

San Antonio



Population	- 1.49 million
Size	- 7 th most populous in the US
Weather	- Humid Subtropical Climate
Language	- English, Spanish
Specialty Food	- Mexican, Barbecue



The City of San Antonio, is the seventh most populous city in the United States and the second most populous city in both Texas and the Southern United States. Founded as a Spanish mission and colonial outpost in 1718, the city became the first chartered civil settlement in Texas in 1731, making it the state's oldest municipality. Straddling the regional divide between South and Central Texas, San Antonio anchors the southwestern corner of an urban megaregion colloquially known as the "Texas Triangle".

The city contains five 18th-century Spanish frontier missions, including The Alamo and San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, which together were designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2015. Other notable attractions include the River Walk, the Tower of the Americas, SeaWorld, the Alamo Bowl, and Marriage Island.

The city is home to the five-time NBA champion San Antonio Spurs. It hosts the annual San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, one of the largest such events in the country.

In 2009, San Antonio became the first U.S. city to sanction and sponsor an official Diwali celebration including a fireworks display. The event commemorates the Sister City Alliance that was established in 2008 between San Antonio and Chennai, India. "Diwali San Antonio" is celebrated annually on the first Saturday of November.



Places of Interest

The Alamo – Small, shrine like fortress & monument to Texas history with a museum, artifacts, gardens & more.

The River Walk – The San Antonio River Walk is a city park with landscaped walkways, bridges, restaurants, bars, hotels, shops & boat tours along the banks of the San Antonio River, one story beneath the streets of San Antonio.

Natural Bridge Caverns – largest known commercial caverns in the U.S. state of Texas. The name is derived from the 60 ft natural limestone slab bridge that spans the amphitheater setting of the cavern's entrance.

Cathedral of San Fernando – Historic 1738 church once occupied by General Santa Ana & the site of hero Jim Bowie's wedding.

Spanish Governor's Palace – is a historic adobe from the Spanish Texas period building located in the Downtown.