



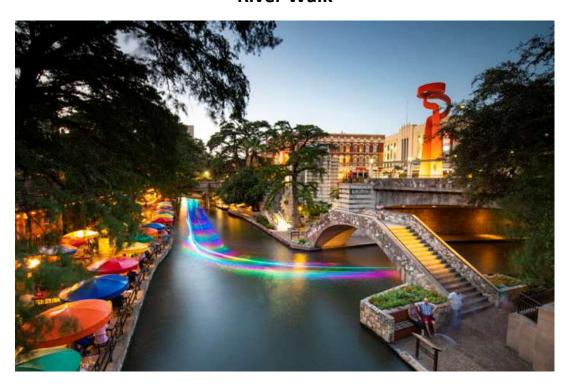




2023 MCG Users Conference – October 17th and 18th Embassy Suites San Antonio Riverwalk Downtown

Things to explore and do in Downtown San Antonio





Sightseeing, shopping, food, and fun. All on a world-renowned 15-mile urban waterway. The River Walk, or Paseo del Rio, is a San Antonio treasure and the largest urban ecosystem in the nation. Tucked quietly below street level and only steps away from the Alamo, it provides a serene and pleasant way to navigate the city. Explore by foot along the river's walking path or jump aboard a river barge for a ride and guided tour. In the heart of downtown, explore nearby attractions like the Alamo, the King William Historic District and more. Or, shop local favorites along the river's Museum Reach at the historic Pearl. While at Pearl, dine and drink al fresco at The Food Hall at Bottling Department. Further south, immerse yourself in history at our UNESCO World Heritage Site, San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, along the Mission Reach. There is so much to do, see, eat and explore along the river. Join us and come see what we mean.

Looking to satisfy your craving for public art? Be sure to visit the <u>River Walk Public Art Garden</u> for a full public art experience, including free-standing sculptures and wall-mounted art installations. <u>Take a self-guided tour</u>

Alamo



Centrally located on Alamo Plaza in downtown San Antonio, lies the Alamo San Antonio. Originally known as Misión San Antonio de Valero, the Alamo, along with San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site – the first and only in Texas. Featuring interactive tours, exhibits, and a Living History encampment where you can experience and learn more about frontier life in early Texas, visit the Alamo to watch demonstrations and get your hands on history. Founded in 1718 as the first mission in San Antonio, the Alamo served as a way station between East Texas and Mexico. In 1836, decades after the mission had closed, approximately 200 Texan defenders held the Alamo from over 2,500 of General Santa Anna's troops from Mexico. For 13 days in 1836, close to 200 Texas defenders held the Alamo from approximately 2,500 of General Santa Anna's troops from Mexico. The most famous of the defenders, William B. Travis, James Bowie, and David Crockett, died fighting overwhelming odds for freedom. "Remember the Alamo!" became a rallying cry for Texans fighting for independence during the Texas Revolution.

Today, visitors are invited to rediscover the gem of Texas history, stroll through the 4.2-acre complex and Alamo Gardens, then head back down to the <u>River Walk</u> for local experiences in dining, shopping, and entertainment. Please note that visits to the Alamo are timed and by reservation only. Guests must purchase tickets online to reserve a date and time to visit prior to coming to the facility.

San Antonio Missions National Historical Park + the Alamo: A UNESCO World Heritage Site



One of the many beautiful aspects of San Antonio Missions National Historical Park is that though it is a site steeped in history, it is still very much a thriving, active community today. Enjoy exploring what is old while discovering what is new. Along with the Alamo and Mission Espada's off-site livestock operation in Floresville, Rancho de las Cabras, San Antonio Missions National Historical Park was named the first World Heritage Site in Texas by the United Nations Organization for Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO), and includes the city's four southernmost Spanish colonial missions — Concepción, San José, San Juan and Espada. In the 18th century, Spanish priests established these five Catholic missions along the San Antonio River to serve as the center of an ethnically diverse society. Today, the missions — walled compounds encompassing a church and buildings where the priests and local Native Americans lived — represent the largest concentration of Spanish colonial missions in North America.

Go Rio San Antonio Cruises



Ride the river and GO RIO! A new experience in water transportation is here. Colorful, new barges ride the river through downtown, while drivers provide narrated tours and point out unique San Antonio landmarks. Also, our shuttle service offers guests pick-ups and drop-offs at several downtown dock locations every hour. Guests can buy individual tickets or charter a tour for a group to enjoy. Private cruises for up to 40 people can also be arranged. Call us at 210-227-GRIO (4746) to learn more.

Historic Market Square



Shops, restaurants, and vibrant surroundings. All at Historic Market Square. A three-block outdoor plaza lined with shops, and restaurants in downtown San Antonio, Historic Market Square is the largest Mexican market in the United States. The "El Mercado" and the "Farmer's Market Plaza" boasts more than 100 locally-owned shops and stalls. Enjoy the sights and flavors of old Mexico and find authentic Talavera pottery, exotic curios, and handcrafted works of art. Stay for the gourmet Mexican cuisine at Mi Tierra and La Margarita, or kick back at the Farmers Market Food Court and enjoy the show on the stage. Don't miss this San Antonio gem. Visit us online and plan your next visit today.

The Saga



This unique video art projection by international artist Xavier de Richemont depicts the historical discovery, settlement and development of San Antonio, our wonderful Lone Star State, and United States history. The Saga projection covers 7,000 square feet of light, color and visual narration projected onto the majestic façade of San Fernando Cathedral- the oldest cathedral in the United States. Through the 24-minute journey, it has become a destination for residents, South Texans, national, and international visitors.

Where: Main Plaza, Home Of San Fernando Cathedral, 115 N. Main Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78205

When: Tuesday 9:00pm, 9:30pm and 10:00pm

Spanish Governor's Palace



A National Historic Landmark. In the heart of downtown. Visit the Spanish Governor's Palace, the last visible trace of the Presidio San Antonio de Bexar and the only remaining example in Texas of an aristocratic 18th-century Spanish Colonial town house. Upon its completion in 1749, the house served as the Commandancia, or residence and working office, of the Captain of the Presidio. Later, it became the home of the Spanish governors who lived in San Antonio. Today, the only building that still stands of the Presidio San Antonio Bexar is the Spanish Governor's Palace. It is one of the oldest residential buildings still standing in Texas. The building is a long one-story, U-shaped stone structure covered in stucco that surrounds a traditional Spanish patio and courtyard. Come visit us and take a step back in time, while appreciating the legacy of San Antonio's early days that still lives on today.

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Dining- Near Embassy Suites

La Panaderia

lapanaderia.com

8305 Broadway St, San Antonio, TX 78209

<u>Pinkerton's Barbecue</u>

pinkertonsbarbecue.com

107 W Houston St, San Antonio, TX 78205

<u>Acenar</u>

acenar.com

146 E Houston St, San Antonio, TX 78205