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Photo: & amp; Lee Snider/Photo Images/Corbis Skoda Of Poor Employees at the San Antonio Tourism Authority. All he can remember about the city is the Alamo, the site of a bloody battle between Texas settlers and the Mexican army that took place in 1836. But don't let his pivotal role in American history eclipse the fact that San Antonio recently discovered itself as a sophisticated, charming, and funky city, all the while paying homage to a rich, complex past. San Antonio feels like Mexico, visitors say, and they're right. Mexicans settled Texas for a century before the arrival of Anglo-American colonists, and signs of Mexican culture are everywhere, from live murals on the walls of downtown buildings to restaurants that serve updated versions of traditional Mexican cuisine. But San Antonio also feels like a über-Texan, with the spectacle of its country bars and those iconic cowboy boots and hats. (A bar full of people dancing Texas Two-Step is something to look at.) City salons are a legacy of state ranch culture when cowboys-or vaqueros, if they were Mexican-came to San Antonio to get away from all that cattle. The city also has a more sedate, charming side. It's not a forbidding, velvet rope kind of glamour-San Antonio's unwaveringly warm and friendly place. King William's elegant district was founded in the late 1800s by wealthy German immigrants. Its streets are lined with impressive, baronial houses-some of which are now bed-and-breakfasts-like artsy cottages, hip restaurants, and the Blue Star Arts Complex, with a number of cutting-edge galleries. Click here to view the gallery for ELLE DECOR Goes to San Antonio. Photo: & amp; Lee Snider/Photo Images/Corbis San Antonio was one of the first cities in the country to effectively take advantage of the historic-preservation movement. Almost every shop, restaurant and museum is housed in a building once used for a completely different purpose. That's part of our wonderful pioneering spirit, says San Ángel Folk Art Gallery owner Hank Lee. We do it with what we have. We've always rehabilitated things that give the city an independent spirit that keeps it in decline. San Antonio is where things stay alive. Take Pearl, for example, the development of restaurants, shops and outdoor spaces that occupies what was once the state's largest brewery. A nice example of late-19th-century Texas architecture, which has been expanded to include up-to-date structures, is home to some of the city's celebrated tastemakers. At Osteria Il Sogno, chef Andrew Weissman is a paean to Roman and Florentine cooking, San Antonio business and political leaders at Cinch stores. For her kitchen shop, celebrated cookbook author Melissa Guerra has s searched Latin America for ingredients, utensils, and the art of creating an eclectic inventory. Culinary Institute has a campus in Pearl, near the stables where brewery draft horses were once filed. La Gloria offers Mexican street food opposite the Twig Book Shop, one of the state's most successful independent bookstores. Pearl is located on the River Walk (also called Paseo del Rio), an embankment trail that err along the San Antonio River. In 1530, the Spanish explorer Alvar Nuñez Cabeza de Vaca was the first European to write about the San Antonio River, which connects almost everything in the city. The Walk River was created in 1930, and gradually became a haven for tourists. Today it's a rallying point for the city's community spirit. In recent years, when authorities have drained the river and cleared the Walk clean river, San Antonians have even chosen an annual mud king and mud queen, based on who raised the most money for one of the local river groups. The center of the River Walk, near the Alamo and congress hotels, is full of huge Tex-Mex restaurants and bars. This segment of the walk might be called exaggerated by the charity. But the Reach Museum, which opened in 2009 at the northern end of the River Walk, offers 11 art projects installed under bridges and along river banks. Click here to view the gallery for ELLE DECOR Goes to San Antonio. Photo: & amp; Lee Snider /Photo Images/Corbis The most elaborate work of art within museum reach is carlos Cortés Cave, a three-story, Dali-esque faux-bois structure located in a bend of the river. In his cave, Cortés has carved human and animal faces amid waterfalls and haunted trails solemnly with stalagmites and stalactites. The effect is that they suddenly enter the cave in the middle of the city. Another Reach museum project is to reinstall the charming Ewing Halsell pedestrian bridge, which was once used to roll beer kegs from one part of the Lone Star brewery to another. Art historian Susan Toomey Frost says that in San Antonio, you can't swing a cat without hitting an artist. Frost once saved a colorful 1930s tile mural from a house that was demolished, recently donating it to one of the foundations at the head of the Reach museum. There's so much going on visually in San Antonio, he says. I think a lot of it is the Mexican influence that blends in so well that it has become part of our nature. The mural that Frost saved, with its scenes of Mexican village life, is now located near the El Tropicano hotel, but it's easy to miss: It's not big and it doesn't really draw attention to itself. But San Antonio has done such an excellent job of resuscitate its history that this stunning work of art-which in another city could be preserved in a museum-is in the sun, an active, cosmopolitan part of urban life. San Antonio always reinterprets its past, says historian Jesús F. de la Teja, who was about the city for 30 years. In the process, it's turned into one of those distinctive American cities like New Orleans or Santa Fe. He's constantly sharpening his image. Jay Fielden, editor-in-chief of Town & Country magazine, grew up in San Antonio in the 1970s. No matter how vast the neighborhood is, though, the heart of the city-part that's surprising to most people who feel Texas as flat and arid and full of women with helmet hair and guys with big cowboy hats-really is something quite different from anything else in Texas. This city was founded hundreds of years ago, and you feel it with missions and old neighborhoods like King William County and Alamo Heights, with their beautiful grown-through streets of living oaks. This is a magical, transporting part of San Antonio, and I think it's very intact. Click here to view the gallery for ELLE DECOR Goes to San Antonio. This content is created and maintained by a third party and imported to this page to help users provide their email addresses. You may be able to find more information about this piano to similar content to Diversity at Best and Big-City Conveniences with small-town hospitality By Mary Gomes and Wendy CummingsA splash of color for the San Antonio River Walk. (Credit: Mary Gomes) Known as military city, USA, with friendly people and affordable housing, we have everything for everyone. We have amusement parks (including the only one in the world designed exclusively for people with special needs) and historic sites from the Alamo to the San Antonio Missions World Heritage site. We have theater, every kind of ethnic food imaginable, our famous River Walk, music venues, shops, museums and rodeo. Do I have to say more? Cummings is a military family, often moving around the country, who have found a home in San Antonio. (Credit: Wendy Cummings) As a military family we have lived in many cities, but since retiring last month we have decided to stay in San Antonio. It's the best place to live, work, retire, and build lasting relationships! We have all the conveniences of a big city like Dallas, but the slower pace, the southern hospitality of a small town. Everyone takes the time to stop and visit, and most everyone puts their family first History is rich and people are just kind. That's why we like it and are planting our roots. I am proud to call this beautiful city home. Tower of America from the World Fair in 1968. (Credit: Mary Gomes) Stories about San AntonioMál people here keep the door open, and someone will stop for you if you look like you need directions. I once fell at a pre-rodeo parade and was so many strangers. A rugged rider in front of the Briscoe Western Art Museum. (Credit: Mary Gomes) By Georgina Buckley Race 3.28.2019 at 12:12 Grass on the River Walk | Sean Pavone / ShutterstockGrab Bite Along the River Walk | Sean Pavone / ShutterstockThe Alamo City is primarily known for ... Well, Alamo. It's also home to SeaWorld, six flags, and the famous River Walk, but that's just the facade of the city; It's all too easy to fall into tourist mode when someone visits. Instead, think of San Antonio as a cascaron: smooth and smooth on the outside, but filled with a tons of colored confetti on the inside. You just need to know how to get through that outdoor cloak, and you're ready - which is why we've done the footwear and put together all the best things the city has to offer, from off-the-beaten-road attractions and local events to the iconic bucket list of places even locals need to try. Here's everything you need to do in San Antonio, regardless of your budget. HemisfairDrink margarita in the sun in Yanaguana Garden Free-SDowntown Part public art show, part playground for children and adults, and all beautiful, this garden is a great place to relax and showcases the best that urban design has to offer. The garden offers several places to eat and drink, including CommonWealth Coffeehouse & Bakery and Con Safos Cocina & Cantina. Typically, you can also find many nearby food trucks, and yes, you can get a variety of craft beers and margaritas at Con Safos. Get some culture at ArtPace Free Downtown If contemporary art (and its creation) fascinates you, then ArtPace is the place to go. The museum is quite unusual in that nine artists a year are invited to live and work here all year round in three four-month cycles; three of the artists are from Texas, three are from elsewhere in the United States, and three are from all over the world. ArtPace is free and open to the public, and offers artist lectures and other events for ambitious arty among us - for example, that recently paired up with Austin Eastciders to create Cider Sessions, where free cider was offered, and visitors got inside a scoop on the artists' creative processes. Flickr/GodsirtSpend day kayaking in Confluence ParkFreeSouthtownNovo open confluence park used to be an industrial lot; Now there is help to learn about solar and energy neutrality, and is also an excellent entry point for kayaking or cycling along the river. Although the park is still in its infancy, it still serves as a great place to practice early morning yoga or picnic along the river banks. People watching (and dog watches) at the farmers market in PearlFreeThe Pearl District Keepers Market alone feature nearly 20 vendors, some selling standard food fares, while others offer brunch and lunch options, all set amid the picturesque collecting the space that is the Pearl District. Dog-friendly, kid-friendly, and filled with locals and visitors alike, it's easy while away your morning sipping on coffee from your local coffee (or something a little stronger from the Southerleigh brewery) while chomping up on various foods courtesy of the Culinary Institute of America, which has its third campus right there in Pearl. The beginning of River Walk is only a few steps away, making it relatively easy to walk your way downtown with a cool one in hand - preferably Sol - from La Gloria.Dance to the rhythm of LunaSSNorthwestLuna has been around since 2003, and offers live salsa, jazz, funk, soul, and every other musical genre you can think of - depending on the night, of course. The club offers a decent coverage fee, and phenomenal drinks and an atmosphere of high energy dancing and music play until 2am. Joshua Rainey Photography/ShutterstockHave lunch on the River Walk \$ Downtown There are plenty of non-tourist dining options along the River Walk, but if you're paralyzed by the choice, just head to Schilo's historic: it's a reliable landmark restaurant that's been serving lunch to San Antonians since 1917. If you go there for breakfast, be sure to get them relatively soon: traditional German goodness is definitely worth the wait. Explore San Antonio bike missionsFree - the \$\$Varied locations south of downtown San AntonioSao Antonio's mission are part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site and include the San Antonio River a few miles south of downtown. The most famous mission is, of course, the Alamo, but Mission Concepcion, San Jose, San Juan, and Espada are just as beautiful (and a little less mobbed with visitors), so don't miss it. The best way to see them all is to take an Uber, Lyft, or your own car to the furthest away (Mission Espada) and rent a B-bike in one of the kiosks. From there you can cycle the Mission Reach Trail and visit each mission along the 15-mile riverside trail. There are B-bike kiosks on every mission, and just attach a credit card to your bike (there's also a B-bike app you can download). The trail also runs directly to the Blue Star brewery complex, so after visiting the first few missions you can stop for a cold beer (or margarita) and take a look at King William's historic quarter. Get tips at the Children's Museum \$\$Alamo HeightsTechnically Children's Museum. DoSeum is a highly interactive and playful museum featuring a variety of games, activities and hands on learning. One of the best features of DoSeum, though, is that they offer ReDo nights that are 21+; All you have to do is buy a ticket and get free drinks, starters and full access to all activities in the museum. San Antonio Parks DepartmentDrink Bubble Tea in Japanese Tea Garden \$Brackenkridge The Japanese tea garden actually used to be a rock quarry, but now it's a real public space, which is currently listed in the U.S. National Register of Historic Places. The garden is quiet and beautiful, including a torii gate, pagoda, cafe and scores of varieties of flora and fauna. The garden itself has a fascinating past, enough to make history buffs fascinated by the hours, but if you're tired or hungry, the beautiful Jingu House serves a light lunch and tea (no alcohol, though). Don't forget to see if some local artists play in the sunken garden of the open-air amphitheatre, which is just steps away from the tea garden. Do some yoga at the San Antonio Botanical Garden \$\$Alamo Heights/Terrell HillsThirty-three acres of exotic and local plants and trees form this winding park, which also includes old log cabins, bird watching areas, formal gardens, veggie gardens, and a variety of ecosystems displayed in a large, architecturally weird greenhouse. If you're across the River Walk, and you're with someone who likes to stay fit, this is where you go: the garden offers yoga and tai-chi classes that you can sign up for online. The view of the murals of I-35FreeSt Mary and ElmiraYou only notice it in flashbacks as you drive, but once you get up close, the murals under I-35 (near St. Mary's and Elmira Streets) are breathtaking. Brought to the city by the Street Art Initiative, the mural showcases the various graffiti styles you have brought on a massive scale. Browsing is free, and you leave yourself wanting to pick up spray paint can and make a brand of your own - but don't do it. Courtesy of Texas.GovWalk in the footsteps of dinosaurs on the Government Canyon State Natural Area \$NorthsideIf you feel ambitious and need to work up a sweat (due to too many margaritas, perhaps), then head uphill: Government Canyon is a 12,000-acre park and, incredibly, has hundreds of preserved dinosaur footprints. The sidewalks are open to the public, and it will be about a three-hour hike to get to the tracks and back. In the summer months, be sure to go in the morning - that's South Texas, after all, and it gets absurdly hot. Take in the art of the River Walk Museum ReachFreePearl DistrictThe River Walk is the obvious core of San Antonio, but what many visitors (and locals, even) don't know is that there's more river walk than what's featured downtown. Starting around the Pearl District, you can get to the less bustling end of the River Walk to see some of the amazing art installations under the bridges, including the F.I.S.H. by Philly artist Donald Lipski. The best (and best, temperature-wise) time to see them is towards dusk, as gigantic fish light up and it's kind of like you're walking underwater. This part of the Walk river also offers access to several museums. As a bonus, you can stop by open-air as a luxury and bring your drinks for a walk. If you don't feel like walking, feel free to hail the river taxi, but beware: they're a little pricey. Spot some stand-up talent at laugh out loud comedy club \$\$NorthsideShowcasing mix of comedians you've never heard of, and the ones you've definitely seen somewhere before. Laugh Out Loud's belly laughing night out with big drinks, tables, food, and lots of parking. Open every night except Monday, comedy club is an easy choice when you've made every other type of night in San Antonio. If you're taking a family, be sure to accurately check what type of comedian you're signing up for, as the type of comedy you hear can move in styles and tastes. Bluestar Brewing CoGet get a swing on jazz night at Blue Star Brewing Company Free Southtown/River Walk Every Tuesday from 8-10pm some of the best jazz artists in town gather here to perform great band tracks. It's best to go around 7-30 p.m. and dine at one of the Blue Star Complex restaurants (Sukeban or Stella are both great choices), then watch it with some jazz. Paddle among the gorgeous homes on the King William Paddle Trail \$Downtown/King William District If you type drive through affluent neighborhoods and gawk to houses, it's an activity for you. You can rent a paddleboard at places like SUP SATX, then meet near blue star brewery and go for a long paddle through the ancient Oaks and the elaborate Victorian houses of the historic King William District. Then you can have a beer at Blue Star or go visit the basic King William watering hole: Friendly Spot. Celebrate freakin' weekend on the first Friday of free various places On the first Friday of each month, San Antonio lights up with food, music, art and street entertainment. The best thing to do is to arrange some parking earlier in the evening and head to Southtown, the Blue Star Arts Complex, and/or the St Mary's Strip to see and hear local artists as well as eat and drink your way through the city. One great way to tour drinking gear on the first Friday is to join the PubRun group. Courtesy of Shuck ShackGet's love of perfect food in one of San Antonio's finest restaurants \$\$Various locationsSte it may not match the culinary pedigree of Los Angeles or New York, San Antonio's food scene is nothing to look. We've talked at length about the best restaurants in town, but it's likely that at least one of those restaurants is still on your bucket list - now it's time to go through it. Whether it's Mexican food from Mixtli, pizza made from dough, or oysters from Shuck Shack, you owe it to yourself to try out the best San Antonio has to offer. Sipping and taking in some poetry on Monday at JandrosFree - \$NorthsideSan Antonio has something for everyone, and if your tastes include playing competitive boards (and cards) games in the Game of Thrones-esque hall until midnight, then Knight Watch is for you. A combination of games room, games room and clothing store for Renaissance-style clothing, King Watch is a haven for those who would rather strategize about accepting a factory than how many pints they can have in a local pub. Open to all, Knight Watch offers a huge selection of games to buy and rent - although if you borrow, you need to keep it in store to play. Come alone or come with your team to play. San Antonio FCTailgate San Antonio FC game \$\$ Northside When most people think of the sport in San Antonio, they think of the Spurs. However, the new team is gaining traction: The San Antonio Futbol Club (SAFC) was founded in 2016, and plays on the Toyota field off from Wurzbach during the USL regular season. Unlike other sporting events that often involve expensive parking, long distances, and bad seats, SAFC games feature free (or very cheap) parking and probably the best tailgating in San Antonio. The stadium is relatively small, which means you always have a good view of the players and the games are fast-paced and fun. Fans are claiming the energy is undeniable, and the location is easy to get into. The best nights to go are one-dollar beer nights - yes, there are, and yes, craft beer is included. Check out the city on two wheels with SATX Social Ride Free - \$\$Dignowity/Downtown Every Tuesday, several hundred bikers meet at the Burleson Yard Beer Garden to do a 10-to-12-mile bike ride through downtown San Antonio. Whether you have a bike or just rent one at a nearby store, it's the perfect early-week activity to take visitors out on a tour of the city - or just exhale on your own and meet a hundred new friends. Once you've completed your ride, Burleson Yard offers the perfect low-key spot to drink, play ping-pong, and eat a delicious assortment of food from nearby food trucks. Take in the City of Light from the Hays Street Bridge Free Dignowity/Downtown Hays Street Bridge is a historic landmark, and offers breathtaking views of San Antonio without flooding visitors: The best way to get to the bridge is to park in the Alamo Beer Company, and walk from there. Yoga classes are occasionally offered on the bridge as a bonus, but after getting your filler looking/down dog, go ahead and indulge in some beer, food and live music at the Alamo Beer Company, Quarry Golf CoursePlay a few rounds at Quarry Golf Club \$\$Alamo Heights If you want to play golf but don't want to play golf but don't want to Your lunch money for the whole week, take note: tee times after 5pm in the quarry start at \$45 per player on Sundays, and rates are even better after 5pm on weekdays. A quarry golf course is particularly unusual in that nine holes are actually inside an old rock quarry. Then you can kick back your feet and have a margarita in one of the many restaurants in the quarry area. Take in a show at the Roxie Theatre Company's \$Medical Center Run exclusively by community volunteers, the Roxie Theatre Company is staying near the medical center area in what used to be a nightclub. The result is an intimate, 360-degree playhouse showcasing actors of all ages and styles in both unconventional and mainstream productions. Snacks and drinks (including booze) are sold inside the games room. The playhouse is not downtown, so it's easy to get to and parking is free. This is perfect for any music lover, but especially those who want something out of the way. Enjoy drag brunch at Paramour \$\$-RRiver Walk/Downtown Paramour has some of San Antonio's best rooftop bar views, and the decor itself is worth a visit. Conveniently located just off the River Walk, if you go down from Pearl, the bar itself is upscale and urbane, but the brunch at Paramour is particularly exciting, featuring a stacked list of drag queens and a short (but well-made) list of brunch items. John T. FlooreGo Take the whole family to see some good old fashioned country music on Floore's. This place has been open for about 75 years, and during that time every country music legend has sung here. Make sure everyone knows how to take a two-step by the end of the night - including yourself - or you've failed. A time walk in La Villita Historic Arts Village \$-SS Downtown La Villita is an artist's market located right by the River Walk, and for visitors and locals ary, it's wonderful to stroll through galleries and find regional folk art and shops. The architecture itself qualified La Villita as a national register of historic sites. Although the village is close to all major hotels - and is subsequently visited by tourists - it's well worth a visit. If you're lucky enough to be in the area during the Fiesta in early April, La Villita hosts NIOSA (Night in Old San Antonio), where you'll find tons of food and drink, and the whole area gets shrouded in color, music and celebration throughout the night. Cool off at San Pedro Springs Park Pool Free Alta Vista Let San Pedro Pool be an anthem to your hellish summer sadness. It's free, it's cold, it's laid back - it's the best pool in San Antonio, bar none. Take lots of towels, books and sunscreen pipes, and avoid the (well deserved) crowds by appearing around 3 p.m. on a 20th day, across the river to Viva Tacoland \$ Tobin Hill / Pearl DistrictYed is no better place to look out across the river and drink relatively cheap brews like Viva Tacoland. There's always a good breeze, with live music most of the time as well, and (as you'd expect), tacos are pretty good. Graffiti is spot on, too, so if you or your friends are Insta-famous (or aspiring to be), it's the perfect place to take some good snaps. Dance your shoes from Cowboys Dance Hall \$\$NorthsideThe beer is cold and dressed, shoes shine, and the music is loud in this ballroom. If you've ever wondered if a real dance (the Kevin Bacon-in-Footloose kind) is still alive and well, look no further than the Cowboys. Couples young and old, wiggle, spin and wriggle their way around this ballroom - it's not to say that they don't take raunchier again every now and then. The Cowboys also occasionally turns into a rodeo (the place is cavernous) and there's nothing more quaint of Texan than watching a rodeo, listening to Pat Green, and dancing with their pet all in one place. Bump and grind on the St. Mary's Belt \$Tobin HillIf you're dying for some younger crowds, but you're not wanting to pay an exorbitant amount of money, the St Mary's Strip is yours to need to be. Home to Hi-Tones, Paper Tiger, and Mix, there's a lot to do and a lot to see; start with a few tallboys on Hi-Tones, progress in mixed drinks at Mix, and end the night with live music on Tiger paper.Sign here for our daily San Antonio email and be the first to enjoy all the food/drink/fun in Alamo City.Georgina Buckley is a San Antonio-based writer who fell in love with Texans, tacos, and margaritas - not necessarily in that order. 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