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Ride for the *holidays*

VIVA, an exciting service line from VIA, is the easy and affordable way to take in the sites, sounds and flavors of the holiday season in the heart of San Antonio.

Experience VIVA's three distinct routes (see list below) to connect with some of the city's most-visited holiday events and attractions, including the San Antonio Missions World Heritage Site, the Alamo, the King William Historic District, Southtown, Downtown, Market Square, the River Walk, Pearl, and the South Broadway corridor.

Get the best deal with a VIA Day Pass. For just \$2.75, you can ride all day. Passes are available on the bus and can be used with any regular VIA bus service.

11 VIVA culture

Connects you to museums, parks, theaters, art galleries and the zoo.

9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Service to Pearl until 11 p.m.

40 VIVA missions

Takes you to the historic San Antonio Missions World Heritage Site.

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily

301 VIVA centro

Travels through the heart of downtown from Centro Plaza to Sunset Station.

7 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays

9 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekends

Plan your holiday adventures with VIVA. Visit VIAinfo.net/VIVA for a list of holiday events and attractions happening along the VIVA routes.



BiblioTech's Techolote welcomes the Ride & Read bus to VIA's Centro Plaza.

All-digital Library Goes Mobile

Free e-library now at
VIA Transit Centers

You could call it a movement. The debut of VIA Metropolitan Transit's new "Ride & Read" program has given new momentum to literacy efforts in Bexar County with free access to the nation's first all-digital library. The program, a partnership between VIA and the county's BiblioTech e-library, provides VIA customers free access to more than 40,000 downloadable titles.

Freestanding BiblioTech digital kiosks and wall-mounted, ADA-accessible kiosks have been installed at six transit centers throughout the VIA service area with additional locations to be announced in the future.

Membership to the BiblioTech digital library is free to Bexar County residents. The digital collection is available 24 hours a day

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at BexarBibliotech.org. BiblioTech members can access their downloads anytime, including aboard VIA buses and vans or at transit centers, using VIA's free 4G LTE Wi-Fi. E-books remain available for two weeks before they are electronically returned.

How to Ride & Read with VIA and BiblioTech

- 1. Log on to VIA Free Wi-Fi on your smartphone or tablet.**
- 2. Download the free BiblioTech app at BexarBiblioTech.org.**
- 3. Use the digital kiosks to register with BiblioTech.**
- 4. Select the books, periodicals or podcasts you'd like and download to your device.**
- 5. That's it! You're ready to Ride & Read.**

BiblioTech Locations at VIA

Centro Plaza

909 W. Houston St., 78207

Crossroads Park & Ride

151 Crossroads Blvd., 78201

Downtown Information Center

211 W. Commerce St., 78205

Ellis Alley Transit Center

212 Chestnut St., 78202

Medical Center Transit Center

5330 Medical Drive, 78240

North Star Transit Center

7538 San Pedro Ave., 78216



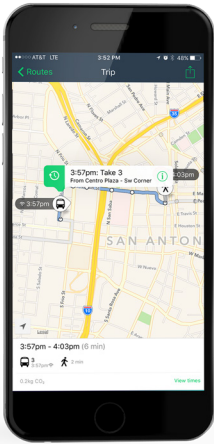
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Travel planning at the tip of your finger

Convenient third-party apps provide easy-to-use trip planning and schedule data for VIA customers. Free

apps, including Moovit, TripGO, Transit, Apple Maps and Google Maps offer real-time transit information. Most are available on iOS and Android platforms. Use VIA's free 4G LTE WiFi to download these helpful apps and plan your trip from the palm of your hand. For more information, visit VIAinfo.net. Click on "Bus Service" and select Mobile Apps.



Moovit Step-by-step guide to destinations, nearby stops and more.



TripGo Compare and combine VIA's transit options with other modes of transportation like ride share and bike share. Sync to your calendar to plan your trip.



Transit Upcoming departure times for all nearby bus routes in big text and bright colors.



Apple Maps Transit coverage now includes San Antonio, with complete VIA routes and stops in the city.



Google Maps Satellite imagery, street maps, 360° panoramic views of streets (Street View), real-time traffic conditions (Google Traffic), and route planning.

PARK. RIDE. CHEER.

Join fellow San Antonio Spurs fans who start their fan game right, aboard VIA.

For **just \$2.50** each way, VIA takes care of the driving, the parking, and the picking up with Special Event Park & Ride Service to **all San Antonio Spurs home games**. You can get in the spirit before you even get to your seat!

Park & Ride Service is available at the Crossroads and Randolph Park & Ride locations. Discounts available for children, seniors, students, and active-duty military members in uniform or with a VIA Reduced Fare ID. Cash and credit cards are accepted at the Park & Ride locations on game day.

The first bus departs each Park & Ride location one hour before tipoff. The last bus departs 30 minutes before tipoff. Return service will run for 30 minutes after the end of each game.

For more information, visit VIAinfo.net and click on "Special Event Service."

VIA NextGen shelters powered by sunshine

Several new VIA shelters are now solar powered, a feature that's part of a larger project to provide crosswalks, ADA-compliant sidewalks and connections, bus stopping pads within the roadway, and 1,000 shelters throughout the VIA service area.

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VIA WORD SEARCH

Find these transit-related words forward, backwards up, down, and diagonally

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VIA's solar-powered NextGen bus shelters are part of key enhancements for rider amenities throughout the region. The City of Kirby is among the first of VIA's 14 member cities to feature solar-powered lights. VIA's Fleet and Facilities Division designed the innovative solar lighting components to operate with exposure to about six hours of sunlight per day.

See Something, Say Something

Any suspicious people, activities, or packages can be reported to VIA Transit Police at (210) 362-2439. Passengers can also report suspicious activities to the bus or van operator, who is in direct contact with VIA dispatch personnel. Call 911 in the case of life-threatening emergencies.

About VIA Metropolitan Transit

VIA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT provides public transportation services to 14 cities in the Greater San Antonio Region and the unincorporated areas of Bexar County. VIA operates seven days a week on 90 routes and provided 41 million rides across the region in 2015. VIA's mission is to enhance the community's quality of life by providing regional and customer-oriented public transportation that is dependable, cost-effective and enticing to more riders. VIA's AAA bond rating reflects the organization's sound management and financial practices. Visit www.VIAinfo.net for more information.

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