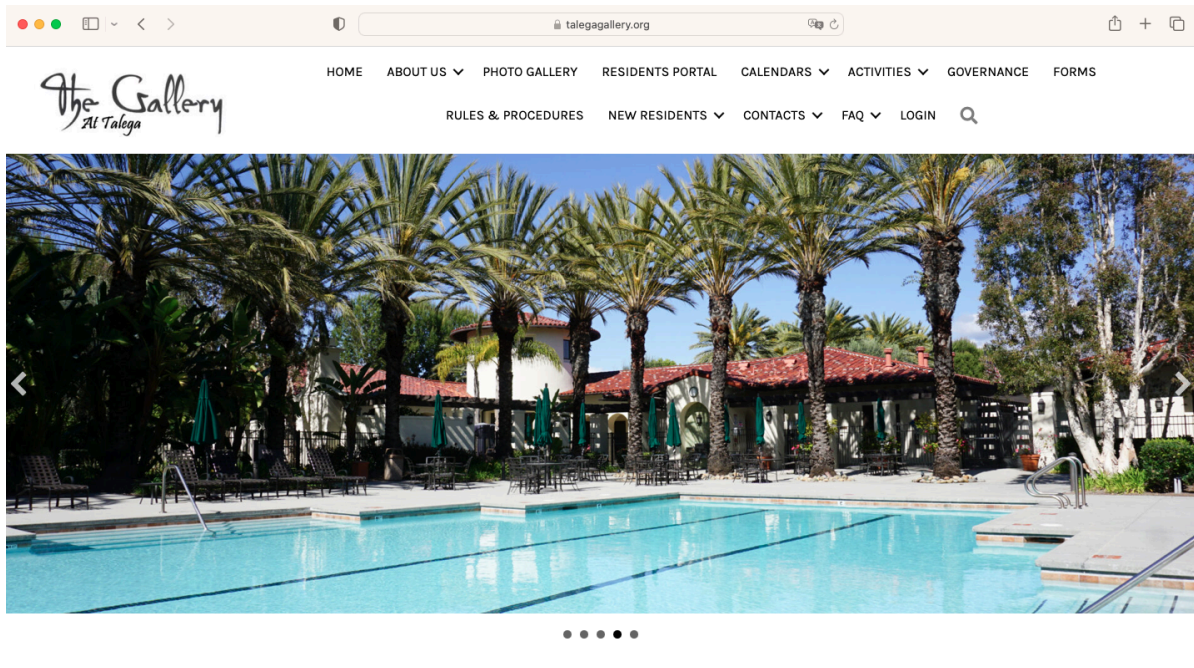# Tabs

For Safari on desktop

When you open a page on Safari (desktop), for example:

On the top, there are several icons (from left to right). We'll use those icon names in this article:

1. "Side Bar" icon - a rectangular with side bar, for open or hide the sidebar
2. "Tab Group" icon - the downward pointing arrow (like pull down menu), listing the tab groups
3. "Previous" icon "<" takes you to the previous tab
4. "Next" icon - ">" takes you to the next tab
5. "Book" icon - an open book shape, takes you to your bookmarks, or Reading List, or browsing history.
6. "Share" icon - An open square with an upward arrow, takes you to various actions for the current webpage, such as copy the link, add to reading list, add to bookmark,…etc.
7. "New Tab" icon - a "+", for creating a new tab.
8. "Tabs" icon - two overlapped squares, takes to the list of your open tabs

On the desktop, a tab is like a new Safari window. Click on the "Tabs" icon will take you to the list of your Safari tabs. If you have not set any tab groups, the default is "+" and "Tabs". If the

total number of tabs is larger than 20, you probably better do something. Too many tabs will impact device performance, consume memory space, and even drain the battery.

Manage Tabs

- How to see your tabs - Select the "Tabs" icon
- How to select a tab (making it active) - Double click on the tab.
- How to create a new tab - click the "+"
- How to close a tab - Click on the "x" of that tab.

Tabs are easy and handy but you don't want to keep too many (although they can be organized in folders). They make your device slow, and shorten battery life.

More advanced topic: Tab Groups. You can organize your tabs into tab groups, such as "Sports", "Travel" "Health", etc. That way, you can store more tabs but still have easy access. I am not a fan of organizing tab groups. The main reason is that tabs consume resources.