

San Antonio — An International Shopping Destination

Known as a mecca for authentic shopping, San Antonio's unique blend of art villages, marketplaces, outlet malls and chic retail spreads invites visitors to explore a shopping destination as rich and diverse as the city itself.

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Market Square, the largest Mexican market north of the Rio Grande, is a colorful civic center with a friendly and humble appeal. Here, family-owned cafes greet each morning with the aromas of fresh pan dulce (sweet bread) and cinnamon-infused hot chocolate. Working artists bring the plaza to life and merchants offer local and imported jewelry, Talavera ceramics, art and more. Another great

place for unique Mexican imports is Fiesta on Main. This lively locale offers art, textiles, jewelry and more.

La Villita Historic Arts Village, "the little village," was originally established by Spanish soldiers stationed at The Alamo. It has since been reincarnated into a historic arts village where shops, cafes and galleries are housed in beautifully restored residences.

On the southern tip of downtown in **Southtown**, abbreviated as SoFlo for the street it resides on, South Flores is a trendy arts community flourishing with individuality. This rare neighborhood is comprised of historic houses, converted warehouses, artists' lofts, shops, galleries and restaurants.

Historic Market Square

514 W. Commerce St.

marketsquaresa.com

La Villita

418 Villita St.

lavillitanantonio.com

OUTLET MALLS



A short drive just north of San Antonio will lead you to the **San Marcos Premium Outlets®** and the **Tanger Factory Outlet**, ranked the "Third Best Place to Shop in the World" as seen on ABC's "The View," you'll find more than 230 tempting retailers at

discounted prices, from Dooney & Bourke, Lululemon and the Neiman Marcus Last Call Clearance Center to Crate & Barrel, Restoration Hardware and Lucky Brand.

San Marcos Premium Outlets®

3939 S. IH-35

premiumoutlets.com

OUTDOOR SHOPPING EXCURSIONS

Bask in the beauty of South Texas weather at these outdoor shopping havens.

The Shops at La Cantera are nestled in an upscale, sprawling locale, shaded by live oaks. Here you'll find luxurious, high-end retailers like Neiman Marcus and Tiffany & Co. set amidst a retreat-like ambiance with tranquil fountains and some of the best eateries in town.

Long hailed as a true Texas landmark, the **Alamo Quarry Market** was once home to the Alamo Cement Plant that helped build Texas for more than 100 years. Today, it is an inspired destination for shopping, dining and entertainment. Roam more than 60 retail shops artfully placed among 580,000 square feet and be sure to visit the Regal Alamo Quarry built in a portion of the original factory.

Meanwhile, classic is always in style at **Huebner Oaks Shopping Center** with American staple retailers like Talbots, Old Navy, James Avery, Ann Taylor and Victoria's Secret. Huebner Oaks is



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home to more than 60 stores as well as one of San Antonio's most popular movie theaters, Regal Huebner Oaks.

One of San Antonio's trendiest shopping centers, **The Rim**, is actually an 800-acre mixed-use development located in one of San Antonio's trendiest locales. Stores include the Bass Pro Shop, Target, JCPenney, Best Buy and specialty shops as well as Santikos Theatres, entertainment and fine dining.

Make time for **The Forum**, with over 100 stores and restaurants offering everything from home décor to apparel. Be inspired at craft and beading stores, grab a cup of coffee and peruse specialty shops.

The Shops at La Cantera
15900 La Cantera Pkwy.
theshopsatlacantera.com

Alamo Quarry Market
255 E. Basse Rd.
quarrymarket.com

Huebner Oaks Shopping Center
11745 IH-10
shophuebneroaks.com

The Rim
17703 La Cantera Pkwy.
therimsa.com

The Forum
8320 Agora Pkwy., Selma
shoptheforumsa.com

INDOOR SHOPPING ATTRACTIONS

With multiple indoor shopping centers, you may never venture outside to enjoy San Antonio's beautiful scenery and warm weather. We have a solution — **The Shops**

at Rivercenter. This three-story glass shopping, dining and entertainment complex offers stunning views of the River Walk. Watch river boats circling below and listen to the sounds of mariachis from the water's edge while you shop an eclectic mix of local and national shops.

Just a few minutes away, **North Star Mall** is home to the world's largest pair of cowboy boots. This local favorite offers a selection of more than 200 specialty stores that provide a diverse and engaging shopping experience. With everything from Victoria's Secret to The Cheesecake Factory, there are exciting shopping opportunities for every member of the family.

Shops at Rivercenter
849 E. Commerce St.
shoprivercenter.com

North Star Mall
7400 San Pedro Ave.
northstarmall.com/en/

Ingram Park Mall
6301 N.W. Loop 410
ingram-park-mall.com

Rolling Oaks Mall
6909 N. Loop 1604 E.
rollingoaksmall.com

BOUTIQUES

San Antonio is a convergence of styles and cultures, a place where chic and the norm combine to inspire the exclusive boutiques that line the streets of Alamo Heights, Monte Vista and the walkways of The Alley on Bitters.



The Historic Pearl, formally a historic brewery, offers unique riverside eats and shopping for visitors of all tastes. In addition to Bakery

Lorraine, La Gloria and Hotel Emma, this shopping attraction offers stores ranging from Niche Boutique to The Twig Bookshop. Take in the many sights and smells the farmers market offers on the weekends.

Alamo Heights is one of San Antonio's oldest and most esteemed neighborhoods. Along its streets lie unique boutiques and specialty shops in the style of years past, though you'll find their selection nothing but fashion-forward. This alluring ensemble of trendy retailers bloom with must-see shops Penny Lane, Sloan-Hall and Chalet. Yet this mere sampling is just the beginning of an inspiring selection of one-of-a-kind abodes where the service and shopping experience are as personally tailored as the attire.

Not far away, **The Alley on Bitters** is a maze of locally-owned specialty shops designed with remnants from turn-of-the-century buildings. Winding boardwalks and meandering pathways lead you from store to store. Dine or shop at stores ranging from designer attire to upscale gardening.

Saving some of the best for last, neighboring **Olmos Park** and **Monte Vista** offer a variety of shops.



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Here, you will find Meadow, an upscale fashion boutique; Otra Vez, a trendy consignment shop; and Period Modern, upscale mid-century modern furniture and art.

Another local favorite is Julian Gold, which has been offering patrons the most up-to-date designer wear since 1945 with names like Vera Wang, Reem Acra, Monique Lhuillier, and Lazaro as well as Christos, Melissa Sweet and more.

The Historic Pearl

303 Pearl Pkwy.
atpearl.com

The Alley on Bitters

555 W. Bitters Rd.
thealleyonbitters.com

ANTIQUES

Looking for an antique armoire from turn-of-the-century German-Texas settlers, an eclectic item that recalls San Antonio's Wild West days, a pristine Louis XV piece to add to your collection of European antiques, or are you just treasure hunting? There are antique stores featuring specialized dealers as well as popular antique malls that offer an interesting mix of items. You're likely to find a show, fair or special market while in town. If plans call for day trips, a popular activity is antiques in the charming Hill Country towns of Comfort, Boerne, Fredericksburg, Castrovilla, New Braunfels, Gruene and Leon Springs. Most of these quaint early European settlements offer a diverse sampling of antique stores along their main streets.

Alamo Antique Mall

125 Broadway
alamoantiquemall.com

Ironside Antiques Mall

10211 Ironside Dr.

Downtown Antique Mall

209 W. San Antonio St., New Braunfels
thedowntownantiquemall.com

The Gruene Flea Antique Mall

1265 Industrial St., Ste. A, New Braunfels

Johns Road Antique Mall

850 Johns Rd., Boerne
johnsroadantiquemall.com

MUSEUM GIFT SHOPS

The SAMA Store is located in the **San Antonio Museum of Art's** castle-like building that was formerly the Lone Star Brewery. Here, you will find an extensive assortment of art books, art pieces and inspiring items for children. Another great place for engaging children's gifts is the gift shop at the **Witte Museum**, which is known as the city's premiere museum of South Texas history, culture and natural science. If there is a dinosaur lover in the family, this is the place to stock up.

The Briscoe Western Art Museum

is home to exhibitions of art, culture, and artifacts, offering many artistic collections of culture and lifestyle of the historic American West. The museum's proximity to the river and location within the first Public Library of San Antonio legitimizes its rich historical significance. The museum's accompanying sculpture garden attracts visitors year-round. The Briscoe Western Art Museum store

features selections that represent the aesthetics and topics of the museum, offering books, handmade jewelry and more.

For museum shops with more of a San Antonio flair, Centro de Artes and Villa Finale are what you're looking for.

Centro de Artes tells the story of Latinos in America (past and present), showcasing various exhibits featuring Latino culture. Its gift shop is brimming with San Antonio folklore including art, candles and hand-made textiles. The **Villa Finale** museum shop is a hidden gem in the Southtown neighborhood. Villa Finale is the site of the only National Trust Historic Site in Texas, and the gift shop is also one-of-a-kind with unique jewelry, home accents and an amazing selection of books.

San Antonio Museum of Art

200 W. Jones Ave.

Witte Museum

3801 Broadway

The Briscoe Western Art Museum

210 W. Market St.

Centro de Artes

101 S. Santa Rosa Ave.

Villa Finale: Museum and Gardens

401 King William St.



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