

# San Antonio Attractions

San Antonio is known for its remarkable history, thriving culture, eclectic art community, and vibrant tourism opportunities. In the early 1920's the city of San Antonio began to realize the potential of the city to serve as a major tourism destination. Featuring such areas as the Tower of the Americas, River Walk, Alamo Dome, and many award winning restaurants and resorts, the city has become one of the top tourism destinations in the country, drawing visitors from all over the world.

In 1924 the San Antonio Conservation Society was founded, and it began to restore the now-famous River Walk area. Sidewalks and stairs were constructed along the river, and cedar trees were planted near the banks. Today the cedars tower over visitors as they follow the curving paths and enjoy smells and tastes of delicious Mexican food prepared in the numerous restaurants. For a fun meal with a twist, sign up for a river cruise and you can cruise along the winding river, enjoy a delicious meal on the boat, and listen as a guide describes San Antonio's rich history. The River Walk is only one activity for visitors to enjoy once they arrive to the city.

Boasting famous local artists and chefs, the city of San Antonio provides a diverse art community where people can find art galleries and fabulous restaurants tucked into the corners of historic Spanish buildings around the city. San Antonio is a city of rich history, with a strong Hispanic culture, which is reflected in the art, architecture and food of the city.

The Tower of the America's was built for the Hemisfair in the 1960's, and at the time it was the tallest observation tower in the country. The restaurant at the top of the Tower provides a luxurious dining experience as well as a beautiful 360 degree view of

the city from high in the air. What makes this restaurant so unique is not simply the height, but the fact that it actually spins!

Once you arrive in San Antonio it is easy to find something to keep you entertained. The hustle and bustle of the city can be a little overwhelming at times, so people are encouraged to take a short drive out of the heart of the city to one of the many golf courses, hill country restaurants, or spas. Rich in history and culture, San Antonio has evolved into a top destination choice for many visitors, with something unique for everyone.

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