



FEATURED ACTIVITIES

“CULINARY ADVENTURES AT THE SAN ANTONIO BOTANICAL GARDEN” ~ On this morning, participants will visit the San Antonio Botanical Garden for a hands-on cooking experience! Advancing San Antonio’s designation as ‘Creative City of Gastronomy’ by UNESCO (the second city in the U.S. to earn this distinction and the first in Texas), the Garden encourages guests to discover and put to use many delicious fruits, fresh garden vegetables, and savory herbs that thrive in South Texas. Working in the outdoor teaching kitchen and under the guidance of highly trained chefs, participants will engage in the preparation of and tasting of three tapas samplings accompanied by mimosas and agua frescas. ~ Attire for this event is casual - walking shoes and weather appropriate comfortable clothing are recommended. Following the tour, participants will return to the hotel.

“FROM MISSIONS TO MANSIONS - A TOUR OF SAN ANTONIO THROUGH THE AGES” ~ On this morning, participants will enjoy a guided visit to some of San Antonio’s historic jewels. Starting at the “Queen of the Missions”, Mission San José y San Miguel de Aguayo was established in 1720 along the banks of the San Antonio River. Viewed as the model among the Texas missions, San José gained a reputation as a major social and cultural center. Its imposing complex of stone walls, bastions, granary, and magnificent church was completed by 1782. Then it’s on to a walking tour of the King William District, including a brief stop of the Guenther House and an inside look at Villa Finale. Occupying land once belonging the Mission San Antonio de Valero, better known as “The Alamo”, more than 150 years ago the area now known as the King William District was subdivided into lots and quickly occupied by German settlers. Over the years, the District developed into an idyllic neighborhood of large, impressive houses shaded by enormous pecan and cypress trees, but in the early 1900s it began to wane as a fashionable neighborhood. Today, the King William District has been restored and preserved to a state of grandeur. ~ Attire for this event is casual - walking shoes and weather appropriate comfortable clothing are recommended. Following the tour, participants will return to the hotel.

“THROUGH LOCKS & DAMS - A WATERWAY TOUR OF THE REVITALIZED SAN ANTONIO RIVER WALK” ~ On this afternoon, participants will step aboard a barge for an educational and entertaining tour of the rich history of the San Antonio River Walk. While cruising along the Downtown and Museum Reach areas of the river, participants will travel through locks and dams to learn about the city’s culture, history and architecture. ~ Attire for this event is casual - walking shoes and weather appropriate comfortable clothing are recommended. Following the tour, participants will return to the hotel. This event will take place rain or shine.