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# Greetings & Happy Holidays!

## from Downtown SAN ANTONIO

We hope you are enjoying the River Walk during this beautiful season with the many colorful lights reflecting on the river. The City of San Antonio has a wonderful partnership with the Paseo del Rio Association in providing you the lighting of the River Walk. During this season, please be sure to stop by historic La Villita and Market Square where I am sure you will find great eats and shopping . . . maybe even get a few holiday gifts off the list early.


As we wrap up the year, the City has already begun to prepare for a number of capital improvements that

are planned for the River Walk over the next twelve months. These improvements will address safety and pedestrian access as well as enhance beautification throughout the historic river bend.

We have a lot more planned for the coming year. Again, Happy Holidays from downtown San Antonio. Be safe!

Paula Stallcup  
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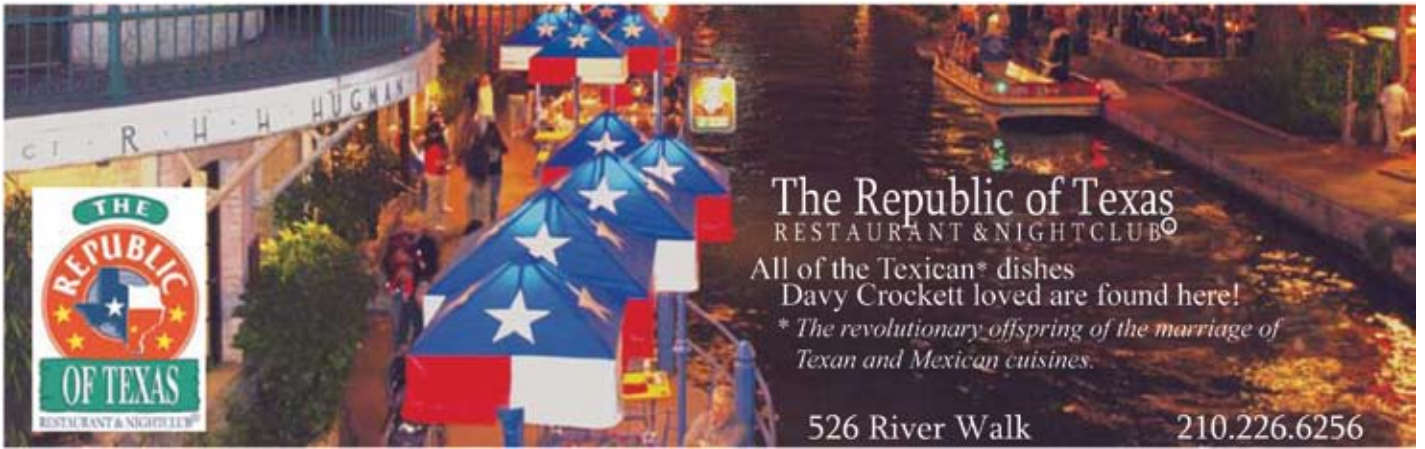
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# welcome

Well the Christmas season is officially here after another successful Holiday River Parade! With the flip of a switch the stage has been set for a wonderful Holiday Season.

We couldn't have done it without the support and dedication of our Sponsors, Volunteers, and River Walk Operators. Their efforts are a shining example of the San Antonio Spirit! We hope while on the River Walk you are able to stop in and enjoy what each and every one of them has to offer.

While dining on the River Walk or taking a casual stroll, take a moment to soak up the atmosphere- the lights in the trees, the cheerful caroling of the choirs participating in the Ford Holiday Caroling, and the beautiful lights of the Ford Luminarias. Stop by Starbucks for a Hot Chocolate, or the Original Mexican Restaurant for a slice of their famous Kangaroo Court Cheesecake.

Make this Holiday Season a memorable one for your friends and family. This Christmas, our River Walk is your River Walk!

We hope you enjoy the River Walk this Holiday Season, and all year long! And remember, if there is any way we may be of service to you please call one of our courteous staff members as we are here to serve you.

We hope to see you on the Rio!

*Greg Gallaspy*



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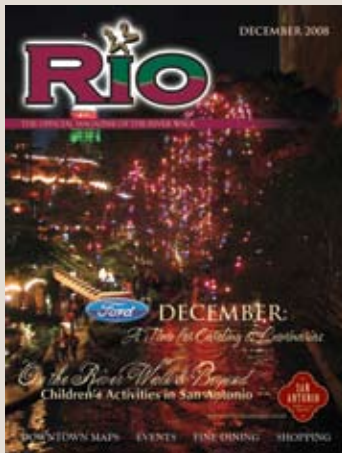
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# December

## Calendar of Events

### music

**Dec 1<sup>st</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup>: Mariachi Vargas-** River Walk-The 14th Annual Mariachi Vargas Extravaganza is a week-long mariachi music festival that attracts thousands to San Antonio for what is the largest and longest running Latin music event of its kind in Texas. The extravaganza includes a mariachi-inspired art exhibit, student mariachi serenades on the River Walk, workshops, mariachi group and vocal competitions and culminates with a concert featuring the world renowned Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán. [www.mariachimusic.com](http://www.mariachimusic.com)

**Dec 12<sup>th</sup> : AC/DC- AT&T Center-** The wait is over! The worldwide tour-the band's first since 2001 - promotes AC/DC's latest studio album: Black Ice. Black Ice will be released on October 20th. (210) 224-9600 [www.sbcenter.net](http://www.sbcenter.net)

**Dec 19<sup>th</sup>- Dec 21<sup>st</sup>: Holiday Pops-** Majestic Theatre-Celebrate this holiday season by joining the San Antonio Symphony, Children's Chorus of San Antonio and other guest artists for a fun-filled program of singing, dancing and holiday cheer with your world-class orchestra. Program will feature traditional holiday songs and a sing-along for the audience. (210) 554-1000 [www.majesticempire.com](http://www.majesticempire.com)

### festivals & events

**Dec 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>- Ford Fiesta de las Luminarias-** Along the River Walk-Experience the Holiday serenity of the River Walk as you stroll along the lush banks of the San Antonio River guided by more than 2,500 luminarias. Warmly glowing candles in sand filled bags line the walkways to symbolically mark the way for the Holy Family. (210) 227-4262 [www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com](http://www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com)

**Dec 6<sup>th</sup> : San Antonio Botanical Garden Family Day-** Fun-filled day of holiday related activities. (210) 207-3250 [www.sabot.org](http://www.sabot.org)

**Dec 6<sup>th</sup>: Kristkindmarkt- Beethoven Maennerchor-** A traditional German Christmas outdoor market with hand crafted gifts, clothing, crafts, jewelry, florals, arrangements, decorations, gingerbread houses, pottery, baskets, ornaments, quilts, quillows & more. Come savor and enjoy the German Christmas atmosphere, foods, beverages, music, entertainment, shopping. Free Admission. (210) 222-1521 <http://www.beethovenmaennerchor.com/kristkindmarkt.htm>

**Dec 27<sup>th</sup> : Houston Street Fair & Market-** One-day event that takes place monthly and offers San Antonians and their families a place to come together and have fun. The fair features rides, face painting, storytelling, handmade art and crafts by local artists, drinks, food and more. Free. (210) 841-3217 [www.houstonstreetfairandmarket.com](http://www.houstonstreetfairandmarket.com)

**Dec 31<sup>st</sup>: Celebrate San Antonio- HemisFair Park Arch Plaza-** Ring in the New Year San Antonio style! Enjoy spectacular fireworks, live music on multiple stages, food booths, family activities and more. On S. Alamo between Durango and Market streets; La Villita and HemisFair Park. (210) 223-3101 [www.saparksfoundation.org](http://www.saparksfoundation.org)

**Dec 31<sup>st</sup> : New Year's Eve Package- Hyatt Regency Hotel-** Package includes- Deluxe overnight accommodations, two tickets to the New Years Eve event, Live entertainment

### 2008 FORD HOLIDAY BOAT CAROLING

Joyous caroling fills the evening air along the San Antonio River Walk as more than 185 school, church, company, and civic choral groups ring in the holidays by singing traditional carols on cruising boats. The eclectic mix of participants includes bell choirs, folk groups, Latino ensembles, and hearing impaired performers. Join visitors from around the world in impromptu sing-a-longs from the patios of River Walk restaurants. 6:30pm-9:00pm nightly.

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### theatre & dance

**Dec 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> : UTSA's Institute of Texan Cultures-** The exhibit floor will come alive with twinkling lights and Christmas trees adorned with historic photos from San Antonio holidays' past. The themes of the holiday photographs are Winter, Family, the Joske's department store, Traditions and Children and Santas. [www.TexanCultures.com](http://www.TexanCultures.com)

### museums & exhibitions

**Dec 6<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> : Santa's Railroad Wonderland-** Texas Transportation Museum- An extravaganza of Christmas activities including nighttime train and hay rides and Choo Choo Claus. The 40 acre Texas Transportation Museum site is decorated, from the historic depot, the trains, the garden railroad, our three other scale model railroad layouts and everything else in between. Bring your camera and make your own Christmas memories. (210) 490-3554 [www.txtransportationmuseum.org](http://www.txtransportationmuseum.org)

**Dec 20<sup>th</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup>: Wild Wild West: The Myth, The Reality-** Witte Museum- The exhibit features Western frontier artifacts from the post Civil War era to the 1920s and focuses on demythologizing the Western pioneer woman and presenting real-life stories of Western heroes, such as Wild Bill Hickock, Sitting Bull and others. (210) 357-1900 [www.wittenmuseum.org](http://www.wittenmuseum.org)

### activities

**Dec 1<sup>st</sup>- 31<sup>st</sup>: "Savor the Flavors of France"-** Omni La Mansion del Rio- Guests of Las Canarias are invited to "savor the flavors of France" for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Guests will also be able to have a Parisian-style getaway

without the usual jetlag with **Omni La Mansion del Rio's French Toast Culinary Package.** The package includes deluxe room accommodations, a French meat and cheese plate with two Brut Champagne bottles upon arrival, a two-hour culinary class including wine pairing, dinner, wine tote, turndown service and French toast breakfast for two on Sunday. (800) 843-6664 [www.omnihotels.com](http://www.omnihotels.com)

**Dec 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>: Fiestas Navideña-Market Square-** Visit Market Square (the nation's largest Mexican market) for Fiestas Navideñas, a holiday celebration throughout December that includes La Gran Posada—San Fernando Cathedral's (the oldest cathedral sanctuary in the U.S.) re-enactment of Mary and Joseph's search for shelter (December, TBD) and the 31st annual blessing of the pets. Market Square is also a great location for authentic Christmas shopping; you'll find indigenous pottery and Mexican jewelry. (210) 207-8600 [www.marketsquaresa.com](http://www.marketsquaresa.com)

**Dec 1<sup>st</sup> -Jan 1<sup>st</sup>: "Holiday Light Tour"-** Alamo Helicopter Tours- Experience the San Antonio River Walk Lights from the skies above! Reserve your tour early. Space is limited. Tours take place between 6pm-8pm nightly. (210) 287-5797 [www.alamohelicoptertours.com](http://www.alamohelicoptertours.com)

**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>: Holiday Story Hour with Santa!** Grand Hyatt Hotel- It will be a winter wonderland as downtown's newest hotel is transformed with holiday decorations and thousands upon thousands of lights. Come and enjoy the 24-foot by 20-foot holiday window display and the impressive three-dimensional chocolate sculpture. Most importantly, listen to the special message from Santa encouraging families to read together during the holidays and all year long. (210) 451-6410

**Dec 27<sup>th</sup> : "The Original" Rudy's Bar-B-Q Pep Rally-** Arneson River Theatre-6:30 p.m.- The Pep Rally is one of the most exciting events of the bowl week. The head coaches, football players, pep bands and cheerleaders of the two universities show their colors as they face off in a spirited pep rally. Don't miss your chance to see the players and pep bands make their grand entrance on boats floating through the river. After the players float through the theatre, the university pep bands will participate in a "Battle of the Bands." Seating is very limited at this first come, first served free, general admission event. If the theatre is full, grab a spot along the River Walk and cheer for the teams and bands as they float past you. (210) 207-3663 [www.valeralamobowl.com](http://www.valeralamobowl.com)

**Dec 29<sup>th</sup>: Valero Alamo Bowl-Alamodome-** Major college football comes to the Alamodome in San Antonio. It features teams from the Big 12 and Big Ten conferences. (210) 207-3663 [www.valeralamobowl.com](http://www.valeralamobowl.com)

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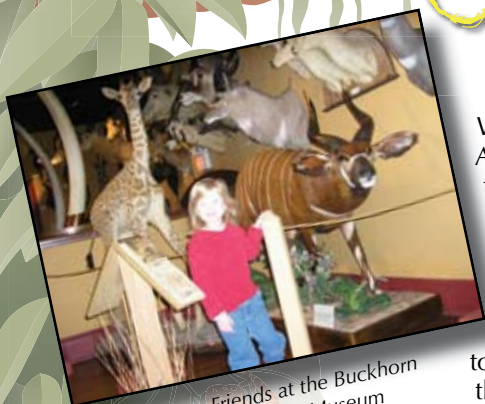
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# On the River Walk and Beyond

## Children's Activities in San Antonio



Furry Friends at the Buckhorn Saloon and Museum

With the holiday break from school, kids are ready for fun. In San Antonio, there are plenty of restaurants and attractions to explore to find food and fun, indoor activities, and places for getting out and about on the River Walk and beyond. Let curiosity lead the way to learn about the city of San Antonio, the state of Texas, and some of the most interesting animals around the world.

Imagine growing tall enough to see the rooftops of buildings. How would the city look? Ride the elevator up to the top levels of the Tower of Americas in Hemisfair Plaza to watch the cars and people on the street as they seem to shrink in size. Bravely step out onto the observation deck to see far and wide across the city, like a bird perched upon a ledge. Everything looks different from atop this tall tower, and audio recordings can begin to tell the story of the mysteries seen. Identify landmarks to learn about how the city was built, building by building, and how it has gotten to be so big that it seems to stretch out to touch the edge of the sky. Inside the Tower of Americas, step into the 4D Ride, a movie showing scenes of life in Texas including a football game and a space shuttle at NASA.

Texas is an exciting frontier, as a visit to the Texas Ranger Museum on Houston Street will confirm. Texas Rangers fought and survived when the state was still considered the Wild West. The museum documents a history of Texas pride and courage, while saloon, printing press and other staged scenes let children re-enact the times and events with their friends and family. Walk to The Buckhorn Saloon, located in the same building, which has two stories of stuffed animals and horn collections that cover the walls, leading from room to room with different themes. The animals range from deer hunting prizes, to cattle horns, to exotic animals from far away places. One room even shows some unusual happenings, such as animals with two heads. For laughs and for some fun prizes, stop by the "World's Oddest Gift Shop" on the first floor.

A Wild Place to Shop and Eat, Rainforest Café along the River Walk surprises kids with animated animals of the tropical rainforest! The Super Kid's Menu is a coloring book with games and Wild Bunch Favorites such as Rainforest Rascals (kid-sized hamburgers), Mini Hot Dogs, and Castaway Kid's Pizza. Python Pasta can come with alfredo or marinara sauce, as well as chicken upon request, as friendly wait staff will happily explain. Rainforest Café is owned and operated by Landry's Restaurants, Inc., while Angelita Salinas, Front of House Manager, takes care of the employees, servers and guests of Rainforest Café in San Antonio to help make it a fun place to work as well as visit. The atmosphere is cheerful, colorful, and exciting, with jungle leaves decorating the tables and surprises popping up at every corner. Large, leafy plants help to set the stage as lights flash, thunder rolls, and gorillas and tigers jump out from hiding with roars. As William O'Haver, Manager, says, "This is definitely a kid's place – the atmosphere: the animals, the thunderstorms...nothing on the River Walk compares to this." Plan a Wild Bunch Birthday Bash, a birthday party at Rainforest Café for ages 10 and under that includes an entrée, desserts, beverage and a goodie bag, as Christina Kiolbassa, Sales Manager, explains. Kids will enjoy when the Safari Guide (server) brings out a dessert called "the volcano," an experience in itself that is certainly unique to Rainforest Café. "Being a parent, you're always looking for new things to do," as Christina Kiolbassa says, "and a birthday or visit to the Rainforest Café is sure to be memorable. . . "We definitely strive to make it very special – personalized," she continues. "We want them to leave having a good time. Whether you come in for dessert or the whole meal – it's an experience!"

A secret that needs to be let out is that Rainforest Café is not just a restaurant; it is also a place where teachers and community groups can take educational tours about







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the rainforest! Rainforest Café even prepares lesson plans for teachers, including activities, crafts, and thought-provoking discussion questions on topics such as the meaning of community and the importance of recycling. Fun facts are illustrated, such as the amount of rainfall in a rainforest in one year. Certificates of achievement and bookmarks are handed out to students, and lunch is included. Rainforest Café tours can even accommodate about 100 kids! Take a field trip in December as a Caribbean Christmas mix plays over the speakers and everyone is in a festive spirit.

Indoor activities continue with the IMAX Theater in Rivercenter Mall. In December, the movie Polar Express will be shown in 3-D! Other 3-D movies that are popular among children include Dinosaurs and Deep Sea, documentaries that are educational and entertaining. While in Rivercenter Mall, check out the shopping, and look for new school and play clothes as well as presents for birthday parties and family. Find some long sleeve shirts, long pants, and closed shoes for planning a trip to go out-and-about across IH-10 to Alamo Karts, a go-kart track of the parent company Alamo PowerSports. Safety is important, and helmets, neck braces, as well as balaclavas, also jokingly referred to as "head socks," for

perspiration will be provided. The go-karts are sturdy, and a six-minute training video is provided to prepare the young drivers. Children must be age 12 and above, and 4'10" or taller in height. Cars go about 15-20 miles per hour down a track that is about 1/3 of a mile, and there are up to eight cars on a track at one time. Each 10 minute session is 14-18 laps, and if a young person discovers a driving talent, he or she can join a racing league!

For a guided tour with a professional driver, try out Rio San Antonio Cruises on the River Walk. No helmet is required for this calm boat ride down the San Antonio River, where kids can learn about the buildings and stories along the River Walk at each bend. Rio Taxi services allow guests to hop on and off of the boats at stops along the River Walk with a Rio Taxi ticket. Travel from restaurant to hotel on Rio Taxi as a fun way to travel in San Antonio. Up in the air, Alamo Helicopter Tours will show the city to children and adults from a helicopter, pointing out different areas of town. The take-off, flight, and landing will be exciting to a child, as the helicopter lifts up, hovers in the air up above the buildings, and safely returns to the ground.

As a teacher or parent, explore exciting places for kids to learn and discover more about the world around them. From up in the air or down on the ground, restaurants, rides, and movies are adventures waiting to happen.

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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, café, and museum – located at 318 E. Houston Street a short two blocks from the Alamo and 50 feet from the Riverwalk. The attraction now offers a new experience with the recent addition of The Texas Ranger Museum – a project in partnership with the Former Texas Ranger Association. Learn about the fascinating story of the world's most famous lawmen. Great lunch specials are available every day in the Saloon Café and don't miss the Buckhorn Curio Store – "The World's Oddest Store." Shooting gallery and arcade for kids of all ages. Group rates available and discounts for AAA, seniors, and military.

**Hours:** 10:00 to 6:00 Memorial Day to Labor Day, 10:00 to 5:00 Labor Day to Memorial Day.

**Phone:** 210-247-4000

**Address:** 318 E. Houston Street (Corner of Presa)

**Web:** www.buckhornmuseum.com & www.rangermuseum.com

### LA VILLITA

This quaint and historic village was the original settlement of Old San Antonio. Restored houses are now occupied by restaurants and shops; artists and artisans. A National Register Historic District.

**Admission:** Free

**Hours:** Daily, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Phone:** 207-8610

**Address:** South Alamo Between Villita & E. Nueva

**Web:** www.lavillita.com

### MISSION CONCEPCION

Remaining buildings of this mission, dating back to 1731, are the church, sacristy and several convent rooms. Considered the oldest unrestored stone church in the U.S.

**Admission:** Free

**Hours:** Daily, 9am-5pm

**Address:** 807 Mission

### MISSION SAN FRANCISCO DE LA ESPADA

Established in 1731, this is the smallest local mission and is best known for its unique archway. Indian quarters remain but are not restored. Guided tours available.

**Admission:** Free

**Hours:** Daily, 9am -5pm

**Masses:** Sat 6pm ; Sun 10am (Spanish)

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### MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

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**Admission:** Free

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**Phone:** 932-1001

**Mass:** Mon - Fri 8am ; Sat 5:30pm; Sun 7:45am (Spanish), 9am, 10:30am, noon (Mariachi mass).

**Address:** 6539 San Jose

### RIO SAN ANTONIO CRUISES

Open year round for your entertainment and business needs on the San Antonio River Walk. Ride on our famous historical tours or simply flag a Rio Taxi down for quick service. You can reach us @ (210) 244-5700 or (800) 417-4139 to "Ride the Rio San Antonio!" Welcome, and have a pleasant time in San Antonio!

**Web:** www.riosanantonio.com

### SAN ANTONIO ZOO

Animals from around the world in natural settings.

**Hours:** 9am - 5pm; Visitors may remain until 6 pm

**Phone:** 734-7183

**Address:** 3903 N. St. Mary's

### TOWER OF THE AMERICAS

The Tower of the Americas offers the most breathtaking view of the Alamo City - from 750 feet high! Visitors can enjoy fine dining at the Chart House revolving restaurant or enjoy the scenery from the Flags Over Texas observation deck while learning about the history of Texas. The Tower of the Americas' newest addition is the Skies Over Texas 4-D theater ride that will stimulate all your senses as you see, hear, and feel all Texas has to offer.

**Address:** 600 Hemisfair Park

**Phone:** (210) 223-3101

www.TowerOfTheAmericas.com

## Museums & Galleries



### McNay Art Museum

(210) 824-5368, 6000 North New Braunfels (Alamo Heights)

Built by artist and educator Marion Koogler McNay in the 1920s, the Spanish Colonial Revival-style home and Main Collection Galleries feature works by 20th-century masters including Gauguin, van Gogh, Hopper, O'Keeffe, Picasso, Pollock, and Renoir. The new Stieren Center for Exhibitions, designed by internationally renowned architect Jean-Paul Viguier, features an innovative multi-layered glass ceiling and roof design and doubles the museum's exhibition space. Set in one of San Antonio's most beautiful settings, the exquisite grounds of the McNay are marked by lush gardens, flowing fountains and outdoor sculptures. Closed on Mondays. Mcnayart.org

**Hours:** Sunday, noon – 5 pm; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 am – 4 pm; Thursday, 10 am – 9 pm; Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm; Closed Monday, New Year's Day, July 4, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

#### Admission Fee

McNay members .....free

Children 12 and under .....free

Adults.....\$8

Students with I.D. ....\$5

Seniors (65+) .....\$5

Active Military .....\$5

Admission is free on Thursdays from 4 to 9 pm and on the first Sunday of the month. An additional admission charge applies for select exhibitions.

### SAN ANTONIO MUSEUM OF ART

Traveling and permanent exhibits on display in a converted historic 1904 brewery complex. Restaurant available.

**Admission:** Adults: \$8; Seniors: (65+) \$7; Students with ID: \$5; Kids ages 4-11: \$3; Kids under 3: Free; Tues. 4-8 pm: Free.

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**Hours:** Mon: Closed ; Tues: 10am to 8pm;  
Wed - Sat: 10am to 5pm ; Sun: 12 noon to 6pm  
**Phone:** 978-8100  
**Address:** 200 W. Jones Ave.

## SOUTHWEST SCHOOL OF ART AND CRAFT

The city's finest remaining example of country French architecture. This art and crafts center and gallery is located in a 19th-century restored convent.

**Admission:** Free, except for some special exhibits.  
**Hours:** Mon - Sat: 10am - 5pm  
**Phone:** 224-1848  
**Address:** 300 Augusta

## UTSA'S INSTITUTE OF TEXAN CULTURES

UTSA's Institute of Texan Cultures is San Antonio's cultural experience museum, dedicated to enhancing the understanding of cultural history and its influence upon the people of Texas.

**Address:** 801 South Bowie Street  
Call for hours and admission @ 210- 458-2330

## WITTE MUSEUM

Dinosaurs, mummies and Texas history at its best! Now celebrating 75 years in San Antonio, the Witte Museum sets the stage for lifelong learning in South Texas by bringing innovative exhibits and programs on history, science and culture to life. Overlooking the San Antonio River, the HEB Science Treehouse features four levels of challenging exhibits that encourage visitors to interactively experience the wonders of science.

**Admission:** Adults, \$7; 65 and up, \$6; children 4-11, \$5; under 3 free.  
**Hours:** Mon, Wed - Sat: 10am - 5pm; Tues 10am - 9pm; Sun: noon - 5pm  
**Phone:** 357-1900 • **Address:** 3801 Broadway

## Entertainment



### COYOTE UGLY SALOON

The most famous bar on the planet with a spectacular view of the river from an outside patio. We offer food until 7pm and happy hour drinks from 4pm-8pm. Available for all party needs.

**Hours:** Mon-Sun 11am-2am  
**Phone:** 465-8459

### HOWL AT THE MOON

Live nightly entertainment with dueling baby grand pianos, today's popular songs, parodies and audience participations. Come early to enjoy the evening festivities and imbibe your favorite libations. Always guaranteed to have a very amusing time. Reservation packages are available. Please call (210) 212-4770 to book yours.

**Hours:** Sun - Thurs: 7pm - 2am ; Fri: 5pm - 2am ;

**Sat:** 6pm - 2am  
**Phone:** 212-4695  
**Address:** 111 Crockett St. West, Ste. 201

### ACHIOTE RIVER CAFÉ AT THE GRAND HYATT SAN ANTONIO

Offering a very fresh menu of pan-Latino comfort food, including five different kinds of ceviches, complimented by an extensive wine list. Achiote River Café is an intriguing new direction in River Walk dining.

**Hours:** 7 days a week; 6:30 am - 10:00 pm  
**Address:** 600 E. Market Street  
**Phone:** 451-6171

## Food & Drink



### BIGA ON THE BANKS

Selected by Gourmet Magazine as one of the "top five restaurants in Texas," Biga on the Banks delivers fine dining with a Texan accent. Enjoy Chef Bruce Auden's creative cuisine featuring seafood, Texas lamb, game and beef while reveling in the views of the River Walk. Private dining rooms with river views and barge dining available.

**Hours:** Sun - Thur: 5:30 - 10pm; Fri-Sat: 5:30-11pm  
**Address:** 203 S. St. Mary's  
**Phone:** 225-0722

### BOUDRO'S

Cited by Esquire Magazine as one of the 50 best restaurants in the U.S. This Texas bistro on the River Walk features unique dishes such as pecan-grilled lamb chops with herbs and peach chutney; wild mushrooms with polenta; and herb-smoked salmon tacos. Indoor, riverside, or barge dining.

**Hours:** Sun-Thurs: 11am-11pm; Fri-Sat: 11am - midnight  
**Phone:** 224-8484  
**Address:** 421 E. Commerce

### CAFÉ OLE

The ultimate: beef, chicken or shrimp fajitas served on a sizzling skillet with all the traditional condiments. Flavorful quesadillas, enchiladas, chicken Acapulco, fried ice cream, and award-winning margaritas. Coupons, 10% off food items only, not valid during holidays or special events.

**Hours:** Sun-Thurs: 11am-10:30pm; Fri-Sat: 11am-12am  
**Phone:** (210) 223-2939

### CASA RIO

San Antonio-style Mexican food. Serving on the banks of the River Walk since 1946. Dinner boat parties and banquet facilities available.

**Hours:** Daily 11am - 11pm  
**Phone:** (210) 225-6718  
**Address:** 430 E. Commerce

### CHAPS / HYATT REGENCY RIVER WALK

Featuring San Antonio's best breakfast buffet and a bistro style menu for lunch. Don't miss San Antonio's favorite "Pastaria," the famous Cook-to-Order Pasta Bar and Wok Station for lunch on Monday through Friday and dinner on Friday and Saturday

**Phone:** (210) 222-1234  
**Fax:** (210)227-4925  
**Address:** 123 Losoya

### CHART HOUSE AT TOWER OF THE AMERICAS

With its carefully crafted menus, impeccable service, and a 360-degree revolving vista offering guests the most magnificent views of the Alamo City, the Chart House restaurant at Tower of the Americas is in a class by itself. Enjoy our award-winning menu featuring top of the catch seafood, succulent steaks and decadent desserts.

**Phone:** (210) 223-3101  
**Address:** 600 Hemisfair Park

### CITRUS

Located in Hotel Valencia River Walk. Under the direction of Chef Jeffery Balfour; Citrus specializes in New American cuisine, offering fine dining as well as lighter fare. Known for his unique game and beef selections, Chef Balfour blends local specialties and the finest ingredients from around the world to create distinctive menus.

**Phone:** (210) 230-8412  
**Address:** 150 East Houston Street  
**Website:** www.HotelValencia.com

### COUNTY LINE BARBECUE

Serving up the biggest, leanest, most consistently delicious barbecue in San Antonio. Also serving grilled steaks, kabobs, salads, margaritas, and more. Triple Crown winner: Best Bar-B-Q. "Best Ribs & Best Service," S.A. Current Readers Poll '95.

**Hours:** Open Daily 11am  
**Phone:** 229-1941  
**Address:** 111 West Crockett;10101 I-10 W.

### DICK'S LAST RESORT

This is the joint your mama warned you about. Dick's serves up buckets of barbecued ribs, chicken, catfish, shrimp and crab legs. Platters include steaks, crabby cakes, salmon, mahi-mahi and even salads for the wimpy eater. Lunch includes sandwiches, salads and buckets of good food. The wait staff is irreverent by design, and the decor is local garage-sale stuff. Seventy-four kinds of beer. Live music, no cover, no dress code and definitely no class. Billed as "The Rowdy of the River."

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**Admission:** None  
**Hours:** Daily, 11 am - 2am  
**Phone:** (210) 224-0026  
**Address:** 406 Navarro St

## **DURTY NELLY'S IRISH PUB**

Sing along to your favorite songs with one of our crowd pleasing piano players. Established in 1974, Dirty Nelly's features imported and domestic pints as well as a full bar. Fish & Chips, Grilled Reuben's & Capt. Robbie's Fried Shrimp Basket served until 7:00pm with an appetizer menu served until 11:00pm nightly. You haven't been to San Antonio until you visit, World Famous Dirty Nelly's Irish Pub. Dirty Nelly's is located on the River Walk at the Hilton Palacio del Rio Hotel.

## **IRON CACTUS**

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the River Walk from our beautiful brick patio! Separated from foot traffic by a large stone planter box and shaded by trees, the patio is one of the largest on the entire Riverwalk. This space is a casual scene with loads of San Antonio style. The Iron Cactus blends integral Mexican attributes with a progressive technique of cooking to create unique and flavorful dishes. Named one of the top ten tequila bars in the country, our signature "El Agave" has been voted best margarita.

**Phone:** (210) 224-9835  
**Address:** 200 River Walk  
**Fax:** 210-224-9236  
**Website:** www.IronCactus.com

## **LANDRY'S SEAFOOD HOUSE**

Landry's Seafood House echoes the sights, sounds and sensations of a 1940's seafood house, with its classic, fresh seafood and spectacular scenery. The mouthwatering menu offers the very best - from irresistible appetizers like oyster-bar trash (a delicious combination of blackened shrimp and crabmeat) to fresh salads and their world famous seafood specialties, such as freshly prepared Gulf snapper, stuffed flounder and shrimp fresca. And for those who desire non-seafarer, Landry's offers tempting steaks and chicken delicacies. Open Daily. Join us at our 517 lounge. Located right on the River Walk.  
**Phone:** 210-229-1010

## **LAS CANARIAS**

Las Canarias reflects the charm and ambience of Colonial Spain taking its name from the Canary Islanders, who, in 1731, established the first civil township in Texas on the banks of the San Antonio River. Built on three levels that descend down to the River Walk, Las Canarias is known for its romantic and relaxing atmosphere. Inside, Las Canarias recreates the graciousness that accompanies fine dining while providing the comfort that contemporary lifestyles demand. Chef John Brand incorporates

vibrant, regional ingredients, including Native American greens and products such as quinoa that were once prevalent in the South Texas region. The legendary "Champagne Brunch", served on Sundays is a glorious feast of many tempting gastronomic creations. San Antonians and visitors alike call it the "Best in Texas".

**Phone:** (210) 518-1000  
**Address:** 112 College Street

## **LONE STAR CAFÉ**

The only authentic Texas-style steakhouse on the River Walk. Texas-sized steaks, chicken-fried steak, baked potatoes and onion rings served with your favorite Texas beer or wine. Daily specials. Private party room available. Coupons, 10% off food items only, not valid during holidays or special events.

**Hours:** Sun.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m.  
**Phone:** (210) 223-9374  
**Address:** 237 Losoya

## **MAD DOGS BRITISH PUB**

Indulge in servings of cool refreshments, delicious fare and energetic entertainment all wrapped in lavish servings of fun. During the day, breath in spectacular views from our tropical terrace, while sipping on award winning margaritas and watching the river flow by. Later, party on with non-stop entertainment from 'the pub that thinks it's a club', with nightly action featuring live bands, DJ's and a daringly different karaoke crew.

**Phone:** (210) 222-0220  
**Address:** 123 Losoya Street Suite 19  
**Website:** www.MadDogs.net

## **MI TIERRA**

Since 1941, a lively, family-owned Mexican restaurant in the heart of Market Square. Open 24 hours a day with live Mariachi music nightly. On-site bakery sells fresh Mexican pastries and candies.

**Phone:** (210) 225-1262  
**Address:** 218 Produce Row

## **MICHELINO'S**

Enjoy authentic tastes of Italy's country kitchen. Italian specialties, pasta and pizza made from the freshest poultry, beef and seafood are complimented by flavorful sauces, tantalizing desserts and superb, yet affordable wine selections. Coupons, 10% off food items only, not valid during holidays or special events.

**Hours:** Sun-Thur: 11am - 11pm; Fri-Sat: 11am-12am  
**Phone:** (210) 223-2939  
**Fax:** (210) 224-8209

## **PAT O'BRIEN'S SAN ANTONIO**

Pat O's Courtyard Restaurant offers a unique dining

experience as only Pat O'Brien's can provide. Rain or shine, we offer outdoor dining in a lush, tropical garden. Complete with trees, indigenous foliage, shade umbrellas, and its own Flaming Fountain, the Courtyard is a memorable experience for the whole family. The Menu has something for everyone, including several New Orleans favorites for those with a sense of adventure. To compliment your visit, Pat O's Courtyard has a full bar, complete with our trademark Specialty drinks, including the Hurricane. The friendly wait staff is always available to help with your selection if you find the choices too overwhelming! Whether searching for a romantic evening under the stars, a fun night out with friends, or an afternoon meal with the kids, Pat O's Courtyard Restaurant is ready to serve your needs! When a special occasion comes up, Pat O's Courtyard is available for Private Parties.

**Hours:** Mon - Sun: 11 am - 2 am  
**Phone:** (210) 220-1076  
**Address:** 121 Alamo Plaza  
**Website:** www.PatOBriens.com

## **PICO DE GALLO**

Serving authentic Mexican fare popular with tourists and locals alike. Mariachi music on the patio, piano in the dining room.

**Hours:** Mon-Thur: 7am-10pm; Fri-Sat: 7am- 2pm; Sun: 8am-10pm  
**Phone:** (210) 225-6060

## **THE ORIGINAL MEXICAN RESTAURANT**

The Original Mexican Restaurant offers San Antonio-style Tex-Mex specialties and beverages on a large patio with riverside seating, in a festive dining room or at a lively bar. Open daily around the clock, 24/7. Breakfast available from 2 am to noon.

**Hours:** 24-hour hospitality!  
**Phone:** (210) 224-9951  
**OPEN 24/7 FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE!**

## **THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS RESTAURANT**

Texas-style restaurant that tempts tourists with delectable food and scrumptious drinks. Don't leave without trying the 46-ounce margarita. Southwest-style cuisine is served at this hot spot on the River. Just look for the Texas-colored umbrellas.

**Hours:** Mon-Sun: 11am-2am; Sat: 9am-2am  
**Phone:** (210) 226-6256

## **RAINFOREST CAFE - RIVERWALK**

You don't have to travel far to dine in a tropical rain forest atmosphere. Our menu includes a variety of specialty items from seafood, beef and chicken to pastas, sandwiches and pizza. Younger guests can enjoy items from our exciting kids' menu! Our Sparkling VOLCANO lights up any meal! Plus, pick up special souvenirs from your visit. Rainforest Cafe, A WILD PLACE TO SHOP AND EAT!