

Ride To:

THE MISSIONS

RIDE DESCRIPTION

- This ride leaves New Braunfels at 10:30 am.
- Visit Mission San Juan and Mission San Jose.
- Lunch at La Vina Restaurant.
- Ride Duration: 2 hours and 18 minutes, 99.4 miles.

Plan a little extra time lunch!

Ride Safe, Have Fun!





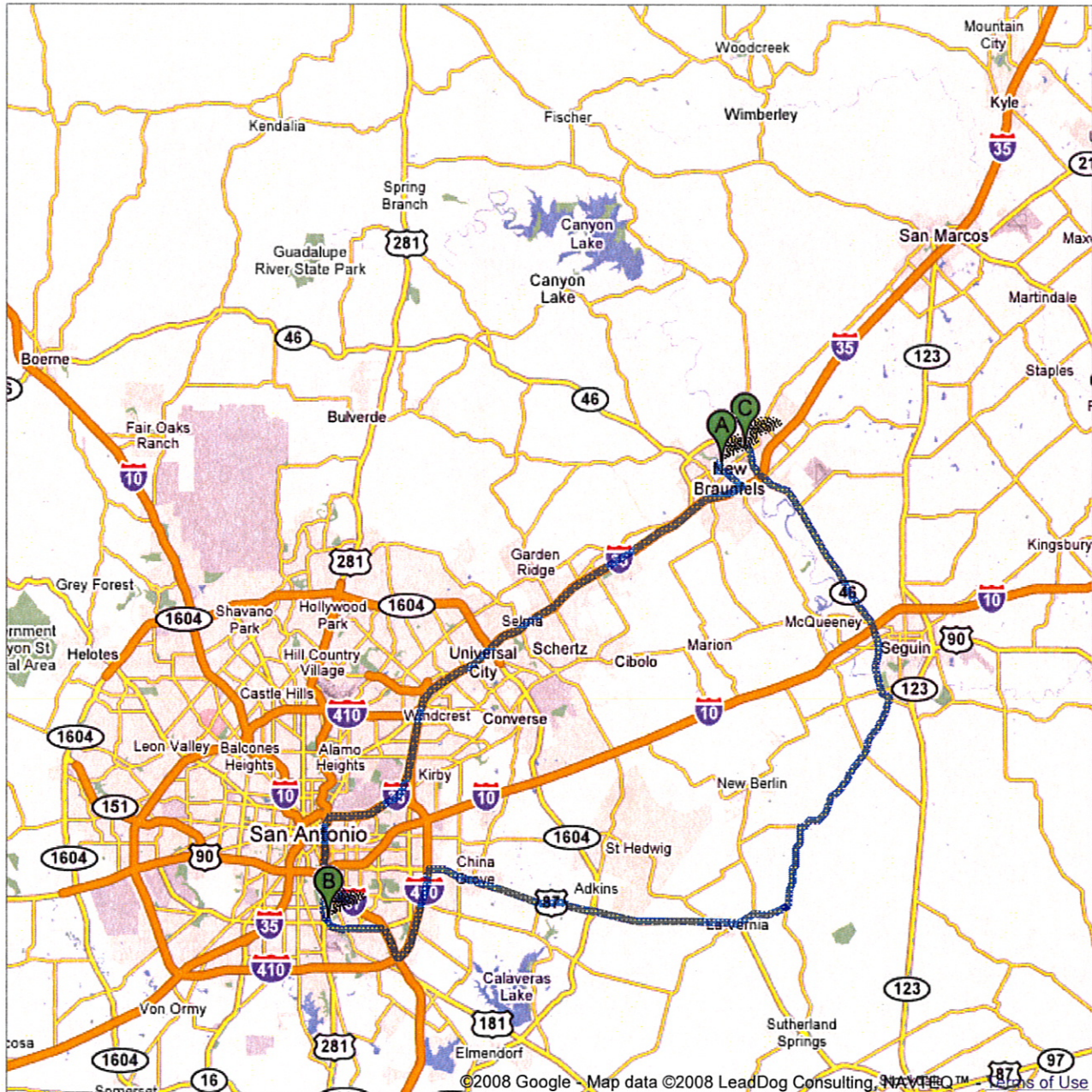
Start **Elizabeth Ave**
New Braunfels, TX 78130

End 1288 TX-337-LOOP
New Braunfels, TX 78130

Travel **99.4 mi – about 2 hours 18 mins**

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**Elizabeth Ave**
New Braunfels, TX 78130

Drive: 39.3 mi – about 49 mins


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| 1. Head south on Elizabeth Ave toward Hinman Island Dr | 0.5 m
1 mir |
| ← 2. Turn left at Landa Park Dr | 0.2 m
1 mir |
| ← 3. Turn left at Landa St | 0.3 m
1 mir |
| → 4. Slight right at N Seguin Ave | 0.2 m |
| 5. At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit onto S Seguin Ave | 1.2 m
3 mins |
| → 6. Turn right at S I-35 | 0.1 m |
| ← 7. Take the ramp on the left onto I-35 S | 21.3 m
20 mins |
| 8. Continue on I-410 S | 3.0 m
3 mins |
| 9. Continue on I-35 S/US-81 S (signs for San Antonio/I-35 S/US-81 S) | 5.1 m
5 mins |
| 10. Take exit 158B to merge onto I-37 S/US-281 S toward Corpus Christi | 4.9 m
5 mins |
| 11. Take exit 138B for New Braunfels Ave toward W Southcross Blvd | 0.2 m |
| → 12. Turn right at S New Braunfels Ave | 312 f |
| → 13. Turn right at E Southcross Blvd | 1.2 m
3 mins |
| ← 14. Turn left at Roosevelt Ave | 0.6 m
2 mins |
| ← 15. Turn left at San Jose Dr | 0.3 m
2 mins |

**San Jose Mission**
6710 San Jose Dr, San Antonio, TX 78214

Drive: 60.0 mi – about 1 hour 28 mins

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| 16. Head south on San Jose Dr toward Napier Ave | 0.1 m |
| ← 17. Turn left at Napier Ave | 367 f |
| → 18. Turn right at Mission Rd | 0.5 m
1 mir |
| → 19. Turn right to stay on Mission Rd | 98 f |
| ← 20. Turn left at SE Military Dr | 2.7 m
6 mins |
| → 21. Slight right to merge onto I-37 S/US-281 S toward Corpus Christi | 1.5 m
2 mins |
| 22. Take exit 133 to merge onto I-410 N | 5.3 m
5 mins |
| 23. Take exit 35 toward Rigsby Ave/Victoria/US-87 | 0.2 m |

24. Merge onto SE I-410-LOOP	338 ft
➔ 25. Turn right at Rigsby Ave	0.5 m 2 mins
26. Continue on US-87 S	16.2 m 20 mins
⬅ 27. Turn left at Chihuahua W/TX-321-LOOP	0.4 m 2 mins
⬅ 28. Turn left at FM-775/Old Seguin Rd/Seguin St Continue to follow FM-775	1.1 m 2 mins
➔ 29. Turn right at FM-2772	2.0 m 2 mins
⬅ 30. Turn left at FM-539	4.4 m 6 mins
➔ 31. Turn right at FM-467	8.8 m 11 mins
⬅ 32. Turn left at TX-46	16.4 m 27 mins

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New Braunfels, TX 78130

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The Five Spanish Missions of Old San Antonio

A chain of five missions established along the San Antonio River in the 18th century became the largest concentration of Catholic missions in North America. Built primarily to expand Spanish New World influence northward from Mexico, the missions also served to introduce native inhabitants into Spanish society.

Four of the missions (San Jose, San Juan, Concepcion, and Espada) were originally founded in East Texas. As the East Texas missions succumbed to drought, malaria, and French incursions, however, they were relocated to San Antonio.

The missions flourished during the middle of the 18th century, but later declined due to inadequate military support, disease, and increased hostilities with Apaches and Comanches.

The Alamo (1718)

The first and today the most widely known of these missions was San Antonio de Valero, commonly called the Alamo. It was established in 1718 as a way station between missions already existing in East Texas and other base missions in Mexico. It was well over 100 years old when it became the focal point for the Battle of the Alamo, fought March 6, 1836. The Alamo will always be remembered and associated with that battle.



San Jose (1720)

Soon after the building of the Alamo, a second mission was founded in 1720 about five miles downstream. Named San Jose, this new mission was established by Fray Antonio Margil de Jesus, who had previously left a failed mission in East Texas. A model among the Texas missions, San Jose gained a reputation as a major social and cultural center. Among the San Antonio missions, it also provided the strongest garrison against raids from Indians.



San Juan (1731)

First established in East Texas, mission San Juan Capistrano made its permanent home on the banks of the San Antonio River in 1731. Within a short time, the mission became a regional supplier of agricultural and other products including iron, wood, cloth, and leather goods produced by the Indians in its workshops. A few miles southeast of the mission was *Rancho Pataguilla*, which in 1762 reported 3,500 sheep and nearly as many cattle.

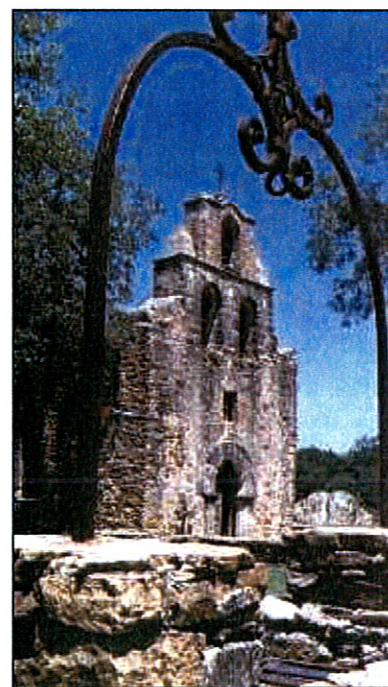
Concepcion (1731)

One of the most attractive of the San Antonio missions, the church at Concepcion looks essentially as it did more than 200 years ago, when it stood at the center of local religious activity. The mission was well known for its religious celebrations. Not visible today are the colorful geometric designs that originally covered the exterior surface of the mission. Inside, however, are original paintings of religious symbols and architectural designs.



Espada (1731)

Mission San Francisco de la Espada, like its sister missions San Jose, San Juan, and Concepcion, had its beginnings in East Texas. Originally named San Francisco de los Tejas, Espada was renamed and relocated to San Antonio in 1731. It is the southernmost of the chain of missions located on the San Antonio River. Mission Espada features a very attractive chapel, along with an unusual door and stone entrance archway.



-- The Missions Today --

The Alamo, a Texas shrine since the war for Texas independence, is today a visitor's center and museum of early Texas artifacts. It has been under the care of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas since 1905.

Missions San Jose, San Juan, Concepcion, and Espada continue to operate as active parishes of the Catholic church and all are open to the public. Through a cooperative agreement with the Archdiocese of San Antonio, the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park of the National Park Service administers and maintains these missions today.

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