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MEETINGS AND EVENTS BECOME LEGENDARY AT THE ST. ANTHONY

Historic Hotel of Legend and Lore Perfectly Suited for Business and More

SAN ANTONIO (2016) – Since two cattlemen decided to try their luck and open a luxury hotel in San Antonio, one where people would feel comfortable conducting their business while staying in the Alamo City, The St. Anthony, a Luxury Collection Hotel, San Antonio, has provided the perfect atmosphere for getting down to business, hosting a wide array of business guests, as well as politicians, newsmakers and celebrities.

Long known as the place to do business in San Antonio, the hotel has seen more than its fair share of business history: the idea behind Southwest Airlines was sketched on a cocktail napkin in The St. Anthony Club, much of San Antonio's beloved HemisFair '68 was planned in the popular club, and the San Antonio Spurs came to the Alamo City thanks to negotiations conducted over lunches at the club as well. Thanks to its renovation and restoration, The St. Anthony is buzzing, adding its classic spark to downtown once again.

The hotel's meticulous restoration peeled back the layers of time to reveal the unparalleled luxury of a bygone era, paired with a modern, timeless design—as well as all of the latest bells and whistles to ensure its event space can more than accommodate today's meeting needs. Featuring the historic feel and flow of a truly elegant property, the hotel is polished like never before, offering a refined luxury and glamour for the perfect meeting setting.

But The St. Anthony is more than simply a fantastic venue, it's also a resource for meeting planners and staff, offering an experienced, dedicated team to help make meetings and events come together seamlessly. With unparalleled customer service and a dedication to making every event shine. From the culinary and service staff to the hotel's on-site technology staff, every member of the team works together to ensure each detail is attended to and that your guests enjoy a productive and successful gathering.

Refined, Unique Meeting Space

With 15 flexible rooms and more than 31,527 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space, The St. Anthony has meeting options designed to accommodate a wide variety of event and meeting needs. Rather than offer a series of boxy ballrooms and meeting rooms, the structurally unique space is designed so that each area retains its timeless elegance and individual character—from double-height ceilings to walnut paneling to crystal chandeliers—while offering the latest audio-visual equipment, lighting and connectivity.

Rather than being stuffed away in boring ballrooms or meeting rooms, meetings at The St. Anthony unfold in spaces with character and grace, making attendees feel that a meeting is worthy of their time. Attendees are greeted by Peacock Alley, an open space featuring fantastic antique chandeliers and stunning architectural elements, as well as an eclectic mix of modern furniture alongside 200-year-old pieces and priceless artwork, giving everyone pause as they enter a hotel that is far from the typical meeting space.

The National Historic Landmark features distinct event spaces that are designed to stand on their own, with foyer and registrations areas available in all venues. The hotel's ballrooms are not separated by air walls, making each room its own space, yet due to the hotel's design, everything flows naturally from one area to the next. The design allows the hotel to host an event in stages: a reception in one area that seamlessly flows into the main event, or a morning classroom session that flows into a luncheon area. And much of the space is on lobby level, further assisting the natural flow and easy accessibility.

The Anacacho Room, a two-story ballroom unique to San Antonio, features a spacious balcony and built-in, fully lighted stage, making the space suitable for any number of functions. The Cascade Room, a space naturally suited to host a reception, features a wall of windows that overlook the hotel's pool, allowing events to flow outside so guests can enjoy the pool deck, six stories above the city. The newly added Library serves as a fantastic cocktail reception space while the Cavalier Room is perfectly suited for a classroom setting or a luncheon.

For special events, the hotel offers a true view above it all: the hotel's rooftop terrace, the St. Anthony Sky Terrace. Featuring Spanish colonial architecture and Brazilian hardwood decking—and an amazing view of the Alamo City—this open space is capable of hosting up to 200 people and boasts a built-in stage and a bar. And thanks to the hotel's "front yard"—San Antonio's historic Travis Park—The St. Anthony can also create street level outdoor events that flow from the park into the hotel. The hotel also offers state-of-the-art boardrooms ready to host any conference need.

Unparalleled Service

Since opening its doors as San Antonio's first luxury hotel, The St. Anthony has been known for the personal service it provides to each guest. Never satisfied with status quo, the hotel constantly looking for ways to make their guests' experience the best it can be.

The hotel's experienced, savvy meetings staff understands what meeting planners need to make their events shine. A dedicated convention and events manager works one-on-one with each meeting planner to ensure that every detail is handled, often anticipating and handling needs before being asked. The meeting team's fast response time and ability to handle any need is often lauded by planners on post-event surveys, a source of pride for the staff.

The staff's dedication to making meetings and events a success includes open communication: when a meeting is on-site, the entire hotel team knows about the event and can assist guests and attendees with any need, putting every event in the hotel's spotlight. From the valet staff to housekeeping, everyone rolls out the "green" carpet—The St. Anthony's signature color, designed by famous interior designer Dorothy Draper in the 1950s—to add extra polish and hospitality to make guests feel at home.

Unique meeting spaces and green carpet aren't the only things about The St. Anthony that don't fit the cookie cutter hotel meeting mentality. While many hotels only offer standard menus for meetings and events, like everything else at The St. Anthony, food and beverage is anything but standard. The hotel's dinner menu alone is 15 pages long, but Executive Chef Mike Mata doesn't rest with standard menus. His passion for cooking ignites an endless creativity which is translated into memorable dishes he crafts with love for the guests and the hotel itself. He creates culinary delights that match the historic beauty's luxurious glamour, building menus to fit a meeting's theme and to manage any special dietary needs.

"Of course we have great menus for event planners to choose from—but that's not what drives us. We work to personalize every menu and make each event and each meal special," explains Mata.

Mata's commitment to customer service means that he personally supervises the plating, checking each plate before it leaves the kitchen, and stays through every event to ensure every detail is perfect, working hand-in-hand with the meeting staff to make each break or meal memorable. The food and beverage team routinely created logo'd breaks to help brand events, offering special themes or unique desserts to delight guests. Whether it's the company's logo in powdered sugar, or color-themed break to match the company's colors, guests will enjoy the flavor and flair that Mata's team adds to any meeting.

The team's service and creativity is not only legendary, it's also award-winning: the hotel recently received the International Special Events Society Esprit Award 2015 Best Catered Event. The award, presented to Wendy Haralson, Catering Manager/Social Media Manager for The St. Anthony, recognized a Halloween event created by the hotel's catering team to celebrate the holiday in 2014.

Staying in Style

The hotel's guest rooms and suites are just as stunning as its event space, ensuring that meeting guests staying at the hotel will enjoy not only the event, but their full visit to San Antonio, while the hotel's commitment to guest service means that every guest will have the best experience possible.

Meeting travelers are sure to appreciate the hotel's elegantly restored 277 guestrooms and suites. Spacious and modern, the rooms feature sleek bathrooms with walk-in showers, signature beds with plush linens and headboards with reading lights, as well as 42" flat-screen TVs, safes, Bose® clock radios and mini bars.

What truly sets the rooms apart are the oversized writing desks and additional electrical outlets, giving business travelers the space to work and the power they need to keep all of their devices humming along. The hotel also offers complimentary Wi-Fi, with additional bandwidth available to accommodate those who need to download large files or materials.

The hotel's location adds to its appeal. The hotel offers a truly local, indigenous experience for meeting guests and can craft local tours and activities to help them enjoy their time in the city. Overlooking Travis Park, one of the oldest public parks in the United States, the downtown hotel is just 15 minutes from the airport and only three blocks from the Alamo and the Riverwalk. In the heart of San Antonio's theater district, with close proximity to San Antonio's renowned museums, galleries and famed historic markets, the hotel is ideally situated for guests to enjoy all that the Alamo City has to offer.

When events include free time, there's no better hotel for attendees to enjoy all that San Antonio has to offer. That includes fantastic culinary options just steps away from the hotel or right on the hotel's first floor, including Rebelle, San Antonio's hottest new restaurant from local restaurateur Andrew Goodman with acclaimed Chef Stefan Bowers, and Haunt, a new cocktail bar also helmed by Goodman and Bowers, offering classic cocktails inspired by the haunting legends of The St. Anthony. The hotel also features The St. Anthony Club of legend and lore, where guests can enjoy the hotel's signature drinks while discussing their next big deal.

Perhaps one of the best perks of hosting meetings at The St. Anthony: Starwood Preferred Guest reward points. As part of The Luxury Collection, meetings and events held at The St. Anthony are eligible to earn one Starpoint for every \$3 in eligible revenue spent on meetings and events, as well as one eligible night toward Starwood Preferred Guest elite status for every 20 group room nights booked.

About The St. Anthony, a Luxury Collection Hotel, San Antonio

A Texas jewel reborn, crafted from the dreams of two Texas cattlemen in 1909, The St. Anthony, a Luxury Collection Hotel, was the first luxury hotel in San Antonio and has remained one of the finest expressions of Texas hospitality for more than a century. Featuring 277 guest rooms and suites, as well as more than 31,500 square feet of indoor and outdoor meeting and event space in the heart of downtown San Antonio, The St. Anthony is an unrivaled classic reborn with contemporary glamour and opulence. The hotel's timeless elegance and tradition, fused with stunning city views and modern design, serve as the epicenter of San Antonio's social scene, including its sixth-floor outdoor pool and tenth-floor rooftop lounge, as well as the storied St. Anthony Club, a cocktail lounge with historic tales to share, Rebelle, San Antonio's newest culinary destination, and Haunt, a bar offering classic cocktails inspired by the haunting legends of The St. Anthony. For reservations or for more information, contact 210-227-4392 or visit www.thestanthonyhotel.com. #TheStAnthony, #TexasJewelReborn

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