

Greetings,

We hope you had some glad holidays. If you haven't yet heard, we are happy to announce that we are engaged to be married on May 25, 2002, in pleasantly mild San Antonio, Texas. This letter is simply an early warning so you can mark your calendar; we will mail formal invitations in April. Meanwhile, put our picture on your refrigerator!

We hope you can make it to San Antonio for our celebration. In this letter you will find some information to make planning your trip to Texas a little easier. Included is information about the wedding, hotels and sites to see during your visit to San Antonio. Texas is far away for most of our guests, but we do hope that you will be able to celebrate this day with us.

Please give us a call or send us some e-mail if you have any questions about the information here, if we have left any questions unanswered, or if you just want to talk. We look forward to seeing you in May!

Love,

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## The celebration

The celebration will begin at St. Peter church, not too far from downtown San Antonio (see the enclosed map). The ceremony will include a Catholic mass, and will start at 7:30 p.m. If you're curious about what happens at a Catholic nuptial mass, we have some information on our web page at [agniel.home.attbi.com](http://agniel.home.attbi.com).

A reception will follow immediately at La Mansion del Rio, one of San Antonio's oldest hotels. The hotel is on the famous Riverwalk downtown, just a short drive from the church. A cocktail hour will follow the ceremony outside the Iberian ballroom on the fourth floor. Dinner will follow in the Iberian ballroom. Note that dinner will not be served until after 9 p.m. Please be sure to send your reply, whether accepting or with regrets, as soon as possible after you receive it in April.

## Accommodations

We have reserved accommodations for our guests in four area hotels in a range of prices. All are very close to the reception downtown, and all offer discounted group rates. Note that you must make reservations by the hotel's deadline to receive the rates listed below. When making hotel reservations, please mention the Becker-Agniel wedding.

**La Mansion del Rio**, location of reception  
112 College Street,  
\$145 single or double  
Call Joe Mooney at 210-518-1051  
April 25 cutoff

**Drury Hotel**, next door to the reception  
201 North St. Mary's Street  
\$100 king, \$110 two queens  
210-212-5200  
May 10 cutoff

**La Quinta Inn**, short drive from the reception  
1001 East Commerce Street  
\$85 single or double  
210-222-9181  
April 24 cutoff

**Red Roof Inn**, short drive from the reception  
1011 East Houston Street  
\$60 single or double  
210-229-9973  
May 11 cutoff  
Reference block B248BECKER

## Attractions

We can keep you entertained for a day; after that, you're on your own. Luckily, San Antonio and the surrounding area have much to see and do before and after our celebration. We invite you to come early, stay late, and make a vacation out of your trip to Texas. Following are descriptions of some of the area's attractions. Read more about San Antonio at [www.ci.sat.tx.us](http://www.ci.sat.tx.us).

**The Riverwalk:** Located in the heart of downtown, it's the second most visited attraction in the U.S. It's got plenty of shops, restaurants, bars and clubs. La Mansion Del Rio and the Drury Inn hotels are located directly on the Riverwalk. Hop a sightseeing river cruise for around \$5.

**The Alamo:** Located downtown close to the Riverwalk, you can venture inside, free of charge, to learn about the infamous battle of 1836 where Senator Davy Crockett was killed ([www.thealamo.org](http://www.thealamo.org)).

**Sea World:** Ocean-flavored theme park. Adults: \$37; children 3-11: \$27. For more information, call 210-523-3611 ([www.seaworld.com/seaworld/tx](http://www.seaworld.com/seaworld/tx)).

**Six Flags Fiesta Texas:** Mega-theme park with roller coasters, rides and shows. Adults: \$36; Children under 48 inches: \$18. For more information, call 210-697-5050 ([www.sixflags.com/parks/fiestatexas](http://www.sixflags.com/parks/fiestatexas)).

**Jim Cullum's Landing:** Located in the Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk, this cozy, upscale bar is perfect if you enjoy jazz music and a nice drink. The weekly jazz radio show *Riverwalk* is broadcast live from the Landing every week on over 200 public radio stations nationwide. We saw the Jim Cullum Jazz Band here on our first date ([www.landing.com](http://www.landing.com)).

**The Missions:** A chain of five missions along the San Antonio River established in the 18th century by Spain, they are definitely worth a visit. The Alamo is the oldest of the five. You can walk the trail or find an organized tour. For more information, call 210-932-1001 ([hotx.com/missions](http://hotx.com/missions)).

**San Antonio Zoo:** Close to downtown in Brackenridge Park, the zoo boasts one of the largest collections of animals in the U.S.. They have 3,500 animals to see, representing 750 species. Adults: \$7; children 3-11: \$5 ([www.sazoo-aq.org](http://www.sazoo-aq.org)).

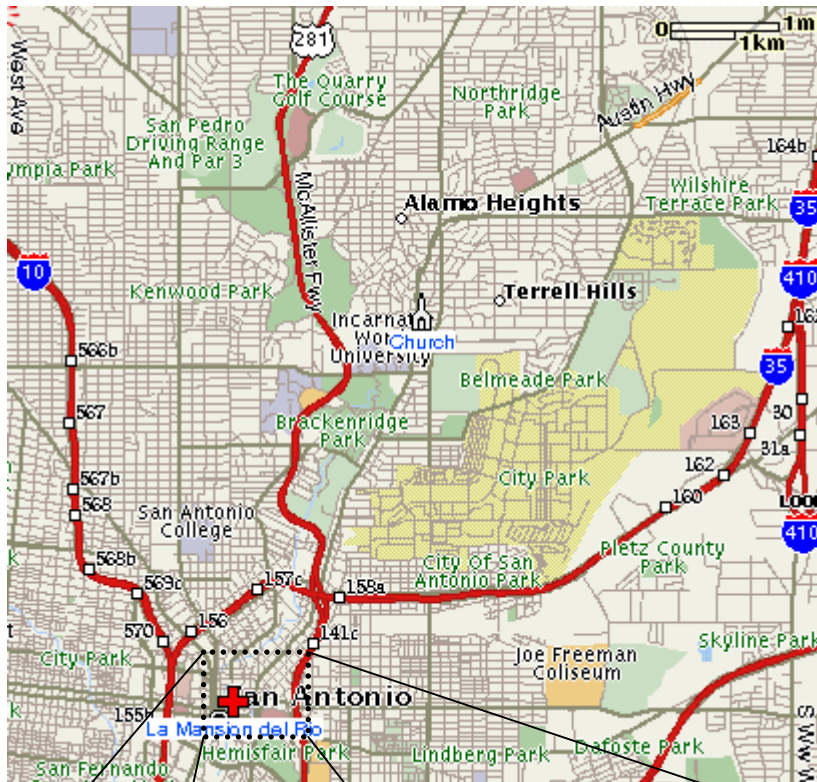
**Austin:** Located an hour north of San Antonio on I-35, it's a great town to visit for nightlife and music. Not only is it the state capital, it's the town where Stevie Ray Vaughan became famous and where every third person is either a guitar player or a dot-commer. Home of UT, one of the largest universities in the U.S. Don't miss the music and mayhem on 6th street after dark.

**Fredericksburg:** A quaint town founded by the Germans that is perfect for a day trip. Located about 70 miles north of San Antonio off I-10, the drive out gives you a feel for this part of the Texas landscape, called the Hill Country. In late May the spectacular wildflowers on the road to the Hill Country will still be in bloom. The town itself is full of antiques, small shops, restaurants and bed and breakfasts.

While near Fredericksburg, stop by roots music landmark **Luckenbach** ([www.luckenbachtexas.com](http://www.luckenbachtexas.com)) to hang out with Waylon and Willie and the boys (or at least have a beer with some bikers).

**Enchanted Rock:** Right outside of Fredericksburg, this is a great place for day hiking or camping. This beautiful land is surrounded by ghost stories and was the home of the Tonkawa indians before Texas was colonized. Call ahead if you want to go; they only allow a certain number of people in to the park every day ([www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/enchantd](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/enchantd)).

## Area maps



**San Antonio International Airport**  
US-281 at I-410  
8 miles north of downtown

**St. Peter Prince of the Apostles**  
111 Barilla Place at Broadway  
Exit Hildebrand, east to Broadway,  
north to Barilla Place  
210-822-3367

**La Mansion del Rio**  
112 College Street at N. St. Mary's  
800-292-7300

