

Boerne



As Unique as Our Name A treasure nestled in the magnificent setting of the Texas Hill Country, Boerne (pronounced "Bernie") is only minutes north of San Antonio, via Interstate 10.

Regional Information

Boerne, the county seat of Kendall County, is boundaried by Cibolo Creek, Interstate Highway 10, and U.S. Highway 87 some thirty miles northwest of San Antonio in the southern part of the county. In 1849 a group of German colonists from Bettina camped on the north side of Cibolo Creek, about a mile west of present-day Boerne. They called their new community Tusculum, after Cicero's home in ancient Rome. In 1852 Gustav Theissen and John James laid out the town's site and changed the name to Boerne in honor of Ludwig Börne, a German poet and publicist. Ironically, Mr. Boerne never visited the town that was named after him.

Accolades

Boerne makes Best Place to Live list - The July issue of San Antonio Magazine features Boerne as one of 10 Best Places to Live in the SA metro area.

Education

Boerne Independent School District, nestled in the scenic Texas Hill Country, is a "destination district" for families who enjoy Boerne's unique combination of rural roots, small town atmosphere and easy access to America's seventh largest city (vibrant San Antonio is 30 miles southeast of Boerne).

This supportive Boerne community places a high priority on education, reflected in the reputation for excellence that Boerne ISD has built and sustained through the years. Boerne ISD has an enrollment of just over 7,000 students who attend class at five elementary schools, two middle schools, two high schools and two alternative schools. With more than 900 faculty and staff, Boerne ISD is the largest employer in the community.

Accountability Rating

Boerne Independent School District received the highest possible state accountability rating - "Met Standard" - for 2013. This is the highest mark in the new accountability rating system being phased in by the Texas Education Agency over the next several years. The TEA did not issue ratings last year as part of a transition from the previous accountability system.

Quality of Life

Enjoy an incredible variety of fun things to do in Boerne year round. Music festivals, art shows and community events throughout the year make historic Boerne a fun and exciting place to be. A stroll down Haupstrasse (Main Street in German) through Boerne's charming historic district offers a world of specialty shops including great antiques, fine home accessories, unique gift items, trendy boutiques, jewelry and art galleries.

The cypress-lined Cibolo Creek flows through downtown Boerne and continues on to the nationally recognized Cibolo Nature Center. Hiking trails and a boardwalk allow visitors to explore 100 acres with four distinct ecosystems - grassland, marshland, woodland and river bottom.

Year round parades, festivals and cultural events fill the air with music and merriment. The Kendall County Fair, Chocolate Walk, Berges Fest, Wings Over Boerne, Parade of Artists, Cibolo Songs & Stories, Harvest Moon Celebration, Abendkonzerte, Weihnachts Fest, Dickens on Main, Boerne Market Days and the Key to the Hills Rod Run are some of the activities that draw



people from near and far away.

For unique and memorable Hill Country experiences, Boerne offers 475 sleeping accommodations including hotel chains, quaint bed and breakfasts, historic hotels and a destination resort with a conference center.

A visit to Boerne is not complete without sampling the unique cuisine, ranging from Texas barbeque and home style cooking to fine dining.

Intermingled among the shopping, visitors experience the inviting aromas from a hometown bakery or “catch up on the latest” at one of the local coffee shops. While taking in the ambiance of this thriving small town, visitors may choose to relax at one of the local wine bars or enjoy a brew at the brewhaus on the creek.

Recreation

Boerne is home to four major attractions. The acclaimed Cibolo Nature Center with its four distinct eco systems is popular for birding, hiking and exploring. Enchanted Springs Ranch is a Wild West Theme Park with exotic animals and an Old Western town. And there are two natural living caves- Cave Without A Name and Cascade Caverns.

Boerne also has plenty of outdoor activities to test the limits of your adventurous side. Nestled in the heart of the Hill Country, Boerne boasts a 300 acre City Lake, rivers & creeks to paddle & tube, and hiking and biking trails that will satisfy your need for a casual day trip or a rigorous adventure. Boerne also has parks and trails in town for walking, biking, enjoying a picnic by the Cibolo Creek or partaking in one of the favorite activities of visitors and locals-feeding the ducks at River Road Park! Located just 15 minutes away is the Guadalupe River State Park.

With Boerne’s central location, it is an ideal “getaway” destination, especially for the leisure visitor. Boerne is a convenient drive from several major Texas cities such as San Antonio, Austin, Houston and Dallas via interstate or scenic back roads. The back roads are especially lovely in the spring when wildflowers bloom.

Over the past several years, Boerne has become a desirable day trip destination for San Antonians and visitors alike. Because of its close proximity to major attractions such as Fiesta Texas, Sea World, the San Antonio Riverwalk and the #1 Texas attraction; the Alamo, Boerne is the nearest and best opportunity to enjoy the beautiful Texas Hill Country.

From golfing to nature to sports to kids activities and so much more...there’s something for everyone! Come see why Boerne, Texas is a great vacation destination that offers something for every visitor!

Business Overview

The city offers a full array of financial incentives, matching grant programs and other incentives that promote downtown revitalization, commercial building façade improvements, business retention development, relocation and expansion, strengthening of the city’s arts community, and special events that promote economic development.

Information collected from the Boerne Chamber of Commerce, the City of Boerne website and www.visitboerne.org.

