel. Moved in 1984, it's noted in the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest structure ever moved on wheels.

◆ The **Drury Plaza Hotel** is an elegant property housed in the beautifully restored Alamo Bank Building.



Faces of San Antonio

SCOTT COHEN,
Head Chef of Brasserie Pavil

As head chef of Brasserie Pavil, Scott Cohen blends his love of French cooking with his love for San Antonio. The result is a cozy spot where you can enjoy a romantic dinner for two or relax with friends and family.

"It's really a style of comfort food," Cohen says of his food that is anything but fussy. Classic French dishes such as coq au vin and cassoulet are on the menu, but so are burgers, sandwiches and steaks. Afternoon and late-night happy hours feature food pairings with wine or beer.

Cohen studied cooking in Provence, France, and worked in his native New York before coming to San Antonio in 1997. He previously cooked at two stellar River Walk restaurants, Las Canarias and Pesca on the River.

"I fell in love with San Antonio. There's so much to do. There's lots of history here, lots of authenticity – and, of course, lots of great food."

→ IF YOU GO (as referenced in text)

- **Crockett Hotel**, 210-225-6251, www.crocketthotel.com
- **The St. Anthony – A Wyndham Historic Hotel**, 210-227-4392, www.wyndham.com/hotels/SATST/main.wnt
- **Menger Hotel**, 210-223-4361, www.mengerhotel.com
- **Emily Morgan Hotel**, 210-225-5100, www.emilymorganhotel.com
- **Sheraton Gunter Hotel**, 210-227-3241, www.gunterhotel.com
- **Fairmount Hotel**, 210-224-8800, www.thefairmounthotel-sanantonio.com
- **Drury Plaza Hotel**, 210-270-7799, www.druryhotels.com



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RIVER WALK

Immerse yourself in the charm of San Antonio's famous River Walk, just a few steps from many hotels. Here are a few.

◆ Bestowed with the coveted Mobil Four-Star rating, the **Watermark Hotel & Spa** is a downtown oasis. Its restaurant, **Pesca on the River**, flies in fresh fish daily from around the world.

◆ Dating to 1852, the **Omni La Mansión del Rio** blends Spanish colonial architecture with elegant rooms and the top-ranked **Las Canarias** restaurant.

◆ The chic **Hotel Valencia Riverwalk** combines modern luxury with the contemporary **Citrus Restaurant**, serving eclectic cuisine with local ingredients.

◆ Built in 1914 in Mediterranean Revival style, **Havana Riverwalk Inn** is a premier boutique hotel with 28 rooms individually decorated with period furnishings from around the world.

◆ Chic and elegant, **The Westin Riverwalk** offers oversized rooms and suites decorated in a style reminiscent



The Watermark Hotel & Spa

of historic Texas. The hotel's **Zocca** restaurant serves rustic-style Italian cuisine.

- ◆ The **Hyatt Regency San Antonio** connects the River Walk and Alamo through a 16-story atrium. In addition to convenience, the hotel offers casual dining and the **Jim Cullum's Landing** jazz club.
- ◆ The **Grand Hyatt San Antonio**, one of the city's largest hotels, blends modernism and Latin culture. The bold flavors of its **Achiote River Café** feature pan-Latino food and **Bar Rojo** offers live Latin jazz nightly.
- ◆ The **San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter** connects to Rivercenter Mall, and its **Sazo's Latin Grill** fuses Latin and Spanish flavors.
- ◆ The newly renovated, AAA Three Diamond-rated **Riverwalk Plaza Hotel** puts you right in the heart of the city's vibrant downtown.
- ◆ A gorgeous and luxurious retreat right on the River Walk, **Hotel Contessa** was named one of the 100 Best Hotels in the World in 2009 by Conde Nast Magazine.

→ **IF YOU GO** (as referenced in text)

- ◆ **Watermark Hotel & Spa**, 866-605-1212, www.watermarkhotel.com
- ◆ **Omnihotels La Mansion del Rio**, 210-518-1000, www.omnihotels.com
- ◆ **Hotel Valencia Riverwalk**, 210-227-9700, www.hotelvalencia-riverwalk.com
- ◆ **Havana Riverwalk Inn**, 210-222-2008, www.havanariverwalkinn.com
- ◆ **The Westin Riverwalk**, 210-224-6500, www.starwoodhotels.com
- ◆ **Hyatt Regency San Antonio**, 210-222-1234, sanantonioregency.hyatt.com
- ◆ **Grand Hyatt San Antonio**, 210-224-1234, grandsanantonio.hyatt.com
- ◆ **San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter**, 210-223-1000, www.marriott.com
- ◆ **Riverwalk Plaza Hotel**, 210-225-1234, www.riverwalkplaza.com

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R&R AFTER DARK

San Antonio turns up the romance and excitement after dark. Check out these great places:

- ★ **Zinc Champagne and Wine Bar** serves wine from all over the world, fine champagnes, vintage ports and specialty cocktails in a stylish Southwestern bistro.
- ★ **The Menger Bar** at the Menger Hotel is a replica of the House of Lords Pub in London, with a paneled cherry-wood ceiling, French beveled mirrors and glass cabinets.
- ★ The ambiance is classy 1940s at the urbane **Swig Martini Bar** (think Cary Grant-meets-Cameron Diaz style). Specialty cocktails, fine cigars and live music are on tap indoors and out.
- ★ At **Carmens de la Calle Café**, live jazz, flamenco dancing, tapas and sangria share the stage.
- ★ **Azuca Cocina Latina** offers salsa and merengue classes, in addition to Latin cuisine and cocktails.
- ★ Hip **Rosario's** in Southtown blends traditional Mexican dishes with live music.
- ★ Dance the night away at **Acapulco Sam's** or **Coyote Ugly Saloon**.



Romance & Relaxation



Carriage ride

B&BS AND INNS

Transport yourself to a slower-paced time at one of the city's lovely B&Bs. Many are in the King William Historic District near downtown.

- ◆ The stately **Brackenridge House** in the King William neighborhood beckons guests to sit on the front veranda in a rocking chair, soak in the rear garden's hot tub or heated pool, enjoy gourmet breakfasts and relax in rooms equipped with antiques and modern amenities.
- ◆ Surrounded by manicured grounds, rose gardens and expansive verandas, the **Ogé House** is steeped in romance. Exquisite rooms are furnished with period antiques and you can enjoy a little R&R in the hammock under tall oak trees.
- ◆ **King William Manor**, completely renovated in 2008, welcomes guests to its 1892 Greek Revival-style mansion and 1901 guest house with spacious gardens, a pool and luxurious queen or king beds. Each renovated room has its own bath and all are tastefully furnished.

→ **IF YOU GO** (as referenced in text)

- *Brackenridge House*, 210-271-3442, www.brackenridgehouse.com
- *The Ogé House*, 210-223-2353, www.nobleinns.com/oge.html
- *King William Manor*, 210-222-0144, www.kingwilliammanor.com
- *San Antonio Bed & Breakfast Association*, www.sanantoniobb.org



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RESORTS & SPAS

Energize body and spirit, or take a dip in the pool.

- ◆ Lift your spirits with **The Watermark Hotel & Spa's** Spanish rosemary massage or the Texas Two Step, a dual massage for couples.

SAN ANTONIO *Award-Winners*

The AAA travel club has named 20 San Antonio hotels among its prestigious Four Diamond award winners for 2009:

- ★ Crowne Plaza
San Antonio Riverwalk
- ★ Emily Morgan Hotel
- ★ Grand Hyatt San Antonio
- ★ Hilton Palacio del Rio
- ★ Hotel Contessa
- ★ Hotel Valencia Riverwalk,
- ★ Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort
- ★ Hyatt Regency San Antonio
- ★ Marriott Plaza San Antonio
- ★ Noble Inns - The Jackson House
- ★ Noble Inns - The Ogé House
- ★ Omni La Mansion del Rio
- ★ Omni San Antonio Hotel
- ★ San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter
- ★ San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk
- ★ Sheraton Gunter
- ★ The St. Anthony Hotel
- ★ The Westin La Cantera Resort
- ★ The Westin Riverwalk
- ★ The Watermark Hotel & Spa



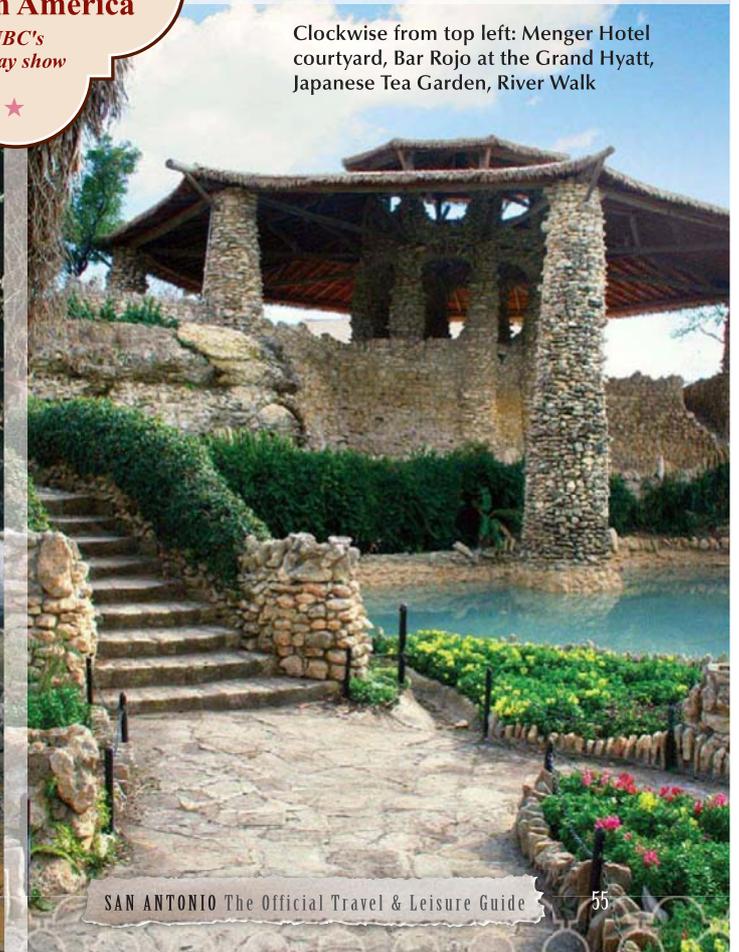


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Clockwise from top left: Menger Hotel courtyard, Bar Rojo at the Grand Hyatt, Japanese Tea Garden, River Walk



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- ◆ Enjoy a treatment at the world-class **Castle Rock Health Club & Spa** at **The Westin La Cantera Resort**.
- ◆ Located on 300 rolling acres, **Windflower – The Hill Country Spa** at the **Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort** draws its inspiration from Texas herbs and wildflowers.
- ◆ The **JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa** opens in early 2010 amidst the clear streams and tall oaks in Cibolo Canyons. The resort will feature hacienda-style architecture, two golf courses, a pool and a man-made river for tubing.

→ IF YOU GO (as referenced in text)

- *Watermark Hotel & Spa*, 866-605-1212, www.watermarkhotel.com
- *Westin La Cantera Resort*, 210-558-6500, www.westinlacantera.com
- *Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort & Spa*, 210-647-1234, www.hillcountry.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels
- *JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa*, 210-403-3434, www.jwsanantonio.com

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DIVERSIONS & HIDEAWAYS

Rev up the romance with these delightful diversions.

- ◆ With its tiered patio offering a one-of-a-kind view of the River Walk, the **Fig Tree Restaurant** is a romantic spot – and table #701 upstairs has been the setting of many proposals.



- ◆ If you're thinking of tying the knot, many couples exchange vows at **Marriage Island** on the San Antonio River Walk, or at the **Little Church of La Villita** downtown.
- ◆ Admire the view from the overlook at the **San Antonio Botanical Garden**, said to be the highest point in the city.
- ◆ The **Japanese Tea Garden** offers a serene escape with walkways, stone-arch bridges, Japanese pagoda and koi ponds.
- ◆ And who doesn't love shopping? Everything's bigger in Texas, including the stores. Check out **North Star Mall** (home of the world's largest cowboy boots) and **The Shops at La Cantera** in San Antonio, **Tanger Factory Outlets** and **Prime Outlets** in San Marcos, and **Round Rock Premium Outlets** in Round Rock.

→ IF YOU GO (as referenced in text)

- *Fig Tree Restaurant*, 210-224-1976, www.figtreerestaurant.com
- *Marriage Island*, 210-207-7275, www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com
- *Little Church La Villita*, 210-226-3593, www.lavillita.com
- *San Antonio Botanical Garden*, 210-207-3250, www.sabot.org
- *Japanese Tea Garden*, 210-736-9534, www.sanantonio.gov/sapar/japanhis.asp
- *North Star Mall*, 210-340-6627, www.northstarmall.com
- *The Shops at La Cantera*, 210-582-6255, www.theshopsatlacantera.com
- *Tanger Factory Outlets*, 512-396-7446, www.tangeroutlet.com
- *Prime Outlets at San Marcos*, 512-396-2200, www.primeoutlets.com
- *Round Rock Premium Outlets*, 512-863-6688, www.premiumoutlets.com

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River Walk dining at Las Canarias at Omni La Mansion del Rio, Rosario's



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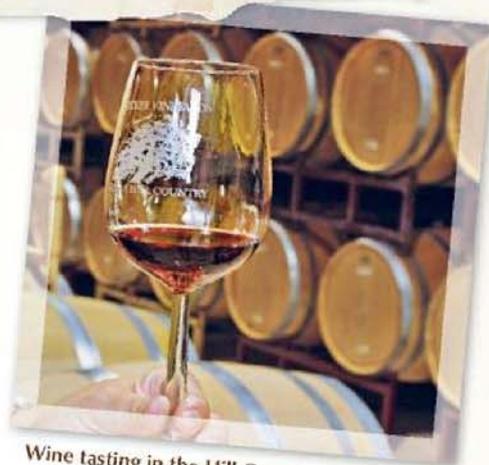
Romance

San Antonio has so much more to offer! For more information, including listings of attractions, accommodations, restaurants and shops, check out visitsanantonio.com. Here are just a few ways to enjoy a little R&R while you're here ...

Day 2

WINE COUNTRY

In the afternoon take a short drive into the Texas Hill Country and browse the shops and wineries in the quaint German town of **Fredericksburg**. Book a half-day wine tour or visit tasting rooms on your own. While in the Hill Country, **Francesca's at Sunset** at the Westin La Cantera Resort or **The Vineyards** both offer gourmet dinners with a view of the sun setting in the rolling hills.



Wine tasting in the Hill Country

Day 1

A DAY DOWNTOWN

Stroll along the **River Walk** and then have a leisurely lunch at **Houston Street Bistro** or **Omni La Mansión del Río's Las Canarias**. In the afternoon, explore the **King William District** by foot or from a horse-drawn carriage. Later, drop by **Zinc Champagne & Wine Bar** for a glass of vino or bubbly and tapas. Ride up to the top of the **Tower of the Americas** to watch the sunset. Afterwards, enjoy a cozy dinner at **Pesca on the River** or have fine Mexican cuisine on the terrace at **Acenar**.

Day 3

AT THE MUSEUMS

Spend the morning exploring the grounds of the **McNay Art Museum**, which boasts a strong collection of works from European and American masters. Have lunch in the upscale Alamo Heights area at **Cappy's Restaurant**, which features contemporary American cuisine, then explore the **San Antonio Museum of Art** and the new **Museum Reach** of the River Walk. End the day with dinner at new restaurant **Brasserie Pavil** on the northwestern side of town or stay downtown for Tex-Mex at **Aldaco's** at Sunset Station.



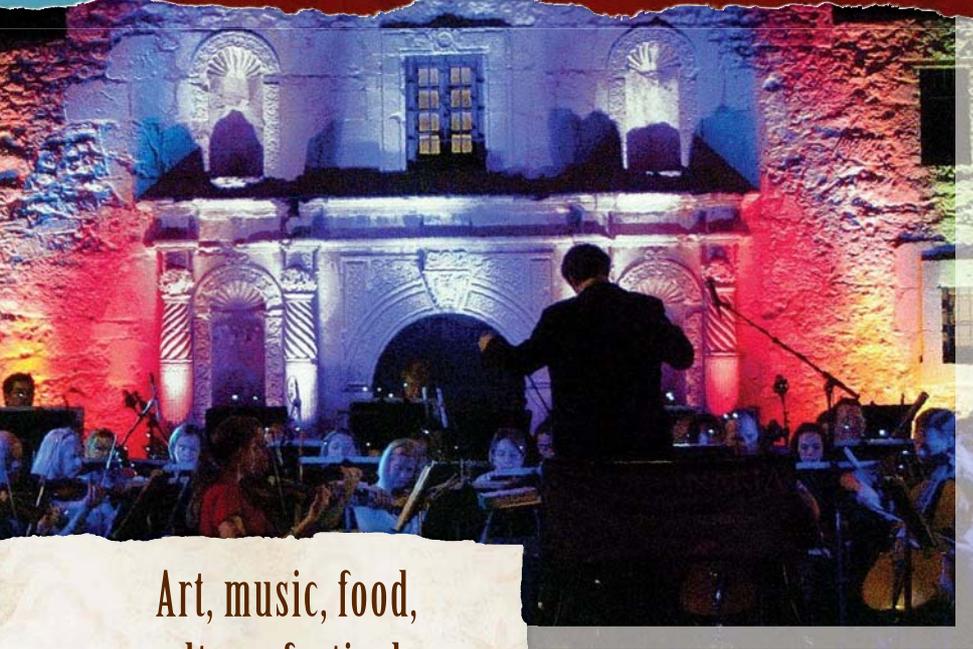
Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa

Day 4

REJUVENATE

Start the day with a massage, facial or other spa treatment. Then explore the **San Antonio Botanical Garden** and have a lunch of roasted pork loin or fish and chips at the **Carriage House Bistro** on the grounds. Spend the afternoon immersed in the history and beautiful architecture of **San Antonio Missions National Park**. Enjoy a candlelight dinner on one of the barges that cruise the river.

Major Events & Festivals



Art, music, food,
culture, festivals,
sports and more ...
San Antonio has it all!

Luminaria: Arts Night in San Antonio

AUGUST 2009

AUG. 15

FORD CANOE CHALLENGE

Watch canoe teams featuring local celebrities, city officials, and Boy and Girl Scouts, all competing on the San Antonio River.

www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com

AUG. 27-29

TEXAS FOOTBALL CLASSIC

Watch the state's top high school football teams duke it out for Texas bragging rights.

www.alamodome.com

SEPTEMBER 2009

FOTOSEPTIEMBRE USA

This international photography festival is a unique, eclectic, monthlong celebration of the photographic arts.

www.fotoseptiembreusa.com

SEP. 11-13, 16

DIEZ Y SEIS EVENTS

Marking Mexico's independence from Spain, San Antonio marks Sept. 16 with a street parade, gala and several events at Market Square.

www.marketsquaresa.com

SEP. 19-20

JAZZ'SALIVE

This outdoor festival features some of the nation's top jazz entertainers, along with regional and local talent, in Travis Park.

www.saparksfoundation.org

OCTOBER 2009

OCT. 2-3, 9-10

OKTOBERFEST SAN ANTONIO

Head over to the Beethoven Halle & Garten to enjoy music, food and dancing, plus German specialties like bratwurst, reubens and beer.

www.beethovenmaennerchor.com

OCT. 9-11

INTERNATIONAL ACCORDION FESTIVAL

A festival of music, dancing, food and fun celebrating the versatility of the accordion.

www.internationalaccordionfestival.org

OCT. 10 & 11, 22

TASTE OF SAN ANTONIO

Restaurants strut their stuff and a celebrity chef prepares a meal showcasing the city's culinary range.

www.sarametro.com

OCT. 31

NOTRE DAME VS. WASHINGTON STATE FOOTBALL GAME

The Fighting Irish play their first "home" game outside of South Bend, taking on Washington State in the Alamodome.

www.alamodome.com

NOVEMBER 2009

NOV. 2

EL DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Also known as the Day of the Dead, creative and respectful altars are set up to honor those who have passed.

www.sacalaveras.com

NOV. 10-15

THE NEW WORLD WINE & FOOD EXPERIENCE

The area's premier wine and food event includes a black-tie gala, grand tasting, winemaker dinners and more.

www.nwwff.org

NOV. 15

SAN ANTONIO ROCK 'N' ROLL MARATHON & 1/2 MARATHON

This marathon features more than 70 bands along the course and wraps up at the Alamodome.

www.rnrsa.com

NOV. 27

FORD HOLIDAY RIVER PARADE AND LIGHTING CEREMONY

This annual ceremony kicks off the holidays with a spectacular river parade and 122,000 lights that illuminate the River Walk.

www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com

DECEMBER 2009

DEC. 4-20

FORD FIESTA DE LAS LUMINARIAS

The banks of the San Antonio River are guided by more than 6,000 luminarias starting at dusk, on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in December.

www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com

To avoid inconveniences, please reconfirm dates.

→ For a comprehensive calendar of events, visitsanantonio.com.

DEC. 31

CELEBRATE SAN ANTONIO

Ring in the new year with spectacular fireworks, live music, food and more.

www.saparksfoundation.org

JANUARY 2010

JAN. 2

VALERO ALAMO BOWL

Major college football comes to the Alamodome with teams from the Big 12 and Big Ten conferences.

www.alamobowl.com

JAN. 9

U.S. ARMY ALL-AMERICAN BOWL

Watch the nation's top high school football players showcase their skills at the Alamodome.

www.usarmyallamericanbowl.com

FEBRUARY 2010

FEB. 4-21

SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW & RODEO

Star-studded concerts, a carnival, livestock centers and professional rodeo performances.

www.sarodeo.com

FEB. 20

ASIAN FESTIVAL AT THE INSTITUTE OF TEXAN CULTURES

This event honors Asian cultures and traditions from the Middle East to the Pacific Rim.

www.texancultures.com

MARCH 2010

CONTEMPORARY ART MONTH

This celebration of the arts features more than 400 exhibitions at galleries, museums, neighborhoods and studios.

www.contemporaryartmonth.com

LUMINARIA—ARTS NIGHT IN SAN ANTONIO

Explore the local arts scene during this annual spectacle featuring artists, musicians, performers and cultural organizations.

www.luminaria.org

SEAWORLD® SAN ANTONIO, SIX FLAGS® FIESTA TEXAS SEASON OPENINGS

SeaWorld® San Antonio, the world's largest marine life adventure park, features more than 25 major shows, rides, exhibits and attractions.

www.seaworld.com

Six Flags® Fiesta Texas offers themed rides, thrilling coasters, attractions and shows for every age in a gorgeous 200-acre park.

www.sixflags.com

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Celebrate with a 5K run, golf tournament and river parade.

www.harpendshamrock.org

APRIL 2010

SCHLITTERBAHN WATERPARK RESORT, SPLASHTOWN SAN ANTONIO SEASON OPENINGS

Schlitterbahn boasts more than 65 acres of tube rides, water slides, uphill water coasters and more.

www.schlitterbahn.com

Splashtown features 20 landscaped acres of cool, clean water fun just three minutes north of downtown.

www.splashtownsa.com

APRIL 4 & 6

2010 NCAA® WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR®

Find out who will be the Division I women's college basketball champions as the top teams battle it out at the Alamodome.

www.NCAA.com/FinalFour

APRIL 15-25

FIESTA SAN ANTONIO

An 11-day citywide party featuring carnivals, ethnic feasts, art exhibits and parades that glide down the River Walk and nearby streets.

www.fiesta-sa.org

MAY 2010

MAY 5

CINCO DE MAYO

Market Square hosts festivals, music and concerts to commemorate the Mexican Army's defeat of the French on May 5, 1862.

www.marketsquaresa.com

MAY 14-17

VALERO TEXAS OPEN

The third-oldest tournament on the PGA TOUR, the Valero Texas Open originated in San Antonio and has been played here every year since 1922.

www.golfsanantonio.org

MAY 15-16

SOUL FOOD FESTIVAL & GOSPEL ON THE PLAZA COMPETITION

Enjoy a gospel choir competition plus amazing food, arts, crafts and more at La Villita.

www.lavillita.com/soulfoodfest

JUNE 2010

JUNE 11-13

TEXAS FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

Celebrate the diverse ethnic and cultural groups that settled Texas with stories, crafts, music, dances and food.

www.texasfolklifefestival.org

JULY 2010

JULY 4

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Show your patriotism at this free festival with a children's parade, live music, food and a fireworks spectacular.

www.saparksfoundation.org

JULY 4

FREEDOM FEST

Celebrate freedom with music from country to rock 'n' roll and oldies, plus food, a children's area and a family scavenger hunt.

www.sarametro.com

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River Walk holiday lights



Getting Here & Getting Around

Downtown's official **Visitor Center**, between the Alamo and River Walk, is a great place to start your trip. Pick up maps, audio tours, brochures, coupons, San Antonio & Beyond Prepaid Passes and more, and talk with knowledgeable staff members.

(Ambassador Amigos downtown, easily spotted in their bright turquoise shirts, also provide directions and information.) **Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. seven days a week. (Closed or adjusted hours on holidays.)**

→ 317 Alamo Plaza, 800-447-3372, visitsanantonio.com

Tours

Enjoy a self-guided audio tour available from the Visitor Center, or walk alongside a professional guide to hear the stories that make up this charismatic city. Hop on a helicopter or Segway for a moving experience, or slow things down on a trolley or horse-drawn carriage. Charter tours also offer daytrips to surrounding areas.

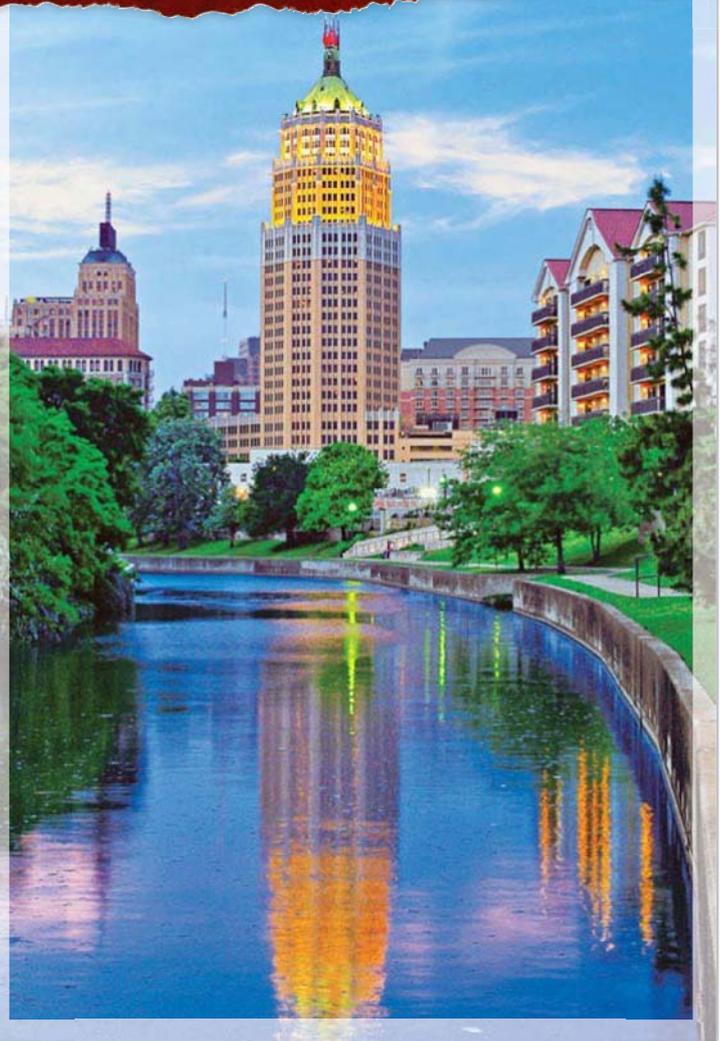
- **Alamo Battlefield Tours**, 210-521-8675
- **Alamo City Ghost Tours**, 210-336-7831, alamocityghosttours.com
- **Alamo Helicopter Tours**, 210-287-5797, alamohelicoptertours.com
- **Alamo Trolley**, 210-225-8587, sacitytours.net
- **Avelan Adventours**, 210-367-3955, sanantonioutourguide.com
- **Ghost & Legends of San Antonio**, 210-967-8780, sanantonioutourguide.com
- **Incredible Journeys Hot Air Balloons**, 210-349-6991, ballooningsa.com
- **Lone Star Carriage**, 210-656-7527, lonestarcarrriage.com
- **Mission Trail Tours**, 210-336-7831, missiontrailtours.com
- **Neighborhood Discovery Tours**, 210-207-6961
- **San Antonio City Tours**, 210-228-9776, sacitytours.net
- **SegCity San Antonio**, 210-224-0773, segcitysanantonio.com
- **Yellow Rose Carriage**, 210-225-6490, yellowrosecarriage.com

On the River

RIO SAN ANTONIO CRUISES & TAXI

Enjoy an up-close view of the San Antonio River Walk from an open-air riverboat with **Rio San Antonio Cruises**. Operating daily, tours offer a narrative of the River Walk Downtown Reach. Ticket booths are located at Rivercenter Mall, across the river from the Hilton Palacio del Rio hotel, at the river level of the Aztec Theater, and at the new Lock and Dam on Brooklyn Ave. Rio also offers **river taxi service** throughout the River Walk, including the Museum Reach, for a unique way to get from place to place. Drivers have tickets on board. Call 210-244-5700.

www.RioSanAntonio.com



The octagonal Tower Life building

Sightseer Special

Board the **Sightseer Special** (Bus #7) to visit many of San Antonio's must-see stops along one line! VIA Bus Route 7 runs daily between the city's favorite sites, including VIA's River Walk streetcar station, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Alamo, San Antonio Museum of Art, Japanese Tea Garden, Brackenridge Park, San Antonio Zoo, Trinity University, University of the Incarnate Word, Witte Museum and San Antonio Botanical Garden.

An **unlimited one-day pass** allows you to ride as much as you want all day long on the VIA Streetcar or bus route, and gives discounts at a rea attractions. The passes are available for purchase at the VIA Information Center (211 West Commerce St.) or at selected attractions on the route. viainfo.net

San Antonio International Airport

9800 Airport Blvd., sanantonio.gov/aviation
Ground Transportation, 210-207-3423
Information/Paging, 210-207-3411
Parking, 210-207-3465

San Antonio International Airport is located in the north-central part of the city, approximately eight miles from downtown and easily accessible from major local highways. Twenty-one airlines operate out of two terminals, providing more than 100 flights daily to and from domestic and international destinations. On arrival, you will find several transportation options: nine on-site rental car agencies, taxis, shuttles, city bus service and more. Transportation information is available from the booths located curbside in front of both terminals.

SATrans Airport Shuttle

800-868-7707, saairportshuttle.com

Service from the airport to downtown hotels runs from 7 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.; service to the airport begins at 4 a.m. A reservationist is available 24 hours a day, and mini-buses are ADA accessible.

Public Transportation

San Antonio's metropolitan transit system, VIA, serves the city with an extensive bus and streetcar system. The **VIA Streetcar**, a reproduction of an authentic San Antonio railcar dating back more than 50 years, makes downtown travel a breeze with its open-air design and four routes delivering passengers to popular stops. VIA also offers 88 regular bus routes to locations throughout the city, as well as express routes from downtown to theme parks.

VIA's Downtown Information Center (211 West Commerce St.) is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other VIA Information Centers are located throughout the city. For more information, visit viainfo.net.

- **VIA Streetcar Service**, 210-362-2020
- **VIA Metropolitan Transit Service**, 210-362-2020
- **VIA Trans (mobility-impaired riders)**, 210-362-5050

Nearby Communities

Balcones Heights Convention & Visitors Bureau
4522 Fredericksburg Rd., #A37 • Balcones Heights, TX 78201 • 210-732-0055 • reachfortheheights.org
Ad page 28. Reader Response 10.

Bandera Texas Convention & Visitors Bureau
P.O. Box 171 • Bandera, TX 78003 • 800-364-3833
banderacowboycapital.com
Ad page 38. Reader Response 21.

Boerne Convention & Visitors Bureau
1407 S. Main St. • Boerne, TX 78006 • 888-842-8080
visitboerne.org

Corpus Christi Convention & Visitors Bureau
101 N. Shoreline Blvd., Ste. 430 • Corpus Christi, TX 78624
800-678-6232 • visitcorpuschristitx.org

Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Bureau
302 E. Austin St. • Fredericksburg, TX 78624
830-997-6523 • fredericksburg-texas.com
Ad page 38. Reader Response 22.

Kerrville Convention & Visitors Bureau
2108 Sidney Baker St. • Kerrville, TX 78028
800-221-7958 • kerrvilletexascvb.com
Ad page 39. Reader Response 23.

New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 311417 • New Braunfels, TX 78131
800-572-2626 • nbcham.org

Rockport-Fulton Area Chamber of Commerce
404 Broadway • Rockport, TX 78382
361-729-6445 • www.rockport-fulton.org

San Marcos Convention & Visitor Bureau
202 N. C.M. Allen Pkwy. • San Marcos, TX 78667
512-393-5900 • sanmarcostexas.com
Ad page 39. Reader Response 24.

VIA Streetcar Routes

Check the Visitor Center for current routes.

→ **RED ROUTE:** The Alamo, Convention Center, Market Square, HemisFair Park, La Villita, Rivercenter Mall, San Antonio Visitor Information Center

→ **YELLOW ROUTE:** The Alamodome, Convention Center, Market Square, Ellis Alley Park & Ride, Institute of Texan Cultures, Rivercenter Mall, St. Paul Square, Sunset Station, Tower of the Americas

→ **PURPLE ROUTE:** The Alamodome, Convention Center, Market Square, HemisFair Park, Institute of Texan Cultures, La Villita, Rivercenter Mall, Tower of the Americas

→ **BLUE ROUTE:** The Alamo, Blue Star Arts Complex, Central Library, Convention Center, HemisFair Park, King William Historical District, La Villita, Municipal Auditorium, Rivercenter Mall, San Antonio Visitor Information Center, Southtown

★ **OMNI LA MANSIÓN DEL RIO**



Nestled on the banks of the historic River Walk, this Spanish colonial hotel offers 338 rooms, heated courtyard pool and Las Canarias Restaurant.

OMNI LA MANSIÓN DEL RIO

112 College St.
800-830-1400 210-518-1000
www.omnilamansion.com

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★ **THE GUENTHER HOUSE**



A San Antonio legend since 1988, the scenic Guenther House creates a unique and relaxing atmosphere in which to enjoy breakfast and lunch.



205 E. Guenther St., San Antonio
800-235-8186 210-227-1061
www.guentherhouse.com

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★ **GUADALAJARA GRILL**



Traditional Mexican cuisine in the heart of Old San Antonio. Elegant private dining, meeting space available. Across from the convention center.



301 South Alamo St.
210-222-1992
www.guadalajaragrill.us

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★ **WATERMARK HOTEL & SPA**



San Antonio's only Mobil Four-Star Hotel and Spa, featuring 98 rooms, rooftop pool, fitness center and the award-winning Pesca Restaurant.



212 West Crockett St.
866-605-1212 210-396-5800
www.watermarkhotel.com

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★ **CALIENTE HARLEY-DAVIDSON**



Rent a Harley®! Our Rental Department is now open and we have 15 rental units available for you to choose from. We are San Antonio's premier Harley-Davidson® Dealership and located only 10 minutes from Downtown and 5 minutes from Lackland.

Party on the Plaza, every Saturday from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Enjoy great live music from San Antonio's top local bands. We are open from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm Monday thru Saturday and 10:00 am - 4:00 pm on Sundays.

7230 NW Loop 410 @ Culebra, Exit 10
210-681 (CALI) 2254
www.calienteharley.com

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RIVER WALK (in downtown San Antonio)

	# of Rooms	Accommodation Type	Pool	Restaurant	Rates	Map Grid	
COURTYARD SAN ANTONIO RIVERWALK (Opening August 2009) 207 N. St. Mary's St., 210-223-8888 www.marriott.com/satcr The newest Marriott edition: Courtyard on the River Walk.	220	H	O	BLD	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	O/P8	
CROWNE PLAZA SAN ANTONIO RIVERWALK 111 E. Pecan St., 800-2CROWNE www.crowneplaza.com/sariverwalk The proud recipient of the coveted AAA Four Diamond Award for over five years.	410	H	O	BLD	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	D3	
DRURY INN & SUITES RIVERWALK 201 N. St. Mary's St., 800-325-0397, www.druryhotels.com , <i>Reader Response 50.</i> Located directly on the River Walk. Enjoy free hot breakfast, free evening beverages, free long distance and internet access. All rooms include flat-panel LCD TVs, microwave and refrigerator. Enjoy the rooftop outdoor pool.		150	H	O	LD	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	P8
DRURY PLAZA HOTEL RIVERWALK 105 S. St. Mary's St., 800-325-0397, www.druryhotels.com/properties/alamo.cfm , <i>Reader Response 51.</i> Located on the River Walk. Enjoy free hot breakfast, free evening beverages, free wireless Internet and flat-screen TVs. Enjoy the rooftop outdoor pool, indoor pool and two whirlpools. New suites overlooking San Fernando Cathedral.		366	H	I & O	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	Q8	
EL TROPICANO RIVERWALK HOLIDAY INN 110 Lexington Ave., 800-972-3480 Located on the River Walk. Tropical, Latin and glitzy. Meetings up to 1,000 people. www.eltropicanohotel.com	308	H	O	BLD	\$\$\$-\$\$\$	D2/3	
EMBASSY SUITES RIVERWALK (Opening June 2010) 123 E. Houston St., 318-527-9257 www.embassysuitesriverwalk.com One- and two-bedroom suites. On the River Walk. Complimentary hour.	285	H	O	B	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	O9	
GRAND HYATT SAN ANTONIO 600 E. Market St., 800-233-1234 Located on the Paseo Del Rio Riverbank, offering stunning city views. www.grandsanantonio.hyatt.com <i>Ad Page IBC, Reader Response 41.</i>	1003	H	O	BLD	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	E5	
HAVANA RIVER WALK INN 1015 Navarro St., 888-224-2008 27 rooms, individually decorated. Martini and cigar lounge. Rooftop garden. www.havanariverwalkinn.com	27	H		BLD	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	D3	
HILTON PALACIO DEL RIO 200 S. Alamo St., 800-HILTONS www.palaciodelrio.hilton.com , <i>Reader Response 52.</i> Perfect River Walk location, two blocks from the Alamo and across from HemisFair Park. Enjoy Dirty Nelly's Irish Pub & Tex's Riverwalk Sports Bar. AAA Four Diamond Award winner with private balcony in every room.		482	H	O	BLD	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	S3/4
HOLIDAY INN RIVERWALK 217 N. St. Mary's St., 888-615-0726 Newly renovated, located in the heart of downtown directly on the River Walk. www.hi-riverwalk.com	313	H	O	BLD	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	O8	
HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON - RIVER WALK 432 W. Market St., 210-222-1515 Located on the River Walk and within walking distance of numerous restaurants. www.homewoodsuitesriverwalk.com	146	H	O	B	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	R8	
HOTEL CONTESSA 306 W. Market St., 866-435-0900 Experience true luxury suites overlooking the city and/or River Walk. www.thehotelcontessa.com	265	H	O	BLD	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	R6	
HOTEL INDIGO SAN ANTONIO RIVERWALK 830 N. St. Mary's St., 210-527-1900 Located on the north end of the river, a short walk to the central area. www.hotelindigo.com	149	H	O	BD	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	D3	
HOTEL VALENCIA RIVERWALK 150 E. Houston St., 866-842-0100 Nestled along the River Walk, ideal for access to the convention center. www.hotelvalencia.com	213	H		BLD	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	O8	
HYATT PLACE RIVERWALK 601 S. St. Mary's St., 888-478-8952 Quiet and serene portion of River Walk, all suite, new in 2008, contemporary. www.sanantonioriverwalk.place.hyatt.com	131	H	O	BLD	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	D6	
HYATT REGENCY SAN ANTONIO 123 Losoya St., 800-233-1234 Hyatt Regency San Antonio is located on the River Walk across from the Alamo. www.sanantonioregency.hyatt.com <i>Ad Page IBC, Reader Response 40.</i>	632	H	O	BLD	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	O4	
INN ON THE RIVERWALK 129 Woodward Pl., 800-730-0019 Located in downtown San Antonio, the inn is on the banks of the River Walk. www.innontheriverwalksa.com	13	B		B	\$\$-\$\$\$\$	C5/6	
THE OGÉ HOUSE INN ON THE RIVERWALK 209 Washington St., 800-242-2770 This charming B&B is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. www.nobleinns.com	10	B		B	\$\$-\$\$\$\$	C6	

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OMNI LA MANSIÓN DEL RÍO 112 College St., 866-292-7300 Four-star elegance on the banks of the San Antonio River Walk, Omni La Mansion.	www.omnihotels.com <i>Ad Page 62, Reader Response 30.</i>		338	H	O	BLD	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	P6
RIVERWALK PLAZA HOTEL 100 Villita St. at Main Plaza, 800-554-HOST Guest rooms newly renovated in summer 2008. Free Wi-Fi, cable, much more.	www.riverwalkplaza.com <i>Ad Page 76, Reader Response 35.</i>		129	H	O	B	\$-\$\$\$\$	C5
SAN ANTONIO MARRIOTT RIVERCENTER 101 Bowie St., 800-831-4004 On the River Walk. A short walk from the convention center and area sites.	www.marriott.com/satrc <i>Ad Page 77, Reader Response 44.</i>		1001	H	I & O	BLD	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	E5
SAN ANTONIO MARRIOTT RIVERWALK 889 E. Market St., 800-648-4462 Located in the heart of downtown offering sweeping balcony views of the city and the River Walk. <i>Ad Page 77, Reader Response 45.</i>	www.marriott.com/satdt		507	H	I & O	BLD	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	E5
THE WATERMARK HOTEL & SPA 212 W. Crockett St., 866-605-1212 San Antonio's only four-star, four-diamond hotel and spa on the River Walk.	www.watermarkhotel.com <i>Ad Page 62, Reader Response 33.</i>		98	H	O	BLD	\$\$\$\$	P6
THE WESTIN RIVERWALK SAN ANTONIO 420 W. Market St., 210-224-6500 Texas-sized accommodations on a tranquil, romantic section of the River Walk.	www.westin.com/riverwalk		473	H	O	BLD	\$-\$\$\$\$	R8
DOWNTOWN								
AARON PANCOAST CARRIAGE HOUSE 202 Washington St., 800-221-4045 Three large suite arrangements provide the perfect overnight stay.	www.nobleinns.com		3	B	O	B	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	C6
ALAMO STREET VICTORIAN INN 951 S. Alamo St., 800-630-3722 A romantic Victorian home with six bedrooms. Close to downtown.	www.alamostreetvictorianinn.com		6	B			\$-\$\$\$\$	D7
ARBOR HOUSE INN & SUITES 109 Arciniega, 800-272-6700 Historic eight-suite bed and breakfast located in downtown San Antonio.	www.arborhouse.com		7	B		B	\$\$-\$\$\$	D6
BEAUREGARD HOUSE BED AND BREAKFAST INN 215 Beauregard St., 888-667-0555 This historic Victorian home is elegantly appointed with European flair.	www.beauregardhouse.com		6	B			\$\$-\$\$\$	C/D7
BECKMANN INN AND CARRIAGE HOUSE 222 E. Guenther, 800-945-1449 This Victorian bed and breakfast inn is located in downtown San Antonio.	www.beckmanninn.com		5	B		B	\$\$-\$\$\$	C8
BEST WESTERN ALAMO SUITES 1002 S. Laredo St., 888-432-1233 Three-story interior corridor hotel located one mile from the River Walk.	bwalamosuites.com		72	H	I	B	\$-\$\$\$	A6
BEST WESTERN SUNSET SUITES RIVERWALK 1103 E. Commerce St., 877-775-0700 Located in historic St. Paul Square; within walking distance of River Walk and the Alamo.	www.bestwesternsunsetsuites.com		64	H		B	\$-\$\$\$\$	F5
BRACKENRIDGE HOUSE BED AND BREAKFAST 230 Madison, 800-221-1412 Five bed and breakfast rooms and two cottage and carriage house rooms.	www.brackenridgehouse.com		7	B	O		\$\$-\$\$\$	D7
COMFORT SUITES ALAMO/RIVERWALK 505 Live Oak St., 800-SATEXAS Located within walking distance from the Alamo and San Antonio River Walk.	www.comfortsuites.com		89	H	O		\$\$-\$\$\$	F4
CONDOMINIUMS BY TEXAS VACATION RENTALS 220 Beauregard St., 210-885-4310 San Antonio Condos are one- and two-bedroom units in the King William District.	www.texasvacrentals.com		3	V			\$-\$\$\$	C7
COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT - MARKET SQUARE 600 S. Santa Rosa Ave., 800-648-4462 Located two blocks from "El Mercado" and one mile from the River Walk.	www.courtyarddowntownmarketsquare.com		149	H	O	B	\$\$-\$\$\$	B5
THE CROCKETT HOTEL 320 Bonham St., 800-292-1050, www.crocketthotel.com , <i>Reader Response 53.</i> Providing true Texas hospitality since 1909. This historic boutique hotel overlooks the Alamo. The Crockett is a perfect choice with free breakfast, free Wi-Fi, pool and lounge. Center-city, comfortable, convenient and affordable.			138	H	O	B	\$\$-\$\$\$	P1
DAYS INN ALAMO/RIVERWALK 902 E. Houston St., 210-227-6233 Minutes to the airport. Free continental breakfast.	www.daysinn.com		82	M	O	B	\$-\$\$\$\$	E4
DAYS INN DOWNTOWN/RIVERWALK AREA 1500 IH-35 S., Exit 154-B Upper Level, 877-643-9898 Complimentary continental breakfast, Wi-Fi and free on-site parking.	www.salodging.com		90	M	O	B	\$-\$\$	A7
EMILY MORGAN HOTEL 705 E. Houston St., 210-225-5100 Upscale accommodations next door to the Alamo and close to the River Walk.	www.emilymorganhotel.com <i>Ad Page 76, Reader Response 36.</i>		177	H	O	BLD	\$\$-\$\$\$\$	E4
FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BY MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN/MARKET SQUARE 620 S. Santa Rosa, 800-228-2800 Near the River Walk, walking distance to Market Square. Free on-site parking.	www.marriott.com/satfi		110	H	I	B	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	B5
THE FAIRMOUNT HOTEL 401 S. Alamo St., 877-229-8808 See world-famous dog Luke the Concierge in this historic, boutique-style hotel.	www.fairmountsa.com		37	H		BLD	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	D5

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FIESTA BED & BREAKFAST 1823 Saunders Ave., 210-226-5548 Fiesta Bed and Breakfast-where you will have real cultural experiences.	2	B			\$	L6
FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON SAN ANTONIO DOWNTOWN 524 S. St. Mary's St., 888-652-4938 A "Mediterranean oasis" near the convention center and the River Walk.	116	H	O	B	\$\$\$\$	D5
GARDENIA INN 307 Beauregard, 800-356-1605 Gracious Greek Revival inn within walking distance of downtown attractions.	5	B			\$\$\$	D7
HAMPTON INN SAN ANTONIO DOWNTOWN 414 Bowie St., 210-225-8500 Complimentary hot breakfast, wireless Internet, USA Today and parking.	169	H	O	B	\$\$\$\$	E4
THE HISTORIC MENGER HOTEL 204 Alamo Plz., 800-345-9285 Built in 1859, this structure is an important part of Texas history.	316	H	O	BLD	\$\$\$\$	Q2
HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN/MARKET SQUARE 318 W. Durango Blvd., 800-HOLIDAY Fresh from a multimillion-dollar renovation, ideal for your next vacation.	313	H	O	BLD	\$\$\$\$	B5
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES MARKET SQUARE AREA 102 El Paso St., 800-472-1985 Within one mile of the River Walk, Alamo, the convention center and Alamodome.	79	H	O	B	\$\$\$	B6
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS ALAMO/RIVER WALK 120 Camaron St., 800-465-4329 Conveniently located within walking distance of the Alamo and River Walk.	82	H	O	B	\$\$\$	C4
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES DOWNTOWN RIVERCENTER AREA 1309 E. Commerce St., 800-906-4855 Complimentary shuttle to River Walk, convention center. High-speed Internet.	81	H	O	B	\$\$\$	G5
HOTEL INDIGO AT THE ALAMO (Opening summer 2009)105 N. Alamo St., 877-846-3446 A 100% smoke-free historical boutique hotel. Close to downtown attractions.	91	H		BD	\$\$\$\$	O2
JOSKE HOUSE 241 King William, 210-271-0706 This large apartment occupies the second floor of the 1910 rose-colored brick carriage house.	5	B			\$\$\$	C7
KING WILLIAM MANOR 1037 S. Alamo St., 800-405-0367 Greek Revival mansion and guest house with 12 guest rooms in historic area.	12	B	O	B	\$\$\$	C/D7
LA QUINTA INN - MARKET SQUARE 900 Dolorosa, 210-271-0001 Free continental breakfast and high-speed Internet access.	125	H	O	B	\$\$\$\$	B5
LA QUINTA INN & SUITES CONVENTION CENTER 303 Blum St., 800-531-5900 Complimentary full hot breakfast buffet daily, and full-service 501 Lounge on-site.	348	H	O	B	\$\$\$\$	F5
LA QUINTA INN & SUITES DOWNTOWN 100 W. Durango Blvd., 210-212-5400 Free continental breakfast. Fitness center. All-suite hotel with free parking.	151	H	O		\$\$\$\$	B6
MARRIOTT PLAZA SAN ANTONIO 555 S. Alamo St., 800-421-1172 Within two blocks of the River Walk and close to restaurants and nightlife.	251	H	O	BLD	\$\$\$\$	D6
MICROTEL INN & SUITES DOWNTOWN 1025 S. Frio St., 210-226-8666 Newly renovated hotel, suites offered. A/C and cable with HBO.	85	M	O	B	\$\$	L6
MOTEL 6 DOWNTOWN 211 N. Pecos La Trinidad, 800-466-8356 Free HBO and ESPN; free local calls, coffee and Wi-Fi.	119	M	O		\$\$	A3
NOBLE INNS - THE JACKSON HOUSE 107 Madison St., 800-221-4045 The Jackson House offers a sense of another era with conveniences of today.	6	B	O		\$\$\$\$	D6
THE O'BRIEN HISTORIC HOTEL 116 Navarro St., 800-257-6058 The O'Brien Hotel offers quiet luxury in the heart of downtown San Antonio.	39	H			\$\$\$	T7
THE PAINTED LADY INN BED & BREAKFAST 620 Broadway St., 210-220-1092 This property has gorgeous suites renovated with unique wall finishes and grand furniture.	9	B			\$\$\$\$	E3
RADISSON HOTEL DOWNTOWN MARKET SQUARE 502 W. Durango Blvd., 800-333-3333 Easy access to theme parks and attractions. Free shuttle to River Walk and downtown.	250	H	O	BLD	\$\$\$\$	A5
RAMADA LIMITED WEST 1122 S. Laredo St., 210-229-1133 Free continental breakfast, high-speed Internet, exercise and business center.	50	M	O	B	\$\$	A7
RED ROOF INN DOWNTOWN 1011 E. Houston St., 800-733-7663 Located four blocks from the Alamo, convention center and River Walk.	215	H	O	B	\$\$\$	F4
RESIDENCE INN SAN ANTONIO DOWNTOWN/ALAMO PLAZA 425 Bonham St., 800-648-4462 Fully equipped suites, complimentary breakfast and social hour Mon. - Wed. evenings.	220	H	O	B	\$\$\$\$	E4

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RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN/MARKET SQUARE 628 S. Santa Rosa, 800-331-3131 www.marriott.com/satri Near River Walk. Free breakfast, high-speed Internet. Free on-site parking.	95	H	0	B	\$\$-\$\$\$\$	B6	
RIVER HAUS 107 Woodward Pl., 210-225-7595 www.riverhaus.com Located at north edge of downtown with city trolley stop near the parking lot.	123	M	0	BLD	\$\$	C2	
THE RIVERWALK VISTA 262 Losoya St., 866-898-4782 www.riverwalkvista.com San Antonio's River Walk Vista is "your ultimate choice for hotel lodging."	17	H		B	\$\$\$\$	Q3	
RODEWAY INN DOWNTOWN 900 N. Main Ave., 210-223-2951 www.rodeWAYinn.com/hotel/tx211 Located at north edge of downtown with city trolley stop near the parking lot.	2	B		B	\$\$	C5/6	
SHERATON GUNTER HOTEL 205 E. Houston St., 800-325-3535 www.gunterhotel.com Elegant property, perfect downtown location, River Walk access one-half block.	322	H	0	BLD	\$\$-\$\$\$\$	07	
THE ST. ANTHONY - A WYNDHAM HISTORIC HOTEL 300 E. Travis St., 800-WYNDHAM, www.thestanthonyhotel.com , <i>Reader Response 54.</i> San Antonio's premier hotel since 1909 is rated four-diamond by AAA and is located just one-and-a-half blocks from the famous River Walk. Offers newly renovated guest rooms and suites, featuring wireless Internet service.		352	H	0	BLD	\$\$-\$\$\$\$	D4
STAYBRIDGE SUITES DOWNTOWN SUNSET STATION 123 Hoefgen Ave., 800-238-8000, www.staybridge.com/sunsetstation , <i>Reader Response 55.</i> Upscale all-suites, fully equipped kitchens, DVD players, high-speed Internet and sofa sleepers. Outdoor pool and barbecue grills. Complimentary breakfast buffet, fitness center and self-serve laundry. Located two blocks from the River Walk.		138	H	0	B	\$\$-\$\$\$\$	F6
SUPER 8 DOWNTOWN RIVER WALK 1614 N. St. Mary's St., 800-290-1407 www.super8hotelsanantonio.com Complimentary continental breakfast, Wi-Fi and free on-site parking.		62	M	0	B	\$\$	E1
A VICTORIAN LADY INN 421 Howard St., 800-879-7116 www.viclady.com Guest rooms feature period antiques, cable TV and Wi-Fi. Call for special rates.		10	B	0	B	\$\$	L5
YELLOW ROSE BED & BREAKFAST 229 Madison, 800-950-9903 www.ayellowrose.com Offering "inn charm and hotel privacy" with all rooms having private entrances.		5	B		B	\$\$\$	D7
AIRPORT							
123 POOL HOUSE 123 Beechwood Ln., 210-618-1501 www.sanantonioexecutiverental.com Family vacation rentals. Five homes available. View website for details.		3	V	I		\$\$-\$\$\$	L4
AIRPORT TOWN HOUSE MOTEL 942 N.E. Loop 410, 210-826-6311 www.townhouseairport.com Non-smoking rooms, high-speed wireless Internet, cable/satellite TV and more.		61	M	0	B		M3/4
ALOFT SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT 838 N.W. Loop 410, 877-GOALOFT www.loftsanantonioairport.com Centrally located from the airport in the thriving and eclectic Park North retail center.		141	H	0			L3
AMERICAS BEST VALUE INN 1259 Austin Hwy., 888-315-2378 www.americasbestvalueinn.com Wi-Fi. Free parking, cable and local calls. Restaurant next door.		34	M			\$\$\$	M4
AMERICAS BEST VALUE INN - SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT 2635 N.E. Loop 410, 210-447-2222 www.americasbestvalueinn.com Free Wi-Fi, complimentary continental breakfast, restaurant and lounge.		185	H	0	BLD	\$\$	N3/4
ATRIUM HOUSE 613 Oblate, 210-618-1501 www.sanantonioexecutiverental.com Family vacation rentals. Five homes available. View website for details.		3	V	0		\$\$-\$\$\$	L4
BEST WESTERN CASA LINDA HOTEL 8818 Jones Maltsberger Rd., 210-366-1800 www.bestwestern.com Located near the airport and North Star Mall. Airport shuttle service.		119	H	0		\$\$\$	L3
BEST WESTERN HILL COUNTRY SUITES 18555 U.S. Hwy. 281 N., 866-784-8346, www.bestwesternsuitessa.com , <i>Reader Response 56.</i> All-suites upscale hotel offering hot breakfast, evening receptions, high-speed Internet, pool and Jacuzzi, fitness and business centers; minutes from Six Flags® Fiesta Texas, SeaWorld® San Antonio, Alamo/River Walk and the airport.		77	H	0	B	\$\$	L1
BEST WESTERN POSADA ANA INN - AIRPORT 8600 Jones Maltsberger Rd., 800-325-0397 www.bestwestern.com Near North Star Mall, free hot breakfast, high-speed Internet and airport shuttle.		61	H	0	B	\$\$\$	L4

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CAMBRIA SUITES SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT 8505 Broadway, 210-822-1554 Conveniently located one mile from airport. Free airport shuttle service.	www.cambriasuites.com		126	H	I		\$\$	M3
CHICKEN PARADISE 606 Jackson Keller Rd., 210-340-0648 A quaint bed and breakfast in a serene San Antonio location.	www.chickenparadise.com		1	B	O		\$\$-\$\$\$	L4
COMFORT INN & SUITES AIRPORT 8640 Crownhill Blvd., 800-4-CHOICE Free continental breakfast, cable TV, high-speed Internet and fitness room.	www.comfortinnsuitesairport.com		100	H	O		\$\$-\$\$\$	M3/4
COMFORT SUITES AIRPORT NORTH 14202 San Pedro Ave., 888-727-8483 Free airport shuttle, outdoor heated pool, fitness center and free hot breakfast.	www.choicehotels.com		65	H	O		\$\$-\$\$\$	L2
COMFORT SUITES STONE OAK/NORTHWOODS 1754 N. Loop 1604 E., 210-495-5557 Newly opened all-suite hotel located in the heart of Stone Oak and Northwood.	www.comfortsuites.com/hotel/txb21		95	H	O	B		M1
COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT - AIRPORT 8615 Broadway St., 800-706-0241 Restaurant, business center and spacious guest rooms.	www.marriott.com/satca		145	H	O	B		M3
COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT - AIRPORT/NORTHSTAR 80 N.E. Loop 410, 210-530-9881 Indoor pool and fitness center. Complimentary Internet. Ten miles to downtown.	www.marriott.com/satcy		78	H	I	B	\$\$-\$\$\$	L3
CROWNE PLAZA SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT 1111 N.E. Loop 410, 800-2CROWNE Upscale, full-service hotel located one mile from San Antonio International Airport.	www.crowneplaza.com/sanantonioapt		224	H	O	LD	\$\$\$\$	M3
DAYS INN AIRPORT 542 N.E. Loop 410, 210-930-3300 Offering free airport shuttle, pool, spa and free hot breakfast.	www.daysinn.com		49	M	O	B	\$\$-\$\$\$	M3/4
DOUBLETREE HOTEL SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT 37 N.E. Loop 410, 800-222-8733 Complimentary airport shuttle and 10 minutes to downtown and River Walk.	www.sanantonioairport.doubletree.com		290	H	O	BLD	\$\$-\$\$\$	L3
DRURY INN & SUITES AIRPORT 95 N.E. Loop 410 at Jones Maltsberger, 800-325-0397 Free QUIKSTART® breakfast. Beverages and snacks served daily 5:30-7:30 p.m.	www.druryhotels.com		284	H	O			L3
DRURY INN & SUITES NORTH 801 N. Loop 1604 E., 800-325-0397 Free QUIKSTART® breakfast. Beverages and snacks served 5:30-7:30 p.m.	www.druryhotels.com		119	H	I			L1
EL MONTAN MOTOR HOTEL 6806 San Pedro Ave., 210-826-2349 Close to airport. Reasonable rates.			35	M			\$	L4
EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT 10110 N. U.S. Hwy. 281, 800-EMBASSY Offering a complete full-service, all-suite hotel experience in a prime locale.	www.sanantonioairport.embassysuites.com		261	H	I	BLD	\$\$-\$\$\$	L3
FAIRFIELD INN BY MARRIOTT AIRPORT/NORTH STAR 88 N.E. Loop 410, 800-228-2800 Continental breakfast, indoor pool and whirlpool, wireless HSA.	www.marriott.com		120	H	I			L3
FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON - SAN ANTONIO NORTH (Opening July 2011) Intersection of Patheon Way and Hwy. 281 www.fourpoints.com/sanantonionorth			133	H				L/M2
GLASS HOUSE 615 Oblate, 210-618-1501 Family vacation rentals. Five homes available. View website for details.	www.sanantonioexecutiverental.com		3	V	O		\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	L4
HAMPTON INN & SUITES AIRPORT 8902 Jones Maltsberger Rd., 877-818-5300 Offering all the comfort, convenience and services found in luxury hotels.	www.hamptonsanantonio.com		106	H	I		\$\$-\$\$\$	L3
HAMPTON INN NORTHWOODS 2127 Gold Canyon Dr., 800-426-7866 Spacious room, high-speed Internet, hot breakfast and free local calls.	www.hamptoninn.com		97	H	O	B	\$\$	M1
HILL COUNTRY INN & SUITES AT SALADO CREEK VILLAS 2383 N.E. Loop 410, 800-314-3424 Resort-style hotel with 155 suites and condos in terrific location.	www.stayhci.com		155	H	O		\$\$-\$\$\$	N3
HILTON GARDEN INN AIRPORT 12828 U.S. Hwy. 281 N., 877-782-9444 Convenient to all points of interest in the exciting city of San Antonio.	www.sanantonioairport.stayhgi.com		117	H	I	BD		L2/3
HILTON SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT HOTEL 611 N.W. Loop 410, 888-728-3031 Located 2.5 miles from the airport and a half-mile from North Star Mall.	www.sanantonioairport.hilton.com		384	H	O	BLD	\$\$\$\$	L3
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS AIRPORT 91 N.E. Loop 410, 210-308-6700 Express Start® breakfast. Beverages and snacks Mon.-Thurs. evenings and more.	www.hiexpress.com		154	H	O	B	\$\$	L3
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS AIRPORT NORTH 16315 U.S. Hwy. 281 N., 210-402-3300 Conveniently located in the north-central part of San Antonio.	www.homelivinghospitality.com		67	H	O			L2

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HOLIDAY INN SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT 77 N.E. Loop 410, 800 HOLIDAY Newly renovated full-service hotel. Free transportation to airport and North Star Mall.	397	H	O	BLD	\$\$\$\$	L3
HOMEGATE STUDIOS & SUITES 11221 San Pedro Ave., 210-342-4800 A short drive to the golf courses, downtown and Hill Country.	114	M	O	B		L3
HOMESTEAD STUDIO SUITES SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT 1015 Central Pkwy. S., 210-491-9009 Located near airport. Daily, weekly and monthly rates. Kitchenettes in rooms.	153	M			\$\$\$	L2
HYATT PLACE SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT 7615 Jones Maltsberger Rd., 888-HYATTHP www.hyattplacesanantonioairport.com Three-star rated. Continental breakfast, wireless Internet and non-smoking.	126	H	O	BLD	\$\$\$\$	L4
INTOWN SUITES 6923 San Pedro Ave., 210-344-1691 Affordable rates, minutes from airport, free Wi-Fi.	136	H			\$	L4
KNIGHTS INN FORT SAM HOUSTON 1131 Austin Hwy., 210-828-8881 Motel is brick with red iron railings. Five miles from airport and downtown.	34	M			\$\$	M4
LA QUINTA INN & SUITES SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT 850 Halm Blvd., 210-342-3738 Centrally located, complimentary airport shuttle and high-speed Internet.	276	H	O		\$\$\$\$	L3/4
MICROTEL INN & SUITES - AIRPORT 15314 Hwy. 281 N., 800-771-7171 Non-smoking rooms, free airport transportation and expanded cable TV with HBO.	79	H	O	B	\$\$\$	L2
PEAR TREE INN BY DRURY - AIRPORT 143 N.E. Loop 410, 800-325-0397 Near the airport. Free breakfast and beer/wine and snacks from 5:30-7 p.m.	124	H	O		\$\$	L3
QUALITY INN & SUITES, NORTHWOODS, NORTH AIRPORT 1505 Bexar Crossing St., 800-350-7626 www.qualityinnsuitessa.com Featuring business, fitness centers. Interior corridors. Laundry facilities.	60	H	O	B	\$\$	L2
RED ROOF INN AIRPORT 333 Wolf Rd., 800-REDROOF Nine miles to downtown, River Walk, Alamo and Tower of the Americas.	135	H			\$	L3
RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT AIRPORT 1014 N.E. Loop 410, 800-331-3131 Free hot breakfast and free high-speed Internet access. All-suite hotel.	120	H	O	B	\$\$\$\$	M4
ROYAL HAWAIIAN CONTINENTAL INN 9735 IH-35 N., 210-569-6791 Outdoor pool. Wi-Fi access. Laundry facilities. Restaurant on-site.	163	M	O			N3
SKYLINE MOTEL 1401 Austin Hwy., 210-824-2305 Across the street from Super Wal Mart and restaurants. Near Fort Sam Houston.	68	M	O		\$	M4
SPRINGHILL SUITES SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT 514 N.E. Loop 410, 210-804-2266 Studio suites have areas for working and relaxing. On-site parking. Wi-Fi. Pool.	116	H	I			L/M4
STAYBRIDGE SUITES AIRPORT 66 N.E. Loop 410, 877-238-8889 Free airport shuttle. Breakfast buffet, evening happy hour on Tues.-Thurs.	136	H	O		\$\$\$\$	L3
STOCKTON HOUSE 526 Stockton Dr., 210-340-6634 Beautiful vacation rental home, family friendly, free Wi-Fi.	1	V			\$\$\$	L4
STONE HOUSE 609 Oblate, 210-618-1501 Family vacation rentals. Five homes available. View website for details. www.sanantonioexecutiverental.com	3	V	O		\$\$\$\$	L4
SUPER 8 MOTEL AIRPORT 11355 San Pedro Ave., 210-342-8488 Smoking and non-smoking rooms, high-speed Internet and free airport shuttle. www.super8.com	61	H	O	B		L3
TOWNEPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT 214 N.E. Loop 410, 210-695-5510 www.marriott.com/satts Located minutes from the airport and 10 minutes from downtown.	106	H	O			L3/4
TRAIL HOUSE 611 Oblate, 210-618-1501 Family vacation rentals. Five homes available. View website for details. www.sanantonioexecutiverental.com	3	V	O		\$\$\$\$	L4
FIESTA TEXAS						
BEST WESTERN FIESTA INN 13535 IH-10 W., 800-662-9607 Located about two miles from Six Flags® theme park and minutes from downtown. www.bwfiestainn.com	60	H	O			J2
BEST WESTERN POSADA ANA INN MEDICAL CENTER 9411 Wurzbach Rd., 866-691-9550 In the heart of the Medical Center. Complimentary breakfast. www.bestwestern.com	79	H	O	B	\$\$	K3
COMFORT INN FIESTA PARK 6755 N. Loop 1604 W., 210-696-4766 Continental breakfast, outdoor pool, business center, micro/fridge combo. www.comfortinnfiesta.com	123	H	O	B		J2

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COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT SAN ANTONIO NORTH/STONE OAK AT LEGACY 1803 E. Sonterra Blvd., 800-321-2211 www.marriott.com/satcn Courtyard is the frequent business traveler's oasis on the road.	107	H	I	B		M1
DAYS INN FIESTA PARK 11790 IH-10 W., 800-329-7466 www.daysinn.com/hotel/04228 Microwave and refrigerator in all rooms and free high-speed Internet.	62	M	O		\$\$\$\$	J3
ECONO LODGE INN & SUITES FIESTA PARK 13575 IH-10 W., 800-424-6423 www.econolodgefiesta.com Located by Six Flags® Fiesta Texas. Known for professional friendly staff.	62	B	O	B	\$\$\$\$	J2
EXTENDED STAY AMERICA DELUXE 4331 Spectrum One, 210-694-1229 www.extendedstay.com Near Six Flags® Fiesta Texas. All rooms have kitchens. Weekly and monthly rentals.	84	H	O			K3
FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON - SAN ANTONIO NORTHWEST 6809 N. Loop 1604 W., 888-627-8268 www.fourpoints.com/sanantonionorthwest.com Full-service hotel. Wi-Fi, Four Comfort beds, restaurant, lounge.	130	H	O	BLD	\$\$\$\$	J2
HAMPTON INN SIX FLAGS 11010 IH-10 W., 210-561-9058 www.hamptoninn.com Cloud Nine - the Hampton bed experience; free hot breakfast; Internet access.	120	H	O	B	\$\$	K3
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS - NORTHWEST 4800 Woodstone Blvd., 210-877-2500 www.hiexpress.com Business and fitness centers, Wi-Fi and free deluxe hot breakfast.	76	H	O	B		J3
HOMEGATE STUDIOS & SUITES FIESTA PARK/MEDICAL CENTER 10950 Laureate Dr., Bldg. C, 800-701-4501, www.homegatesuites.com , <i>Reader Response 57</i>  All-suite hotel with living area, and some rooms with kitchenette. Located within three miles of Six Flags®, Fiesta Texas and La Cantera Mall and Medical Center. Minutes from downtown, River Walk and Alamo. Free breakfast.	60	H	O	B		J3
HOMEWOOD SUITES HOTEL NORTHWEST 4323 Spectrum One, 210-696-5400 www.homewoodsuites.com Near Medical Center and North Star Mall. Wi-Fi. Suite Start hot breakfast.	123	H	O	B		K3
HOWARD JOHNSON FIESTA 13279 W. IH-10, 210-558-7152 www.hojo.com Business and fitness centers, Wi-Fi and complimentary hot breakfast.	53	M	O	B	\$\$\$\$	J2
KNIGHTS INN FIESTA 9447 IH-10 W., 800-757-4707 www.knightsinnfiesta.com Free wireless Internet access, continental breakfast and laundry facilities.	72	M	O	B	\$\$	K3
LA QUINTA INN & SUITES FIESTA TEXAS 5622 Utex Blvd., 210-696-0100 www.lq.com Complimentary continental breakfast, one mile from Fiesta Texas.	93	H	O		\$\$\$\$	J2
LA QUINTA INN & SUITES NORTH STONE OAK 18502 Hardy Oak Blvd., 210-497-0506 www.lq.com Near Six Flags® Fiesta Texas. Business and fitness centers. Wi-Fi. Happy hour Mon.-Thurs.	85	H	I	B	\$\$\$\$	E1
MOTEL 6 FIESTA 16500 IH-10 W., 210-697-0731 www.motel6.com Coffee in office from 5-10 a.m. Pool open 9 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Guest laundry.	123	M	O			J2
OMNI SAN ANTONIO HOTEL AT THE COLONNADE 9821 Colonnade Blvd., 800-THE OMNI, www.omnisanantonio.com , <i>Reader Response 58</i>  Alive with the spirit of San Antonio, this four-diamond hotel captures the essence of the city with impeccable service and Texas charm. Visit our website for more information. Omni Hotels, a total departure.	326	H	I	BLD	\$\$\$\$	K3
QUALITY INN & SUITES BANDERA POINTE 9522 Brimhall Rd., Loop 1604 W., 210-372-9900, www.choicehotels.com/hotel/txa56 , <i>Reader Response 59</i>  Award-winning Quality Inn & Suites conveniently located minutes from Six Flags® Fiesta Texas, SeaWorld®, La Cantera Shopping Mall, downtown River Walk and Alamo. Free deluxe breakfast, outdoor heated pool, hot tub and much more.	64	H	O	B		I3
QUALITY INN & SUITES FIESTA PARK 10950 Laureate Dr., 877-925-4200, www.choicehotels.com/hotel/tx859 , <i>Reader Response 60</i>  Unique all-suite hotel with efficiency rooms. Located less than three miles from Fiesta Texas, UTSA, Medical Center. Minutes from River Walk, SeaWorld® and more. Free deluxe breakfast, free wireless Internet and an outdoor pool with hot tub.	60	H	O	B		J3
RESIDENCE INN NORTH/STONE OAK 1115 N. Loop 1604 E., 210-490-1333 www.marriott.com/satmr Near Six Flags® Fiesta Texas. Complimentary hot breakfast, Wi-Fi, heated pool.	88	H	O	B	\$\$\$\$	L1

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RESIDENCE INN NORTHWEST 4041 Bluemel Rd., 800-371-6947 All-suite, residential-style hotel located in the Medical Center area.	128	H	O		\$\$\$	K3	
RODEWAY INN SIX FLAGS 19793 IH-10 W., 210-698-3991 Close to major attractions while offering a relaxing atmosphere in Texas Hill Country.	72	H	O	B	\$\$	J1	
SIX FLAGS SUPER 8 5319 Casa Bella, 210-696-6916 Guest laundry, bus/truck parking and free high-speed Internet.	71	M	O	B	\$\$	J2	
SLEEP INN & SUITES AT SIX FLAGS 5042 Beckwith Blvd., 210-561-6100 Free breakfast, Wi-Fi, indoor pool, hot tub, business center, meeting facilities.	60	H	I		\$\$	J2	
STAYBRIDGE SUITES SAN ANTONIO - LA CANTERA 6919 N. Loop 1604 W., 800-238-8000 Heated pool, free continental breakfast. Call hotel directly for rates.	120	H	O	B	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	I/J5	
STUDIO 6 11802 IH-10 W., 888-897-0202 All rooms with kitchens, coffee makers, irons and ironing boards and Wi-Fi.	131	M			\$\$	J3	
TOWNEPLACE SUITES BY MARRIOTT SAN ANTONIO NORTHWEST 5014 Prue Rd., 210-694-5100 All studio suites with king size beds, living room area, full kitchen and Wi-Fi.	508	H	O	B		J3	
THE WESTIN LA CANTERA RESORT 16641 La Cantera Pkwy., 800-WESTIN1 Renovated guest rooms and suites, spa services and championship golf courses.	508	R	O	BLD	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	J1	
MEDICAL CENTER							
AMERICAS BEST VALUE INN 3782 N.W. Loop 410, 210-736-9054 Convenient to all San Antonio attractions. Jacuzzi rooms. Wi-Fi. Coffee.	25	M			\$\$	K4	
BAYMONT SAN ANTONIO WURZBACH/MEDICAL CENTER 9542 I-10 W., 210-593-0338 Free continental breakfast and high-speed Internet access. In-room coffee.	106	M	O	B		K3	
BUDGET SUITES OF AMERICA 7880 Fredericksburg Rd., 210-568-8000 DSL Internet access. Free coffee until noon. Close to medical center.	360	M	O		\$\$	K4	
CAMBRIA SUITES - SAN ANTONIO MED PARK (Opening Spring 2011) 210-807-5140	125	H					
CARRIAGE HOUSE 8910 Callaghan Rd., 210-344-8910 This was once the stable on historic estate dating back to the early 1800s.	2	B			\$\$\$\$	K3	
COMFORT INN MEDICAL CENTER 4 Piano Pl., 210-684-8606, www.choicehotels.com/hotel/tx322 , Reader Response 61. Newly renovated Comfort Inn is conveniently located for both business and leisure guests. Nearby attractions include SeaWorld®, Six Flags®, River Walk and more. Free deluxe breakfast, free wireless Internet, outdoor pool and hot tub.		55	H	O	B	\$\$\$	J4
COMFORT INN AND SUITES IH10W/VANCE JACKSON/MEDICAL AREA 6039 IH-10 W., 210-733-8080, www.choicehotels.com/hotel/txa49 , Reader Response 62. Opened winter of 2008, on-site 24-hour IHOP. Located minutes from the River Walk, the Alamo and Six Flags® Fiesta Texas. Free Wi-Fi, indoor pool, hot tub and business center. Great location and superior amenities make this a perfect stay.		82	H	I	BLD	\$\$	K4
COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT - MEDICAL CENTER 8585 Marriott Dr., 800-706-8869 Newly renovated, includes restaurant, free high-speed Internet and parking.	146	H	O	B		K3	
DAYS INN NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER 6023 I-10 W., 800-DAYS INN Close to Six Flags® Fiesta Texas, SeaWorld® and River Walk.	77	H	O	BLD		K4	
DRURY INN & SUITES NORTHWEST 9806 IH-10 W., 800-325-0397 Free hot QUIKSTART® breakfast. Beverages and snacks served 5:30-7:30 p.m.	210	H	I			K3	
ECONO LODGE CENTRAL 6015 W. IH-10, 210-737-1855 Continental breakfast, wireless Internet, cable TV and HBO.	57	M		B	\$\$\$\$	K4	
EMBASSY SUITES NORTHWEST 7750 Briaridge Dr., 800-EMBASSY Two-room suites with complimentary breakfast, airport shuttle and manager's reception.	216	H	I	LD		K4	

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HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES 102 Spencer Ln., 210-738-2200 www.hiexpress.com New hotel with all the latest amenities. Near medical center and attractions.	80	H	O	B	\$\$\$\$	K4	
HOME AWAY FROM HOME - MEDICAL CENTER 5911 Aspen Park, 800-565-1052 www.vrbo.com/160424 A gorgeous home with all the amenities of home, yet simple and well-priced.	1	B			\$\$	I3	
HOWARD JOHNSON ALL SUITES MOTEL 6901 IH-10 W., 877-738-1101 www.hojo.com Complimentary continental breakfast, fitness room, free parking.	70	M	O	B	\$\$\$	D3	
HYATT PLACE SAN ANTONIO - NORTHWEST/MEDICAL CENTER 4303 Hyatt Place Dr., 888-492-8847 www.hyattplace.com Hyatt Grand beds, 42inch plasma HDTV, free Wi-Fi and free continental breakfast.	126	H	O	BLD	\$\$\$\$	K3	
LA QUINTA INN AND SUITES CONFERENCE CENTER 4431 Horizon Hill Blvd., 210-525-8090 www.sanantoniolaquintahotel.com The enticing pool area and fitness center is complimentary to guests.	168	H	O		\$\$	K3/4	
LA QUINTA INN - VANCE JACKSON 5922 I-10 W., 800-531-5900 www.lq.com The spacious rooms surround a lushly landscaped courtyard with a picnic gazebo.	111	M	O			K4	
MOTEL 6 - SAN ANTONIO MEDICAL CENTER SOUTH 7500 Louis Pasteur Dr., 888-325-7821 www.smartmotel6.com Located in the heart of the South Texas medical center; nearby all attractions.	48	M			\$\$	K4	
MOTEL 6 NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER 9400 Wurzbach Rd., 800-466-8356 www.motel6.com Clean, comfortable rooms with wireless Internet access.	118	M	O		\$	K3	
OAK HILLS INN 7401 Wurzbach Rd., 800-468-3507 www.samedcenterhotel.com A complimentary, full American breakfast daily to registered guests.	194	H	O	BLD	\$\$\$	J4	
REGENCY INN & SUITES 9727 Fredericksburg Rd., 210-690-2255 Located near medical center for patients, business or leisure travel.	33	M				J3	
SAN ANTONIO MARRIOTT NORTHWEST 3233 N.W. Loop 410, 800-228-9290 www.marriott.com/satnw A non-smoking hotel. Centrally located between the airport and the River Walk.	296	H	O	BLD		K4	
SIESTA INN AND SUITES 4441 Fredericksburg Rd., 800-894-0806 www.siestainandsuites.com Complimentary wireless Internet access, microwaves and refrigerators.	45	M	O	B	\$	K4	
SLEEP INN MEDICAL CENTER N.W. 8318 IH-10 W., 800-893-9912 www.choicehotels.com/hotel/tx623 Renovated in 2008, free continental breakfast and high-speed Internet access.	104	H	O	B	\$\$	C3	
SPRINGHILL SUITES BY MARRIOTT 3636 N.W. Loop 410, 800-287-9400 www.marriott.com/satnl Located close to medical center, Fiesta Texas and downtown.	112	H	O	B	\$\$	K4	
SPRINGHILL SUITES HOTEL MEDICAL CENTER 11426 IH-10 W., 800-306-1837 www.marriott.com Studio suites have areas for working and relaxing. On-site parking. Wi-Fi. Pool.	109	H	I	B		J3	
STAYBRIDGE SUITES NORTHWEST - COLONNADE 4320 Spectrum One, 800-238-8000 www.staybridge.com/sanantonionnw An innovative all-suite hotel meeting the needs of the extended-stay guest.	118	H	O	B	\$\$\$\$	K3	
SUPER 8 SEAWORLD/MEDICAL CENTER 5336 Wurzbach Rd., 210-520-0888 Free Wi-Fi, breakfast, cable with HBO and ESPN. Non-smoking and handicap rooms.	62	M	O	B		J4	
SEAWORLD							
AMERICAS BEST VALUE INN - LACKLAND A.F.B. 2435 Pinn Rd., 210-673-2100 www.americasbestvalueinn.com Free continental breakfast and wireless Internet access.	28	M			\$\$\$	J6	
BEST WESTERN ATREA HOTEL & SUITES 3635 Crooked Trl., 210-298-8880 www.bestwestern.com , <i>Reader Response 63</i> . Escape to this new contemporary San Antonio hotel located near SeaWorld® and Lackland AFB. Rates from \$129 to \$169.		77	H	I		\$\$\$\$	I6
BEST WESTERN SEAWORLD/LACKLAND A.F.B. 6855 N.W. Loop 410, 888-889-3444 www.sanantoniobestwestern.com Conveniently located only four miles from SeaWorld® San Antonio.	78	H	O	B	\$\$\$\$	I5/J5	
CAREFREE INN LACKLAND 100 Valley Hi Dr., 877-675-9550 www.carefreeinnlackland.com Located near Lackland AFB and SeaWorld®. Continental breakfast and Wi-Fi.	62	M	O	BLD	\$\$	I7	

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COMFORT SUITES - SEAWORLD 8021 Alamo Downs Pkwy., 210-681-6000 Complimentary full hot breakfast, business and fitness center. Smoke-free hotel.	75	H	I	B	\$\$\$	J5
COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT SEAWORLD 6738 N.W. Loop 410, 800-614-2900 Centrally located to SeaWorld® with an indoor pool and fitness center.	96	H	I		\$\$\$	J5
DAYS INN SEAWORLD 6010 N.W. Loop 410, 210-522-1995 Located 6 miles from SeaWorld® and just minutes from the River Walk.	67	M	O	B		J4
ECONO LODGE INGRAM PARK 6360 N.W. Loop 410, 800-424-6423 Conveniently located near SeaWorld®, Continental breakfast.	43	M	O	B		J5
ECONO LODGE LACKLAND SEAWORLD 6301 Old Hwy. 90 W., 210-645-1430 Free continental breakfast, wireless Internet access and coin-operated laundry.	30	M	O	B	\$\$\$	J6
FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES SAN ANTONIO SEAWORLD 4026 Wiseman Blvd., 888-236-2427 Free Wi-Fi, exercise room, pool and spa, and a deluxe continental breakfast.	98	H	O			H4
FIESTA INN & SUITES 4934 N.W. Loop 410, 800-267-3605 Minutes from SeaWorld®, downtown San Antonio and other major attractions.	200	H	O	B	\$\$	J4
HAMPTON INN NORTHWEST/SEAWORLD 4803 Manitou, 210-684-9966 Near SeaWorld® and Lackland AFB. Free hot breakfast and Wi-Fi.	122	H	O	B		J4
HILTON SAN ANTONIO HILL COUNTRY HOTEL AND SPA 9800 Westover Hills Blvd., 210-509-9800 Full-service Hilton hotel nestled in the hills of northwest San Antonio.	227	R	O	BLD	\$\$\$	H5
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS HOTEL & SUITES SEAWORLD/LACKLAND A.F.B. 2861 Cinema Ridge, 877-292-1400 Centrally located near SeaWorld® and Lackland AFB. Free hot breakfast.	84	H	I	B	\$\$\$	J5
HOLIDAY INN LACKLAND (SEAWORLD AREA) 6502 Old Hwy. 90 W., 888-568-8860 Lackland AFB (SeaWorld® area) and convenient access around San Antonio.	74	H	O	BD	\$\$\$	J6
HOWARD JOHNSON INN & SUITES LACKLAND 6815 W. U.S. Hwy. 90, 210-675-9690 For family fun near SeaWorld®, River Walk, Kelly USA and Lackland AFB.	184	H	O		\$\$	J6
HYATT REGENCY HILL COUNTRY RESORT AND SPA 9800 Hyatt Resort Dr., 800-55HYATT Offers championship golf, world-class spa and a four-acre water playground.	500	R	O	BLD		H/5
HYATT WILD OAK RANCH 9700 W. Military Dr., 210-647-9300 Indoor/outdoor heated pools, free Wi-Fi, restaurant on-site.	156	H	I	LD		I5
KNIGHTS INN LACKLAND 6735 Hwy. 90 W., 800-843-5644 Free continental breakfast and local calls. Wi-Fi in all rooms and lobby.	46	M	O			J6
LA QUINTA INN - LACKLAND 6511 W. Military Dr., 800-SLEEPLQ South of downtown on Military Drive adjacent to Lackland Air Force Base.	175	H	O			I/J6
LA QUINTA INN - SEAWORLD/INGRAM PARK 7134 N.W. Loop 410, 800-531-5900 Features all-new rooms with free high-speed Internet access and more.	195	H	O	B	\$\$\$	I/J5
MOTEL 6 SEAWORLD 2185 S.W. Loop 410, 210-673-9020 Clean, comfortable rooms with wireless Internet access.	122	M	O		\$\$	I6
QUALITY INN SEAWORLD 323 S.W. Loop 410, 800-4-CHOICE Free continental breakfast, high-speed Internet, exercise facility and business center.	61	H	O	B		I5
RAMADA SEAWORLD 7043 Culebra Rd., 888-889-8771 Near SeaWorld®, Deluxe continental breakfast. Wi-Fi in all rooms.	72	M	O	B	\$\$	I5
RED ROOF INN LACKLAND 6861 W. U.S. Hwy. 90, 800-733-7663 Located 1.8 miles from Lackland AFB. Free continental breakfast.	156	M	O		\$\$	J6
RED ROOF INN SEAWORLD 6880 N.W. Loop 410, 210-509-3434 Ten miles from downtown, River Walk and airport; five miles to SeaWorld®.	123	H	O		\$\$	I5/J5
RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT SEAWORLD 2838 Cinema Ridge, 800-236-2427 Extended-stay all-suite hotel with all of the comforts of the modern home.	109	H	I	B	\$\$\$	J5
RODEWAY INN LACKLAND/SEAWORLD 6500 W. U.S. Hwy. 90, 800-228-2000 Free hot continental breakfast and high-speed Internet.	40	H	O	B		J6
SPRINGHILL SUITES SEAWORLD/LACKLAND (Opening Spring 2010) 100 Richland Hills Dr., 888-236-2427 Located near SeaWorld® and Lackland AFB.		H				I5

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SUPER 8 MOTEL NEAR SEAWORLD 2211 S.W. Loop 410, 210-678-0888 Near SeaWorld®. Complimentary breakfast and Wi-Fi.	www.super8.com	60	M	O	B		I6
TRAVELODGE - LACKLAND 120 Rustleaf Dr., 800-489-1563 Free continental breakfast. Refrigerator, microwave and safe in each room.	www.travelodge.com	32	H	O		\$	J7
SURROUNDING AREAS							
1908 AYRES INN BED & BREAKFAST 124 W. Woodlawn Ave., 210-736-4232 1908 Ayers Inn Bed & Breakfast is one of the best romantic getaways in Texas.	www.1908ayresinn.com	5	B		B	\$\$\$\$\$	L5
AMERICAS BEST VALUE INN - AT&T CENTER 3645 N. Pan Am Expwy., 210-223-0001 Cable TV with HBO, A/C, free high-speed Internet and complimentary breakfast.	www.bestvalueinn.com	77	M	O			F4
ANTONIAN HOTEL 2131 IH-35 N., 800-905-2676 Full hot American breakfast, free Wi-Fi and a fitness room.	www.antonianhotel.com	87	H	O	B		M5
BEST WESTERN GARDEN INN 11939 IH-35 N., 800-937-8376 North of downtown, high-speed Internet, pet-friendly up to 10 lbs. with a fee.	www.bestwestern.com	69	M	O	B	\$\$\$\$\$	N3
BEST WESTERN SAN ANTONIO EAST INN & SUITES 8669 I-10 E., Converse, 210-661-8669 New 67-room motel; all amenities including pool and free full breakfast.	www.bestwestern.com	67	H	O	B	\$\$\$\$\$	
BEST WESTERN SHETLAND INN & SUITES 3602 S.E. Military Dr., 210-798-5000 Open suites with microwave, refrigerator, hair dryer and iron. Free continental breakfast.	www.bestwestern.com	65	H	O	B	\$\$\$	M7
BEST WESTERN WINDSOR POINTE HOTEL & SUITES - AT&T CENTER 4639 Rittiman Rd., 210-655-6800 Five miles north of downtown. Continental breakfast. Wi-Fi.	www.bestwestern.com	53	H	O			N4
BONNER GARDEN BED & BREAKFAST 145 E. Agarita Ave., 800-396-4222 Bonner Garden Bed & Breakfast is conveniently located minutes from downtown.	www.bonnergarden.com	6	B	O			L5
BULLIS HOUSE INN 621 Pierce Ave., 877-477-4100 A Texas State Historic landmark, family-friendly, affordable, near downtown.	www.bullishouseinn.com	50	B	O			E4
CANDLEWOOD SUITES 9350 I-10 W., 210-615-0550 Midscale extended-stay hotel located on northwest side of San Antonio.	www.candlewoodsuites.com	112	H	O		\$\$\$	K3
CHRISTMAS HOUSE 2307 McCullough Ave., 800-268-4187 A bed and breakfast that enjoys the Christmas spirit year 'round.	www.christmashousebnb.com	4	B			\$\$\$	L5
COMFORT INN & SUITES AT&T CENTER 4038 I-10 E., 210-447-2000 Conveniently located on Interstate 10.	www.comfortinn.com/hotel-san_antonio-texas-txa92	79	H	O			N5
COMFORT SUITES NORTH 11526 I-35 N., 210-656-4600 Exceptionally clean hotel. Staff is friendly and dedicated to their customers.	www.choicehotels.com	57	H	I	B	\$\$\$	N3
COMFORT SUITES SAN ANTONIO AT RITTIMAN 6350 IH-35 N. at Rittiman Road, 800-519-3442 Fully renovated suites, king or queen beds. Wi-Fi. Complimentary hot breakfast.	www.comfortsuites.com	105	H	O	B		N4
DAYS INN AT&T CENTER 4039 E. Houston St., 888-268-0818 Centrally located on I-10 and only minutes from major attractions.	www.daysinn.com	119	M	O	B	\$\$\$	M6/N6
DAYS INN COLISEUM/AT&T CENTER 3443 IH-35 N., Exit 160, 800-548-2626 Complimentary continental breakfast, Wi-Fi and on-site parking.	www.salodging.com	124	H	O	B	\$\$\$	M5
DAYS INN NORTH 11202 IH-35 N., 210-655-4311 Centrally located near attractions. Deluxe continental breakfast and wireless Internet.	www.daysinn.com	59	M	O	B	\$\$\$	N3
DAYS INN SOUTHEAST 5003 Rigsby Ave., 210-648-3297 Near AT&T Center. Continental breakfast and high-speed Internet.	www.daysinn.com	50	M	O	B		N6
DAYS INN WINDCREST 9401 IH-35 N., 210-650-9779 Great location in San Antonio. Easy access to New Braunfels and San Marcos.	www.daysinn.com/hotel/05663	60	M	O	B	\$\$\$\$	N3
DIXIE DUDE RANCH 833 Dixie Dude Ranch Rd., Bandera, 800-375-9255 725-acre working ranch, horseback riding in Hill Country, heated pool, hot tub, fishing and hiking. <i>Ad Page 29, Reader Response 20.</i>	www.dixieduderanch.com	20		O		\$\$\$\$	
DR. YRIZARRY'S INN 115 W. Ashby Pl., 866-589-4571 One of San Antonio's oldest, most elegant neighborhoods.	www.historicsanantoniobandb.com	3	B			\$\$\$\$	L5
DRURY INN & SUITES SAN ANTONIO NORTHEAST 4900 Crestwind Dr., 800-DRURYINN Near America's largest water park, Schlitterbahn Water Park, New Braunfels.	www.druryhotels.com	79	H		B	\$\$\$	N4
ECONO LODGE EAST 218 S. W.W. White Rd., 800-55ECONO Free continental breakfast, Internet, cable, microfridge in rooms. Five miles from downtown.	www.econolodge.com	40	M	O			L7

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EGONO LODGE INN & SUITES 2755 N. Pan Am Expwy., 866-313-1210 Enjoy newly renovated rooms just three miles from downtown.	49	M	O	B	\$\$\$	M5
FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES STONE OAK 80 Trailcrest St., 800-MARRIOTT New hotel. Rooms and suites. Hot breakfast. Wi-Fi. Indoor pool. Fitness room.	84	H	I	B	\$\$\$\$	L1
GALAXY INN MOTEL 1242 W. Hollywood Ave., 210-732-5800 Close to downtown location with restaurants and attractions nearby.	18	M				L5
GUEST HOUSE INN AND SUITES AT BRAUNIG LAKE 13800 IH-37 S., 210-633-1833 15 minutes from downtown San Antonio. Continental breakfast and Wi-Fi.	63	H	O	B	\$\$\$	
HALLMARK INN & SUITES 6370 IH-35 N., 210-646-6336 Microwave and refrigerator units. Free continental breakfast. Kids stay free.	85	M	O	B	\$\$\$	N4
HAWTHORN NORTHEAST 13101 E. Loop 1604 N., 210-655-9491 Newly renovated, full-sized suites, high-speed Internet, free hot breakfast.	102	M	O	B	\$\$\$\$	
HAWTHORN SUITES LTD. NORTH 6900 IH-35 N., 800-210-4255 Free Wi-Fi access, hot breakfast buffet and social hour 5 - 7 p.m. Wed.	65	H	O	B	\$\$\$\$	K/L7
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS - SAN ANTONIO SOUTH 11400 S.E. Loop 410, 210-293-5800 Located near the Toyota plant and the San Antonio missions.	66	H	O	B		N7
HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & SUITES - SAN ANTONIO/NORTHEAST 3855 IH-35 N., 800-HOLIDAYINN Full-service hotel. High-speed Internet in all rooms/meeting rooms.	180	H	O	BLD		N5/6
HOMEWOOD SUITES BY HILTON NORTH STONE OAK 125 N. Loop 1604 W., 210-497-8200 All-suite hotel. Offers studio, king and two queen bed suites with kitchenettes.	106	H	O	B	\$\$\$	L1
HOWARD JOHNSON INN & SUITES 3817 IH-35 N., 800-446-4656 Clean, comfortable rooms, continental breakfast, pool and heated spa.	62	H	O	B	\$\$\$\$	N5
INN AT CRAIG PLACE 117 W. Craig Pl., 877-427-2447 A boutique B&B inn where their gourmet breakfasts are a delight to the senses.	5	B		B	\$\$\$\$	L5
INTOWN SUITES 9530 Perrin Beitel Rd., 210-590-8190 Weekly accommodations, minutes to airport.	139	H				N3
JW MARRIOTT SAN ANTONIO HILL COUNTRY RESORT & SPA 1717 N. Loop 1604 E., Ste. 310 (Pre-Opening Offices), 210-403-3434 Opening February 2010. Just 20 minutes from downtown and the airport.	1002	R	O	BLD		M1
LA PALMERA HOTEL 10815 IH-35 N., 210-637-3372 Clean, cozy rooms with free continental breakfast.	75	H	O			N3
LA QUINTA INN - I-10 EAST 6075 IH-10 E., 210-661-4545 Complimentary continental breakfast. High-speed Internet access available.	52	H	I		\$\$\$\$	
LA QUINTA INN - I-35 NORTH AT TOEPPERWEIN 12822 I-35 N., 210-657-5500 Offering a free breakfast.	136	M	O		\$\$\$	
LA QUINTA INN - RITTIMAN 6410 I-35 N., 210-653-6619 Free continental breakfast and high-speed Internet access.	130	M	O	B		N4
LA QUINTA INN - SOUTH PARK 7202 S. Pan Am Expwy., 800-531-5900 Free continental breakfast and high-speed Internet access. Newly renovated.	122	H	O			K7
LA QUINTA INN ALAMODOME SOUTH 3180 Goliad Rd., 800-367-4667 Free continental breakfast and free high-speed Internet.	115	H	O		\$\$\$	M7
LAMBERMONT PRIVATE HOTEL AND EVENTS 950 E. Grayson, 210-271-9145 Lambermont is a private event/hotel where your event will be as unique as you are.	4	B				L/M5
MI CASA INN & SUITES 11591 IH-35 N., 210-654-9111 Near interstate. Microwaves and refrigerators.	88	M	O	B	\$	N3
MICROTEL INN & SUITES N.E. 3911 N. Pan Am Expwy., 866-553-0744 Fitness center, complimentary continental breakfast, free local calls and Wi-Fi.	50	H	O	B	\$\$\$	M5
MOTEL 6 ALAMODOME SOUTH 748 Hot Wells Blvd., 210-533-6667 Bus/truck parking, free wireless Internet and free local calls. Access to major highways.	74	M	O		\$\$\$\$	M7
MOTEL 6 FORT SAM HOUSTON 5522 IH-35 N., 210-661-8791 Free morning coffee. Kids stay free.	154	M	O			N4
MOTEL 6 NORTHEAST 4621 Rittiman Rd., 210-653-8088 Free local calls, cable with HBO, coffee in the morning. Kids stay free.	113	M	O		\$	N4

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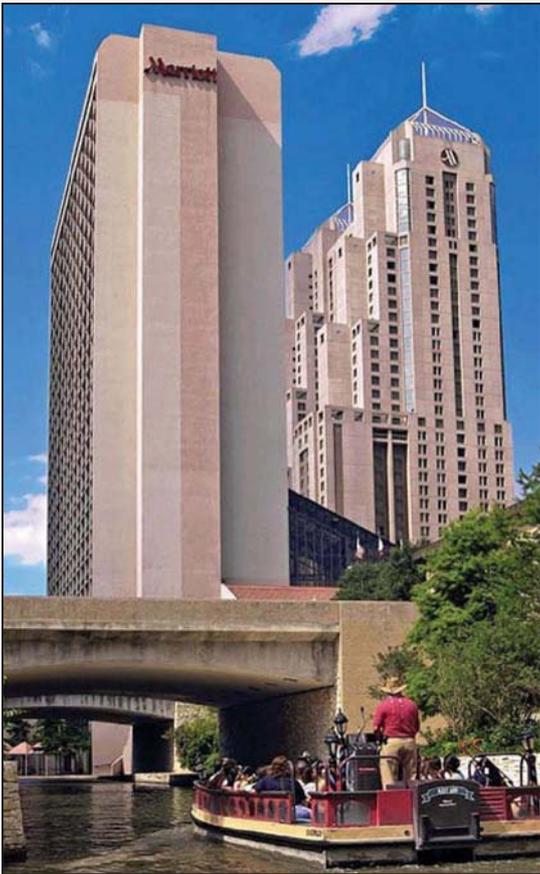
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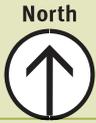


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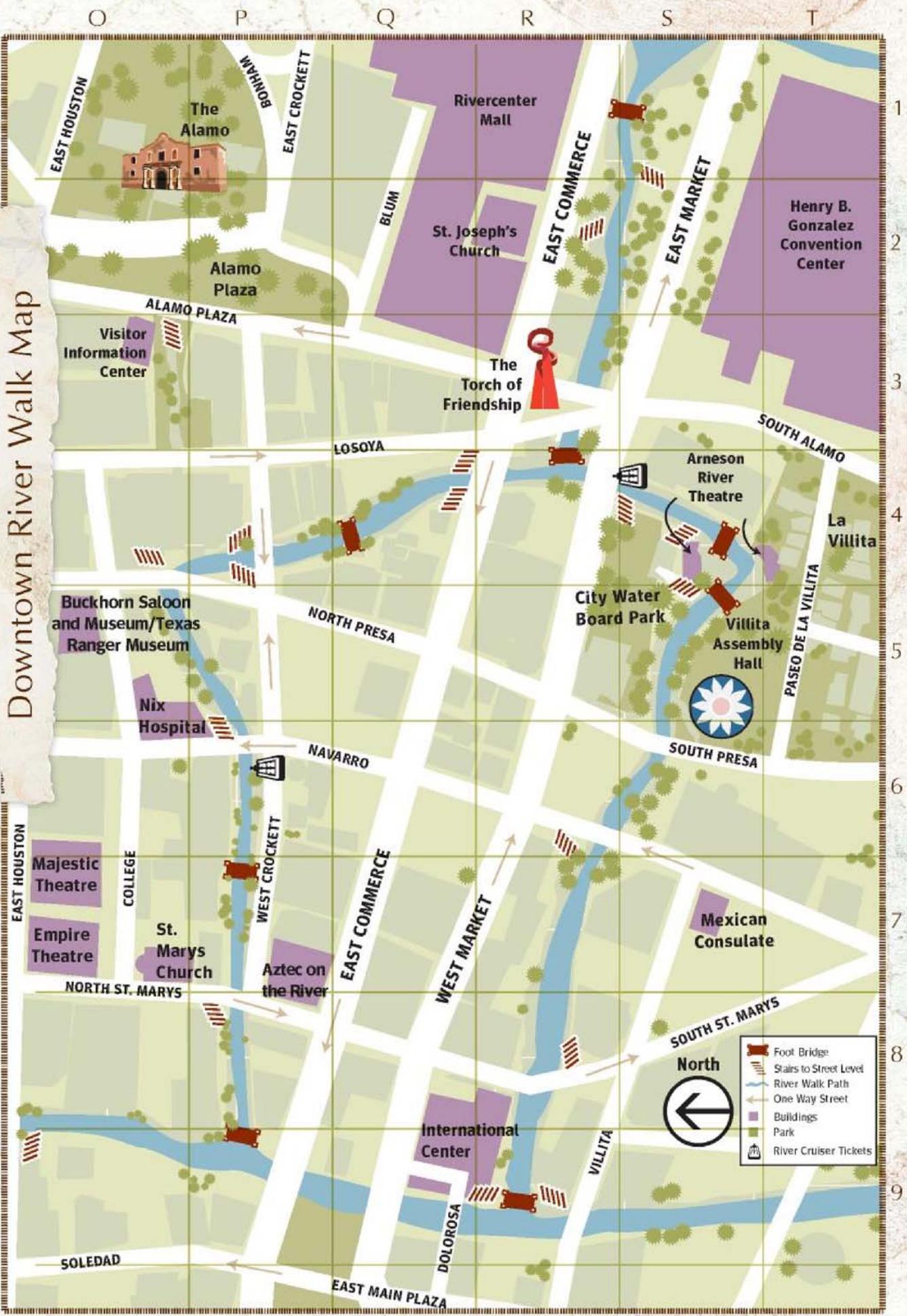


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-  Foot Bridge
-  Stairs to Street Level
-  River Walk Path
-  One Way Street
-  Buildings
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