



**FEAST**  
*of Tabernacles*

**2021 Housing Brochure**

# Welcome to the Feast of Tabernacles 2021 Festival Housing Guide

“You shall dwell in booths for seven days.” With those words in Leviticus 23, we are reminded of the temporary dwellings that we all will live in during the Feast of Tabernacles.

As families, we talk about and plan where we want to go for the Feast and where we want to stay. We look forward to this time of the year. In order to make it a positive and memorable experience, we do not leave details till the last minute. We save our second tithe, we plan our budget, and we look to the Festival housing brochure to see what is offered at the various sites.

As you and your family make your plans and prepare to select and reserve housing for 2021, we recommend you review all available housing at the site you will be attending.

To assist you in this endeavor, we have included websites for the housing establishments listed in this brochure. Please check out those websites, as they will allow you to preview the facilities secured by the Church and the amenities offered at each. This will greatly assist you in avoiding unpleasant surprises, such as extra charges and incidental costs.

We encourage you to consider the choices at several sites that serve as anchor facilities for our daily Festival services. In many, if not most, cases, the Church benefits greatly with reduced meeting space charges when members stay on-site at these facilities.

Of course, if you do not find the housing you desire, you may find what you are looking for via an online search. The housing options we have listed are properties that desire to work with the Church by providing a discounted rate for attendees.

As you make your housing arrangements, please remember these important reminders:

In general, please do not attempt to make reservations prior to the opening day and time for reservations, which is **Monday, May 24**, at 10 a.m. in the time zone of the site you are attending.

The establishments have been asked to not accept reservations prior to the agreed-upon time.

Those with disabilities, health problems or other special needs that require specific types of facilities may make early housing reservations, beginning **Monday, May 17**. (Check with your local Feast adviser for guidelines.) Some sites may require a password in order to make early reservations.

When making your reservations, identify yourself as a member of the “Church of God, a Worldwide Association.” In some cases, the housing locations will use the acronym “COGWA.” Be sure to give your arrival and departure dates, be prepared to give a deposit, and be sure to ask for a confirmation number.

Please take notice of the maximum number of occupants allowed in a room and do not exceed that number. Reserving a room for four people and then putting six to seven people in the room is not allowed. It causes extra work for the housekeeping staff and violates the agreements we have made.

PLEASE make only one housing reservation at one Feast site. Making duplicate reservations blocks housing from others looking for housing. If your plans to attend a site change, be sure to cancel your housing reservations as soon as possible to free up housing.

**Jon Pinelli**  
Festival Planning Team



# Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. What if I have a large family and need a larger facility, such as a house, to have enough space. Can I rent “outside” our housing list?**

A. If there is no satisfactory housing on our housing list, you are certainly free to rent something else. Most of the large, home-type facilities are “one of a kind,” and it would cause more potential problems than it would solve for us to list a large number of one-of-a-kind facilities. And once such a facility was reserved, it would be a waste of time for any other members who tried to reserve the facility.

**Q. What if I’m torn between two different housing properties (maybe even at two different sites). What is wrong with reserving them both until I decide and then releasing the one I decide not to use?**

A. This situation probably happens more often than most would think. It causes difficulties on more than one level. First, it removes a room from the available block that may eventually go unused if you cancel just before the Feast. Second, it may cause a facility to assume it is full and turn down possible bookings only to later have one or several cancellations by people who had double-booked rooms. This causes us problems when we go to book blocks of rooms for the following year.

**Q. My extended family is all attending the same site, yet we find we are paying different tax rates on our rooms. Why is that? It seems confusing!**

A. Some Feast sites have facilities in different communities, each with different lodging tax rates. Some facilities have a “county tax,” while others have a “county tax” and a “city lodging tax.” Generally, the difference isn’t that great, but it may be 4 to 5 percent different.

**Q. What about “extra fees” that appear on my bill in addition to the basic room charge?**

A. Some facilities have extra charges for things such as “resort fee,” or “fee for Internet service in sleeping rooms” (in some facilities, the Internet is free only in the public areas). Most of these should be listed in the housing brochure, but it is good to ask about any extra fees that the facility charges when making your room reservation. When in doubt, ask, so you aren’t surprised when you check out.

**Q. I have found an establishment that I feel would be a great fit for our housing block. How do I go about giving this input to the right person?**

A. At times, members may find a facility that we may have overlooked or that may be under new management. There are a couple of ways you can give input in this area. First, since we may already have our room blocks set for this year, you can write in your suggestion on your copy of the Housing Survey, which is passed out at each site. The Festival coordinator for that site will see it and can follow up on it. Second, you can email the suggestion to the Festival coordinator for that site or to a member of the Festival Planning Team. But either way, please do not try to negotiate with the establishment on behalf of the Church.

**Q. I have several ideas on areas that I feel would make wonderful Feast sites. How do I go about giving input on possible locations?**

A. We are always keeping our eyes open for possible Feast sites. Our main criteria for site selection is desirable locations within a reasonable distance of the majority of our people in a region. We will occasionally have a specialty site on a one-time or a

periodic basis, but due to manpower and expense, we mostly focus on regional sites across the United States and regional sites in the international areas as well.

The Festival Planning Team is always open to suggestions for possible future sites and welcomes input from interested members. If you know of a specific facility in a particular area, feel free to mention it in an email to a member of the Festival Planning Team. But please do not contact the facility directly or discuss possible terms with the facility, as if you are representing the Church. Doing so can cause confusion. Send in your ideas, and we will look at and consider them in light of current needs, contracts and other relative conditions.

**Q. What do I do if I check into a facility selected from the housing guide and, after checking in, I find the conditions to be totally unacceptable?**

A. While this situation seldom happens, it is a possibility. Before you actually occupy the room, go back to the management and tell them the conditions are totally unacceptable and ask for either another room that is acceptable or for a refund. Most facilities will work with you. In the event that you still have a situation, feel free to contact the Festival coordinator for the site or, if you know his name, the housing officer. Either of them will be able to help you with the situation.

## Feast of Tabernacles 2021 KEY DATES

**April 11, 2021**

Registration for assigned sites begins

**June 28, 2021**

Activity information posted to website

**May 17, 2021**

Early housing reservations begin  
(see local Festival adviser for guidelines)

**Sept. 21-27, 2021**

Feast of Tabernacles

**May 24, 2021**

General housing reservations begin

**Sept. 28, 2021**

Last Great Day

**General registration for  
U.S. and international sites begins**

**APRIL 25**

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## New Braunfels, *Texas*

New Braunfels is a small town of approximately 90,000 people located in the hill country of Texas, just 30 miles northeast of downtown San Antonio. Its German heritage is evident in the city's history, culture and cuisine. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, New Braunfels was the third-fastest-growing city in the United States from 2010-2021.

Services will be held in The Village Venue located in New Braunfels' Freiheit Village. This will be the first time for us to use this facility for the Feast of Tabernacles. The facility was built in 2017 and features state-of-the-art audiovisual technology, breakout rooms and an elegant decor. Often used for weddings, this facility is also an outstanding place for corporate meetings and conventions. Premier shopping, restaurants and housing surround the facility.

Nestled among the convergence of two rivers, New Braunfels offers many recreational opportunities that include water. Whether it is enjoying the famous Schlitterbahn Water Park and Resort, wakeboarding without a boat at the Texas Ski Ranch, floating one of the rivers, or swimming in the largest spring-fed pool in Texas—there are plenty of ways to get wet!

For those interested in history, there are seven museums to visit and the historic district of Gruene (a district within the city of New Braunfels) to explore. And for dining, there are many restaurants nearby where visitors can sample German dishes, Texas barbecue and contemporary fare.

If you'd like to venture beyond the local area, San Antonio is just 30 miles south on Interstate 35. There you can tour the historic Alamo, wander the River Walk, go up the Tower of the Americas, visit SeaWorld and enjoy Six Flags Fiesta Texas theme park.

The daily high temperature in New Braunfels in September generally ranges between 86 and 93 degrees F.

**Fragrance-controlled room available:** Yes.

**Tax rate for accommodations:** 13 percent

**Closest airport:** San Antonio (SAT), 36 miles.

**David Treybig**

### Comfort Suites

830-643-1100

830-643-1112 fax

[choicehotels.com/texas/new-braunfels/comfort-suites-hotels/tx054](http://choicehotels.com/texas/new-braunfels/comfort-suites-hotels/tx054)

1489 IH 35 North

New Braunfels, TX 78130

\$69.37 1 king bed, 1-2 people  
\$69.37 2 queen beds, 1-2 people  
\$10 extra person

*Note:* Rates available three nights before and after the Feast. Deposit refunded in full if canceled two days before check-in. Credit card to hold any room. Not eligible for rewards. Rate includes 13% room tax.

*Amenities:* Shopping nearby, outdoor pool, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, suites, elevator, free Wi-Fi, housekeeping service once per week, microwave and fridge, breakfast included.

*Distance from meeting hall:* 2.5 miles

### Courtyard New Braunfels River Village

830-769-8380

800-769-8380

830-626-4701 fax

[marriott.com/hotels/travel/satnb-courtyard-new-braunfels-river-village/](http://marriott.com/hotels/travel/satnb-courtyard-new-braunfels-river-village/)

750 IH 35 North

New Braunfels, TX 78130

\$109 run of the house (5+ nights)  
\$129 run of the house (fewer than 5 nights)  
+\$30 view of the river  
+\$60 suite

*Note:* Reservation link: [marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1614290807189&key=GRP&app=rsvlink](http://marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1614290807189&key=GRP&app=rsvlink). Rooms based on availability. Rates available three nights before and after the Feast. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled three days before check-in. Credit card to hold any room. Applicable taxes: 13%.

*Amenities:* Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, waterfront, outdoor pool, equipped for handicapped, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, suites,

elevator, free Wi-Fi, online reservations. Excellent value on the Guadalupe River.

*Distance from meeting hall:* 2.6 miles

### Fairfield Inn & Suites

830-626-3133

[marriott.com/hotels/travel/satbf-fairfield-inn-and-suites-new-braunfels/](http://marriott.com/hotels/travel/satbf-fairfield-inn-and-suites-new-braunfels/)

1465 IH 35 North

New Braunfels, TX 78130

\$69 run of the house (5+ nights)  
\$89 run of the house (fewer than 5 nights)

*Note:* Reservation link: [marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1614290807189&key=GRP&app=rsvlink](http://marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1614290807189&key=GRP&app=rsvlink). Rates available three nights before and after the Feast. The cost of one night is required as a deposit within 10 days of making a reservation to hold any room. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled three days before check-in. Applicable taxes: 13%.

*Amenities:* Shopping nearby, laundry facilities, outdoor pool, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, suites, elevator, free Wi-Fi, online reservations, hot breakfast included.

*Distance from meeting hall:* 2.5 miles

### Homewood Suites by Hilton

830-627-4424

[hilton.com/en/hotels/satcrhw-homewood-suites-new-braunfels/](http://hilton.com/en/hotels/satcrhw-homewood-suites-new-braunfels/)

620 Oxford Drive

New Braunfels, TX 78130

\$109 king studio suite, 1-2 people  
\$119 2-queen studio suite, 1-4 people  
\$129 1-bedroom king suite, 1-4 people

*Note:* Reservation link: [homewoodsuites.hilton.com/en/hw/groups/personalized/S/SATCRHW-C-CG9-20210918/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://homewoodsuites.hilton.com/en/hw/groups/personalized/S/SATCRHW-C-CG9-20210918/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG). When booking from the Hilton home page, select Special Rates and enter group code: **CG9**. Rates available three nights before and after the Feast. Deposit refunded in full if reservation is canceled one day before check-in. Credit card to hold any room. Applicable taxes: 13%.

*Amenities:* Restaurant on premises or adjacent, shopping nearby, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, in walking distance, outdoor pool, king or queen beds, full kitchens, air-conditioning, suites, elevator, free Wi-Fi, online reservations, hot breakfast included.

*Distance from meeting hall:* 0.2 miles

### **New Braunfels Leasing & Property Management**

830-643-0656

830-643-0658 fax

[newbraunfelsresorts.com/](http://newbraunfelsresorts.com/)

471 Main Plaza, Suite B

New Braunfels, TX 78254

\$125	1-bedroom condo/home, 1-4 people
\$150	2-bedroom condo/home, 2-6 people
\$175	3-bedroom condo/home, 2-8 people
\$90	cleaning fee for 1 bedroom
\$100	cleaning fee for 2 bedrooms
\$110	cleaning fee for 3 bedrooms

*Note:* Reservation fee of \$40 plus processing fee of 0.03% of total. Rates available three nights before and after the Feast based on availability. Deposit of 30% of total required with reservation. Balance due two weeks prior. If canceled up to 14 days before check-in, deposit will be refunded less \$75 cancellation fee. Applicable taxes 13%.

*Distance from meeting hall:* varies

### **River Run Condominiums**

830-629-0077

830-629-0712 fax

[rrcondos.com/](http://rrcondos.com/)

500 N. Market Ave.

New Braunfels, TX 78130

\$650	1-bedroom condo, 1-4 people
\$800	2-bedroom condo, 2-6 people
\$875	larger 2-bedroom condo, 2-6 people
\$950	3-bedroom condo, 2-8 people
\$85	cleaning fee for 1 bedroom
\$95-\$100	cleaning fee for 2 bedrooms
\$100	cleaning fee for 3 bedrooms

*Note:* Prices for eight-night stay. Deposit of \$250 required at booking. Deposit refunded less \$100 if a reservation is

canceled 14 days before check-in. Cancellation less than 14 days before check-in results in loss of deposit. Since each condo is individually owned, units will vary in quality and furnishings. See the website for photos of each unit. Applicable taxes 13%.

*Amenities:* Shopping nearby, laundry facilities, waterfront, outdoor pool, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, elevator, free Wi-Fi, no maid service, online reservations.

*Distance from meeting hall:* 4.9 miles

# International Feast Sites

## Africa

Mugina, Burundi  
Man, Côte d'Ivoire  
Douala, Cameroon  
Kinshasa, Democratic Republic  
of the Congo  
Elmina, Ghana  
Kenya  
Salima, Malawi  
Flic-en-Flac, Mauritius  
Benin City, Nigeria  
Giti, Rwanda  
Uvongo, South Africa  
Kpalimé, Togo  
Mapoko, Zambia  
Gweru, Zimbabwe

## Asia/Pacific

Mooloolaba, Australia  
Yanuca Island, Fiji  
Kolkata, India  
Taupo, New Zealand  
Negombo, Sri Lanka  
Philippines

## Caribbean

Christ Church, Barbados  
St. George's, Grenada  
Lethem, Guyana  
Runaway Bay, Jamaica

## Europe & Middle East

Torquay, Devon, England  
Montagnac, France  
Loutraki, Greece

## Latin America

Sierra de la Ventana, Argentina  
Santa Cruz, Bolivia  
Lican Ray, Chile  
El Rodadero, Santa Marta, Colombia  
Antigua, Guatemala  
San Miguel de Allende, Mexico  
Huanchaco, Peru

Note: Not all locations in this list are final. Please check [feast.cogwa.org](http://feast.cogwa.org) for up-to-date information on international sites.

**Registration for  
International Sites  
Sunday, April 25  
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