



2026 NATS National Conference – San Antonio Travel & Safety Fact Sheet

Acknowledging Considerations

We understand attendees may have questions or considerations about traveling to Texas for the upcoming **conference**. Individuals make travel decisions based on personal preferences and needs, and this fact sheet provides additional information to support informed choices.

Conference Venue is Private Property and Welcoming

- All conference sessions, breakouts, and events will take place on private property at the **San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter on River Walk**. Because these activities are held on private property, certain regulations that apply to public spaces **do not apply** within the conference venue itself.
- A gender-neutral restroom will be designated at the conference hotel.
- Marriott International maintains a **welcoming culture** for all with non-discrimination standards, including protections for sexual orientation and gender identity in employment and guest relations. Their company values are also reflected in how they treat employees. The company has received **high ratings on the Human Rights Campaign's Corporate Equality Index (CEI)**, which benchmarks corporate policies and practices related to LGBTQ+ workplace equality and inclusive non-discrimination policies.

City Diversity & Culture Overview

- San Antonio is one of the largest cities in the United States, known for its cultural diversity and vibrant arts community.
- The city has a longstanding history of hosting national and international events, including conventions and performing arts gatherings.
- The **Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Municipal Equality Index (MEI)** evaluates U.S. cities based on laws, policies and services that affect LGBTQ+ residents and visitors. San Antonio has **historically received high scores**, reflecting inclusive municipal policies in areas such as non-discrimination protections, municipal services, and law enforcement engagement with the community.
- San Antonio has formally recognized areas such as the **Pride Cultural Heritage District**, which highlights historically significant locations tied to the LGBTQ+ community and its cultural contributions within the city.

Community Support Resources

The following resources may be useful for individuals seeking local support during their visit:

- **The Pride Center San Antonio:** Offers a directory of community resources, support groups, and connections for LGBTQ+ individuals and allies.
- **San Antonio LGBTQ+ Chamber of Commerce:** Directory of LGBTQ+ owned and allied businesses serving dining, entertainment, lodging and services.
- **San Antonio Gender Association (SAGA):** Offers support and resources for transgender, nonbinary, and gender-diverse individuals.
- **San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce:** One of the largest Hispanic chambers in the U.S., the chamber represents thousands of local businesses and provides a directory of restaurants, shops and cultural venues throughout the city.

Other Travel & Planning Considerations

Members traveling from other U.S. states or internationally are encouraged to plan ahead, including reviewing the latest airport procedures, transportation options, and local considerations.

Contact & Further Questions

For questions about the conference, schedule, venue details, or participation considerations, please contact info@nats.org or 904-992-9101. See additional answers in the **NATS 2026 Conference FAQ**.