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SAN ANTONIO POINTS OF INTEREST

We are proud of San Antonio, and hope you enjoy exploring the city as much as we enjoy living here. Believe it or not, the following is just a partial list of all the things to see and do in the Alamo City! Distances are measured from the Crockett Hotel.

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HISTORIC SITES

The Alamo

Distance: Across the street

The Alamo is the symbol of Texas independence. A small band of Texians held off the much larger army of Mexican General Antonio L-pez de Santa Anna here for 13 days, before being defeated and killed on March 6, 1836. News of their deaths inspired Texian soldiers under the leadership of Sam Houston to defeat Santa Anna and win independence a little more than a month later, April 21, 1836, at San Jacinto.

The Mission Trail

Distance: Extends south of downtown San Antonio
More than 100 years before Texas won its independence, the region consisted of a trail of Franciscan and Spanish missions along the San Antonio River, from which small communities sprung. Today you can tour four of missions founded between 1720 and 1731.

SHOPPING

Rivercenter Mall

Distance: Across the street

With over 60 stores and 20 places to eat, RiverCenter Mall is the gateway to the River Walk, where you can board a boat for the river tour or simply stroll its banks.

North Star Mall

Distance: 7 miles north

Over 200 stores and restaurants make the North Star Mall internationally famous, along with the largest cowboy boots in the world!

Shops at La Cantera

Distance: 12 miles north

Tiffany's, Nordstrom, Apple Store and some 100 other upscale establishments give this open air marketplace a sophisticated atmosphere for today's shoppers.

San Marcos Outlet Mall

Distance: 45 minutes northeast

This sprawling collection of over 130 outlet and discount shops earned third place on "The View" TV show's list of the best places in the world to shop.

Amusement / Theme Parks

Seaworld

Distance: 20 minutes west

With animal exhibits, rides, exciting shows and educational experiences for all ages, Seaworld is the largest marine-life adventure park in the world,

Six Flags Fiesta Texas

Distance: 20 minutes west

This uniquely Texan park features rides, a boardwalk, award-winning shows and a free water park. No wonder it was voted the top show park in the country!

Splashtown

Distance: 10 minutes east

This water park is made for families, with fun for every age. There are more than 50 rides and attractions.

Schlitterbahn

Distance: 30 minutes northeast in New Braunfels, TX

Schlitterbahn features over three miles of tubing fun and unique water rides and activities. Voted the perennial nation's best water park, it is spring-fed and family friendly.

LOCAL ARTS AND CULTURE

River Walk

Distance: Access is across the street; River Walk extends through downtown San Antonio

Mention San Antonio and every Texan has a memory of the River Walk. It is the top visitor attraction in Texas.

Take the river cruise the orient yourself to all of the shops, restaurants, bistros and excitement you can experience on foot later.

La Villita

Distance: 8 blocks

Shop in San Antonio's original downtown, an arts and crafts community and historic district where artists work amid the shops, restaurants and restored architecture. See the Old San Antonio Exhibit in Bolivar Hall, a display of historic artifacts and art objects. Shops open daily 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Closed holidays.

El Mercado/Market Square

Distance: 1 mile west

"El Mercado" (The Market) is an area of 32 shops resembling an authentic Mexican mercado, with 80 specialty shops in Farmers Market Plaza. Many local events are held here, too, so check the schedule to see what's happening during your visit. Open 10am-8pm, summer; 10am-6pm, winter. Stores closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day and Easter.

The Museo Alameda

Distance: Near El Mercado

Telling the story of the Latino experience in America, this museum is affiliated with the Smithsonian Institute. Open Tuesday through Saturday 10am-6pm (8pm on Wednesday) and Sunday 12pm-6pm. Closed Monday. Admission fee.

Open-Air San Antonio Trolley

Distance: 1 block

A "hop on, hop off" service that helps you get around to all of the points of interest in the heart of the city, the trolley boards within a block of the Crockett. They also offer a formal trolley tour to help acquaint you with the area before setting out on your own.

Wax Museum and Ripley's Believe It Or Not!

Distance: 1 block away on Alamo Plaza

Discover over 500 exhibits of oddities, curiosities, and illusions gathered from around the world by Robert Ripley. This is one of the largest of its kind in the world, and fun for all ages. Open daily.

San Antonio Children's Museum

Distance: 3 blocks

This remarkable museum calls itself the place where children play to learn and adults learn to play. It features exhibits on flight, health, physics and so much more.

HemisFair/Tower of the Americas

Distance: 5 blocks away, just south of the Convention Center

Enjoy a panoramic view of San Antonio and the surrounding Hill Country from the 750-foot Tower of the Americas. The theme structure for HemisFair in 1968, the tower features a glass-walled elevator that takes you over 500 feet to the restaurant and observation level.

McNay Art Museum

Distance: 3 miles

Works by Renoir, Gauguin, Van Gogh, and Georgia O'Keeffe are among the treasures you will see here, in the first museum of modern art in Texas.

San Antonio Museum of Art

Distance: 2 miles

Housed in a former brewery on the banks of the San Antonio River, the museum's collections span 5,000 years of human inspiration and creativity.

King William Historic District

Distance: 1 mile south

Known throughout the country for its restoration of San Antonio's original upscale neighborhood, the King William Historic District is an area where you will enjoy art galleries, restaurants and a thriving commercial corridor known as South Town.

Witte Museum

Distance: 2.5 miles

This museum focuses on science, natural history and culture, and includes exhibit like the HEB Science Treehouse. It is set in the beautiful Brackenridge Park.

San Antonio Zoo

Distance: 2.5 miles

The 56-acre zoo in Brackenridge Park houses and cares for more than 3,500 animals, representing over 750 different species.

Brackenridge Park

Distance: 2.5 miles

In addition to the Zoo and Witte Museum, the park also includes Brackenridge Golf Course and the two-mile miniature zoo train. There are hiking, jogging and cycling paths, picnic spots and outdoor recreation.

CONVENTION, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTING VENUES

Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center

Distance: 3 blocks south of the hotel

San Antonio's convention center has been expanded recently to 1.3 million square feet, offering over 440,000 gross square feet of exhibit space.

Alamodome

Distance: 6 blocks

Adjacent to the Convention Center, the Alamodome is a venue for events of national significance, like the NCAA Final Four and major football bowl games. It is also an active entertainment facility, so check the schedule when you are in town, to find out who is playing.

Majestic Theater

Distance: Just down Houston Street

A vintage Vaudeville theater, the Majestic is a Texas and National Historic Landmark. It has been renovated for the performing arts, and now hosts the San Antonio Symphony and the AT&T Broadway Series

Aztec Theater

Distance: 5 blocks

This 1926 building is known as the last surviving exotic-themed movie palace in Texas. It is an architectural treasure built during the days when movies were shown in grand palace-like theaters, and it has been restored to host special performing arts events throughout the year.

Retama Park

Distance: 15 miles northeast

The park features live American Quarter Horse racing and daily simulcasts of races from other tracks around the nation.

Verizon Amphitheatre

Distance: 15 miles northeast

This outdoor venue plays host to a wide variety of concerts and shows featuring national touring acts.

AT&T Center

Distance: 4 miles east

The San Antonio Spurs of the NBA, the San Antonio Silver Stars of the WNBA, and the San Antonio Rampage of the AHL keep the AT&T Center packed with fans all year long. The San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo is held here in February, as well.

MILITARY BASES

Numerous military bases, training facilities and medical centers combine to build San Antonio's reputation as "Military City USA:

Fort Sam Houston (U.S. Army): 3 miles NE

Brooke Army Medical Center: 4 miles NE

Lackland Air Force Base: 8 miles SW

Randolph Air Force Base: 10 miles NE

Camp Bullis Training Center (U.S. Army): 15 miles N

Kelly Air Force Base: 8 miles SW

Brooks City-Base (U.S. Air Force): 6 miles S

GOLF

We can arrange golf outings at many of San Antonio's wide variety of courses, which include:

Brackenridge Golf Course: 2.5 miles

The Pecan Valley Golf Course: 6 miles

The Republic Golf Course: 6 miles

The Quarry Golf Course: 5 miles

SilverHorn Golf Course: 10 miles

Canyon Springs Golf Course: 15 miles

La Cantera Golf Course: 15 miles

Hyatt Hill Country: 15 miles