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Location Fact Sheet
JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa

When the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa opens in 2010, the premier destination will offer easy access to the many activities offered by the Texas Hill Country. Though less than 20 minutes from the San Antonio International Airport, the resort is seemingly far removed from the hustle and bustle of the city, nestled on 600 acres of scenic rolling hills. The Hill Country is a best-kept secret for travelers, beloved for its natural beauty, favorable climate and local charm. Local vineyards, wildflower fields, fruit orchards, quaint towns and numerous state parks make the region a perfect vacation spot. Visitors quickly realize the Hill Country is a great place for corporate conferences, special events or family getaways.

Why the Texas Hill Country is the new Napa . . .

- The Hill Country has more than 20 locally owned wineries, and tasting tours are available throughout the area. The region is home to many small towns steeped in the history of their original German settlers. Eclectic antique shops, and traditional German cuisine give visitors a taste of the past with the authenticity and friendliness for which Texas is famous.
- Live Oak trees line the hilly terrain of the nearly 14,000 square miles that make up the Texas Hill Country. This beautiful scenery lends itself to the perfect country drive or bike ride, and the region is dotted with state parks and natural areas where visitors can explore.
- The topography of the Texas Hill Country and the beauty of the landscape create the ideal canvas for golf course designers. The area is home to more than 30 golf courses, many of which are highly ranked by national golf experts. The two new golf courses at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa, which are being designed by Pete Dye and Greg Norman, are sure to be among the finest in the entire state.
- The Hill Country's diverse landscape and its variety of flora and fauna offer a variety of outdoor sports and activities. Visitors may enjoy bird watching, spelunking, camping, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, hiking, mountain biking and more.
- The Guadalupe River, which begins in the Hill Country and weaves for 250 miles to the Gulf of Mexico, offers endless hours of fun in a picturesque setting, including tubing, swimming, and kayaking. For the fishing fanatic, the Guadalupe is also one of the top 100 streams recognized for rainbow and brown trout fishing.
- In the spring and summer travelers will find abundant offerings of locally grown peaches, the leading deciduous fruit crop in Texas, as well as lavender from the first commercial lavender farm in the state. The Hill Country landscape's resemblance to Tuscany also creates an ideal environment for olive orchards, which produce artisan olive oil and other olive products. Other local crops include Texas pecans, strawberries, melons and many more.



San Antonio offers visitors a wide range of activities and experiences.

Known as a Sunbelt city, San Antonio enjoys nearly 300 days of sunshine each year, with an average temperature in January of 62 degrees. With the warm summer months and mild winters, the area is an ideal place for outdoor recreation and exploration.

- With a population of 1.2 million people, San Antonio is the seventh-largest city in the nation and the fastest growing city in Texas. The city's dynamic and diverse economy offers opportunity to a variety of businesses, and the city's booming tourism industry welcomes nearly 20 million visitors annually.
- San Antonio was founded in 1718 on the banks of the San Antonio River, and now spans nearly 400 square miles. The city proudly displays its centuries of tradition and rich cultural offerings at art festivals and in the preservation of historical landmarks, such as the legendary Alamo and other Spanish missions.
- The San Antonio International Airport—recognized as an industry leader in customer service—is served by 23 airlines with 40 nonstop destinations each day. Additional nonstop routes are continuously added to the manifest.
- Visitors and residents alike enjoy the world class shopping available in San Antonio. A beautiful new outdoor mall only 15 minutes from the JW Marriott resort features high-end retailers such as Tiffany and Co., Neiman Marcus and Burberry. The best outlet mall in the state is also located only 30 minutes from the resort in nearby San Marcos.
- A visit to San Antonio is not complete without a stroll along the famous River Walk, a three-mile stone path that lines the San Antonio River. Conceptualized by architect Robert Hugman in the late 1920's, the River Walk was a unique and innovative solution for flood prevention that also encouraged commercial development along the river bank. It has since been the model for many other cities throughout the world.
- Popular family attractions in San Antonio include Sea World, Six Flags Fiesta Texas, the historic Alamo and the three-time NBA champion San Antonio Spurs.