



San Antonio Restaurants Guide

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RESTAURANTS/QUICK EATS NEAR THE CONVENTION CENTER

There are countless restaurants on the San Antonio River Walk. Below is a list of restaurants we believe offer better quality food and overall dining experience. We focused on local restaurants to ensure a unique San Antonio experience. Please also refer to the convention center quick eats guide for nearby restaurants that offer discount when you present your official conference badge.

Big Apple Bagels

\$ 300 E Houston St, Ste 105, (210) 227-2227 Categories: Delis, Sandwiches

The Big Apple Bagels is a perfect stop for a quick bite during your busy conference stay. They offer made-from-scratch bagels, deli sandwiches, smoothies and their specialty coffees. Their menu spans from breakfast to dinner. I've had their bagel sandwiches before when I stayed at a nearby hotel and was very satisfied.

Schilo's Delicatessen

\$ 424 E Commerce St, (210) 223-6692 Categories: Delis, German

Schilo Delicatessen has been serving authentic German cuisine since 1917. It is one of the oldest continually operated restaurants in the State of Texas. They are known for their root beer, split pea soup, Reuben sandwiches, and their world famous hot mustard. Great place for breakfast, lunch and brunch.

Tre Trattoria

\$\$ 401 S Alamo, (210) 223-0401 Category: Italian

Tre Trattoria is owned by Chef Jason Dady who is an innovative pioneer of the culinary culture in San Antonio. The restaurant offers Tuscan-inspired Italian fare that features house-made fresh pasta, antipasti, salami, signature cast-iron pizzas and more.

The Buckhorn Saloon & Cafe

\$\$ 318 E Houston St, (210) 247-4000 Category: American (Traditional)

The Buckhorn Saloon & Café guarantees a unique Texas dining experience. The saloon houses a café, gift shop, shooting gallery and two museums. The café offers everything from traditional Texas BBQ brisket to burgers and sandwiches. If you wish to grab a quick lunch while looking at taxidermy, this is the place for you! Lunch only. It is a bit touristy but hey, you have to visit at least once!

Bella on the River

\$\$\$ 106 River Walk St, (210) 404-2355 Categories: Mediterranean, Italian

Bella on the River is a quaint and romantic venue. Its small and intimate dining room and wine bar is one of the most unique and special places on the River Walk. It is San Antonio Express News Critics' Choice for Best River Walk Dining in 2012 and 2013.

Biga on the Banks

\$\$\$ 203 S St. Marys St, Ste 100, (210) 225-0722 Category: American (New)

Biga on the Banks is another fine restaurant on the San Antonio River Walk. It offers contemporary-regional fine dining. The menu changes daily, although their most popular dishes, including axis venison and the ever popular sticky toffee pudding, may be found on the menu year round.

Fogo De Chao

\$\$\$ 849 East Commerce Street, #393 Categories: Brazilian, Steakhouses

Fogo De Chao is one of three popular Brazilian steakhouses in San Antonio. The restaurant sits adjacent to the River Center Marriott which is very convenient for conference attendees. Lunch and dinner are offered in a fixed price buffet style. They also have a gourmet salad and sides bar. Even though it has chains in other major U.S. cities, you cannot deny that it is a great place to be when you crave for delicious meat and a lot of it!

Boudro's on the River Walk

\$\$\$ 421 E Commerce St, (210) 224-8484 Category: American (New)

A Texas bistro on the San Antonio River Walk, that's what Boudro's claims to be. The restaurant specializes in a distinctive menu of Texas and southwestern cuisines. From classic American burgers to Tex-Mex offerings, there is something for everyone. Don't forget to order the Prickly Pear margarita, it is a MUST!

Fig Tree

\$\$\$\$ 515 Villita St, (210) 224-1976 Category: American (New)

Located in the La Villita historic arts village, Fig Tree is a small hidden gem. The building was formally a residential house that was built in the 1800s. The restaurant is charming and romantic. New Chef Laurent Rea specializes in modern French cooking with an Asian twist.

NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS

Downtown

Downtown San Antonio is a popular destination for both tourists and locals. The Alamo, River Walk, Tower of the Americas, Majestic Theatres, La Villita Historic Arts Village are all here. Every Tuesday, city-operated parking garages, parking lots and parking meters are free after 5pm. In addition to free parking, there are always lively events going on in downtown.

Big Bob's Burgers

\$ 100 N Santa Rosa, Ste 14, (210) 227-2627 Category: Burgers

Big Bob's Burgers is a local's beloved burger joint. They deserve a five star alone for their juicy and mouth-watering onion rings, my personal favorite! They are also famous for their 50/50 burger which is a half pound beef patty with bacon cooked inside. It was voted best "hometown heroes" burger in the mySA.com Burger Madness contest. Ice cold beer, free Wi-Fi and live music on weekends.

The Luxury

\$\$ 103 E Jones Ave, (210) 354-2274 Category: American (New)

The Luxury is an outdoor eatery situated on the quiet part of the San Antonio River Walk featuring retro-fitted cargo containers and a menu of high-end cargo cuisine, definitely something new for San Antonio. The restaurant is owned by Chef Andrew Weissman who has received critical acclaim from The New York Times, Forbes Traveler, and Gourmet. With two James Beard nominations under his belt, Weissman made an indelible mark on the San Antonio culinary scene.

Ocho

\$\$ Hotel Havana, 1015 Navarro St Categories: Cuban, Lounges, Latin American

Ocho is restaurant by day, lounge by night. Located on a quiet stretch of the North River Walk known as the Museum Reach, this unique space will surely impress you. The one of a kind dining room, situated in a glass and steel conservatory reminiscent of a birdcage, opens onto the river and offers seating both indoors and outdoors. The beauty of the steel structure is highlighted in Tiffany blue, with couches and lounge seating filling one side of the luminous space and café tables spilling into the courtyard. The restaurant presents a food and drink menu that is rooted in Cuban cultural influences. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served. A must visit!

Esquire Tavern

\$\$ 155 E Commerce St, (210) 222-2521 Categories: Lounges, American (Traditional)

The Esquire is a restaurant and a bar. It boasts the longest wooden bar top in Texas - over 100 feet of beer-soaked wood. Well, you be the judge. In fact, it is the OLDEST bar on the San Antonio River Walk. The food is excellent as well as the cold beer and swanky cocktails. I've tried the shrimp cocktail appetizer, which is delicious. This may sound strange but order a side of the creamed corn please!

Mi Tierra Café & Bakery

\$\$ 218 Produce Row, (210) 225-1262 Categories: Mexican, Bakeries

Located in the Fiesta market square, Mi Tierra is a bit touristy but is a must visit. The restaurant has a long history and tradition. Its eye-catching Mexican decorations and live music are part of the unique San Antonio dining experience. The establishment seats over 500 guests. Traditional Mexican baked treats can be found at the restaurant bakery which has been in operation since 1957. Take a stroll through the Market Square after lunch or dinner to pick up some souvenirs that you can only find in the Alamo city.

Restaurant Gwendolyn

\$\$\$\$ 152 E Pecan St, Ste 100, (210) 222-1849 Categories: American, Modern European

“Traditional American fine dining in an elegant Victorian setting, with a mind to sustainability, organic, and local seasonal ingredients, using preparation methods and recipes from the 1850's and Before.” That's what this fine local establishment claims to be. Chef Michael Sohocki is a 2012 Rising Star Sustainability Chef. The restaurant is named after his grandmother. The 3 and 5 course tasting menus are available at a \$20 discount Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 5:30-6:30.

Bohanan's Prime Steaks & Seafood

\$\$\$\$ 219 E Houston St, (210) 472-2600 Categories: Steakhouses, Seafood

Bohanan's is one of the best steakhouses in San Antonio. The restaurant offers the highest standard of fine dining. Chef Mark Bohanan is a Culinary Institute of America trained chef and has been recognized as one of San Antonio's finest Executive Chefs and an up and comer in the culinary world. The restaurant has a bar downstairs with an impressive list of handcrafted cocktails. You must order the duck bacon appetizer!

Luke

\$\$ 125 E Houston St, (210) 227-5853 Categories: French, American (New)

Luke is the second outpost of noted New Orleans chef John Besh's famed Big Easy eatery. This 350-seat, two story restaurant promises to "pay homage to traditional Old World cuisine while showcasing robust local flavors." I have yet to go there but have heard the happy hour oysters, pretzels, and meat pies were a hard-to-beat great deal.

King William/Southtown

Once labeled Texas' most eccentric neighborhood by Texas Monthly magazine, Southtown is known for its cultural diversity, art galleries, restaurants, and Victorian era homes. The King William neighborhood in Southtown is rich in history. The neighborhood became San Antonio's first designated historic district in 1968 and was listed as a National Register Historic District in 1972.

Le Frite Belgian Bistro

\$\$ 728 S Alamo St, (210) 224-7555 Categories: Belgian, French

Voted San Antonio's best French restaurant two years in a row, Le Frite offers traditional Belgian/French fare, in a warm, welcoming casual European atmosphere. Their specialty is moules-frites, a popular dish consisting of mussels and fries. Check out the French inspired wine list and Belgian beers.

Feast

\$\$ 1024 S Alamo St, (210) 354-1024 Categories: American (New), Tapas /Small Plates

The ambiance at Feast can be described as contemporary, bright, elegant, hip and fun. The menu features non-traditional small sharing plates. They call their cuisine "American smaller plates influenced by the entire Mediterranean—including Egypt, North Africa, Israel and Italy and everywhere that borders that sea." Now come see for yourself.

Rosario's Mexican Cafe Y Cantina

\$\$ 910 S Alamo St, (210) 223-1806 Categories: Mexican, Tex-Mex

Rosario's claims to offer traditional south-of-the-border Mexican dishes all prepared with a contemporary twist in a colorful, loud and fun atmosphere. Some of the guest favorites include shrimp nachos, fish tacos, ceviche, and specialty margaritas.

Guenther House

\$\$ 205 E Guenther, (210) 227-1061 Category: Breakfast & Brunch

Breakfast at the Guenther House is a San Antonio institution. It is certainly a treat to have breakfast at this charming restaurant, learn about the history of the Guenther's family, and tour the museum, gift shop and the beautiful grounds after your meal. The wait can be long from one hour to two hours on weekends, so come early! Or just take a stroll in the historic King William district while you wait.

The Monterey

\$\$ 1127 S St Mary's St, (210) 745-2581 Category: Gastropubs

The Monterey is a place that can be trendy, casual and sophisticated at the same time. Housed in an old gas station, this hip restaurant was created for food lovers, beer nerds and wine geeks. The menu changes frequently with off-menu selections. The outdoor garden style patio is very lovely. Get the Brussels sprouts: they are delicious!

Liberty Bar

\$\$ 1111 S Alamo St, (210) 227-1187 Categories: American (Traditional)

Housed in an 1883 pink historic building, the Liberty Bar will certainly catch your eye. The restaurant has two stories with dining areas on both levels and a bar upstairs. Compared to the unique ambiance, the food is not so shabby. I've tried their bacon pizza, which is excellent. The price is reasonable.

The Fruteria

\$\$ 1401 S Flores St, (210) 251-3104 Categories: Mexican, Tapas/Small Plates

The Fruteria is inspired by Mexico's beautiful and colorful fruit stands. The space echoes a Mexican "Botanero", which is a casual space where people gather after work to get Mexican tapas and cocktails. Lunch, dinner and weekend brunch are served. Don't forget to try the fruit cup and aguas frescas.

Alamo Street Eat Bar

\$\$ 609 S Alamo St, (210) 227-2469 Category: Food Trucks

Alamo Street Eat Bar is an urban gourmet food truck park. It is open from 5pm to midnight from Tuesdays to Sundays. On Friday and Saturday nights, the hours are extended to 2am. You will spot some of the best food trucks this city has to offer including Duk Truck, Where Y'a, etc. When you crave late night gourmet food, this is where to be!

Pearl Brewery/ Tobin Hill

Pearl Brewery or the “Pearl” is a culinary and cultural destination in San Antonio. It is filled with the city’s finest restaurants, local shops, residential units, and commercial space. It is also home to the Culinary Institute of America and Pearl farmers market on every Saturday morning. All Pearl brewery restaurants can be accessed by taking the River Taxi.

Cured

\$\$\$ 306 Pearl Pkwy, Ste 101, (210) 314-3929 Categories: American (New)

Cured is the newest addition to San Antonio’s food scene and Chef Steven McHugh’s new endeavor. Located in a renovated historic 1904 building, the restaurant embodies the perfect blend of a contemporary and historical breathtaking atmosphere. Its specialty is in house cured meats charcuterie plate. Simply amazing! Everything offered on the creative menu is farm to table. It is one of my new favorite restaurants in San Antonio. A must visit!

Il Sogno Osteria

\$\$\$ 200 E Grayson St, (210) 223-3900 Categories: Italian, Mediterranean

Il Sogno Osteria is another great restaurant of Chef Andrew Weissman’s. It is arguably the best Italian restaurant in San Antonio. It offers upscale ambience and fine dining. You must try the linguini with clams, bacon, and peperonata in white wine and parmesan broth! It is my personal favorite. Antipasti are reasonably priced.

Green Vegetarian Cuisine

\$\$ 200 E Grayson St, Ste 120, (210) 320-5865 Categories: Vegetarian, Vegan

Vegetarian restaurants are sparse in San Antonio. Green is local vegetarians’ favorite eatery. Mushroom stroganoff and Cici’s stir-fry are very tasty, highly recommend. Vegan cupcakes are available for dessert.

The Granary ‘Cue and Brew

\$\$ 602 Ave A, (210) 228-0124 Categories: Barbeque, Breweries

Rooted in Southern hospitality, the Granary ‘Cue and Brew is dedicated to serve globally inspired barbeque with smoke and live fire and hand crafted fresh beer in house. They emphasize on humanely raised, no hormone/antibiotic, quality meat and seasonal vegetables. Come get a bowl of their brisket ramen, I’ve heard a lot of good things about it.

BARS

Menger Bar

\$\$ 204 Alamo Pl, (210) 223-4361

Located inside the Menger hotel, the Menger bar is where Teddy Roosevelt recruited his famous Rough Riders before heading off to fight the Spanish-American War. It was built in 1887 to be an exact replica of London's House of Lord's Pub and it also has been voted one of the top ten most historic bars in the United States. Come enjoy a delicious cocktail and the Colonial Room's famous mango ice cream!

Zinc Bistro & Wine Bar

\$\$ 207 N Presa St, (210) 224-2900

Housed in a historic building more than a century old, Zinc is a downtown bistro and wine bar that should not be overlooked. You will find a wine list that traverses the globe, handcrafted cocktails, and southwestern bistro fare all in a comfortable and upscale atmosphere.

SoHo Wine & Martini Bar

\$\$ 214 W Crockett St, (210) 444-1000

SoHo Wine & Martini Bar is a full service bar located in the historic San Antonio Loan and Trust Building. It provides an impressive list of wines and fun specialty house martinis. Come relax to the soothing sounds of their live Jazz band while sipping on delicious wine and cocktail.

Brooklynite

\$\$ 516 Brooklyn Ave, (210) 444-0707

Brooklynite is one of the local's favorite bars and late night hangout. Whether you are a seasoned cocktailian or not, Brooklynite will take your bar experience to the next level. You can also find food trucks parked outside, which is a huge plus in my book.

VFW Post 76

\$ 10 10th St, (210) 223-4581

VFW Post 76 is the oldest post in Texas right on the San Antonio River and it is open to the public. Come enjoy ice cold beer, live music at this historical Victorian home, learn about the military history and hang out with the locals. There are rumors of two ghosts, which also add to the house's mystique.

Friendly Spot Ice House

\$\$ 943 S Alamo St, (210) 224-2337

Friendly Spot Ice House's motto is "Let's be Friends". It is a Texas ice house where you can find over 250 bottled brews plus 76 on draft. Food is served until midnight every day. Weekly special events include movies, games, and more. Sunday brunch is also served. Come and be friendly!