

ah-WHooooo wants to be a San Antonio Missions World Heritage Junior Ranger?

Anyone can be a Junior Ranger!

Wally the World Heritage Wolf will guide you through activities to earn your badge.

The only rule is to have fun!

What is a World Heritage Site?

It's a place selected by the United Nations (UNESCO) to be protected and preserved based on its outstanding universal value. Outstanding universal value means that it is important to the world!

There are over 1,000 World Heritage Sites around the world and each one has their own features that make them have outstanding value to humanity. The United States has 24 World Heritage Sites and 18 of those are units of the National Park Service.

San Antonio Missions

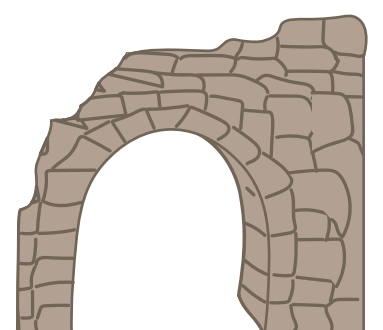
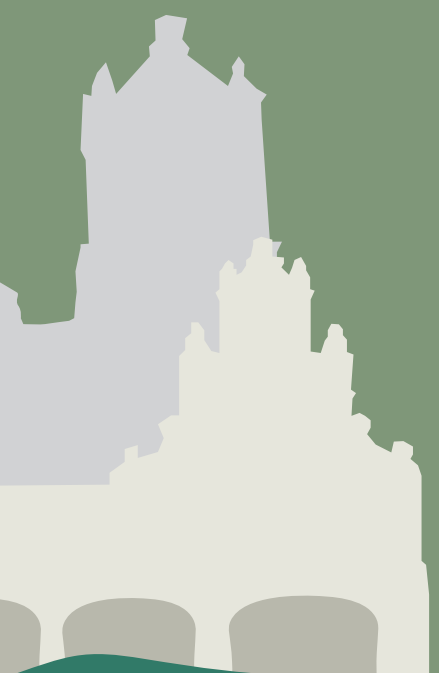
The missions are Spanish colonial communities from the 1700s. Throughout San Antonio you can see a blending of cultures represented in the housing, farmfields, fresco paintings, churches, and more. Even after hundreds of years these are still important places for the community, traditions and culture.

What makes these missions have outstanding universal value? The structures, the blending of cultures, and the continuity of traditions.

Structures

Many of the stone structures around the park are more than 200 years old, but many of them are incomplete now and are "ruins". These structures would have been houses, workshops, storage rooms, and even churches like the unfinished church at Mission San Juan.

This stone wall is a ruin, show us what it would look like if you rebuilt it.



Write or draw something that represents your culture.



Culture is the way we do things. It is what you believe and think. It's even what you eat! It is passed down by our parents, grandparents, and even our friends.

At San Antonio Missions the Spanish and Indigenous cultures mixed and it changed the language, the clothes, food, and more.

Many of us have a mixture of cultures that make us who we are.

Isn't exploring fun?!

Traditions

Traditions are part of culture. They help our cultures stay alive and are often special things you do with your family or community that have been happening for a long time. At San Antonio Missions many of the traditions that started about 300 years ago are still happening today, like the church services every Sunday.

National parks are places with many traditions like passport stamps, Junior Ranger badges, or collecting maps, magnets, or stickers. Maybe you already have a park tradition, if not you can start one now.

What tradition did you do today that you plan on doing at all future parks you visit?



your name

has completed the requirements to be a San Antonio Missions World Heritage Junior Ranger!

As a World Heritage Junior Ranger, I pledge to explore the world around me, like following animals traces. I will learn about important spaces, protect natural and cultural places, and I do this for all the future faces!

pledge with us!



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