

Club Land'or Traveler

YOUR SUMMER 2016 TRAVEL NEWSLETTER



ARE YOU READY FOR VACATION?

Ah Summer—the days are warmer and longer, the trees are green, and we're all thinking about that next vacation. Remember that feeling as you arrive at your holiday spot for a week or long weekend? The beach, the mountains, the big city; it might be for a long weekend or for a couple of weeks, but you've earned that getaway. Where is your next adventure?

As a Club Land'or member, you're always welcomed at your home resort on beautiful Paradise Island, but you have other options too. Your Flex Plus Exchange team has contacts in many popular destinations, eager to help you exchange your week, and our Advantage Program includes worldwide locations and travel options just waiting to be a backdrop for your pictures.

San Antonio, Las Vegas, **Orlando**, Dominican Republic, *New York*, Cape Cod, **Williamsburg**, Savannah, **Hot Springs**, *Montreal*, Palm Springs, London, **Nassau**, San Francisco, **Myrtle Beach**, Cancun, **Poconos**, **Ocean City**, *Freeport*, Vancouver, Philadelphia, **Virginia Beach**, **Portland**, DC, **Scottsdale**

Plan now to enjoy later! Our vacation counselors always stress the importance of planning in advance to get the best locations when you want. By planning at least 3 months ahead (6 months for holiday or high-demand) and choosing at least 3 destinations, you'll greatly improve your odds of getting what you want. Whether you decide to use your Club Land'or program or to go out on your own, be sure to travel this year. You'll create lifelong memories!

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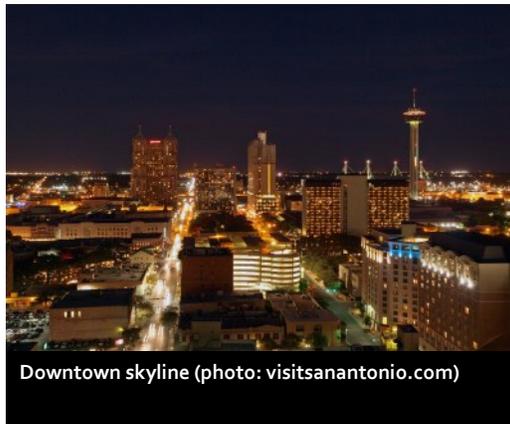
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Destination: San Antonio

Come for the Alamo, stay for the rest



Beautiful sights, national history, diverse culture, world-class museums, tasty dining, engaging entertainment, terrific shopping, E-ticket amusement & water parks...San Antonio has plenty to offer a 2016 vacation. While most



Downtown skyline (photo: visitsanantonio.com)

known for its historic Alamo mission and battle site, the city and surrounding area have become tremendous draws for travelers around the world, and with good reason! Mark Twain once said, "There are only four unique cities in America: Boston, New Orleans, San Francisco and San Antonio." Put all

four on your list but make San Antonio your next stop.

How to Get There

San Antonio International Airport (airport code: SAT) is a direct flight from 31 airports across the U.S. and an easy connection on major airlines. With the price of gas just half what it was only two years ago, a driving vacation might also be just the adventure to start your San Antonio vacation. Whichever method you choose, we recommend you have access to a car so you can see all the beauty this area has to offer.

Where to Stay

San Antonio has all your favorite hotel chains as well as vacation condos you can exchange to. If you're a member of our Flex Plus program, you can exchange a Club Land'or week for a condo central to the San Antonio metropolitan area. Call our Flex Plus team at 800-552-2839 to learn all about it. Members of the Advantage Program can exchange a week, use an Advantage Week or use the Hotel Super Search™ to find a place to stay.

What to Do

San Antonio and its surrounding area are full of year-around sights and attractions for all ages.



River Walk (Photo: visitsanantonio.com)

This list is a small sampling of the most popular places, but websites like San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau (visitsanantonio.com) and Trip Advisor (tripadvisor.com) can provide you hundreds of ideas to build your vacation memories.

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- The River Walk (also known as Paseo del Rio) has been described as "lively as the sound of a flamenco guitar and as romantic as a love song." It's a destination unto itself with

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- leisurely walking paths and river boat cruises, waterside restaurants and cafes, plentiful shopping and live entertainment.
- The San Antonio Missions recently gained UNESCO-recognition as a World Heritage site for their historical and cultural significance. These 18th century Spanish frontier missions, which include *The Alamo* (also called Misión San Antonio de Valero) are spread along the San Antonio River from San Antonio's downtown area southward.
- The Texas Hill Country has a beauty and culture all its own. Just a 90-minute drive from downtown, you can experience amazing countryside, picturesque small towns, some of Texas' best barbeque, farms & ranches, wineries, and year-around cultural festivals celebrating the area's European settlement history. It's a great day-trip escape from the city.

- If roller coasters, water slides and animal shows are your thing, San Antonio is ready for you. With Sea-world, Six Flags, Schlitterbahn Waterpark, Splashtown, Morgan's Wonderland and Kiddie Park (opened in 1925 and America's oldest amusement park for children) it's easy to get your thrill fill.



Hill Country (Photo: visitsanantonio.com)

- Eat, Eat and Eat in San Antonio. The city's recent culinary explosion can trace its roots to the European and Mexican traditions of past generations connected with today's adventurous chefs. You'll certainly find your Tex-Mex favorites but also look for new gastro-experiences that open your taste buds. Websites like Yelp.com and TripAdvisor.com can help you plot your course for a food adventure with every meal.



Travel Photography

Snapshots and Memories

Traveling is one of the few things that encompasses all the senses. You see the wonders. You feel the cool wetness of the water. You hear the chatter of people in their native tongue. You smell the salt air mixed with just a hint of nature’s tropical perfume. You taste the deliciousness of new foods. Each one of those senses can be triggered and taken back to that moment – that special place, with a simple photograph.



There are so many wonders in this world. But the greatest wonders are the people we love and live life with. We may be traveling to Venice, Italy with the

“bucket list” plan of riding the canals in a gondola. But what makes it more than just another picture in Venice is the person or people IN the photo EXPERIENCING the gondola. Your photograph can capture that remarkable life moment – and your loved one LIVING that moment. Now fast forward 10 or 20 years. What will take you back to Italy 2016 and your first time experiencing Venice? A photograph of you two in a gondola?

We all have them - file folders full of digital pictures of past adventures. Or maybe you have shoe boxes full of old photos, prints that never made it to a frame or album. This vacation, do it different. Let photography be your keeper of the memories and the trigger for your senses.

Here are 3 tips for your vacation photography plan.

1. Capture the moments you love, that touch your heart. It doesn't have to be fancy or perfect; it just has to be what matters to you.
2. Be IN the moment. If you're the family photographer, stop taking pictures and really see where you are. Photos are a future trigger for a wonderful experience. They don't replace the actual experience.
3. Remember that someday you will be gone. The next generations will be the ones to go through all of the thousands of photos you've taken in your life and will decide what to do with them. Pictures of you as a younger person – and maybe even themselves as children - living life -

will have so much more value to them than a picture of place or thing.

Now that you've got all these great photos, here are 3 ideas of what to do with them.

1. Of course you can post them on Facebook and share with the world. By creating an album all the photos for each vacation can be stored and viewed in one place.
2. Pick several of your very favorite pictures and frame them in different style, colors and sizes and create a gallery wall – one place where your memories can be showcased. Above a sofa or bed are good spots. You can rotate other photos into your gallery as you like.
3. Create a Memory Jar or a Shadow Box of your best moments and include photos, memorabilia, sand, etc. – anything that triggers your senses for this adventure. Your local frame shop can provide you with ideas and samples for framing and Pinterest is an excellent source for creative displaying options.



Here's one more idea for families with young children from Pilar Guzman, editor in chief of Condé Nast Traveler. Guzman has set up Gmail accounts for her kids, and she sends them pictures, notes, audio snippets or videos as a kind of living archive. Then they can rediscover these moments in later years.

Life is all about the people with us. The same is true with vacation photography. Capture the moment and relive the memories in pictures. Happy travels.

“A good snapshot keeps a moment from running away.”

- Eudora Welty



Club Land'or Bahama Mama

If you've ever spent time at the Club Land'or's Dolphin Terrace pool bar or the Oasis Lounge upstairs, you've likely tasted our famous Bahama Mama. It's a drink that sneaks up on you but tastes oh so good while cooling you down! So for those hot summer days when you can't be in Paradise at Club Land'or, here's our Bahama Mama recipe! Special thanks to Tony Adderley for the recipe and to Marvin Smith for making the fine example in the picture.

- 1 oz Orange Juice
- 1 oz Pineapple Juice
- 1/2 oz Banana Rum
- 1/2 oz Bacardi Rum
- 1/2 oz Apricot Brandy or Nassau Royale
- 1/2 oz Grenadine Syrup

Place all the ingredients into a shaker with ice and shake until well-mixed, then pour into your favorite drink glass, garnish with a cherry and enjoy!

Kind Words From a Club Land'or Member

First, I'd like to say that, we all look for different things in a vacation. I like a hotel small enough as not to be known by just a room number. The rooms must be clean and comfortable with a housekeeping staff one can trust. The hotel staff in general has to be friendly and accommodating. I look for really good quality food with reasonable prices. Most of all the General Manager should be accessible to guests.

I have found all these things and more at Club Land'Or. These are the reasons I return every year. A hotel is only as good as its General Manager, whose purpose is to insure guest's satisfaction by good training of his employees and overseeing their performance. Mr. Ellis does this! It is obvious in the service one receives at Club Land'Or. You can find him at any time in his office or anywhere on the grounds. He is extremely personable always wearing a smile and greeting guests like they are family. The front desk staff goes above and beyond to help in any way they can under the direction of Mrs. Yvonne Williams, who understandably has been employed at the hotel for many years doing an outstanding job. The men and women in housekeeping are friendly and efficient in keeping the rooms clean and remembering the little things one needs and likes.

A must is a burger and fries by the pool made by Al or Phillip and of course, their famous Pina Colodas. Spend afternoons by the pool....it's a fun place to be. I can't say enough about The Blue Lagoon Restaurant. The food and service are excellent! You are treat-

ed like royalty while being served the freshest seafood or a perfectly prepared steak.

The location of Club Land'Or is the best. It is situated on the beautiful Atlantis Marina with a short walk to the Casino and beach. Another short walk will take you to shops, restaurants, a bank and the Ferry to downtown Nassau.

I feel very fortunate to have found Club Land'Or years ago through friends, who love it as much as I do. We have all found our "Paradise."

-Mary Lou

"To travel is to live."

- Hans Christian Andersen

Tell Us Your Vacation Story!

We all have them. Sometimes they're from driving vacations in the *Family Truckster*, sometimes just weekend getaways with our someone special, but inevitably things happened that weren't *part of the plan* and made some of the best memories years later.

We're looking for your best vacation stories to be included in future editions of the *Club Land'or Traveler*. Tell us the funny, the scary, the crazy, the thrilling, and we'll reward the best stories with gifts and travel discounts. E-mail them to travel@clublandor.com or mail them to Club Land'or Travel Stories, 2120 Staples Mill Rd. Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23230 USA.



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