

PROGRAM THURSDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2016  
Society for Eighteenth-Century Music

**San Antonio Day Trip – 8 Hour**

**Itinerary:**

9:00 AM Depart Austin hotel

The Austin Overtures Tour Guide will make commentary along the way about history and more and tell visitors about what they will be experiencing throughout the day in San Antonio, a city that offers a blend of charm, vibrancy and color where guests enjoy the unique culture. The city explodes with arts and culture, history, and fun.

10:30 AM Over 400 years ago Spanish expeditions began to explore land that is now the American Southwest. Beginning in the 16th century, missionaries, accompanied by a few soldiers, moved north out of the Valley of Mexico, founding missions and presidios (forts.) By 1718 this activity extended to the San Antonio River, helping form the nucleus of the future city of San Antonio itself. Guests receive a guided tour of the most famous mission – Mission Concepcion (the oldest un-restored stone church in America) and see ancient artifacts at Mission San Jose (the largest mission.)



12:15 PM Downtown San Antonio is home to The Alamo - the most famous spot in Texas, where David Crockett, Colonel William Barrett Travis, Jim Bowie and 186 others died fighting for Texas independence on March 6, 1836. This historical landmark is located in the heart of San Antonio, inside beautifully landscaped grounds.



During some free time to discover downtown and have lunch on their own, guests have an opportunity to explore the River Walk and enjoy the sights and sounds of San Antonio up close. Millions of people visit the River Walk each year to enjoy this unusual urban sanctuary that winds along the San Antonio River in central San Antonio, one story below the bustling street level with lush landscapes, quaint pathways, tinkling waterfalls, quiet pools, outdoor art and relaxing outdoor patios.



During their free time, guests may also want to explore the Menger Hotel next to the Alamo. This hotel's guest list has included personalities such as Theodore Roosevelt, Babe Ruth, Mae West, Robert E. Lee, and Ulysses S. Grant, just to name a few. Although much of the architecture, history, appointments, and artifacts found at the Menger Hotel certainly qualify as museum-quality, it remains a public hotel - as it has been since 23 years after the fall of the Alamo.

2:30 PM      Guests will tour (self guided) the Spanish Governor' Palace a National Historic Landmark in downtown San Antonio in the U.S. state of Texas. Built in the first half of the 18th century. It is considered the sole remaining example of an aristocratic early Spanish house in Texas. The National Geographic Society has called the landmark "the most beautiful building in San Antonio.



3:30 PM      Guests depart San Antonio for the trip back to Austin

5:00 PM      Return Austin hotel

Depart Austin (hotel) for SA	9:00 AM	Travel Time to SA ≈ 2 Hr.
Movie at Mission San Jose	10:30 AM	(Free admission)
Tour Mission San Jose	11:00 AM	(Free admission)
Depart for Alamo Plaza	12:00 PM	
Tour Alamo, Riverwalk, La Villita	12:15 to 2:15	Audio Tour of Alamo Available * \$7.00
Depart for Governor's Palace	2:15 PM	

Tour Governor's Palace	2:30 to 3:30 PM	Self Guided – Adults \$5.00, Senior/Military \$3.00
Depart SA for Austin	3:30 PM	Travel Time to Austin ≈ 2 Hr.
Return to Austin (hotel)	5:00 PM	

**Includes:**

- ✦ Austin Overtures Tour Guide to provide commentary throughout the day
- ✦ Guided tour of the San Antonio area during transfers between sites
- ✦ Free time for guests to see the Alamo, Riverwalk, Menger Hotel and other downtown San Antonio sites and enjoy lunch on their own
- ✦ Complete management of tour details prior to tour and day of tour
- ✦ Fourteen passenger van for transportation

**Notes:**

- ✦ Comfortable walking shoes are recommended for the tour.
- ✦ In cases of rainy weather, an umbrella is recommended to help guests fully experience San Antonio.