

## Insider's Guide to

# SAN ANTONIO

**The city of San Antonio** Remember the Alamo! But don't forget about everything else there is to see and do in San Antonio. The old mission/fortress in the center of town is the most visited site in Texas, but it's not the only destination here. From the towering Tower of the Americas to the city's famed River Walk, you'll find plenty of entertainment options in tony San Antonio.

For the upcoming trade show, we've put together the *Sonnhalter Insider's Guide to San Antonio*. It's our way of helping you cut through the clutter to find the city's best restaurants, shows and sights.

We asked some of our friends in the Lone Star state for their recommendations on the best places to sample some of the city's cuisine—and not just its delicious Tex-Mex. We wanted those secret locales that only the locals know about. Because at Sonnhalter, we not only like to get our hands dirty...we also like to get them greasy.

So, when you're not convening at the convention center during the show, make sure you get out and get a real taste of San Antonio.

### Downtown/River Walk

#### **Biga on the Banks**

New American  
(210) 225-0722  
[www.biga.com](http://www.biga.com)

An elegant respite from the "tourist traps" downriver. Legendary chef-owner Bruce Auden lures "business" types and "out-of-towners" with artistic plates and pitch-perfect service.

#### **Bohanan's Prime Steak and Seafood**

Steak & Seafood  
(210) 472-2600  
[www.bohanans.com](http://www.bohanans.com)

Located in the heart of San Antonio on historic Houston Street, Bohanan's beautiful upstairs dining room has an Old-World steakhouse charm with a modern attention to detail.

#### **Boudros**

Texas Bistro  
(210) 224-8484  
[www.boudros.com](http://www.boudros.com)

It's contemporary cuisine with a cutting edge featuring the flavor of its regional heritage with a distinctive menu of Texas and southwestern specialties.

#### **Casa Rio**

Mexican  
(210) 225-6718  
[www.casario.com](http://www.casario.com)

The first restaurant on The San Antonio River Walk—founded in 1946. Featuring great Mexican Food and one of the best River Walk locations in San Antonio.

#### **The County Line**

BBQ  
(210) 229-1941  
[www.countyline.com](http://www.countyline.com)

Beefy portions of Texas slow-smoked BBQ—succulent brisket, ribs, sausage, chicken and even peppered turkey breast—all served at ridiculously low prices.

#### **Fig Tree**

Continental, European  
(210) 595-1313  
[www.figtreerestaurant.com](http://www.figtreerestaurant.com)

One of the most elegant entries along the River Walk (and costly), this restaurant resides in a 19th-century residence in historic La Villita.

#### **Fogo de Chão Brazilian Steakhouse**

Brazilian  
(210) 227-1700  
[www.fogodechao.com](http://www.fogodechao.com)

Upscale Brazilian chain for all-you-can-eat meat carved tableside plus an extensive salad bar.

#### **Iron Cactus**

Mexican  
(210) 224-9835  
[www.ironcactus.com](http://www.ironcactus.com)

The Iron Cactus blends integral Mexican attributes with a progressive technique to create unique and flavorful dishes. Named one of the top ten tequila bars in the country featuring over 80 selections of tequila from Mexico.

#### **Rebelle**

Seafood  
(210) 352-3171  
[www.rebellesa.com](http://www.rebellesa.com)

Located in the historic St. Anthony Hotel, Rebelle delivers an inspired menu of fresh coastal seafood, lobster, oysters, steaks, and more.

## Downtown/River Walk (cont'd)

### Ristorante Paesanos

European, Italian

(210) 227-2782

[www.paesanosriverwalk.com](http://www.paesanosriverwalk.com)

Breaking the boundaries of traditional Italian cuisine to explore modern Mediterranean specialties. Legendary "Shrimp Paesano" is almost as famous as the Alamo.

### Schilo's Delicatessen

Deli, Sandwiches

(210) 223-6692

[www.schilos.com](http://www.schilos.com)

On the scene since 1917, this deli landmark is famous for overstuffed sandwiches, soups, strudels and other "German-style" delicacies. Famous homemade Root Beer, Split Pea Soup, Reubens and Hot Mustard.

### Tokyo Cowboy

Asian

(210) 305-7075

[www.tokyocowboytx.com](http://www.tokyocowboytx.com)

Located in the heart of the San Antonio River Walk, Tokyo Cowboy combines a classic Texan aesthetic with an Asian-inspired menu of Japanese street food & whisky based cocktails from the mind of Chef Ben Cachila.

## North

### Chris Madrid's

Greasy-Spoon Burger Joint

(210) 735-3552

[www.chrismadrids.com](http://www.chrismadrids.com)

Huge, greasy burgers and fresh cut fries are the forte of this 30-plus-year-old San Antonio institution. Six varieties and two sizes, regular and Macho size. Closed Sundays.

### Clementine

Fine Dining

(210) 503-5121

[www.clementine-sa.com](http://www.clementine-sa.com)

Globally inspired, seasonal menu served in a bright, stylish interior decorated with food art.

### Dough Pizzeria Napoletana

Italian

(210) 979-6565

[www.doughpizzeria.com](http://www.doughpizzeria.com)

This husband/wife team went to Naples, Italy to really learn pizza. Wait is always 20-45 minutes, and worth it!

### J-Prime Steakhouse

Steakhouse

(210) 764-1604

[www.jprimesteakhouse.com](http://www.jprimesteakhouse.com)

Premium cuts over a parrilla grill & wild fish, with wines, in a contemporary & elegant atmosphere.

### La Fonda on Main

Mexican

(210) 733-0621

[www.lafondaonmain.com](http://www.lafondaonmain.com)

San Antonio's oldest Mexican restaurant (opened 1932). Great patio dining decorated with Christmas lights.

### Los Barrios

American (Regional)

(210) 732-6017

[www.losbarriosrestaurant.com/index.htm](http://www.losbarriosrestaurant.com/index.htm)

The family traditions run deep at this authentic Tex-Mex restaurant. It's not fancy, but the solid service, reasonable prices and a fun atmosphere with roving "mariachis" make this place a must visit.

## Southtown/King William Historic District

### Azuca Nuevo Latino

Latin American

(210) 225-5550

[www.azuca.net/](http://www.azuca.net/)

Colorful Pan-Latin eatery with an eclectic menu, mojitos, sangria, happy hour & a patio.

### Battalion

Italian

(210) 816-0088

[www.battalionsa.com/](http://www.battalionsa.com/)

Stylish spot for classic Italian plates & cocktails served in a historic, restored firehouse.

### Bliss

New American

(210) 225-2547

[www.foodisbliss.com/](http://www.foodisbliss.com/)

Inspired New American fare, charcuterie, wine & beer in a stylishly restored former filling station.

### Chart House

Seafood

(210) 223-3101

[www.chart-house.com/location/chart-house-san-antonio-tx/](http://www.chart-house.com/location/chart-house-san-antonio-tx/)

At 750 feet high, Chart House has the most spectacular look at the Alamo City, giving panoramic views of the sprawling landscape. And the menu is just as splendid. Enjoy some of the best steak and seafood San Antonio has to offer.

### The Guenther House

Breakfast/Lunch

(210) 227-1061

[www.guentherhouse.com](http://www.guentherhouse.com)

This Southtown café on the Pioneer Flour Mills estate whips up superb baked goods...huge cinnamon rolls and fresh biscuits.

### The Haven Southtown

Mexican

(210) 533-2171

[www.havensouthtown.com/](http://www.havensouthtown.com/)

Great casual taco place for lunch, dinner and even breakfast—a local hang out.

### Little Em's Oyster Bar

Seafood

210.257.0100

[www.littleemsoysterbar.com/](http://www.littleemsoysterbar.com/)

East Coast oysters, ceviche and lobster rolls in an ambient setting. Reservations recommended.

### Rosario's

American (Regional)

(210) 223-1806

[www.rosariosa.com](http://www.rosariosa.com)

The "loud and fun" atmosphere is a Rosario's trademark as is the unique Latino art collection, Tex-Mex specialties and live music on the weekends. Excellent margaritas and a beer drink called Michelada.

## Pearl District

### Best Quality Daughter

Asian Fusion

(210) 819-4236

[www.bestqualitydaughter.com/](http://www.bestqualitydaughter.com/)

Creative Asian fusion cuisine served in a funky dining room inside a restored circa-1900 house.

### Cured

New American

(210) 314-3929

[www.curedatpearl.com/](http://www.curedatpearl.com/)

Buzzy, rustic-chic restaurant serving charcuterie-focused New American cuisine & craft cocktails.

### Southerleigh Fine Food and Brewery

Texas Cuisine

(210) 455-5701

[www.southerleighatpearl.com](http://www.southerleighatpearl.com)

Southerleigh serves Chef Jeff Balfour's modern take on Texas' cross-cultural cuisine. Southerleigh boasts a curated, seasonally shifting menu that reflects Chef Balfour's innovative craftsmanship.

## River Walk Museum Reach

### Down On Grayson

American

(210) 248-9244

[www.downongrayson.com/](http://www.downongrayson.com/)

A stylish destination serving American plates in a rustic-chic dining room & on a chill patio.

### La Gloria

Mexican, Small Plates

(210) 267-9040

[www.chefjohnnyhernandez.com/la-gloria-pearl/](http://www.chefjohnnyhernandez.com/la-gloria-pearl/)

Tasty, authentic Mexican street food is served in a casual, airy ambiance at the Pearl Brewery complex.

### Supper

American

(210) 448-8351

[www.supperatemma.com/](http://www.supperatemma.com/)

Contemporary all-day option offering elevated farm-to-table American plates in bright surrounds.

## Market Square

### La Margarita Mexican Restaurant & Oyster Bar

Mexican

(210) 898-1745

[www.lamargarita.com/](http://www.lamargarita.com/)

Lively Market Square eatery with sizzling fajitas, seafood, margaritas, mariachis & patio dining.

### Mi Tierra Café & Bakery

Mexican

(210) 225-1262

[www.mitierracafe.com](http://www.mitierracafe.com)

Open 24 hours-a-day and festooned with Christmas lights year-round, Mi Tierra is a little loco and a lot of fun. They've got strolling musicians, a huge selection of Tex-Mex dishes and the coldest beer in the Mercado.

### Pico de Gallo

Mexican

(210) 256-9350

[www.picodegallo.com/](http://www.picodegallo.com/)

Casual Mexican eatery with 3 meals daily & a full bar in an upbeat setting with mariachis nightly.

## Northwest

### DeWese's Tip Top Café

American

(210) 732-0191

[www.tiptopcafesa.com](http://www.tiptopcafesa.com)

Sentimentalists swoon over this Northwest "step-back-in-time" opened in 1938, dishing out classic American comfort food like pot roast, chicken-fried steak and banana-cream pie.

### Taquitos West Avenue

Mexican

(210) 525-9888

[www.taquitos-west-ave.com/](http://www.taquitos-west-ave.com/)

Mexican counter-service pit stop turning out an array of tacos in easygoing surroundings.

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## Nightlife and Bars

### Artisan on Alamo Distillery & Craft Bar

[www.artisancraftbar.com](http://www.artisancraftbar.com)

### Bar 1919

[www.bar1919.com](http://www.bar1919.com)

### Bombay Bicycle Club

[www.bombaybicycleclubsa.com](http://www.bombaybicycleclubsa.com)

### Bonham Exchange

[www.bonhamexchange.com](http://www.bonhamexchange.com)

### Boudro's (Prickly Pear Margaritas)

[www.boudros.com](http://www.boudros.com)

### Drink Texas Bar

[www.drinktexas.com](http://www.drinktexas.com)

### The Esquire Tavern and Bar (oldest bar in San Antonio)

[www.esquiretavern-sa.com](http://www.esquiretavern-sa.com)

### Hermann Sons Rathskeller Bar

[www.facebook.com/hsrathskeller/](http://www.facebook.com/hsrathskeller/)

### Howl at the Moon (known for their dueling pianos)

[www.howlatthemoon.com/san-antonio](http://www.howlatthemoon.com/san-antonio)

### La Tuna

[www.latunasa.com](http://www.latunasa.com)

### Laugh Out Loud Comedy Club

[www.lolsanantonio.com](http://www.lolsanantonio.com)

### Liberty Bar

[www.liberty-bar.com](http://www.liberty-bar.com)

### The Martini Club

[www.martiniclubsatx.com/](http://www.martiniclubsatx.com/)

### Menger Hotel Bar (historic, possibly haunted hotel)

[www.mengerhotel.com/san-antonio-dining](http://www.mengerhotel.com/san-antonio-dining)

### Naranja Tequila and Mezcal Bar

[www.hotelvalencia-riverwalk.com/naranja-tequila-and-mezcal-bar.htm](http://www.hotelvalencia-riverwalk.com/naranja-tequila-and-mezcal-bar.htm)

### Ocho Lounge at Hotel Havana (known for great décor)

[www.bunkhousehotels.com/hotel-havana/eat-drink/ocho-lounge](http://www.bunkhousehotels.com/hotel-havana/eat-drink/ocho-lounge)

### Waxy O'Connor's Irish Pub

[www.waxyconnors.com](http://www.waxyconnors.com)

### Zombies Bar

[www.drinkingwithzombies.com/](http://www.drinkingwithzombies.com/)

## San Antonio Sightseeing

### The Alamo

[www.thealamo.org](http://www.thealamo.org)

### The Alamodome

[www.alamodome.com](http://www.alamodome.com)

### Blue Star Contemporary Art Center

[www.contemporarysa.org/](http://www.contemporarysa.org/)

### Buckhorn Museum & Saloon

[www.buckhornmuseum.com](http://www.buckhornmuseum.com)

### Hopscotch Immersive Art Experience

[www.letshopscotch.com](http://www.letshopscotch.com)

### Japanese Tea Garden

[www.saparks.org/japanese-tea-garden/](http://www.saparks.org/japanese-tea-garden/)

### La Villita Historic Arts Village

[www.lavillitasanantonio.com](http://www.lavillitasanantonio.com)

### Majestic Theatre

[www.majesticempire.com](http://www.majesticempire.com)

### Market Square

[www.marketsquaresa.com](http://www.marketsquaresa.com)

### McNay Art Museum

[www.mcnayart.org](http://www.mcnayart.org)

### Mission Trail

[www.nps.gov/saan](http://www.nps.gov/saan)

### Natural Bridge Caverns

[www.naturalbridgecaverns.com](http://www.naturalbridgecaverns.com)

### Rio San Antonio Cruises

<https://www.goriocruises.com>

### San Antonio Botanical Gardens

[www.sabot.org](http://www.sabot.org)

### San Antonio Museum of Art

[www.samuseum.org](http://www.samuseum.org)

### San Antonio River Walk

[www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com](http://www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com)

### San Antonio Zoo

[www.sazoo.org](http://www.sazoo.org)

### San Fernando Cathedral

[www.sfcathedral.org/](http://www.sfcathedral.org/)

### Six Flags Fiesta Texas

[www.sixflags.com/fiestatexas](http://www.sixflags.com/fiestatexas)

### Tower of the Americas

[www.toweroftheamericas.com](http://www.toweroftheamericas.com)

### Witte Museum

[www.witemuseum.org](http://www.witemuseum.org)

## Taxis

### Lyft

[www.lyft.com/ride-with-lyft](http://www.lyft.com/ride-with-lyft)

### Mac Trans Inc

(210) 670-8855

### National Cab

(210) 434-4444

### Star Cab Co

(210) 444-1111

### Uber

[www.uber.com/us/en/ride/](http://www.uber.com/us/en/ride/)

### United Cab

(210) 444-2222

### Yellow Cab

(210) 222-2222

## Limousine Services

### San Antonio Taxis

(210) 444-2222

### Elegant Limo and Charter

(210) 225-5466

### VIP Limousine

(210) 520-5466

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