

509 KING WILLIAM STREET



DID YOU KNOW?

- The Steves home was one of the first in San Antonio to have electricity? Spot the unique fixtures and panels when you visit!
- The River House, located behind the main home, housed one of the first natatoriums, or indoor swimming pools, in San Antonio. The fountain and pool are preserved and the space is now used for gatherings.



ABOUT THE STEVES HOMESTEAD

The Steves Homestead offers a glimpse into late 19th century life in King William, Texas' oldest historic district. Built of local limestone in a dramatic Second Empire Style, the 1876 Steves Homestead was one of the first homes designed by English-born architect Alfred Giles.

Explore fine furnishings and decorations while learning how people lived, dressed, worked, played and cooked 140 years ago. Enjoy the formal garden where you can take in views of the mansard roof with delicate iron cresting and beautiful round-arched windows with rope moulding. The home has many items that belonged to the Steves family, including an inlaid table and bas-reliefs sculptures obtained in Europe and items purchased at the 1876 Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia.

WHEN YOU VISIT

Just a block to the north, Villa Finale, also built in 1876, is open for tours. A block to the south, the Guenther House is San Antonio's most popular weekend brunch destination, while the nearby Blue Star Complex offers restaurants, art galleries, and bicycle rental. Only two blocks to the east lies the Beethoven Maennerchor. This German singing society, founded in 1867, sells food and drink to the public five nights a week. Also adjacent are the restaurants and pop-up galleries of South Alamo Street.

Tours of the Steves Homestead require face coverings and are limited to groups of 6 or less. All social distancing and sanitation rules are in place to provide a safe visit. Tickets are \$10 each; children under 12 free. Open Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

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