



San Antonio Council
FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

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Letter from the Executive Director

Dear SACIV Members & Friends,

Thank you for your support of SACIV and your role in acting as citizen diplomats and global ambassadors throughout San Antonio this past year!

It's certainly been an exciting year of impact and cross-cultural engagement, as we have increased the volume of US Department of State funded programs welcomed to San Antonio by two-fold from 2016. This past year, we hosted 32 programs, welcoming 240 visitors from as many as 82 countries to our city. Many of our programs focused on entrepreneurship and women's empowerment, as well as topics ranging from cyber security to public health. In addition to hosting "International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP)" delegations, we expanded our portfolio by partnering to host training academies for three groups of Mexican police officers as part of the "Police Professionalization Exchange Program".

You - our members & the community - have been vital in guaranteeing that San Antonio has provided a warm and welcoming atmosphere for our visitors. You have volunteered over 400 hours of your time to ensure that our signature events, such as our "28th Anniversary Dinner", were a tremendous success. Furthermore, our home hospitality hosts have provided of 90 meals to our visitors, opening their homes to strangers and taken the time to ensure that these guests all left as friends. They have navigated the often-confusing waters of cross-cultural communication and in doing so, graciously welcomed SACIV visitors to San Antonio. I know first-hand that the generosity they have shown has greatly touched our guests and will be a memory they carry with them for a lifetime. And in doing so, they have all acted as the citizen diplomats that are the backbone of our organization!

It's been an exciting year of building connections to the people, ideas, and issues shaping our global future. And your support has made a world of difference – thank you! I look forward to our work together in the future in furthering our goals to connect San Antonio to the world and create a more global community.

All the best,

Cecilia Cross

About SACIV

SACIV is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), founded in 1989, that facilitates short term professional exchanges for emerging distinguished international leaders, selected by the US Department of State for the purpose of advancing US foreign policy goals and increasing mutual understanding. Hundreds of these international visitors come to San Antonio each year, providing opportunities to the community for fostering economic development and cross-cultural understanding. In addition to meeting with area professionals in their fields and exploring the local culture of San Antonio, international visitors are invited into the homes of SACIV members or hosted for meals or special excursions, giving them invaluable first-hand experience with everyday Americans.

SACIV aims to build international friendships, facilitate the exchange of ideas, foster cultural understanding, and promote San Antonio as an international city.

2017

BY THE NUMBERS



2017 AT A GLANCE



Programs

Hosted
by SACIV



Visitors

Welcomed to
San Antonio



Countries

Represented
by Visitors



Members

of SACIV



Hours

Volunteered



Home Hospitality

Meals Provided



Professional Resources

Visited Locally



Meetings Attended

By Visitors

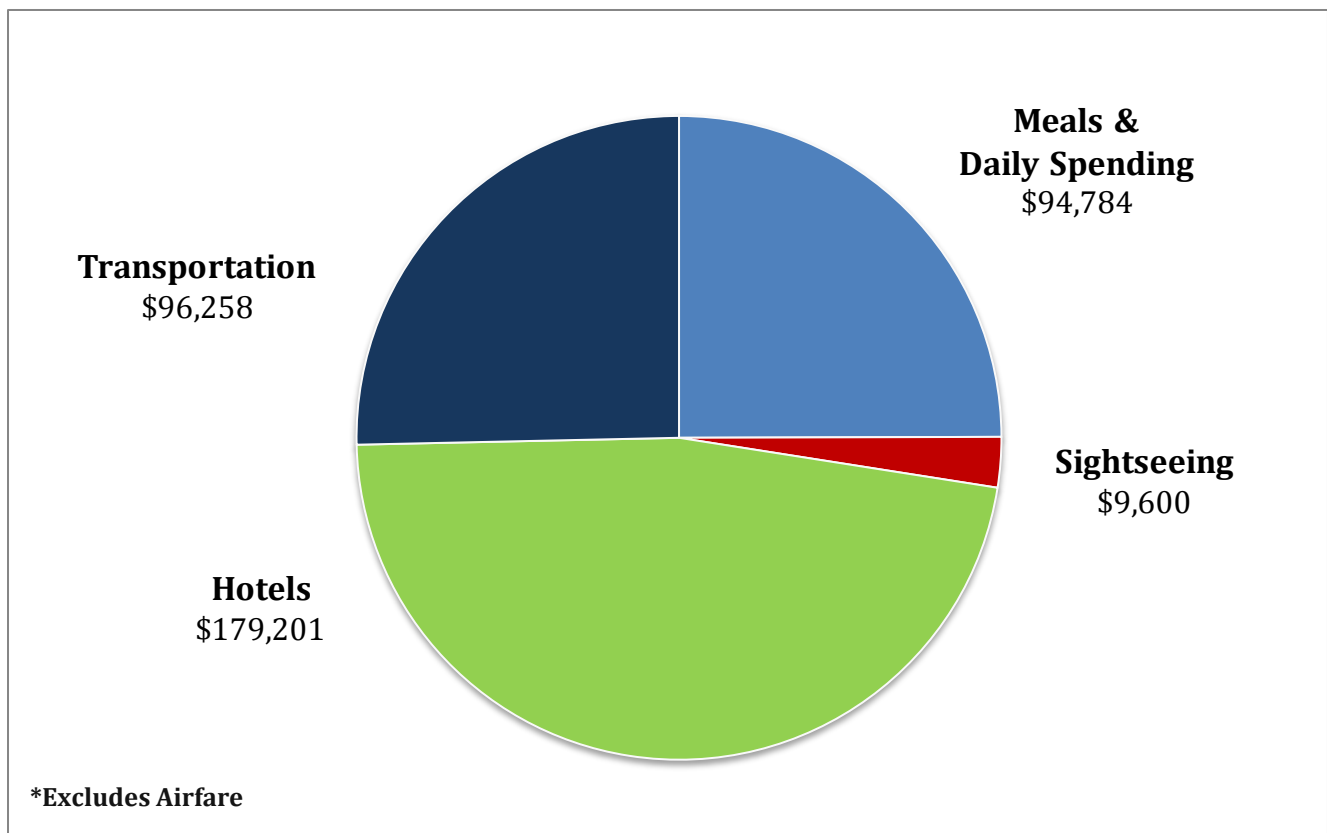


Countries Represented by SACIV Visitors in **2017**

LOCAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

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»»» Programs administered by SACIV contributes to **over \$380,000** to the San Antonio area economy annually through the use of hotels, transportation companies, and other vendors.



2017 Programs

January 24 - January 28

Law Enforcement: Community Policing
Bolivia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Panamá, Venezuela,

February 2 - February 7

Benefits of Trade
Indonesia

February 8 - February 14

Education & Activism for Young Women
India, Nicaragua, Russia, Rwanda, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Uganda

February 14 - February 18

Internet Governance & Cyber Security
Malaysia, China, Thailand, Vietnam

February 19 - February 21

Women as Political Leaders
Algeria, Bahrain, Chad, Morocco, Iraq, Palestinian Territories

February 19 - February 25

Police Professionalization Exchange
Mexico

March 11- March 15

Strengthening Public Health Strategies to Address Emerging Viruses
Colombia

March 23 - March 29

Women & Entrepreneurship
Argentina, Belarus, Chile, Iraq, Israel, Japan

April 16 - April 22

Police Professionalization Exchange Program
Mexico

April 20 - April 26

Toward a More Safe and Secure World: International Crime Issues
Brazil, Estonia, Greece, Hong Kong, Jamaica, Kosovo, Lebanon, Lithuania, Macedonia, Nigeria, Palestinian Territories, Poland, Romania, Trinidad & Tobago, Turkey, United Arab Emirates

May 23 - May 27

Integration & Advocacy for Socially Vulnerable Populations
Ukraine

June 1 - June 7

Urban Management
Turkmenistan

June 11 - June 15

Change Makers: Women in Social & Political Sectors
Ireland, Kenya, Libya, Malaysia, Norway, Tunisia

June 11 - June 17

Police Professionalization Exchange Program
Mexico

June 14 - June 20

Advancing Minority Rights
Albania, Belgium, France, Germany, Poland

July 17 - July 19

Mexican Political Party Exchange
Mexico

July 19 - July 23

Improving Trade Across Kazakhstan's Border
Kazakhstan

July 25 - July 29

WEAmericas Program for Women Entrepreneurs
Argentina, Chile, Cuba, El Salvador, Mexico Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela,

July 27 - August 1

The Global Economy
Brazil, Egypt, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Madagascar, New Zealand, Venezuela

August 22 - August 26

Empowering Muslim Communities to Prevent Racialization Among Youth
Spain

October 5 - October 11

Women as Political Leaders
Africa Union, Algeria, Central African Republic, Cote D'Ivoire, The Gambia, Haiti, Morocco, Senegal, Swaziland, Zimbabwe

October 8 - October 10

Promoting Youth Entrepreneurship & Higher Education in the US
Greece

October 17 - October 21

Women & Entrepreneurship
Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Palestinian Territories, Saudi Arabia

October 18 - October 21

Water Usage
Turkmenistan

October 25 - October 31

Young Leaders Promoting Transparency & Accountability
Lebanon

November 1 - November 5

The Impact of Refugees and Migration on Domestic Policies
Belgium, Germany, Lithuania, Malta, Spain, United Kingdom

November 7 - November 12

Community Responsiveness: Law Enforcement Leadership
India

November 10 - November 15

Infrastructure & Development
South Africa

November 15 - November 19

Channeling for Sustained Social Change
Ukraine

December 6 - December 12

Women as Political & Community Leaders
Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates

December 7 - December 13

Coalition Building for NGO's
Pakistan

December 8 - December 13

Smart Cities
Vietnam

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Thank you!



International Visitor Leadership Program

U.S. Department of State

The International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) is an official U.S. government exchange program administered by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The objective of the program is to advance U.S. foreign policy goals by increasing mutual understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries. The IVLP is the U.S. Department of State's premier professional exchange program.

Through short-term visits to the United States, current and emerging foreign leaders in a variety of fields experience this country firsthand and cultivate lasting relationships with their American counterparts. Professional meetings reflect the participants' professional interests and support the foreign policy goals of the United States. Current and emerging leaders from across the world come to the United States on the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) to meet with professional counterparts and visit U.S. public and private sector organizations related to their field of interest.

International Visitors also share their culture and offer insight on best practices and perspectives with their hosts in the United States. International Visitors are accompanied by either foreign language interpreters or English language officers, contractors through the State Department's Office of Language Services, who also facilitate travel and help explain American society, history, and culture.

The International Visitor Program brings almost 5,000 foreign visitors to the U.S. each year to meet and confer with their professional counterparts and to experience the United States firsthand. The visitors, who are current or potential leaders in government, politics, the media, education, and other fields, are carefully selected by American embassy officials overseas. Over 335 current and former heads of state, thousands of cabinet-level ministers, and many other distinguished world leaders in government and the private sector have participated in the International Visitor Leadership Program over the past 75 years.

2017 Professional Resources

AIT-SCM • Alamo Area Coalition Against Trafficking • Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization • Alamo Area Regional Law Enforcement Academy • Alamo Travel Group • Association of Fundraising • Bexar County Democratic Women • Bexar County District Attorney's Office • Bexar County Elections Department • Bexar County Liberation Party • Bexar County Republican Women • Bexar County Sheriff's Office • Bexar County SMWBE Program • Bexar County Veterans Service Office • Business Careers High School • Catholic Charities • Centro San Antonio • The Children's Shelter • City of San Antonio's Office of Historic Preservation • City of San Antonio's Disability Access Office • City of San Antonio's Office of the City Clerk • City of San Antonio's Center City Development & Operations Department • City of San Antonio's Department of Planning & Community • City of San Antonio's Diversity & Inclusion Office • City of San Antonio's Economic Development Department • City of San Antonio's Office of Municipal Integrity • City of San Antonio's Transportation & Capital Improvements Department • City Year San Antonio • Consulate General of Mexico in San Antonio • Council on American Islamic Relations • Councilwoman Viagran • CPS Energy • Department of Commerce U.S. Commercial Service • Esperanza Peace & Justice Center • Eva's Heroes • Family Violence Protection Services • Free Trade Alliance • Geekdom • Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance • Greater San Antonio Healthcare Foundation • Guadalupe Community Center • Haven for Hope • Healthy Futures of Texas • HEB • Homeland Security Investigations • Incarnate Word High School • J. Canavati & Co. • La Fuerza Unida • Laredo Chamber of Commerce • Laredo Development Foundation • League of Women Voters • LiftFund • Log Cabin Republicans • MALDEF • Martinez Street Women's Center • Masjid Al-Madina Muslim Children Education & Civic Center • MATT • Mexican American Unity Council • Mission Road Ministries • Morgan's Wonderland • MOVE San Antonio • Representative Diego Bernal • Former Mayor Phil Hardberger • Ms. Leticia Van de Putte • NADBank • National Association of Women Business Owners • The Non-Profit Council • Northwest Vista College • Port San Antonio • Pre-K4SA • RAICES • Rio Grande Detention Center • SA2020 • SAILS • San Antonio Area Foundation • San Antonio Chamber of Commerce • San Antonio Economic Development Foundation • San Antonio Express-News • San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce • San Antonio River Authority • San Antonio Wholesale Produce Market • San Antonio Women's Chamber of Commerce • SAPD • SA Tomorrow • SAWS • Former Sheriff Susan Pamerleau • St. Mary's University • Stepping Stones Pediatric Feeding & Speech Therapy Clinic • TAMIU's Texas Center for Border Economic & Enterprise Development • TAMUSA's Center for Information Technology & Cyber Security • Terrell Hills Police Department • Texas Riogrande Legal Aid • Texas Women's Healthcare Coalition • The Big Give SA • ThreatGuard, Inc. • Trinity University • University Health System • University of the Incarnate Word • UTHSCSA • UTSA • VelocityTX • VentureLab • VIA • Victoria Islamic Center • Women's Business Center & Launch SA • Women's Global Connection • Wounded Warrior Project

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