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San Antonio Romantic Getaway

San Antonio, 3 Days

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Guide Description



AUTHOR NOTE: You don't even need a rental car for this romantic weekend. Stay downtown at The Westin on the River Walk and enjoy the city and all the history it has to offer, while dining at the best romantic restaurants.

Itinerary Overview

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River Walk

Shopping, dining and nightlife on historic River Walk



Fig Tree Restaurant

Opulent dining on the River Walk



Arneson River Theatre

Theater across the river



Swig Martini Bar

Martini and cigar bar



Westin River Walk (The)

Elegant Comfort on the Riverwalk

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Alamo (The)

Historical shrine of Texas' independence



Paesano's River Walk

Italian at its finest



Villita Historic Arts Village (La)

San Antonio's first neighborhood



Little Church (The)

This one is for the pious



HemisFair Urban Park

Downtown park & playground



Tower of the Americas

750-foot tower overlooking downtown San Antonio



Biga on the Banks

San Antonio style



Zinc Champagne & Wine Bar

Beautiful bar with emphasis on wine



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Mi Tierra Cafe

Classic Mexican food and bakery, open 24/7



Market Square

Largest Mexican market outside of Mexico



Boudro's on the Riverwalk

A Texas bistro on the River Walk



Lone Star Carriage Co

Carriage tours



Guenther House (The)

Breakfast with a view



King William Historic District

Shopping and dining in historic residential area



Mission San Jose & Visitor Center

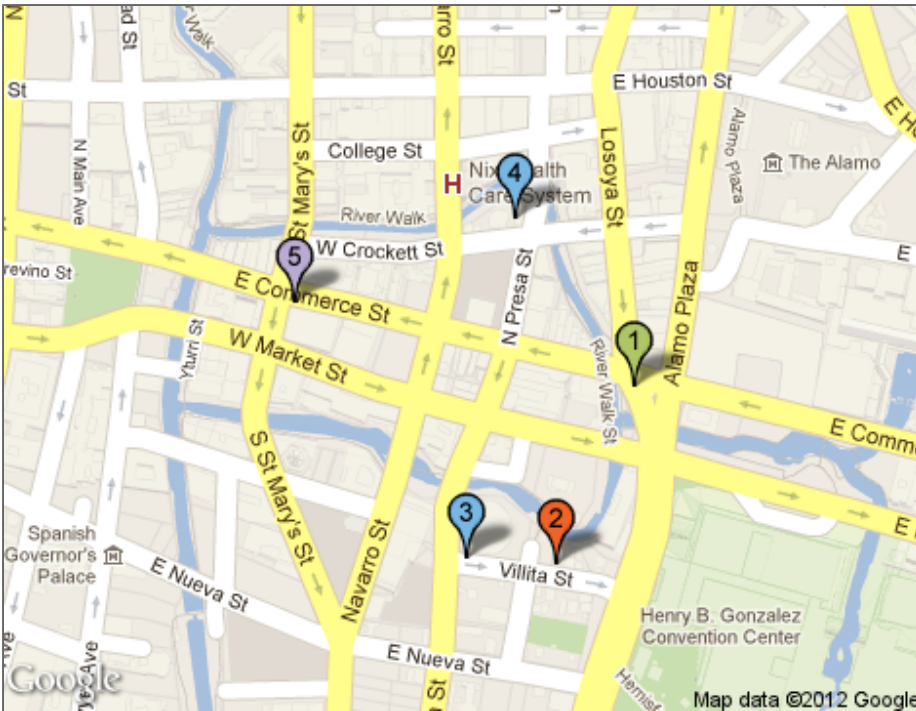
Queen of Missions



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The oldest active cathedral in Texas

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location:

454 Losoya
San Antonio TX 78205

1 River Walk

DESCRIPTION: The River Walk is a must-see for any traveler to San Antonio. The River Walk was conceived in 1929. Downtown had serious flooding problems, and a 27-year-old UT architecture graduate named Robert H. Hugman suggested that the city turn the San Antonio River into an asset rather than a hindrance. Hugman's brainchild has since become the essence of the city. Stairways down to the River Walk can be found on street level throughout downtown. Walk down anywhere you like, and wander and explore the great shops, galleries, restaurants and sights. To get the full story on the



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history of the River Walk, take the Rio San Antonio river barge cruise for a 45-minute narrated tour. It is well worth the price. For the romantically inclined, there are also dining cruises for two. It's a sight you don't see just anywhere: a couple eating at a finely appointed candle-lit table on a small, flat boat floating down the river. Service is great because the waiter is never more than a few feet away. © NileGuide

contact:

tel: +1 210 224 1976
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<http://www.figtreerestaurant.com/>

location:

515 Villita Street
San Antonio TX 78205

hours:

Daily 6p-11p

2 Fig Tree Restaurant

DESCRIPTION: If you are looking for an upscale dining experience with classic cuisine and a decor to match, look no further. Nothing is taken for chance at this restaurant, which is located on the River Walk in a charming, restored old home in La Villita. The china, silver, table settings and general decor of this restaurant make it an experience in fine dining. The menu consists of entrees such as rack of lamb, chateaubriand and beef Wellington. The Fig Tree also spares no expense on a very well-rounded wine list. © wcities.com



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contact:

tel: 210 212 6771 / 210 207 8610
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location:

418 Villita
San Antonio TX 78205

hours:

6p-midnight Sa, 6p-11p Su-F

3 Arneson River Theatre

DESCRIPTION: Come by for a one-of-a-kind theater-going experience. The Arneson River Theatre is located on the southern side of River San Antonio. Watch all the events from the other side of the river, where the auditorium is situated. Made of grassy steps, the auditorium has a capacity of 800-1000 people. Watch out for the periodic concerts, plays, and dance or musical performances. You can also hire the venue to stage a particular performance. Call and fix an appointment, if you want to check details about the venue. There is an additional building available for hosting guests, where alcoholic beverages can be served and sold, only with a proper TABC permit. © wcities.com



Arneson River Theatr

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<http://www.swigmartini.com/>

location:

111 West Crockett Street
#205
San Antonio TX 78205

hours:

Daily 2p-2a

4 Swig Martini Bar

DESCRIPTION: Craving a chocolate martini? Belly up to the bar at the River Walk's nod to retro chic. Single-barrel bourbon, single-malt scotch, and a wide selection of beer and wines fill out the drink menu, but James Bond's preferred poison is always the top seller. Nightly live jazz adds to the pizzazz. The big cigars are the catch (or draw) here. This place was so popular it spurred a national chain. © Frommer's



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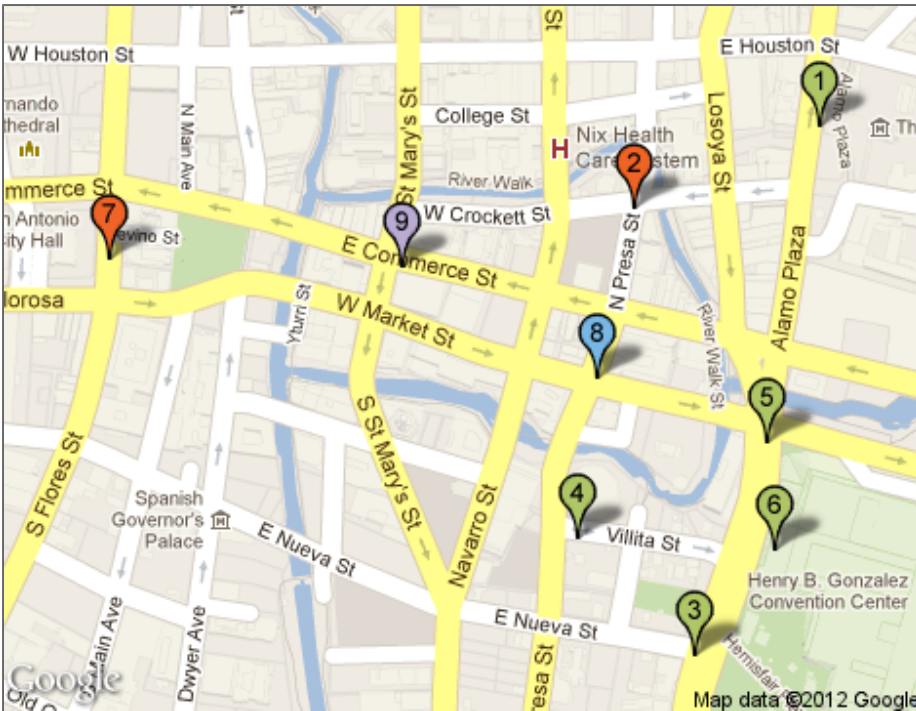
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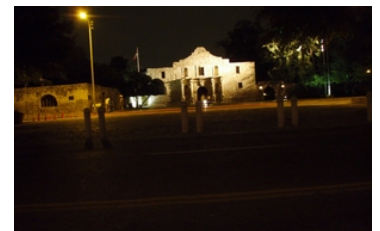
300 Alamo Plaza
San Antonio TX 78205

hours:

9a-5:30p Mon-Sat; 10a-5:30p
Sun

1 Alamo (The)

DESCRIPTION: Originally the Mission San Antonio del Valero, the Alamo is by far the most famous historical site in Texas, playing a significant role in Texas' quest for independence from Mexico. Under the command of Col. William Travis, 189 Texan soldiers bravely defended this fort for 13 days before finally succumbing to Santa Anna's massive Mexican army in early 1836. The chapel and the Long Barrack are all that remain of the fort. Saved from civilian apathy by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, the mission is now a museum containing relics from the era. Texans take the Alamo very seriously. Silence, or at least a hushed tone of voice, is insisted upon both



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in the chapel and on the grounds. Narrated tours are available. Admission is free, but donations are encouraged. © wcities.com

contact:

tel: 210 227 2782
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<http://www.paesanoriverwalk.com>

location:

111 W Crocket St
San Antonio TX 78205

hours:

11a-11p daily

2 Paesano's River Walk

DESCRIPTION: This River Walk incarnation of a longtime San Antonio favorite relinquished its old Chianti bottle-kitsch decor for a soaring ceiling, lots of inscrutable contemporary art, and a more up-to-date menu. But the one thing the restaurant couldn't give up, at the risk of a local insurrection, was the signature shrimp Paesano's. The crispy crustaceans are as good as their devotees claim, as are the reasonably priced pizzas, including the one topped with grilled chicken, artichokes, basil pesto, and feta cheese. Other good values are the hearty southern Italian staples such as lasagna with meat sauce. Standouts among the pricier entrees include the grilled pork chops with potato gnocchi, as well as the veal Francesa. Locals tend to go to the newer -- and somewhat quieter -- Paesano's, across from the Quarry Golf Club, at 555 Basse Rd., Ste. 100 (tel. **210/828-5191**). © Frommer's



Paesano's River Walk

contact:

tel: 210-207-8610
fax: 210-207-4390
<http://www.lavillita.com>

location:

South Alamo at Nueva
San Antonio TX 78205

3 Villita Historic Arts Village (La)

DESCRIPTION: La Villita means "Little Village" and it is the original home of the first settlers of San Antonio. Today, people visit La Villita for its quaint cobblestone paths, art galleries, and history. It is located on the south bank of the San Antonio River and hosts many outdoor festivals and events with live music and dancing, especially in the springtime. Don't miss a weekend dance performance of Ballet Folklorico at The Arneson River Theater, an amphitheater in La Villita, with the stage located across the San Antonio River. The Little Church, built in 1879, features a gorgeous stained-glass cross along the back wall. It's now an active non-denominational church that is also available for weddings and other events. © NileGuide



Villita Historic Arts Village

contact:

tel: (210) 226 3593
<http://www.lavillita.com/church/>

location:

418 Villita Street
San Antonio TX 78205

4 Little Church (The)

DESCRIPTION: Established on March 2, 1879, this church forms an integral part of the history of La Villita. No particular denomination met here consistently, but it continues to exist, and is the favorite local wedding venue. The church also supports and hosts the Starving Artist Art Gallery's annual show. © wcities.com

contact:
tel: (210) 207 8572

location:
200 South Alamo St
San Antonio TX 78205

hours:
Dawn-dusk daily.

5 HemisFair Urban Park

DESCRIPTION: Originally created as the grounds for the 1968 Worlds Fair, this park is a favorite of locals and visitors alike. Stroll through the park's 12 acres of fountains, pools, and beautifully landscaped grounds or cavort on the Downtown All Around Playground. Built entirely by volunteers, this playground features wooden play areas designed by kids, including a space tunnel and a castle— perfect for letting little imaginations run wild. Also located on the park grounds are the Institute of Texan Cultures and the Tower of the Americas. © wcities.com



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contact:
tel: 210-207-8615
<http://toweroftheamericas.com>

location:
600 Hemisfair Park
San Antonio TX 78205

hours:
Sun-Thurs 10am-10pm; Fri-Sat 10-11pm

6 Tower of the Americas

DESCRIPTION: Built for the 1968 World's Fair, the 750-foot Tower of the Americas is now a multifaceted tourist attraction, with an upscale bar, two restaurants, an observation deck, and a movie theater. Instead of paying \$10.95 for a ticket to the observation deck at the top of the tower, you may want to apply that money toward lunch or dinner at the Chart House restaurant or drinks at the bar (the ride is free for restaurant and bar customers). The top of the tower slowly rotates for an ever-changing view. Check out the Tower of the Americas Plaza, at street level, during the summer. Every Friday night from 7 p.m. to midnight, there are live music performances, car shows, and other free events. © NileGuide



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contact:
tel: 210 225-0722
www.biga.com

location:
203 S. St. Mary's St.
San Antonio TX 78205

hours:
Sun-Thurs 5:30-10pm; Fri-Sat 5:30-11pm

7 Biga on the Banks

DESCRIPTION: Bruce Auden's award-winning Biga on the Banks is located in a spectacular setting in downtown San Antonio's modern International Center. Overlooking a romantic tree-canopied bend in the river, the historic and the new find common ground in Biga's dynamic re-emergence with ultra contemporary cuisine propelling San Antonio's recent ascent to a new level of River Walk dining. Gourmet Magazine named Biga one of the five best restaurants in Texas. Fine dining has never meant "fussy" to Chef Auden. Biga's ambiance is casual and relaxed - San Antonio style. Auden's celebrated culinary background, coupled with creative and energetic design, has marked Biga on the Banks as one of Texas' truly outstanding restaurants.



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contact:
tel: 210 224 2900 / 210 224 1313
<http://www.zincwine.com>

location:
207 North Presa Street
San Antonio TX 78205

hours:

8 Zinc Champagne & Wine Bar

DESCRIPTION: This bar pours more than 40 varieties of wine available by the glass, including more than five varieties of champagne. If none of those suit you, partake of any one of the numerous brandies or liqueurs, or enjoy a premium mixed drink from the fully stocked bar. Beautiful but small, Zinc has almost an elitist, yet friendly, feel; it is as if you have discovered the clique and have been welcomed. The crowds are small, even



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M-Fr 1p-2a; Sa-Sun 3p-2a

though it is just one block off the beaten path from River Walk.
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<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/westin/property/features/index.html>

location:

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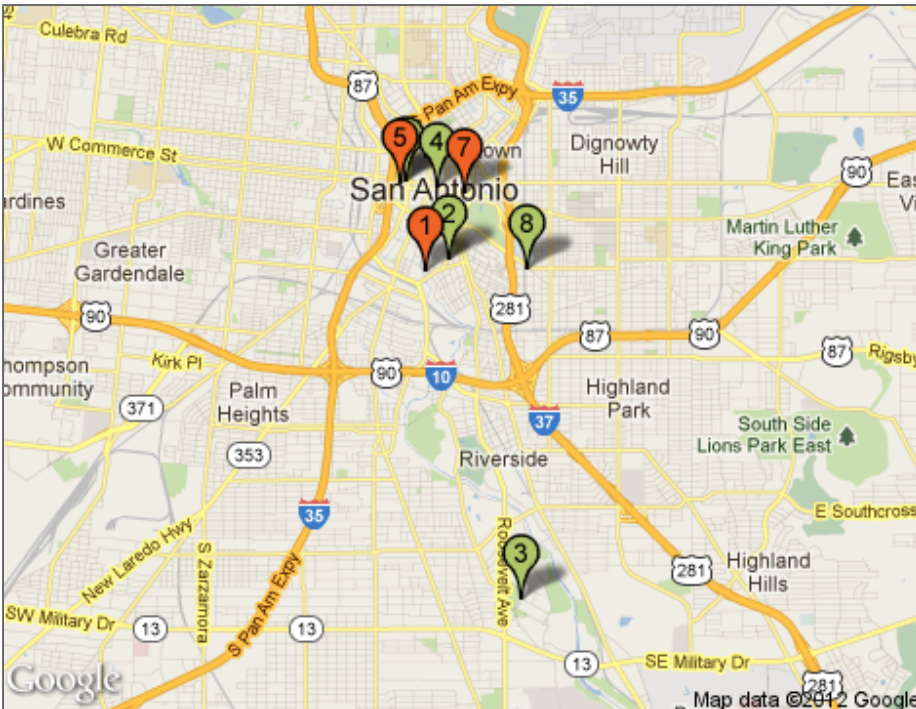
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San Antonio TX 78204

hours:

Store: M-Sa 8a-4p; Su 8a-3p;
Restaurant: M-Sa 7a-3p; Su 7a-3p

1 Guenther House (The)

DESCRIPTION: The Guenther House makes its home in an elegant historic mansion on the property of Pioneer Flour Mills in the historic King William area on an undeveloped part of the San Antonio River. From its not-so-humble beginnings as the home of Carl Hilmer Guenther in 1860, it has been restored into one of the more unique dining experiences in the city. The breakfast menu (served all day) offers Southern Sweet Cream Waffles and breakfast tacos, among other items. At lunch, choose from such entries as Champagne Chicken Enchiladas and Pioneer Taco Salad. © wcities.com



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<http://www.kingwilliamassociation.org/>

location:

1032 South Alamo Street
San Antonio TX 78210

2 King William Historic District

DESCRIPTION: Located just south of the downtown area, the King William Historic District is a residential area that was settled by German immigrants in the 1860s and named for Kaiser Wilhelm, King of Prussia during the 1870s. Many of the immigrants were talented stonemasons, and their handiwork is still visible on many of the homes. The early residents of the houses were major players in San Antonio's business community, including lumberyard owners, architects, doctors and other professionals. Visitors flock to the area to admire the large, impressive houses and walk along the pecan- and cypress-shaded streets. The district has evolved into a hip and artsy area, boasting bed and breakfasts, art galleries and quaint cafes. © NileGuide



King William Historic District

contact:

tel: 210-932-1001 /
210-534-8833 (Visitor Center)
fax: 210-534-1106 (Visitor Center)
http://www.nps.gov/saan/plan_yourvisit/sanjose.htm

location:

6701 San Jose Drive
San Antonio TX 78214

3 Mission San Jose & Visitor Center

DESCRIPTION: Mission San Jose, located at the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, was founded in 1720 by Father Antonio Margil de Jesus. If you only have time to visit one of the San Antonio Missions, the "Queen of the Missions" is the one to see. It is the largest of the five missions and the most fully restored. The mission was a church-focused community, where Spanish missionaries and their Native American converts lived during the 1700s and 1800s. In its heyday, in the late 1700s, 350 Native Americans lived on the property and tended crops and livestock. The site's bounty made it the subject of frequent attacks by Apaches and Comanches. While they succeeded in stealing livestock, which was kept outside the compound, the raiders could not get past the formidable defenses of the mission itself. Free ranger-guided tours last 45 to 60 minutes and are available periodically throughout the day. The mission remains an active church, and visitors are permitted to attend the Sunday mass. © NileGuide



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contact:

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location:

115 Main Plaza
San Antonio TX 78205

hours:

Daily 6am-7pm; gift shop
Mon-Fri 9am-4:30pm, Sat
until 5pm

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San Fernando Cathedral

DESCRIPTION: The San Fernando Cathedral was founded in 1731 and is the oldest active cathedral in Texas. Fifteen families from the Canary Islands were the church's first members. They were a part of King Phillip's efforts to colonize the area and claim it for Spain before the French could gain a foothold in the region. Considered one of the most historically significant churches in the U.S., it has been visited by a number of dignitaries throughout its long history, including President Lyndon Baines Johnson in 1966 and Pope John Paul II in 1987. Located midway between the city center and the Market Square, the cathedral welcomes up to 5,000 people for weekend masses. © NileGuide



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contact:

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<http://www.mitierracafe.com>

location:

218 Produce Row
San Antonio TX 78207

hours:

24 hours daily

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Mi Tierra Cafe

DESCRIPTION: Located in Market Square, this San Antonio oldie-but-goodie has been a favorite of both locals and tourists since 1946. The Mexican specialties such as Chile Rellenos, Huevos Rancheros and the huge combination platters are excellent, and the atmosphere truly takes you south of the border. Nowhere else will you be serenaded by mariachis while enjoying chorizo and eggs or an eight-ounce rib eye. But be sure to have a tip ready for the entertainers; they want to enjoy a meal later as well. Finally, do not miss the panaderia (bakery) for fresh breakfast pastries, Mexican breads and sweet rolls. © wcities.com



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contact:

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<http://www.sanantonio.gov/marketsquare/default.aspx>

location:

514 West Commerce St.
San Antonio TX 78207

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Market Square

DESCRIPTION: A vibrant cultural and business center since the 1820s, Market Square is the scene of festivals and outdoor events year-round. Market Square is at its best in April, during the city-wide Fiesta celebration. The rest of the year visitors will find great Mexican restaurants, traditional Mexican handicrafts and an indoor shopping center where you are sure to find the perfect souvenir to commemorate your trip. Museo Alameda, which is affiliated with The Smithsonian, features exhibits of work by Latino artists. The square is located just west of the city center and walking distance from most downtown hotels. © NileGuide



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contact:

tel: +1 210 224 8484
<http://www.boudros.com>

location:

421 East Commerce St
San Antonio TX 78205

hours:

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Boudro's on the Riverwalk

DESCRIPTION: Steaks, seafood and Southwestern specialties from deep in the "haute" of Texas. Located on San Antonio's famous River Walk, Boudro's is often the restaurant for spotting visiting celebrities. Don't miss the fresh Guacamole (made tableside), the Prickly Pear Margaritas or the blackened Prime Rib. And be sure to dine with friends so you can order one of every dessert to share. Boudro's is a favorite among locals and



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Su-Th 11a-11p; F-Sa 11-midnight

tourists alike and books quickly. Dining is available indoors, riverside, and on river barges with advance reservations. Handicapped access is available through a street-level elevator. © wcities.com

contact:

tel: (210) 533-3977
<http://www.lonestarcarriage.net/>

location:

302 Iowa St
San Antonio TX 78210-1746



Lone Star Carriage Co

DESCRIPTION: Lonestar Carriage offers carriage rides for all special occasions, and limos for large groups. They can provide custom decorations and lights or even 'Just Married' signs to suit your needs. The drivers will cater to your every whim including providing you with historical tidbits at points of interest throughout the city. Their goal is to spread their love of horses and beautiful San Antonio to others. They also buy, sell and trade horses and carriages.

contact:

tel: 210 271 7791

fax: 210 653 3759

<http://www.alamostreetrestaurantandtheatre.com/>

location:

1150 South Alamo Street
San Antonio TX 78210

hours:

11a-2p M-F, 5p-11p F,
11a-11p Sa, 11a-3p Su

1 Church Bistro and Theatre

DESCRIPTION: This theater, located in the historic King William district, has an interesting history dating back to 1912. Back then, it housed the Alamo Methodist Church for more than five decades. It was later purchased by Bill and Marcie Larsen. Renovations followed transforming the brick construction into the beautiful Alamo Street Theatre. Of course, some of the architectural delights like the stained glass windows were maintained. This structure is listed in the National Registry of Historic Buildings. Now, it has been renamed as Church Bistro & Theatre. Plays here are hosted by various companies and are based on melodramas, musicals, mysteries and comedies. An in-house restaurant serves a delicious buffet. Reservations are required for the show, as well as the buffet. © wcities.com



Church Bistro and Theatre

contact:

tel: (210) 207 3250 / (210)

207 3097

<http://www.sabot.org>

location:

555 Funston
San Antonio TX 78209

hours:

9a-5p daily

2 San Antonio Botanical Garden

DESCRIPTION: Take a relaxing stroll through the beautiful gardens of native Texas plants and flowers. If you want a special treat, plan to have lunch at the Carriage House Bistro on site and dine outside on the patio. For a scenic trip to the gardens, hop onto the VIA Sightseer bus #7. It is only \$1 and it will take you right to the front door! © NileGuide



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contact:

tel: 210 472-2600

www.Bohanans.com

location:

219 East Houston Street
San Antonio TX 78205

3 Bohanan's Prime Steaks and Seafood

DESCRIPTION: Executive chef and owner Mark Bohanan personally invites you to his life-long dream - Bohanan's Prime Steaks and Seafood. Bohanan's offers only prime grade, center-cut Aberdeen Angus beef with exclusive selections of ultra-marbled Japanese Akaushi beef. Over 35 varieties of succulent seafood which is day-boat caught and flown directly to the restaurant. This exclusive establishment is a playground for cattle barons, captains of industries, and athletes of all venues. Bohanan's is conveniently located in the heart of downtown San Antonio's historic theatre district within walking distance of the famous River Walk. Sophisticated yet cozy, Bohanan's excels with a AAA Four Diamond award-winning menu and the Wine Spectator's Best of Award of Excellence. The staff sommelier's wine list offers over 700 selections. Famous rolling Cognac cart, with an impeccable array of smooth single malt scotches, and only the finest easy-smoking cigars.



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San Antonio Snapshot

Local Info

San Antonio is a vibrant city that is growing rapidly. The heart of the city's tourism business beats along the River Walk and in the downtown area. Densely packed with hotels, attractions, restaurants and bars, a visitor could conceivably spend their entire trip right here. The area bustles with activity nearly every night of the week and almost all year long, with locals and tourists alike enjoying mouth-watering cuisine at Boudro's or Paesano's River Walk, singing their hearts out at Howl at the Moon, or dancing the night away at Polly Esther's. Not your average tourist trap, the River Walk entices many locals to brave the crowds and enjoy their city.

King William/Southtown

If San Antonio gets funky, this is where it happens. Once primarily residential and neglected, the area has seen a resurgence of interest and an infusion of capital. Urban professionals are snatching up historical homes and refurbishing them, entrepreneurs are launching hip new businesses, and the locals are taking notice. Wander just a few blocks from downtown and discover Espuma Tea & Coffee Emporium and Rosario's. If you can, check out the area during a First Friday celebration. This community-wide celebration held the first Friday of each month draws crowds from all over the city

for art openings, theater productions, dining and shopping.

Alamo Heights

One of the original suburbs of San Antonio, Alamo Heights harbors some of the city's finest dining establishments and upscale shopping opportunities. And with good reason, as a huge portion of the city's wealth resides in this neighborhood. For dinner, locals flock to Paloma Blanca or Cappy's. Beer and pool preside at the Broadway 50/50. For a gift for that special someone, you can't go wrong at Sloan-Hall. At Twin Sisters, pull up a chair and get your daily dose of neighborhood gossip over breakfast or lunch.

Monte Vista/Olmos Park

Neighboring Alamo Heights, this area is home to some of the most exquisite mansions in the city. At the very least it is worth driving through just to gawk. You will find some wonderful neighborhood secrets, such as the thick chocolate shakes at Olmos Pharmacy or superb take-out at WD Deli.

North East/North Central

Shopping centers, housing developments and highways are popping up all over North East and North Central San Antonio as many new residents move in, both from out of town and from within the city's more central neighborhoods. This kind of rapid

growth seems to require predictability, as is evidenced in the plethora of restaurant and shopping chains. If you want to shop at Old Navy, use the phone book. Otherwise, be a rebel and shop at a place like James Avery Craftsman. Likewise with dining, enjoy the down home cooking at Casey's Bar-B-Q.

Northwest/Medical Center

The medical industry is big business in San Antonio, so this area continues to grow at a steady pace. Sort of a hodgepodge of strip shopping centers, restaurants, residences and office complexes, the atmosphere of the neighborhood seems a bit disjointed. Still, you can find great dining at Jacala Mexican Restaurant, Texas Land & Cattle Steak House and Bob's Smokehouse. Shopping is somewhat limited to chain stores. For a fun night out in this part of town, you can't beat the Fox & Hound English Pub & Grille.

Far Northwest

When big money folks are tired of paying city taxes, they flee outside the city limits. Locals that feel the need to escape the city head out this way to dine at Rudy's BBQ and then dance the night away at Leon Springs Dance Hall. The next day, shop at all the antique stores in Boerne or spend the day at Six Flags Fiesta Texas or Sea World.

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