

San Antonio Christmas

Stay right on the Riverwalk!

Dec 8-11, 2026

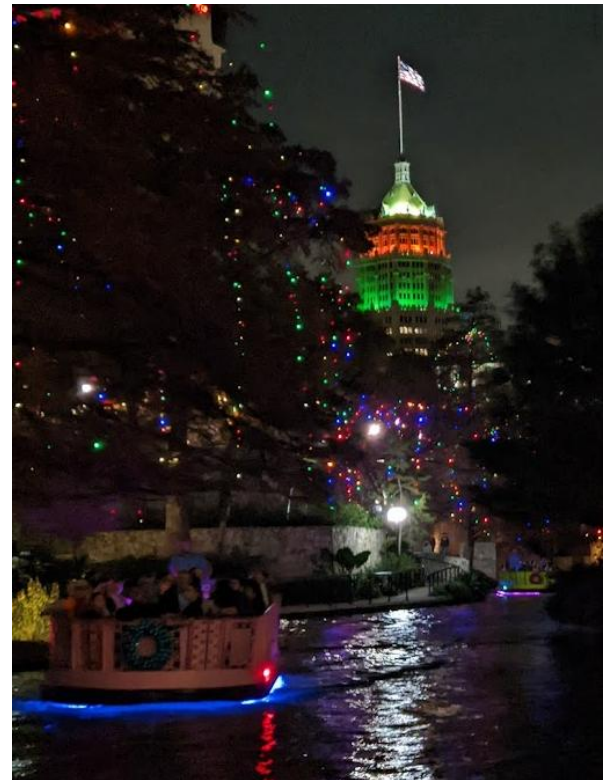


San Antonio is famous for its Riverwalk, and there is no better time to see it than when the luminarias line the San Antonio River for the holidays. We stay on the Riverwalk to give you the best location to enjoy this magical wonderland. Plus, we will explore the highlights of the area, such as the Japanese Sunken Tea Gardens, located in an abandoned rock quarry and the incomparable Villa Finale!

Tuesday, Dec 8 – Heading to San Antonio!

Meet your tour directors Dea and Declan at the Saint Louis Airport for our flight to San Antonio and arrive around noon. We board our private motorcoach and head to **Fredericksburg**, where German and Texan cultures combine. Enjoy a choice of German and American style restaurants for your lunch on your own while walking among the quaint shops and boutiques. Did you know that the mariachi bands originated from the German Oom Pah Bands? We also stop at **Wildseeds Farm**, a wonderful wildflower farm that sells not only seeds but wonderful garden and home goods. They also have a lovely wine tasting room! A great place to buy gifts for the green thumb folks in your life, and the best part? They ship to Missouri (yes, even the wine!)

When we arrive in San Antonio, we check in to our hotel, the **Drury Inn & Suites San Antonio Riverwalk**. We will be here all 3 nights, so enjoy the cocktails and heavy appetizers each night before venturing out to try some of the wonderful restaurants in the area. We always stay at this hotel as it is in the heart of the Riverwalk. You will see the many boats full of tourists and carolers as they cruise along the river, and don't worry, we'll do that on Friday night (the weekends are when they put out the luminarias!) **(Hot Apps and Cocktails)**



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Wednesday, Dec 9 – San Antonio Claims to Fame

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before our guided tour of this amazing city. First is the **King William Historic District**, spanning over 25 blocks of downtown San Antonio and is often featured on the lists of the prettiest neighborhoods in America last year thanks to the many charming 19th century residences that have been beautifully maintained as private residences or locally owned businesses and museums. Many groups simply drive through the district, but we will get the chance to take a stroll through the neighborhood and also tour one of the most magnificent of the homes, the **Villa Finale Museum & Gardens**. The house was built by local merchant Russel C. Norton in 1876 in the opulent style of the time. Unfortunately, the entire neighborhood was flooded in 1921 and like many of these gorgeous homes it was turned into a boarding house after the residents moved further away from the growing city and the river. Walter Nold Mathis purchased the home in 1967 after his own historic home was razed for a highway expansion.



And while he may have called it *Villa Finale* in honor of it being his “last home,” over the years, Mathis restored not just this home but 14 other homes in the neighborhood, which he then sold to other old home aficionados to create a community of preservation. This led to the neighborhood becoming the first historic district in Texas, and *Villa Finale* was designated a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark in 1971.



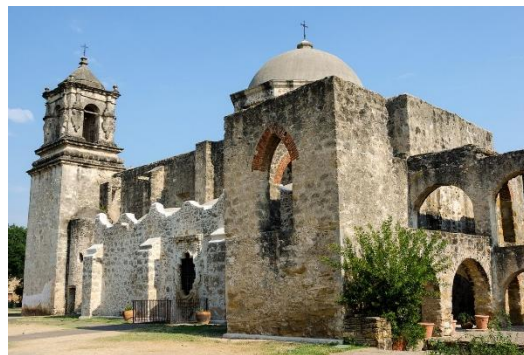
Our next stop is the **San Fernando Cathedral**. Work began on this amazing church in 1738, making it the oldest cathedral and oldest continuously functioning religious community in all of Texas. The gothic revival style towers and triple doors were constructed starting in 1868, but the original church is still there, having been incorporated into the structure. The dome of the cathedral is the official geographical center of San Antonio, and the cathedral features amazing stained-glass windows and stone carved stations of the cross.

We then take a drive out to the famous **San Antonio Shoe Company**, featuring vintage western buildings as well as a peek into the factory, if running as they pause during the holidays, to see how these American made shoes come together. They are amazingly comfortable! Next up: the **Mexican Market** for lunch on your own. It's also a great place to buy one-of-a-kind gifts!

This afternoon we head to the most iconic of attractions in San Antonio – **The Alamo!** The most visited tourist site in Texas, our visit will help distinguish between the history of this amazing mission and the popular myths and legends that surround the site. Stroll back to the hotel on your own or return via coach. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy. Stroll along the banks of the Riverwalk, indulge in the free cocktails and snacks at the hotel, or try one of the great restaurants nearby! **(B, Hot Apps and Cocktails)**

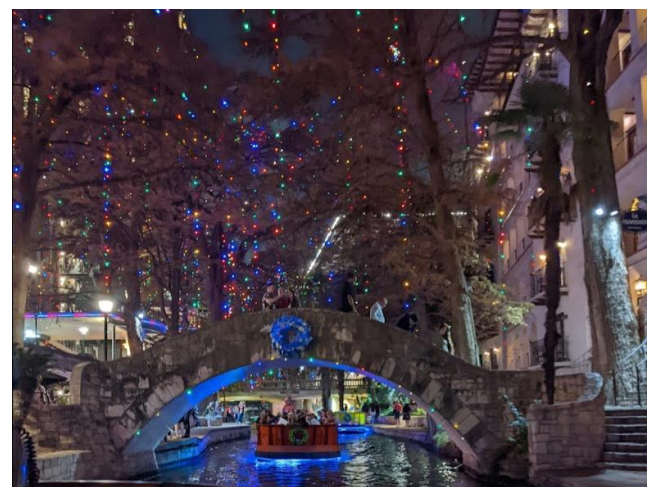
Thursday, Dec 10 – From the Missions and Sunken Gardens to the top of the Tower!

After breakfast at the hotel, we explore some of the area's hidden gems, starting with the **Mission San Jose**. One of the best-preserved missions, the Mission San Jose was founded in 1720 by Spanish missionaries, who performed over 2000 baptisms in the 104 years the mission was active. The mission fell into disrepair over time, as soldiers and bandits made their home in the buildings over the years. The Works Progress Administration provided funds and crews to restore the mission in 1933, and in 2015 it became a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Next, we head to **the Japanese Sunken Tea Gardens**. Set in an abandoned stone quarry, the Sunken Gardens have a fascinating history of collaboration, loss, and reconciliation. As you stroll along the pathways, bridges and pagodas, you will feel as if you have been transported to the Land of the Rising Sun thanks to the many water features, flowers, and statues. Don't forget to check out the koi in the ponds! Our lunch today is at the top of the **Tower of the Americas**. This revolving restaurant offers amazing views of the city while you enjoy an incredible buffet.

Tonight, we enjoy our **private riverboat ride** after dark through the thousands of luminarias that line the Riverwalk. The riverwalk is set below street level, and snakes along the sidewalks and under bridges and under the branches of the bald Cypress, all of which are decorated with glistening lights and wreaths. The riverwalk stretches over 2.5 miles, connecting the shops and hotels of downtown with greenways and attractions like the missions. The Riverwalk has also been featured in movies such as 1997's *Selena* and the 1972 Steve McQueen's *The Getaway*. **(B, L, Hot Apps and Cocktails)**



Friday, Dec 11 – Returning Home

We depart this morning for the airport for our flight home. Thank you for traveling with us! **(B)**

This Are We There Yet? Tour includes:

- ✓ Round trip transportation on Southwest Airlines (Currently non-stop and direct!)
- ✓ Stay 3 nights at the Drury Hotel on the Riverwalk – only unpack once!
- ✓ Private riverboat cruise through the luminaria lined banks
- ✓ 4 Meals (3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch), plus Hot Apps and Cocktails at the Drury 5:30-7pm!
- ✓ Tours of the King Williams Historic District, Villa Finale, San Fernando Cathedral
- ✓ Tours of The Alamo, Mission San Jose, Japanese Sunken Tea Gardens, and SAS shoes
- ✓ A visit to Wildseeds Farm and the German Town of Fredericksburg
- ✓ All other Activities as indicated
- ✓ Round-Trip Baggage Handling of one suitcase per traveler at the hotel
- ✓ Professional Tour Directors
- ✓ All gratuities including step-on guides, included meals, driver and director

\$2,290 per person, double occ

\$2,936 single occ

\$2,048 pp, triple/quad occ

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Double \$2,199

Single \$2,819

Triple / Quad \$1,996

Make your reservation with a **\$500 deposit** per person to reserve your space. Once this tour is filled, a wait list will be formed. Please send a check or call with a credit card along with your name, address, phone number, and all roommates' names if you are sharing a room and any dietary or walking restrictions.

Balance on base tour price is due October 5, 2026, and no refunds will be given after that time. We encourage you to purchase trip cancellation and interruption insurance. Please email or call us for details and options. If you take the insurance and need to cancel for a covered reason after September 15, 2025, you may file a claim with proper documentation to request a refund of your money. Airfare is based on current tax rate and fuel surcharges. If there is an increase or you book after the deadline, a supplement will be assessed.

Call us if you want to fly from another location! -You may ALWAYS book your own air. Just be sure to arrive before the group. Ask for adjustment in pricing.

If you have **purchased TSA Pre-Check or Global Entry** and have a Known Traveler Number, please provide the name associated with that and your number to add to your reservation. Sometimes it is only what is on your passport, so if it is different on your driver's license, it will not pick up.

If you have a **Southwest Rapid Rewards Number** please provide it at the time of booking.

Note: REAL ID enforcement begins May 7, 2025. If you do not have a REAL ID driver's license, which must be requested at the time you renew your license you must use an ID approved by TSA.

*Any notice of fuel surcharges imposed by carriers and/or attractions will be disclosed at least 30 days prior to tour departure. Luminarias are weather and wind dependent.
The itinerary is subject to change, for the good!*

We are working in a new system called Group Collect. You may pay online with credit card but receive no discount. If you enter your own bank account info and pay it then receive a 1.8% discount off the initial price shown above.

We encourage trip interruption and cancellation insurance. You will want to send that with your deposit so as to cover pre-existing conditions. We are also offering coverage through TripMate in conjunction with Group Collect and can begin offering it on tours not previously booked. The pricing on group insurance is NOT based on age, just the price of the tour.

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