



# JOURNEY TO THE SOUL OF SAN ANTONIO

## Where will your Camino take you?

We are here to help you plan your Camino today! El Camino de San Antonio Missions serves as the point of contact for those seeking to make a pilgrimage. We provide maps, suggested itineraries, and pilgrimage guides for groups and individuals. People of all faiths or no faith will be supported on their journey.

Pilgrimages may be made by car or bike, or on foot, following the El Camino Trail along the Mission Reach river trail system. Whatever method suits you or your group best, we can give you the tools to see the San Antonio Missions as you never have before!

Reach out to plan your Camino today!  
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## EL CAMINO DE SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS

*Be Transformed*





# Welcome to the El Camino de San Antonio Missions!

Each year, tens of thousands of visitors experience the San Antonio Missions and San Fernando Cathedral. Many visit them as cultural and historic icons of the past. The El Camino de San Antonio Missions is a new program offered by the Archdiocese of San Antonio that encourages and supports pilgrimage to these sacred spaces.

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## THE EL CAMINO DE SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS TRAIL

### El Camino de San Antonio Missions

Over 300 years ago Franciscan missionaries founded the San Antonio missions. The native people of this region worked with the missionaries transforming these frontier outposts into self-sustaining Catholic communities.

Today, the four mission churches still exist as active parishes that reflect a unique blend of cultures. We invite you to encounter these sacred spaces by learning their history, cherishing their stories, and experiencing their faith through El Camino de San Antonio Missions.

The El Camino de San Antonio Missions trail includes Mission San Francisco de la Espada, Mission San Juan Capistrano, Mission San José, Mission Concepción, and the San Fernando Cathedral. Prayerfully journeying along the 20-mile trail provides the opportunity to step away from the busyness of life and seek quiet and contemplation.

A pilgrimage is about the intention, not the distance traveled. While visiting all five churches is encouraged, a pilgrim can make a pilgrimage to just one or two missions!

### What is a pilgrimage?

A pilgrimage is a journey to a sacred space. It is about the spiritual transformation of the pilgrim, rather than the physical distance traveled.



### Pilgrim Passport, Peregrino Certificate, and Compostela

A Compostela certificate is provided to pilgrims who walk the entire Camino Trail, obtaining stamps on their pilgrimage passport from each mission church and the Cathedral. You can obtain your pilgrim passport at the Padre Margil Center. A Peregrino Certificate is available to pilgrims who complete the Camino Trail other than by walking.



### Padre Margil Pilgrimage Center

Opening in the Spring of 2023, the Padre Margil Visitor Center will welcome pilgrims with exhibits, gift shop, and cafe. Located behind Mission Concepción, pilgrims can obtain their pilgrim passport and further information about the missions and Cathedral.

### El Camino de Santiago Connection

El Camino de San Antonio Missions has a partnership with Spain's El Camino de Santiago de Compostela whereby pilgrims who obtain an El Camino de San Antonio Missions Compostela can receive 30 kilometers credit towards the El Camino de Santiago Compostela on the Camino Ingles (English route) to Santiago.

