

# San Antonio Attractions



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## Area Transportation

**Downtown Travel**—If you're in town for a few days and want to take advantage of the **Streetcar**, your best deal is to buy a One Day Pass for \$2.75. To order your pass online [click here](#) or stop by the Downtown Information Center or one of the outlet centers. When you get in town, pick up a [street-card brochure](#) in your hotel lobby. All three streetcar routes connect you to the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

**River Taxi**—The River Taxi stops at 39 locations on the River Walk. Purchase a one-way pass for \$5, or a 24-hour pass for \$10 or a 3-day pass for \$25. [Click here](#) to see the river taxi route. Look for the river cruiser with the black and yellow checkered flag or black and red checkered flag (prices vary). For more information [click here](#).

## The Sightseer Special Bus-[The](#)



[Sightseer Special \(Bus 7\)](#) runs daily between the city's favorite sites. You can travel to them all for one price. Locations visited by the Sightseer Special include: River Walk Streetcar Station, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention center, Alamo, San Antonio Museum of Art, Japanese Tea Garden, Brackenridge Park, San Antonio Zoo, Trinity University, University of Incarnate Word, Witte Museum and San Antonio Botanical Garden.

**Taxi**-Travel within the downtown area, there is a minimum charge of \$5. Two—Six people ride for the price of one.

**The E-Free Downtown Circulator**—The E is VIA's Downtown circulator, providing an easy and convenient way to explore entertainment venues, dining, and cultural sites. The E is free! It will operate Tuesday-Saturday, 6pm to midnight and will run every 10 minutes. This route provides frequent service from many of downtown's best restaurants and hotels to entertainment venues and the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Passengers can board at any VIA stop with The E logo. [Click here](#) for a route map and VIA stop locations.



## The Alamo

The 300 year old Mission San Antonio de Valero was the site of a pinnacle battle during the Texas Revolution March of 1836. Here, 189 defenders held off Mexican General Santa Anna's 4,000 soldiers for 13 days. San Antonio de Valero (The Alamo) was established in 1718 as the city's first mission. The chapel, one of the most photographed facades in the nation, and the Long Barracks are all that remain of the original fort. The Long Barracks Museum and Library is located near the chapel. The Museum contains relics and mementos from the Republic of Texas and offers a narration on the fall of the Alamo. The Alamo is located in the heart of the city, inside beautifully landscaped grounds.



## The River Walk (Paseo Del Rio):

Millions of people visit the River Walk each year to enjoy this unusual urban sanctuary that winds along the San Antonio River in central San Antonio, one story below the bustling street level. Restaurants, galleries and shops line the banks of the downtown River Walk while the north River Walk is less commercial.

The River Walk's "Museum Reach" stretches north along the San Antonio River and connects the existing River Walk to the San Antonio Museum of Art and the 125 year old Pearl Brewery, a vibrant urban village. Public art installations line the banks. A lock and dam system, the only one in Texas, overcomes a 9 foot rise in elevation. Take a river cruise and navigate right through the lock and dam. Catch a guided tour ride or a river taxi. To learn more, [click here](#).

## Market Square (El Mercado):

The rich culture of San Antonio abounds throughout the plazas of Market Square with family-owned cafes, working artists and the largest Mexican market north of the Rio Grande also known as El Mercado. From early morning until late at night, Market Square is alive with activity. Visitors browse through 32 shops at "El Mercado", and 80 specialty shops in the Farmers Market Plaza. Market Square is also the scene of many Hispanic festivals where food and beverage booths spring up alongside Guadalajara lamps while the sounds of mariachi music blends with the excitement of Mexican dances. [Click here](#) for more information.