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TRAVEL GUIDE

Ride the bus!

There is a city bus stop at the airport, halfway between terminals A and B. The Route 5 bus will take you to downtown in about 30 minutes, for a cost of \$1.10. It arrives at the airport on weekdays every 30 mins from 5:24 am until 11:52 pm, and on weekends from 6:11 am until 9:45 pm.

You can check out more bus routes at:
<http://www.viainfo.net/Ride/Default.aspx>
Day passes are also available for purchase.

Need a Taxi?

A Taxi ride from the Airport to Convention Center will cost around \$32.00 one way.

Here are some Taxi services in San Antonio:
SA Taxis – 210-444-2222
County Line Cabs – 830-370-9510
Rio Taxi – 800-417-4139

And if you're really high class:
AAA Limosine Taxi and Charter – 210-599-9999

Shuttle Service:

There is a shuttle operated by the Airport that goes to all downtown hotels every day. Cost is \$20.25 one way, or \$35.25 for a round trip ticket. More info at:
<http://www.sanantonio.gov/SAT/GroundTransportation/Shuttle.aspx>
They have a desk located by baggage claim.

Driving in?

The Convention Center is located in downtown San Antonio on the Riverwalk. If you come in on I-35 (from the north) or I-10 (from east or west), there will be directional signs pointing you towards the Alamo, Riverwalk, and other attractions.

The address for your GPS is 200 East Market St, San Antonio TX, 78205

If you haven't been to San Antonio before and need specific directions, those are located on the next page.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO THE CONVENTION CENTER

Driving 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. Just before the stoplight at Bowie Street, the Marina Parking Garage is on the left (past Marriott Riverwalk) and the Grand Hyatt Parking Garage is on the right.

Travelling South From 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. 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. Just before the stoplight at Bowie Street, the Marina Parking Garage is on the left (past Marriott Riverwalk) and the Grand Hyatt Parking Garage is on the right.

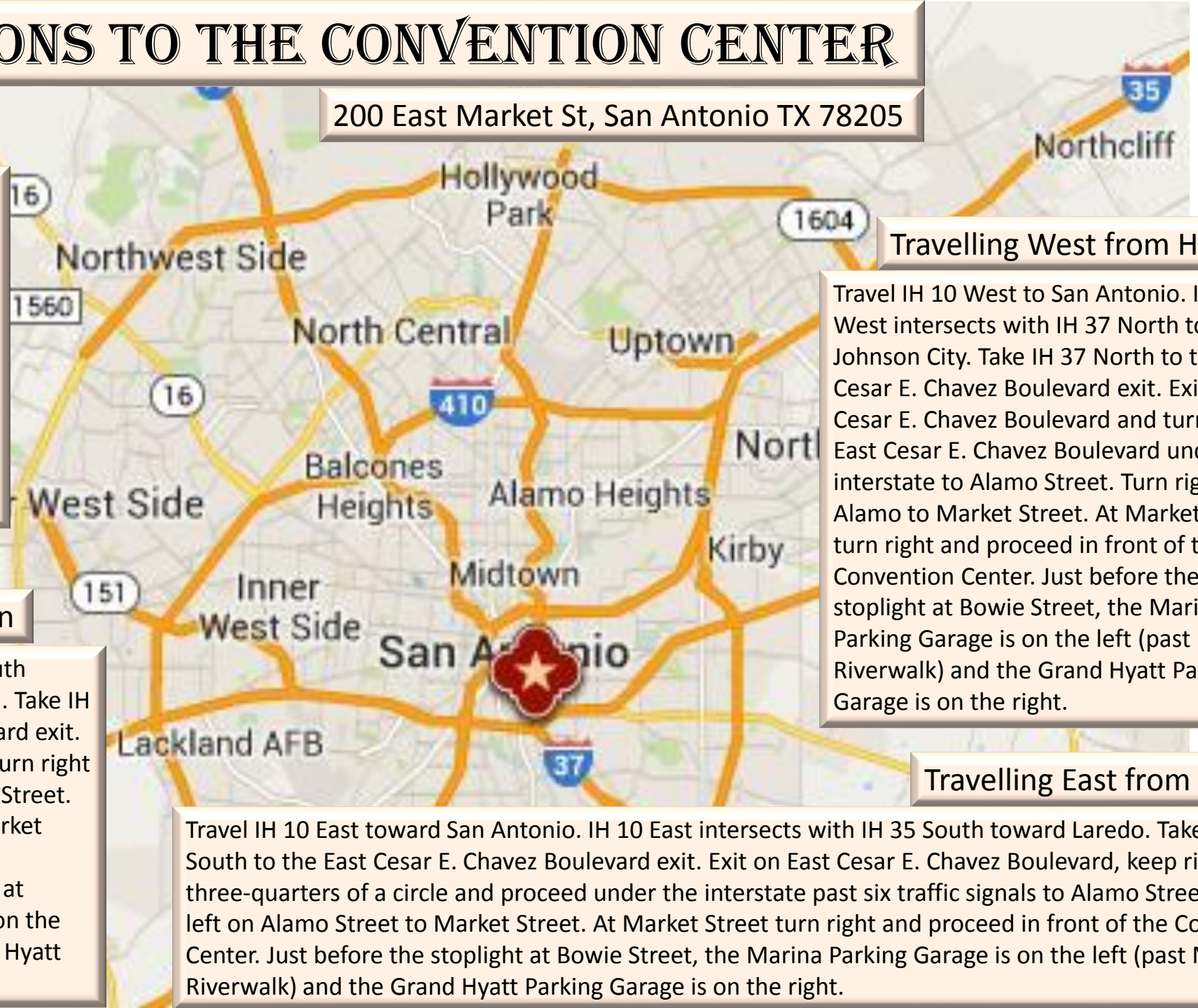
200 East Market St, San Antonio TX 78205

Travelling West from Houston

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. At Market Street turn right and proceed in front of the Convention Center. Just before the stoplight at Bowie Street, the Marina Parking Garage is on the left (past Marriott Riverwalk) and the Grand Hyatt Parking Garage is on the right.

Travelling East from 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. Turn left on Alamo Street to Market Street. At Market Street turn right and proceed in front of the Convention Center. Just before the stoplight at Bowie Street, the Marina Parking Garage is on the left (past Marriott Riverwalk) and the Grand Hyatt Parking Garage is on the right.



AT THE VENUE

Parking:

HENRY B GONZALEZ CONVENTION CENTER

Located on San Antonio's iconic Riverwalk, the area around the convention center is home to dozens of shops, hotels, and restaurants. In the shadow of the Tower of the Americas, and only a couple blocks from the historic Alamo, the area is an oasis of shade trees where mariachi bands and horsedrawn carriages take you back through south Texas history.

Grand Hyatt Parking Garage (210-451-6464)

Bowie & Market Streets
Flat rate: \$9.00 for up to 3 hours, \$15 for 3-4 hours, \$20 for 4-5 hours, \$25 for 5+ hours and overnight (per day).
Closest parking to Convention Center and Lila Cockrell Theatre

Marina Garage (210-207-8266)

Bowie & Commerce Streets
Daily flat rate: \$9.00
Event flat rate: \$10.00
Across street from main entrance to Convention Center and Lila Cockrell Theatre

Riverbend Garage (877-717-0004)

Alamo & Market Streets
Daily flat rate: \$12.00
Event flat rate: \$15.00
Overnight rate: \$15.00

Tower of the Americas Parking (210-223-3101)

801 Cesar Chavez Blvd.
Daily flat rate: \$8.00
Event flat rate: \$11.00

There are also many other hourly parking lots throughout downtown with varying rates.

DOWNTOWN HOTELS

Staff Hotel

Westin Riverwalk Hotel

420 West Market St.

Phone: 210-224-6500

Average Cost: \$116/night

Distance from venue:

7 minute leisurely walk

<http://www.westinriverwalksanantonio.com/>

Some other nearby hotels

Marriott Riverwalk Hotel

889 East Market St.

Phone: 210-224-4555

Average Cost: \$179/night

Distance from venue:

Across the street

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/satdt-san-antonio-marriott-riverwalk/>

Grand Hyatt Hotel

600 East Market St.

Phone: 210-224-1234

Average Cost: \$152/night

Distance from venue:

Next door

<http://grandsanantonio.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>

Fairmount Hotel

401 South Alamo St.

Phone: 210-224-8800

Average Cost: \$129/night

Distance from venue:

6 minute leisurely walk

<http://www.thefairmounthotel-sanantonio.com/>

Menger Hotel

204 Alamo Plaza

Phone: 210-223-4361

Average Cost: \$117/night

Distance from venue:

6 minute leisurely walk

<http://www.mengerhotel.com/>

All of these hotels (plus more) are located on or near the Riverwalk. A few minutes walk will take you to the Convention Center, or to any of the great restaurants on the next page. There is also a riverboat barge tour that only costs a few dollars, and will give you a great idea of good places to eat or visit, as well as learning about the historical side of the area. Link to boat tours: <http://riosanantonio.com/>

DOWNTOWN DINING

There are several really great spots on the Riverwalk, within easy walking distance of hotels and the Convention Center. You can find anything from an outdoor spot by the river to grab a taco, to sit down fine dining with a bottle of wine and Italian breadsticks. Here are just a few examples.

There are also many other restaurants within walking distance, including a Whataburger and a local Deli on Commerce St., and a Starbucks inside the Marriott across the street from the venue.

Paesano's Riverwalk

Italian Fine Dining
111 West Crockett St
210-227-2782 \$\$\$



Boudro's Texas Bistro

Southern Fine Dining
421 East Commerce St
210-224-8484 \$\$\$



Café Ole/Lone Star/Michelino's

River Boat Dining
521 Riverwalk
210-223-9374 \$



Barriba Cantina

Mexican Street Food and Drinks
111 West Crockett St
210-228-9876 \$\$



Charlie Wants a Burger

Sports Bar
223 Losoya St
210-227-0864 \$



SIGHTSEEING

There are tons of things to do in San Antonio! You will almost certainly not have time to do everything, unless you're planning an extended stay after the event, but here are a few highlights of how you could spend that one extra day you planned for.

Tower of the Americas



The Alamo



Six Flags Fiesta Texas



Sea World



SIGHTSEEING

Sea World

10500 Sea World Dr
800-700-7786

Watch dolphins play, feed sea lions, and see the world famous Shamu Show. If watching water animals do cool stuff is your thing, this is the place to visit.



Six Flags Fiesta Texas

17000 IH-10 West
210-697-5050

Everyone has been to Six Flags somewhere before, if you haven't you should certainly go! Thrill rides, Roller Coasters, Gift Shops, Water Park, etc. Don't go right after eating!

Note: Sea World and Fiesta Texas will both be closed Monday Dec 1st. They are open all of Thanksgiving week, and on weekends the rest of the month. If you are interested in a particular show or exhibit, check the website for it closer to the event to find out if it will be open on a particular day.

Sea World Website:

<http://seaworldparks.com/seaworld-sanantonio/>

Fiesta Texas Website:

<https://www.sixflags.com/fiestatexas>



SIGHTSEEING

San Antonio is one of the oldest western cities, and there are a lot of historical sites and museums here. The Alamo is a must-see for anyone, and history buffs could find cool places to visit for days!



The Alamo

300 Alamo Plaza

210-225-1391

Site of the famous siege by the Mexican army in 1391, the Alamo is free to visit, and hosts over 2.5 million visitors every year.

<http://www.thealamo.org/>



Tower of the Americas

600 HemisFair Park

210-223-3101

This 750 foot tall tower provides a spectacular view of the Alamo City. The revolving Chart House Restaurant at the top is a great spot for a memorable fine dining experience.

<http://www.toweroftheamericas.com/>



Buckhorn/Texas Ranger Museum

318 East Houston St.

210-247-4000

Located only a block from the event venue, this museum houses many artifacts from the Texas Rangers organization, which was almost the only law in the old west for many years.

<http://www.buckhornmuseum.com/>

ADDITIONAL LINKS

If anyone has additional questions about anything in this guide, or about San Antonio in general, feel free to contact me, I'll be happy to answer them! See you at the GP!

<http://apps.magicjudges.org/judges/JoeBrooks/>

San Antonio visitor's site:
<http://visitsanantonio.com/>

San Antonio Spurs homepage:
<http://www.nba.com/spurs/>

On 28 Nov the city will host the annual Holiday River Parade and Lighting Ceremony, with floats, local celebrities, and other festivities. Click here to get a ticket:

<http://www.thesanantonioriverwalk.com/events/ford-holiday-river-parade-lighting-ceremony-2014>

HOME OF THE SPURS

