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Discover A Luxurious Oasis In The Heart Of Texas At La Cantera Resort & Spa, A Destination Hotel



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With its cultural attractions, thriving culinary scene, and warm, relaxed vibes, there's plenty of reasons to head to [San Antonio](#), Texas. And while top-notch hotels abound in the Alamo City, below are all the reasons why you should make [La Cantera Resort & Spa, a Destination Hotel](#), your home base.

Background in Brief

Unveiled in April 2015 following a sparkling renovation, La Cantera Resort & Spa is perched atop the highest point in San Antonio, and encompasses 550 picturesque acres of Texas Hill Country. Though it's in close proximity to many of

the city's top attractions (like the famous River Walk, The Shops at La Cantera, and Six Flags Fiesta Texas), the resort feels like a hushed, luxurious escape from everyday life. And with a variety of accommodations, countless food and beverage options, a world-class spa, five pools, and two 18-hole championship golf courses, there's no shortage of ways to both indulge and unwind in style.



The 34 Villas, which were unveiled last summer, offer the most space of the accommodations and feel like a luxurious home away from home. LA CANTERA RESORT & SPA

Accommodations

No matter which category you book, whether it's a Deluxe Room or one of the 34 Villas, which were unveiled last summer, you'll be welcomed with a calming palette of brown, beige, and ivory, along with plenty of space to kick back. My villa featured all the comforts of a chic home away from home, with a table for working and snacking, couch for curling up in, plush bed for snoozing, and spacious bathroom for freshening up. (The Bvlgari red tea toiletries were an especially luxe touch.) But it's the nightly turndown service that left a lasting impression long after I checked out. Instead of the usual chocolates and bottled water, come evening I was greeted with thoughtful little touches, from hand-made "worry dolls" – they're to be placed under your pillow for a sound, restful sleep – to a sweet and savory snack mix, in case the late-night munchies kicked in (which they did). If you're seeking a more discreet stay, though, reserve a room on the hotel's seventh floor, where the "adult only" experience includes a bevy of

complimentary amenities (think valet, evening hors d'oeuvres and Champagne, and private pool access).



Signature, La Cantera's flagship restaurant, is guided by famed chef Andrew Weissman. LA CANTERA RESORT & SPA

Restaurants and Bars

With nine culinary and beverage offerings – ranging from the grab-and-go Henrietta's Market to the resort's fine dining spot Signature – you'll always be able to tuck into something deliciously distinctive during your stay. Whether you're in the mood for something quick and casual, or a more formal sit-down affair, the resort's Executive Chef Robert Carr has made it his mission to keep all the food unfussy, yet delicious. "My style is about simple, clean flavors, without overcomplicating dishes," says Carr. Standouts include Primero Cantina, a cheerful, poolside eatery specializing in Tex-Mex cuisine, like freshly-made guacamole, loaded burritos, and puffy tacos. Overlooking Plaza San Saba, the resort's central gathering area, SweetFire Kitchen is open breakfast through dinner, and turns out regional, crowd-pleasing plates like huevos rancheros, fried chicken salads, and wood-grilled ribeyes. **Signature**, La Cantera's flagship restaurant guided by Chef Andrew Weissman, lures in both resort guests and discriminating locals alike, and is perfect for celebrations or if you're simply in the mood for a more refined meal. Housed in what formerly was a golf academy, the sophisticated, yet approachable restaurant features thoughtful design

touches, including Turkish bread boards (which the charcuterie is presented on), taxidermy, a 250-year old French fireplace, and a reclaimed wood floor sourced from Joske's department store. As for the cuisine, it's driven by the seasons and locality, as evidenced by the popular Broken Arrow Ranch Venison and Gulf Red Snapper.



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Spa

Encompassing a whopping 25,000 square feet, [Loma de Vida Spa & Fitness](#) is truly in a league of its own. With its breathtaking views and expansive service offerings, it's impossible to leave the facilities without feeling lighter and brighter. As Maggy Dunphy, the spa's director, puts it: "At Loma de Vida, we encourage you to breathe deeply, see clearly, and smile from the inside out." Every touchpoint, from the moment you enter has been considered, down to the choice of robes (long or short) and slippers (thong or slide). Clocks, too, are noticeably absent. "Go wherever you want," Dunphy says, who believes it's important for each guest to set his or her intention. "We'll find you." All the treatments, a unique blend of local ingredients and European techniques, are performed with utmost care, but if it's your first visit here, Dunphy recommends experiencing the Absolute Texas. An indulgent two-hour treatment, it involves being scrubbed, wrapped, and massaged with local beeswax, honey and lavender to honor your

Texas surroundings. But for the ultimate spa experience, book a treatment in one of the two sky lofts, which are situated above the resort's golf course and feature covered private decks.

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