TXST NEXT TRAVEL GUIDE
TO SAN MARCOS FROM AUSTIN

From: Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (3600 Presidential Blvd., Austin, Texas 78719)
To: North Edward Gary Street Garage (405 N. Edward Gary Street Parking Garage, San Marcos, Texas 78666)

Check-In Location: Theatre Center, 430 Moon Street, San Marcos, Texas 78666

- Take Hotel Drive to State Highway 71 West/East Ben White Blvd (1.5 miles)
- Take I-35 South to IH 35 South/North Interstate in San Marcos. Take exit 206 from I-35 South (28.5 miles)
- Follow IH 35 South/North Interstate 35 and Aquarena Springs Drive to University Drive (2.4 miles)
- Destination is on your right.

SCAN QR FOR DETAILED DIRECTIONS
TO SAN MARCOS FROM SAN ANTONIO

From: San Antonio International Airport (9800 Airport Blvd, San Antonio, Texas 78216)
To: North Edward Gary Street Garage (405 N. Edward Gary Street Parking Garage, San Marcos, Texas 78666)

Check-In Location: Theatre Center, 430 Moon Street, San Marcos, Texas 78666

- Get on I-410 East from South Terminal Drive and I-410 Access road/Northeast Interstate 410 Loop (1.7 miles)
- Take I-35 North to North Interstate 35 Frontage Road in San Marcos. Take exit 204 from I-35 North (41.7 miles)
- Take South Guadalupe Street and South LBJ Drive to University Drive (1.5 miles)
- Destination is on your left.

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Places in San Marcos

With all the wonderful things to see and do in San Marcos, you’re going to want to stay a while. And after a day of exploring all that San Marcos has to offer and making treasured memories, you’ll want a relaxing San Marcos home away from home to rest and unwind.

Best Western San Marcos
917 North Interstate 35

Classic Inn
921 North Interstate 35

Comfort Suites
104 IH 35 North

Days Inn
1005 North Interstate 35

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott
1250 North IH-35

Hilton Garden Inn
2131 N IH-35

Hampton Inn & Suites
106 IH 35

La Quinta Inn
1619 I-35 North

...and more!

SCAN FOR A LIST OF LODGING OPTIONS

Lodging near campus!

DINING IN SAN MARCOS

Blue Dahlia Bistro
107 E Hopkins St.

Chipotle Mexican Grill
401 N. LBJ Dr.

The Coffee Bar
142 N. LBJ Dr.

Crafthouse Kitchen & Tap
242 N. LBJ Dr.

The Davenport
194 S. Guadalupe St.

Gumby’s Pizza
312 W. Hopkins

The Halal Project
312 University Dr.

Jo’s Cafe
310 Mary St.

...and more!

SCAN FOR A LIST OF DINING OPTIONS
Dining options for everyone! From Mexican to Vegan cuisine, San Marcos has you covered! Plus it is all in walking distance!
Things to do in San Marcos

GLASS-BOTTOM BOAT & SPRING LAKE TOURS
Hundreds of springs bubble to the surface and form the headwaters of the San Marcos River. Walk the Wetlands Boardwalk on a self-guided tour or take a historic Glass-Bottom Boat ride. Paddle out on a guided tour of Spring Lake to marvel at underwater marine plants and animals.

- Glass-bottom boat tours
- Spring Lake snorkel tours
- Guided paddle boarding tour

explorespringlake.org || 512.245.7570

DID YOU KNOW? The San Marcos River stays a refreshing 72 degrees year ‘round.

WONDER WORLD CAVE & ADVENTURE PARK
Go deep underground in an earthquake-formed cave. Exit by the “Stratavator” and ride high up to the Tejas Observation Tower. Be amazed by the topsy-turvy world of the Anti-Gravity House then take the Mystery Mountain train ride and feed the deer.

wonderworldpark.com || 512.392.3760

MERMAID MARCH
San Marcos is home to ten 7-foot-tall mermaids installed in different locations throughout the city. The Mermaid March uses the rich history, culture and wildlife of San Marcos painted by regional artists onto the different mermaid forms.
WIMBERLEY GLASSWORKS

Known worldwide for beautiful hand blown glass art and lighting pieces, visitors can watch demonstrations of the unique craftsmanship from a skilled team of artisans using centuries-old techniques.

wgw.com || 512.393.3316

THE WITTLIFF COLLECTIONS

A dynamic archival, exhibition, programming and research environment designed to further the cultural legacy of the region’s literary and photographic arts. Literary papers and artifacts including the major archives of Cormac McCarthy, Sam Shepard, John Graves, Fox’s King of the Hill, and the CBS’ Lonesome Dove.

thewittliffcollections.txst.edu || 512.245.2313

DID YOU KNOW? Old Main continually sank during construction because it was on top of a cavern.
San Marvelous Year ‘Round

ALL YEAR EVENTS IN SAN MARCOS

Every Saturday || Farmer’s Market on the Square
Every Wednesday || Kent Finlay’s Songwriters’ Circle
Second Sunday || Martian Culture
First Saturday || Birding Hike Mermaid Bazaar (March–December)
Second Saturday || Art Squared Arts Market (March–December)

SEASONAL EVENTS IN SAN MARCOS

JANUARY
Purgatory Trail Run
San Marcos Celtic Festival

FEBRUARY
Eddie Durham Jazz Celebration & Hill Country Jazz Festival
Mardi Gras Parade

MARCH
San Marcos Half Marathon

APRIL
Mutt Strutt

MAY
Heritage Home Tours Feria Del Mariachi Dirt Dauber Festival

JUNE
Texas Water Safari Juneteenth
Summer In The Park Concerts

JULY
Summer In The Park Concerts
Summerfest San Marcos August
Summer In The Park Concerts

SEPTEMBER
Junior Texas Water Safari
Smtx Pride
Mermaid Parade & Splash

OCTOBER
Sacred Springs Powwow
Smfest
Petfest

NOVEMBER
Veterans Day Parade
Caf Veterans Dinner & 40’s Swing Band Hangar Dance

DECEMBER
Sights & Sounds Of Christmas
ABOUT SAN MARCOS

For nearly 10,000 years, San Marcos has been home to many. The San Marcos Springs are the third-largest collection of springs in Texas. There is no record of it ever running dry.

The San Marcos Springs and surrounding areas have seen Spanish missions, the Camino Real, the Texas Revolution, the Founding of Texas State University, the Civil Rights Movement, and other watershed moments in Texas history.

Modern San Marcos, Texas was founded in 1851 and has flourished for more than 170 years.

As proud San Martians, we wish to acknowledge this land on which Texas State University exists and operates. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Jumano, Cibolo, Cantona, Casquesa, Coahuitlcan tribes. It is also the ancestral land for the Apache, Caddo, Comanche, Kiowa, Wichita, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Alabama-Coushatta, Creek, Kickapoo, Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo, and the Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas Band of Yaqui Indians.

Today, this meeting place is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to be in unity in this physical and metaphysical space, to open our hearts to each other in the spirit of sharing our experiences in order to learn from each other.