

Tour Information

SAN ANTONIO CITY TOUR

Friday, 1:00 PM–4:30 PM



Our first stop will be at the Mexican Market known as El Mercado, where you will get as close to genuine Mexico as you can this side of the border. You will have time to visit the shops that offer authentic Mexican arts and crafts and the amazing bakery inside Mi Tierra before getting back on the bus.

We'll then take a quick tour of downtown San Antonio where you will drive by the Spanish Governor's Palace, a national historic landmark, considered the sole remaining example of an aristocratic early Spanish house in Texas. Next is the San Fernando Cathedral, the original church of the Canary Island settlers built in 1731, and one of the oldest churches in continuous use in the country.

Next is a visit to the King William Historic District, where prosperous German merchants who made their mark in San Antonio in the late 1800's built their grand homes. If time allows, we will take a short walk down the tree lined streets of yesteryear and visit Steves Homestead which still contains some of the original pieces of the era and is home to the very first swimming pool in Texas. Attendees can tour the Guenther House located on the grounds of the Pioneer Flour Mill and explore their delightful gift shop filled with surprises for guests who love to cook or eat.

Our last, but certainly not least, stop will be the Alamo, "The Shrine of Texas Liberty," and San Antonio's first Mission. Today, it is one of the most photographed facades in the country and the number one tourist attraction in the state. We will tour the chapel and walk the grounds as we learn about the "Battle for Texas Independence".

YOGA CLASS

Saturday, 7:00 AM–8:00 AM



Join us for a 50-minute energizing and wakening yoga class, appropriate to all levels of practitioners. Fun flow will incorporate the whole body — stretching into the legs, releasing tension in the shoulders, opening up the heart with some gentle back bending. All with a great playlist to get you ready for the day. Towels will be provided. Please wear comfortable clothing.

SAN ANTONIO MUSEUM OF ART

Saturday, 9:30 AM–11:30 AM

Participants will take a leisurely river taxi ride to the museum, and then explore the Museum's highlights through a one-hour guided tour led by a knowledgeable docent. This tour takes you throughout the museum to see notable works from around the world. There are five thousand years of art in a complex of buildings that once housed the Lone Star Brewery, and renowned for collections of Latin American, Asian, and Ancient Mediterranean art with a notable contemporary collection. You'll have the opportunity to explore the Museum's exhibitions and collections on your own and come back to the Annual Meeting at your leisure.



Note that return transportation isn't included in the price. Strolling along the Riverwalk is just over 2 miles, and walking on the streets is 1.4 miles. An estimate of a street taxi is \$9; or you can purchase a 24-hour river taxi pass for \$15, which would be beneficial if you chose to have dinner in the Pearl Brewery area, for example.

SAN ANTONIO RIVER CRUISE

Saturday, 1:00 PM–2:15 PM

The River Walk, or Paseo del Rio, is the largest urban ecosystem in the nation and certainly the most vibrant. Step aboard a River Walk barge for an exciting and entertaining narrative of the rich history of the River Walk. The cruises are about 40 minutes long and cover one and a half miles of the beautiful San Antonio River Walk with an adventure around every turn. Participants will walk less than 0.5 miles down to the River Walk to board the barge.



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BRISCOE WESTERN ART MUSEUM

Sunday, 10:00 AM–11:30 AM



The Briscoe Western Art Museum offers conversational and interactive tours that showcase modern and contemporary Western art, exquisitely crafted artifacts, and the architecture of the Museum. Enjoy an in-depth look at select works that illuminate the Western experience from multiple vantage points. First participants will start with an exploration of the Museum's highlights through a one-hour guided tour led by a

knowledgeable docent, who will pick a few pieces to highlight. You'll then have the opportunity to explore the Museum's exhibitions and collections on your own and come back to the Annual Meeting at your leisure. The Briscoe Campus consists of the historic Museum building, the Jack Guenther Pavilion, and the adjacent McNutt Sculpture Garden spread, across one-and-a-quarter acres. The Briscoe is a 0.4 miles walk from the Convention Center.

SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS TOUR

Sunday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM



Before there was San Antonio, there were missions — five complexes, part ranch and part church, along the banks of the San Antonio River. Their founders aimed to settle the land and convert the indigenous people. The best known is the Alamo (which we will not visit on this tour), which stands just a few blocks from the Convention Center. The others still stand in a line south of the city, as active churches in addition to historic sites. As a group they were recently named UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Our tour, planned with the National Park Service and the missions' leaders, will trace their origins, development, and modern role. We will start at Mission San José, the largest of the missions and the most restored; and then visit Mission Concepción, featuring a mixture of Spanish and indigenous art, as well as a few others. This is a bus tour with a few stops to get off and see the sites.

1950s AND 60s LGBTIQ PRE-STONEWALL SITES

Sunday, 3:00 PM–6:00 PM

Come and experience the geography and stories of San Antonio's pre-Stonewall LGBTIQ people. We will visit the sites of the long ago infamous gay clubs: The Acme Bar, Mary Ellen's Top Hat, Mike and Leo's and Maybelle and Bee's.



Hear about the famed Corny-a-tion and what gay men yelled to Navy sailors from the patio of the German Beer Garden. Accompanied by Marie Cartier, archivist and writer/storyteller Carolyn Weathers and several local San Antonio LGBTIQ scholars, this tour will take you back in time when the gay bar was the only place for connection and friendship was often on a first name basis. This is a bus and walking tour, so be sure to wear comfortable shoes. Cheers Everybody!

HISTORICAL HOUSES OF WORSHIP TOUR

Monday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM



Although founded and dominated by Catholics in its early years, San Antonio's religious landscape has always been diverse. Protestant groups arrived by the middle of the nineteenth century and grew steadily. The first Jewish congregations were organized in the 1870s. This tour explores landmark houses of worship erected by these communities in the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. Features of the tour include the historic St. Joseph Catholic Church, the neo-classical Temple Beth-El, and St. Mark's Episcopal Church which was designed by Richard Upjohn. Other sites to be examined include Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and Methodist churches. These religious buildings adapted a variety of classical and Gothic revival styles to serve their various liturgical needs, and they remain a vibrant presence in the contemporary city. This is a bus tour with a few stops to get off and see the sites.

Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Tours fill up fast, so sign up today! To sign up for a tour, fax in the form on the next page of this document, or email the AAR Registration Bureau at reg@aarweb.org. Please note that no refunds will be given on tours, except in case of cancellation of the tour. AAR reserves the right to cancel tours at its discretion.



2016 Tour Form

No.	Tour	Day	Time	Cost
_____	San Antonio City Tour	Friday, Nov. 18	1:00 PM–4:30 PM	\$70
_____	Yoga Class	Saturday, Nov. 19	7:00 AM–8:00 AM	\$20
_____	San Antonio Museum of Art	Saturday, Nov. 19	9:30 AM–11:30 AM	\$22
_____	San Antonio River Cruise	Saturday, Nov. 19	1:00 PM–2:15 PM	\$8
_____	Briscoe Western Art Museum	Sunday, Nov. 20	10:00 AM–11:30 AM	\$10
_____	San Antonio Missions Tour	Sunday, Nov. 20	1:00 PM–5:00 PM	\$30
_____	1950s and 60s LGBTIQ Pre-Stonewall Sites	Sunday, Nov. 20	3:00 PM–6:00 PM	\$35
_____	Historical Houses of Worship Tour	Monday, Nov. 21	1:00 PM–5:00 PM	\$30

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 825 Houston Mill Rd. NE, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30329, fax to +1-404-935-5321, email reg@aarweb.org, or
 register online while completing the registration process at www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/registration-housing.

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