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## USPA SPRING FLY-IN San Antonio, TX March 23-26, 2017

San Antonio is currently the 7th largest city in the United States, and ranked one of the number one cities to visit. Why, you ask? San Antonio is more than just a city. It's a community of some of the kindest people you'll ever meet. Also because of the number of military bases and businesses in town, they have an eclectic mix of people. There is no shortage of fabulous attractions, from the well-known river walk to the missions, Tower of the Americas, SeaWorld, the new Pearl Brewery, and the even newer Tobin's Performing Arts Center. USPA will visit many of the city and area attractions, and still leave time to explore more on your own. In addition, we will conduct an FAA sanctioned safety seminar on Thursday evening at the HQ hotel, inviting area pilots to join us.

**HOTEL:** Hampton Inn and Suites, 8202 City Base Landing, San Antonio, TX 78235. \$99/night group rate held until Feb. 23 at 5:00 pm. After that, the group rate may not apply. Free breakfast and WIFI included. Call (210) 333-4800 for reservations.

**AIRPORT & FBO:** Stinson Field (KSSF). \$10/night tie-down (waived with fuel), \$30/night hangar. \$0.50 discount on fuel for USPA members. Call the FBO (Gate One) at 210-922-1203 to ensure a tie down spot and to make car rental (Enterprise and Hertz) arrangements. Let them know you are with USPA. The FBO is located directly under the tower.

### SCHEDULE:

Thursday		Location
7:00 p.m.	WINGS Safety Seminar	Hotel meeting room
<b>Friday</b>		
9-10:45	Texas Air Museum	Stinson field
10:45-11:45	Drive to Gruene, TX	
11:45-1:30	Lunch at Gristmill River Restaurant	Gruene, TX
<b>Option 1</b>	Free Could include post lunch shops and strolling in Gruene driving the hill country, Canyon Lake area, etc	
<b>Option 2</b>		
1:30-2:50	Wander the shops in Gruene	
2:50-3:20	Drive to Natural Bridge Caverns	
3:20-5:00	Natural Bridge Caverns tour	
6:00-8:00	Dinner	Magic Time Machine Restaurant, San Antonio
8:30	Social evening	hotel meeting room
<b>Saturday</b>		
9:30	Board Double Decker Bus Tour (hop on-hop off).	
11:30-1:00	Lunch at Mi Tierra Café	Stop 13 on the Bus Tour
1:00-2:30	Post lunch shops and strolling in the Mexican Market	
2:30-3:00	Riverboat Tour	Stop 11 on the Bus Tour
3:00-6:00p	Free time to explore the river walk area	
6:00-8:00	Dinner at Saltgrass Steakhouse	on the river walk
8:30	Social evening	hotel meeting roo
<b>Sunday</b>		
	Depart at your leisure	

### FURTHER INFORMATION AND LINKS

Texas Air Museum <http://www.texasairmuseum.org/> Stinson Municipal Airport, 1234 99th St., San Antonio, TX 78214, 210-977-9885. Admission \$2 per person. Price includes a dedicated tour guide.

Gruene, Texas <http://www.gruenetexas.com/>

Grist Mill River Restaurant <http://gristmillrestaurant.com/> 1287 Gruene Rd., New Braunfels, TX 78130 830-625-0684. Order from menu.

Natural Bridge Caverns [http://www.naturalbridgecaverns.com/\(S\(sfrv4u45llugez55d2evq155\)\)/Index.aspx](http://www.naturalbridgecaverns.com/(S(sfrv4u45llugez55d2evq155))/Index.aspx) 26495 Natural Bridge Caverns Road, Natural Bridge Caverns, TX 78266 210-651-6101. Caves are 70 F and 99% humidity year round (feels like 80-85 F). **Tour includes a 150 foot incline, which those with walking disabilities may find challenging. We need a min. of 20 people to receive the group discount.**

Magic Time Machine Restaurant <https://www.magictimemachine.com/> 902 NE Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78209 210-828-1470. Order from menu.

MI Tierra Restaurant <http://www.mitierracafe.com/> 218 Produce Row, San Antonio, TX 78207 210-225-1262. Order from menu.

Double Decker Bus Tour <http://www.citysightseeingsanantonio.com/our-sightseeing-tour-route/> San Antonio Visitor's Center, 216 East Crockett Street, San Antonio, TX 78205. Fare: \$29 per person. Can be purchased for about half price through Groupon: \$31.14 for two people (\$15.57 each) <https://www.groupon.com/deals/city-sightseeing-san-antonio-6>. Purchase your tickets through Groupon in advance or when boarding.

Various parking lots available downtown. Expect around \$20 per day for parking (suggest car-pooling from the hotel).

Riverboat Tour <http://riosanantonio.com/rivertours/> Aztec Station River Level Aztec Theater, Crockett & St. Mary's St., \$10 per person for a 35 minute tour pass. Purchase tickets at Aztec station.

Saltgrass Steakhouse [http://www.saltgrass.com/promos/early-dinner.asp?gclid=CiwKEAiA6rrBBRDsrLGM4uTPkWASJADnWZO4tqzeudcHuYla6tzOcqk9Yt5\\_VyXy\\_vL72RN9xmIkBoCxfw\\_wcB](http://www.saltgrass.com/promos/early-dinner.asp?gclid=CiwKEAiA6rrBBRDsrLGM4uTPkWASJADnWZO4tqzeudcHuYla6tzOcqk9Yt5_VyXy_vL72RN9xmIkBoCxfw_wcB) 502 River Walk, San Antonio, 210-222-9092. Order from menu.

**NOTE:** This is a USPA sponsored fun fly-in to spend a weekend exploring the SAT area, a get-together with old friends, and for non-USPA pilots to join us for fun, safety seminar, meeting other pilots, good food, and to share visiting SAT. It is open to both USPA members and non-USPA members who want to use their planes to have fun.

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