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T-shirt (S-XXXL)



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Rhinstones Logo
Cowboy Hat
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Baseball Hat
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RHS Neck Wallet
size: 7.5" x 8.5" x 2"



RHS Traveler Bag
1 inside, 1 outside pocket with zipper
size: 20" x 16" x 6"



RHS Wristlet
size: 8.5" x 6.5" x 2"



RHS Wallet
size opened: 7.5" x 8.5" x 2"



RHS Crossbody Bag
size: 12" x 10.5" x 1"



Cotton
RHS Logo Bandana

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San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter
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Welcome to the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter, a magnificent 38 story hotel on the River Walk. Our San Antonio hotel is just steps away from the world famous San Antonio Riverwalk, premier shopping, dining and entertainment destination. Featuring luxurious rooms and suites, guests will enjoy supreme comfort conveniently located near many area attractions, including Sea World, Six Flags Fiesta Texas and the San Antonio Zoo. The Alamo, one of the nation's most storied and revered landmarks, is within easy walking distance from our hotel.

Our River Walk hotel is designed for relaxing, with LCD TVs, premium cable, high-speed Internet access, and Marriott's Plug-In Technology in each guest room. For events, 2014 Event Top 100 Hotel, along with 2014 Meetings & Conventions Magazine Gold Key & Gold Platter Award Winner, boasting premium San Antonio event space, plus proximity to Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Make the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter your hotel of choice in San Antonio.

RHS has negotiated complimentary internet access in all guest rooms.
Self parking for RHS attendees is \$7 per day, per vehicle.
Valet parking is \$37 USD per vehicle per day.



AREA AIRPORT

San Antonio Airport (SAT) is eight miles south of the hotel. The hotel does not provide shuttle service.

However you may contact Airport Express (210-381-9900) to arrange airport ground transportation. The current one way rate is \$18 USD. Reservations are required. Estimated taxi fare is currently \$22 USD for each way.



ROOM RESERVATIONS



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**Room
RESERVATIONS**

RHS room rate is \$175 per room, per night for single/double occupancy plus applicable state and local taxes in effect at the time of check out.

RHS attendees will be making reservations directly with the hotel using Passkey online group reservations. Individuals must identify themselves as part of Red Hat Society to receive the special group rate of \$175 USD for single or double occupancy.

All reservations must be guaranteed with a deposit for the first night's guestroom and tax charges. If reservation is guaranteed to a credit card, a first night's guestroom and tax charge, per guestroom, will be billed immediately to the cardholder's account. The hotel will not hold any reservations unless secured by one of the above methods.

A dedicated booking website has been created for RHS attendees so our guests will be able to make, modify and cancel their hotel reservations online, as well as take advantage of any room upgrades, amenities or other services offered by the hotel.

Hotel allows individual attendees the right to cancel their guestroom reservations without penalty up to twenty-four (24) hours prior to the attendees' scheduled arrival date. Hotel shall charge the individual attendee one (1) night's guaranteed guestroom rate plus tax for cancellation within twenty-four (24) hours of the scheduled arrival date or failure of the individual to check-in on the scheduled arrival date. Any remaining nights of a "no-show" reservation will be canceled. It is policy to require a credit card or cash deposit for incidental charges.

Hotel accepts most major credit cards.

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PLEASE NOTE...

Check-in time is 4:00 PM and check-out time is 12:00 PM.
Any departures after 12:00 PM are subject to the full day charge.

Each guestroom must have at least one registered guest 21 years of age or older.

Room reservations must be made by August 1, 2016.

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HATTER HISTORY LESSON

There was a time in recent history where dessert was not given its proper due and the world politely waited for their dessert — understanding that it was supposed to be done AFTER the meal! It was a dull and dreary time in history until the women of The Red Hat Society came along! These trail blazers lived for the joy in all aspects of life! They knew the symbolism behind eating their dessert first. Although the dessert was tasty,

★ **EATING DESSERT FIRST MEANT
THAT THEY WERE LIVING LIFE
TO THE FULLEST AND NOT
WAITING TO ENJOY ALL THE
FUN IT HAD TO OFFER!**

This merry band of Sisters vowed that they would never stop spreading the joy of Fun, Friendship, Freedom, Fulfillment and Fitness with women everywhere. And thus, *as a salute to their belief in the enjoyment of life they would rise and shout, "Remember the a la mode!" and proudly partake of their favorite dessert.*

This convention, we'll pay tribute to these Sisters and proudly eat our dessert first at each gathering.



CONVENTION
PACKAGES

\$475 EXTRA
DAY
\$375 MAIN

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JOIN THE RED HAT SOCIETY FOR THIS FUN FILLED EVENT!
YOU NEVER KNOW HOW WE'LL CHANGE HISTORY TOGETHER!

WE'LL EAT OUR DESSERT FIRST!



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26
AUGUST

FRIDAY ★

**9:00AM-10:30AM
La Fiesta Roja (The Red Party!)**

Join The Red Hat Society for a Mexican Fiesta with a Hatter-twist! We're going to Fiesta like there's no mañana! This festive opening ceremony will include Mexican inspired entertainment, food and more!!! Bring your dancing shoes—or boots!

Dress: RHS inspired Folklorico Dresses, Sombreros or Southwest Best—with Rhinestones, of course! Traditional RHS regalia is always in fashion.

Food: Plated Mexican-inspired breakfast with plenty of desserts!



**10:45 AM - 3:00 PM
Off-site Optional Tours**

- Rafting on the Guadalupe River
- Cave Walking
- Missions of San Antonio



**3:30PM - 4:30PM
Pinkies Party!!!**

For those new to RHS, that's a meeting of Members under the magical age of 50. RHS wants to celebrate you and give you a chance to meet other Pinkies from near and far. All Pinkies, please wear your favorite Pink and Lavender attire. An official Pinkie photo will be taken at the event.



**4:30PM - 5:30PM
International Attendee Reception
& Photo Session**

The Society's Members who are traveling from countries outside of the US are welcome to join Queen Lady Bug, Debra Granich for a special gathering and official photo session. We'll spend time getting to know one another and sharing our favorite dessert recipes! Be sure to bring copies of your favorite dessert recipe to exchange with the Sisters present.



Dress: RHS Regalia as formal as you so choose
Food: Plated Dinner

**7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
A La Mode Ball**

Did you know that there is an entirely different meaning for "a la mode?" The French translation is "How Fashionable!" Red Hat Society Queens and Members have defined fashion for over 17 years. Chanel, Dior, Yves Saint Laurent, Louis Vuitton, Hermes and Balmain have nothing on us! Tonight, we invite you to join your Sisters for a Fashionable Night in Paris! We will board the "Red Hat Express" to Paris for the evening. We will spend the evening in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower.

You are welcome to seize this opportunity to design and put together a unique creation to wear. Parisian couture is all about creativity and leading the way in fashion. Although not a requirement, this is a fun way to showcase your creativity with a playful ensemble.

Each attendee will receive a souvenir passport upon boarding the Express and one lucky winner will win a French inspired, couture chapeau!





Rafting on the Guadalupe River
Depart at 10:45AM, Return at 3:45PM
Cost: \$85

It's a nice slow float under a canopy of cypress trees along the Guadalupe River. The Guadalupe River is located in the historic town of Guadalupe, Texas, just 30 minutes from the hotel.

The river river is waiting for everyone to enjoy their "rafts of choice" a tube, a raft or kayak. Don't worry, there will be guides on hand to assist you onto your float and off along the river down river. None of you go to the average 65 degree water for a leisurely 2 hour float down the river. There are curves, bends, rapids and breathtaking scenery on this afternoon of great fun.

Everyone must wear some sort of shoe (sneakers, etc.) and know how to swim. Bring a towel & a dry change of clothes.

Recently voted one of the top ten caves in the United States, the Natural Bridge Caverns offer visitors a premier natural attraction. Get ready for a high energy activity!

Soar the massive, raw formations formed by single drops of water and the slow passage of time. With the exception of the lighting, walkways and handrails you will find the North Cave much the same as the discovery did in 1960. It's a whole new world to discover with towering and majestic formations created at an average rate of only one color inch every one hundred years! As the constant dripping of water ceases, they're still alive and growing. Travel the winding passages and be amazed at how the incredible and rare formations of the cavern reveal themselves in room after dazzling room. The tour inside the caverns takes approximately 75 minutes.

Cave Walking
Depart at 11:00AM, Return at 3:00PM
Cost: \$109



After your adventures, stroll out the new bridge of Discovery Village. Indulge yourself at Big Daddy's sweets, treats and brews, an old-fashioned park and general store. Shop for amazing gifts, jewelry and souvenirs in the Discovery Village trading store.

* This is a walking tour. Everyone must wear a shoe with good traction and be in reasonably good shape as the caves do have some steep hills. Visitors should be able to walk unassisted a minimum of 1.5 miles.

Ranger Creek Brewing & Distilling
Depart at 12:00 Noon, Return at 3:00PM
Cost: \$90

As the only "brewery" in Texas, Ranger Creek offers a unique, educational tour where you can learn how they make their beer and their bourbon. The popular brewery tour is two hours in one. You'll learn how to make beer and bourbon, and at the end you'll understand the fascinating relationship between the two. This intimate, immersive experience focuses on education but allows you some a drink in your hand while you're learning. This full tour includes a detailed guided tour, a souvenir pint glass, and a sample of your choice. It's educational and fun!



Missions of San Antonio
Depart at 11:00AM, Return at 3:00PM
Cost: \$60

One of the country's few National Parks within an urban setting, the San Antonio Missions tell the story of the European expansion in the New World.

The "Pillars of the Mission," Mission San José is our first stop. This site was established in 1720 and is the largest and best preserved of the San Antonio's five missions. We will tour the "indian" quarters that were located within the walls as well as the Spanish soldiers' quarters. See how the church is one of the most beautiful in the country with its elaborate carvings on the chapel facade.

As we venture to our next stop, we will view Espada Church, the dome and built during the mining era and has survived floods for more than 250 years.

The second mission on our tour made its permanent home along the banks of the San Antonio River in 1731. Mission San Juan Capistrano established a trade network stretching north to El Paso and south to Guadalupe. Mission Espada was established in 1715 but was never completed. It still stands as an outline of an intended church. Three decades still at Espada, which serves as a reminder of the day it was built.

Next is the oldest unaltered mission church in Texas. Mission Concepcion was established in 1713 and the twin towers and beautiful facade helped make it a controversial project of twenty-plus years.

Our last stop will be The Alamo, "The Shrine of Texas Liberty" and San Antonio's first Mission. Today it is one of the most photographed facades in the country and the #1 tourist attraction in the state. We will tour the chapel and walk the grounds in an hour about the "Miracle for Texas Independence." You will also have some time to wander through this wonderful gift shop.





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WEDNESDAY

6:00pm – 8:00pm
“Sip & Shop” Champagne Reception

The RHS Hatquarters team and Hat District vendors invite all convention attendees to join us for a private, champagne shopping reception. Meet the entire RHS Hatquarters staff and be the first to purchase the vendors' select merchandise.



THURSDAY

Welcome to San Antonio!
City Tour and Lunch
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



“THERE ARE ONLY FOUR UNIQUE CITIES IN AMERICA:
BOSTON, NEW ORLEANS, SAN FRANCISCO AND
SAN ANTONIO.” - Mark Twain



See & Be Seen at the RHS À La Mode Ball

Did you know there's an entirely different meaning for "à la mode?"
The French translation is "*How Fashionable!*"

For years, Hatters have dazzled us with their unique ensembles at our Red Hat Society International Conventions. This year, we encourage you to embrace the Parisian theme of our À La Mode Ball, and create an outfit that best represents your inner fashionista. Paris Fashion Week has nothing on us!

Sequins, feathers, satin, jewels, tulle... The À La Mode Ball on Friday, August 26th in San Antonio, Texas will be a feast for the eyes!

We can't wait to see you at the
2016 RHS à la Mode
International Convention!

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Your best friends await!



Gutsy Gal

*/ˈɡʊtsə gal/
noun*

Courageous
Queens and
Supporting
Members who
attend RHS events
all by themselves!
They won't be
alone for long!

A courageous Queen
or Supporting
Member of RHS who
is attending an
official RHS
International
Convention for the
first time!

First Timer

*/fərst 'tīmər/
adjective*

The RHS enthusiastically celebrates these two amazing groups of Hatters who take the plunge and join their Sisters from across the globe for the party of a lifetime! You are invited to join other Gutsy Gals and First Timers (both past and present) for a **Meet & Greet** BEFORE the official convention begins designed to make sure that you get a personal introduction all of your Sisters!



Thursday, August 25th

4PM: First Timer & Gutsy Gal Meet & Greet

7PM: Dance Party with Papa G

Take it from Hatquarters, we've seen amazing friendships birthed at these events. You may have come alone, but from this moment forward you'll be surrounded by Sisters! Oh, and after the Meet & Greet? Sashay over with your new found friends to a Dance Party with Papa G!!!

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