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San Antonio Travel Guide

Venue

Henry B Gonzalez Convention Center
(HBGCC)
200 E Market St
Ballroom A
San Antonio, Texas 78205



Venue Information

The Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center is located within San Antonio's historic downtown along world famous the River Walk. The HBGCC complex has been voted "Best Convention Center in the Industry" by Meetings South magazine the past 2 years. Restaurants, entertainment, The Alamodome, and most downtown Hotels are within walking distance. The RK Group has exclusive catering rights, so do not bring in outside food or drink.

Parking

- a. \$8 Convention Center Parking (Market St. between Bowie and I37)
- b. \$10 Marina Garage (Bowie & Commerce St.)
- c. \$10 Riverbend Garage (Alamo & Market St.)
- d. \$9 Grand Hyatt Parking Garage (Bowie & Market St.)

Hotel

Grand Hyatt San Antonio
600 E Market Street
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Hotel Information

The Grand Hyatt San Antonio is the designated staff hotel for the weekend and is located less than a block from the convention center. Hotel rooms have been blocked off for \$111/night single or double occupancy. Hotel parking is available for \$9/day. Shuttle services to and from the airport are available from 7am to 1am for a fee of \$18 each way or \$16 each way if bought round-trip. A \$2 off coupon is available in Appendix A. Airport shuttles may be reserved at <https://www.citytoursinc.com/reservations>.



Many other hotels are available in the downtown area.

San Antonio International Airport (SAT)

Address

9800 Airport Boulevard
San Antonio, TX 78216
(210) 207-3465



General flights will arrive at SAT. Most flights arrive at Terminal A, though United Airways and American Airlines flights arrive at Terminal B. Car rentals, taxis, shuttles, and city buses are available to take you to downtown San Antonio for the convention center or Grand Hyatt. Up to 6 people with luggage can share a cab to downtown for approximately \$29. The cheapest option is the VIA Bus Stop, located at the Lower Roadway between Terminals A&B. VIA Bus System provides 1 hour transportation to the convention center in downtown San Antonio for \$1.10 each bus. Take Bus Route 5 from the airport and follow the Bus transfer instructions in Appendix B. Airport buses operate between 5am and 10:30pm.

Directions From the Airport

Take Highway 281 South to the East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard exit.

Exit on East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard and turn right on East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard to Alamo Street.

Turn right on Alamo to Market Street.

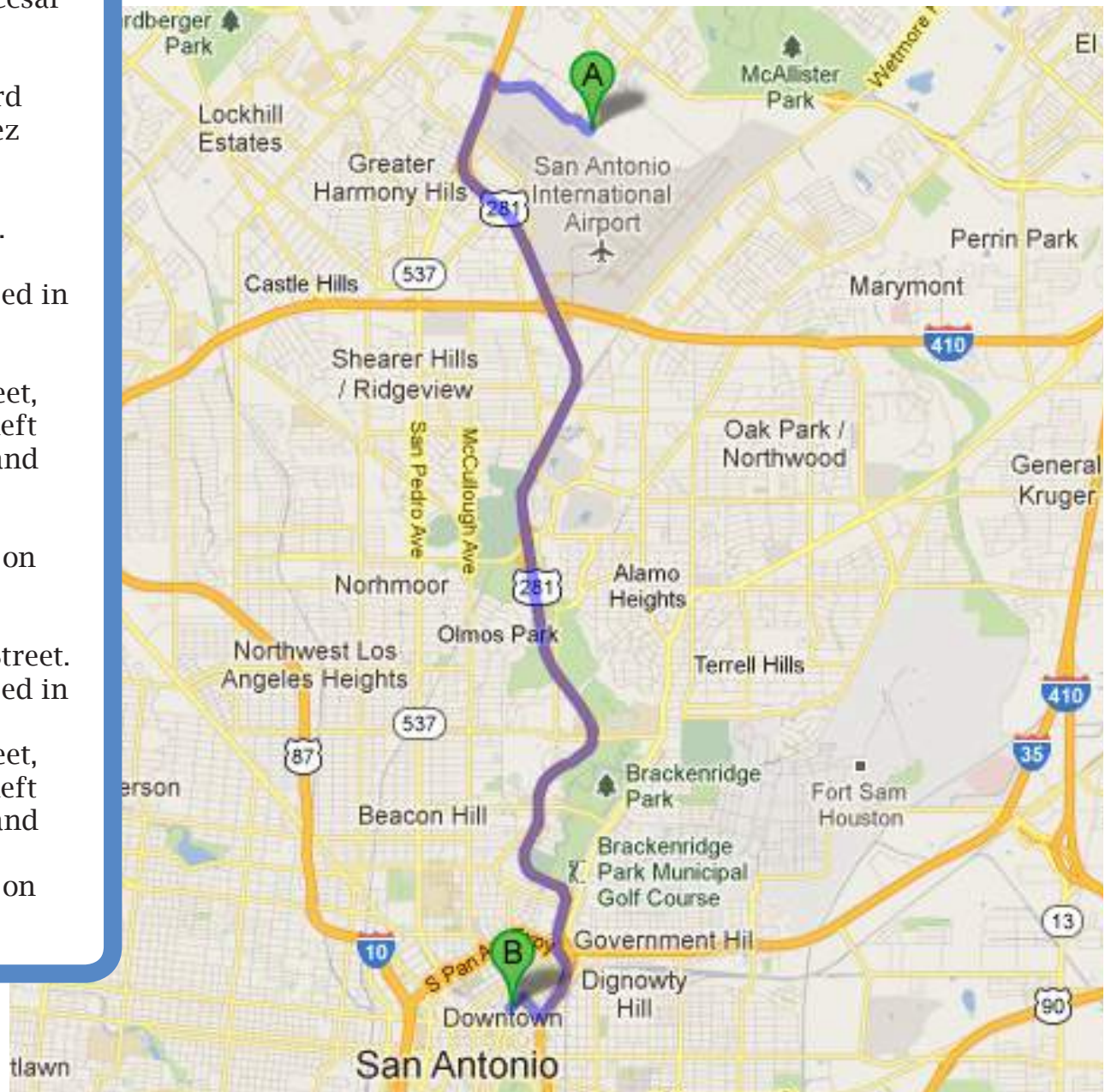
At Market Street turn right and proceed in front of the Convention Center.

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Itinerary

Route(s)	Depart	Arrive	Duration	Transfers	Walk	Fare*
5, 30, 20, 17	2:22pm	3:21pm	59 min.	3	0.14 mi.	\$2.95



Depart

2:22pm from S.A. INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT W GATE (Stop 55229)
on route 5McCULLOUGH (5 MCCULLOUGH INB)



Arrive

3:05pm at ST. MARY'S & PECAN (Stop 79977)



Transfer

3:05pm at ST. MARY'S & PECAN (Stop 79977)
to route 30RIGSBY (30 RIGSBY OUTB) (stay in seat)



Arrive

3:06pm at ST. MARY'S & COMMERCE (Stop 89867)



Transfer

3:12pm at ST. MARY'S & COMMERCE (Stop 89867)
to route 20NEW BRAUNFELS Frequent (20 New Braunfels/McCreless)



Arrive

3:13pm at ST MARYS BET. MARKET & VILLITA (Stop 99157)



Transfer

3:20pm at MARKET & S. ST. MARY'S (Stop 89863)
to route 17IH-35 Express (17 Randolph P/R OUTB)



Arrive

3:21pm at MARKET/ FRONT OF CONVENTION CENTER (Stop 92453)



Traveling East (El Paso)

Travel IH 10 East toward San Antonio. IH 10 East intersects with IH 35 South toward Laredo.

Take IH 35 South to the East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard exit.

Exit on East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard, keep right for three-quarters of a circle and proceed under the interstate past six traffic signals to Alamo Street.



Travelling South (Dallas/Austin)

Travel IH-35 South to San Antonio.

IH-35 South intersects with IH-37 South to Corpus Christi.

Take IH 37 South to the East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard exit.

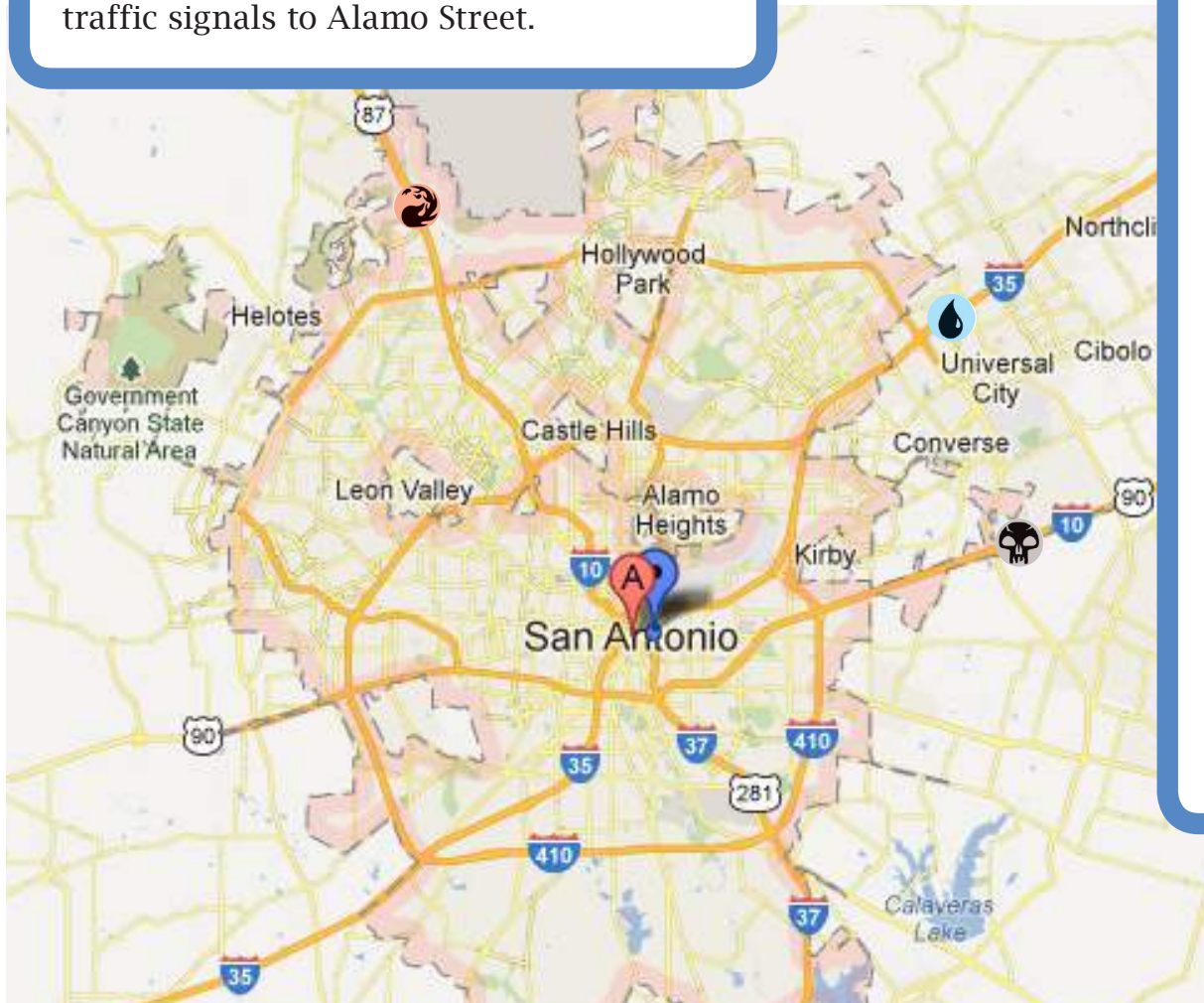
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Traveling West (Houston) (*prev. page*)

Travel IH 10 West to San Antonio. IH 10 West intersects with IH 37 North toward Johnson City.

Take IH 37 North to the East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard exit.

Exit on East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard and turn left on East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard under the interstate to Alamo Street.

Turn right on Alamo to Market Street.

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Traveling North (Corpus Christi)

Travel IH 37 North toward San Antonio to the East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard exit.

Exit on East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard and turn left on East Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard under the interstate to Alamo Street.

Turn right on Alamo to Market Street.

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 - San Antonio Convention Center

 - Grand Hyatt San Antonio

 - Convention Center Parking

 - San Antonio Visitor Center

1 - Zocco

2 - Tre Trattoria Downtown

3 - The Fig Tree

4 - Morton's Steakhouse

5 - Bunz, Burgerz & More

6 - Central Park Pizza

7 - La Margarita

8 - Lüke

9 - Thai Lao Orchid

10 - H B's

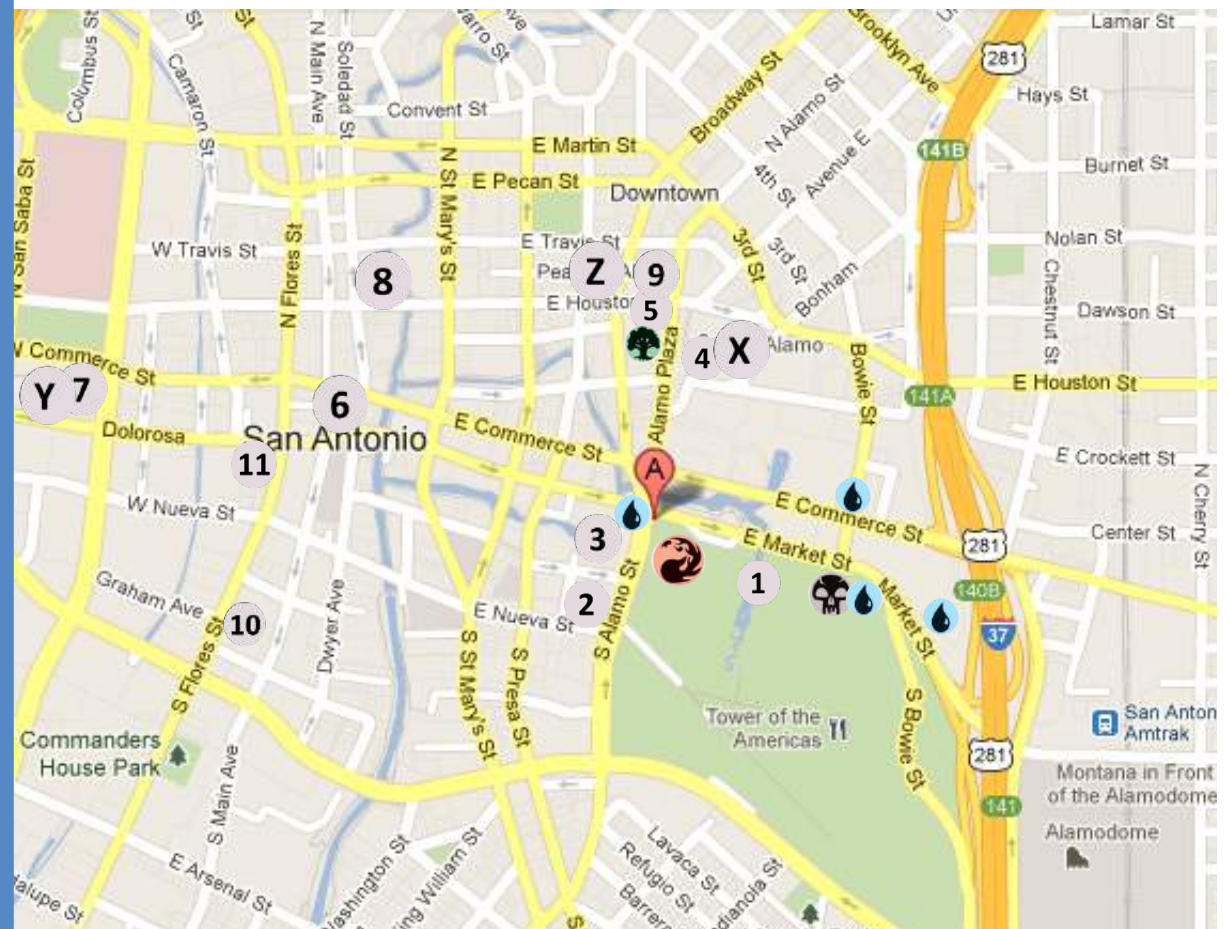
11 - Candy's Old Fashion Burgers

X - The Alamo

Y - Market Square

Z - The Riverwalk

Convention Center, Nearby Restaurants and Cultural Activities



Restaurant Details

Zocca: quiet upscale Italian food located between the convention center and Grand Hyatt

Tre Trattoria Downtown: Tuscan-style Italian food, especially known for delicious brunch

The Fig Tree: fine Texas cuisine in a quiet atmosphere

Morton's Steakhouse: crab, filet, burgers, and BLTs make this restaurant a treat for many tastes

Bunz, Burgerz & More: (located inside Moses Rose's Hideout), specialties include chili cheese burgers & fries, Tex-Mex hotdog, and Texas beer

Central Park Pizza: New York-style pizza, subs, and sandwiches, try anything with Italian sausage on it

La Margarita: (located within Market Square) fine Mexican food in a festive restaurant, try the prickly pear margarita (available without spirits)

Lüke: Cajun and Creole-style sandwiches and seafood accompanied bujazz music

Thai Lao Orchid: authentic Thai food, sushi, Pho, and many options for those who like spicy things

H B's: delicatessen with soups, salads, subs, spuds, and sweets.

Candy's Old Fashion Burgers: southern soul food twist on burgers, catfish, fried chicken, and shrimp.

Cultural Experience Details

Tower of the Americas: Observation deck, 4D ride, and fine dining located short walking distance from HGBCC and Grand Hyatt
(<http://www.toweroftheamericas.com/index.asp>)

Ripley's Believe it or Not: Ripley's museum with unusual exhibits, waxworks, and 4D theater (<http://www.ripleys.com/sanantonio/>)

Sea World San Antonio: theme park with roller coasters, shows, and aquarium (<http://seaworldparks.com/seaworld-sanantonio/>)

San Antonio Museum of Art: galleries, sculptures, and restaurant(<http://www.samuseum.org/>)

The Buckhorn Saloon and Texas Ranger Museums: wildlife, artifacts, café, and bar (<http://www.buckhornmuseum.com/pages/saloon.html>)

The Alamodome: convention center, concert venue, sports hall of fame, and football field (<http://www.alamodome.com/>)

The Alamo: Historical site of famous battle for Texas Independence from Mexico and symbol of courage and sacrifice. Free admission 9am-5:30pm (<http://thealamo.org/main/index.php>)

Market Square: Historic Mexican market with shops, restaurants, galleries, and shows (<http://www.sanantonio.gov/marketsquare/default.aspx>)

The San Antonio Riverwalk: Large area of downtown close to HBGCC. World-famous must-see public park containing a network of bars, shops, museums, and restaurants (<http://www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com/>)

Weather

Texas natives will warn you that we have only two seasons in Texas: Hot and Cold. Average temperatures in San Antonio for November are between 50 and 72oF, but be prepared for much colder or much hotter weather. I recommend bringing a warm windbreaker or winter coat if walking downtown and a pair of shorts just in case.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed public areas (including the convention center) and most restaurants and bars unless they have designated smoking areas. Hotel rooms and clubs may have designated smoking rooms. Please throw away your cigarette butts.

Getting Around Town

Almost everything you need should be within walking distance of downtown, but if you decide to venture further out then taxis and shuttles are available from the hotel. Bus rides are available for \$1.10 each way or for \$4 per day for unlimited bus rides. For more information on routes and purchasing a daily pass, visit www.viainfo.net.

Local Hospital

The closest and most comprehensive care medical hospital is Baptist Medical Center in Downtown Houston. In addition to its many specialty care services, Baptist Medical Center has 24-hour emergency care available and is certified as a level IV trauma center.

Baptist Medical Center
111 Dallas Street
San Antonio, Texas 78205
(210) 297-7000

Local Game Stores

If you would like to play some Magic this weekend or scope out the local San Antonio Magic scene, I suggest visiting Gamelot (<http://www.mygamelot.com/index.php>) or Heroes & Fantasies (<http://www.heroesandfantasies.com/>). Neither are within walking distance but both are worth seeing if you can find a ride. The Heroes & Fantasies store is especially recommended for comic book enthusiasts.

UK/Mexico Consulate Information

Consulates

United Kingdom (Honorary San Antonio): 254 Spencer La, Phone (+1) (210) 735-9393

United Kingdom (Houston): Wells Fargo Plaza, 19th Floor, 1000 Louisiana, Suite 1900, Phone (+1) (713) 659 6270 , Fax (+1) (713) 659 7094 , email Website <http://ukinusa.fco.gov.uk/en/about-us/other-locations/houston/>

Mexico: 127 Navarro Street, Phone (+1) (210) 227-9145, Fax (+1) (210) 227-1817, Email info@consulmexsat.org, Website <http://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/sanantonio/>

A Texas Primer

“Ain’t”- is not, conveniently compressed into a single syllable

“Howdy”- standard greeting, particularly from Texas A&M students

“Y’all”- plural “you”, very useful phrase

“BBQ”- barbecue, delicious Texas cuisine or something

“This ain’t my first rodeo”- the person is familiar with the concept

“Over Yonder”- over there away from us

“Ma’am”- Madame, polite term for those of the female persuasion

“Coke”- any soft drink except for Dr. Pepper, which is “Dr. Pepper”

Remember:

-Not everyone in Texas owns a horse

-Mind your manners. “Sir” and “Ma’am” are a must!

-Not everyone in Texas carries a gun, but treat them like they do!

-We have a lot of land in Texas, so most things are spread out geographically