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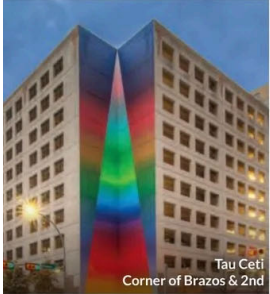
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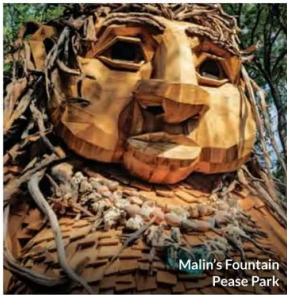
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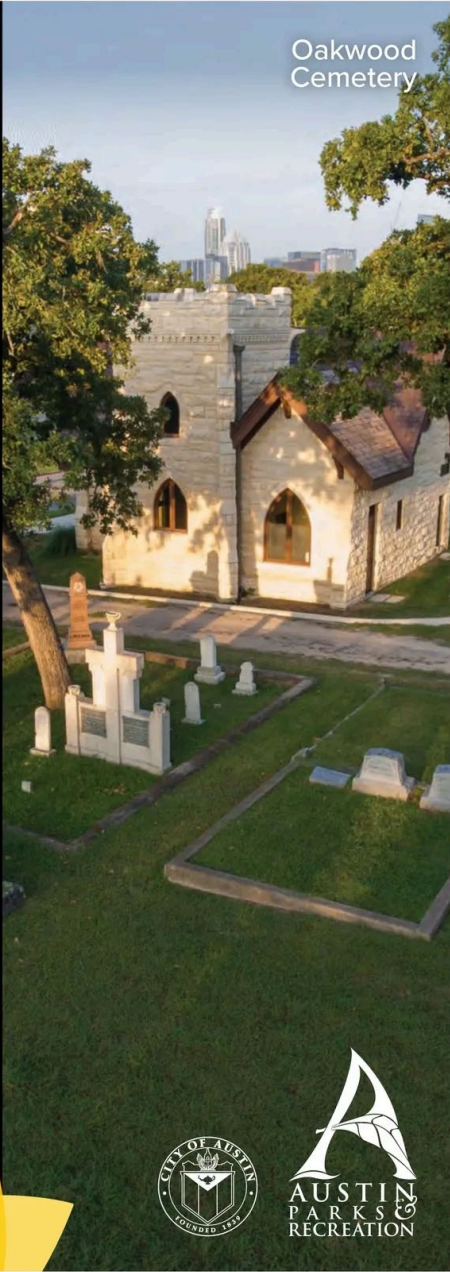
Austin is full of creativity. You'll find music, dance, paintings, and performances all around the city in theaters, parks, galleries, and even on street corners. Colorful murals, public art, and festivals bring the city to life all year long. No matter when you visit, there's always something exciting to see and do. By staying in an Austin-area hotel, you help support local artists and cultural events through the Hotel Occupancy Tax. Come explore Austin's vibrant arts and culture scene — and be part of what makes it thrive.



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WELCOME TO AUSTIN

Whether it's your first visit or your 50th, Austin always has something new to discover — world-famous live music, unforgettable food, one-of-a-kind shops, scenic trails and friendly faces around every corner. This guide is your starting point to explore the city like a local and make the most of your time in the Live Music Capital of the World®.

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AUSTIN VISITOR CENTER

Conveniently located in a brand-new space in the heart of Downtown (103 E. 5th St.), the Austin Visitor Center is your one-stop shop for planning your perfect Austin experience. Whether you're looking for expert advice, a local souvenir or just a great cup of coffee, we've got you covered.

Here's what you'll find at the new Austin Visitor Center:

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- 5th & Brew, our on-site coffee shop, serving delicious coffee, drinks and light bites
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We're open seven days a week and always ready to help. Learn more at visitaustin.org/visitor-center

AUSTIN'S CULTURAL HERITAGE

[Visitaustin.org](http://visitaustin.org) offers dedicated resources for anyone interested in Black, Hispanic and Latino/a, LGBTQ+, and Asian American and Pacific Islander influences on the Austin experience. Learn more at visitaustin.org/lgbtq and visitaustin.org/cultural-heritage.

BIG DEALS

Get discounts at local shops, restaurants and attractions with Austin Insider Deals. For details, go to visitaustin.org/deals

ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES

Austin strives to be a welcoming city for all. From wheelchair-accessible trails to sensory-friendly attractions and accessible public transit, there are many ways to explore the city comfortably. Visit visitaustin.org/plan-a-trip/accessibility for resources and inspiration to help plan your trip.

TAKE A TOUR

See Austin on a guided tour, departing from the **Austin Visitor Center**. Local experts will show you around the Capitol area, Downtown, historical sites and more. Popular tour companies include **Austin Detours**, **AO Tours Austin**, **Austin Duck Adventures**, **Double Decker Austin**, **Downtown Walking Tours**, **Metrocycle Pedicabs** and **Twisted Texas Tours**. Custom-designed tours are also available. Call (512) 478-0098 or stop in at the Austin Visitor Center for more tour information.

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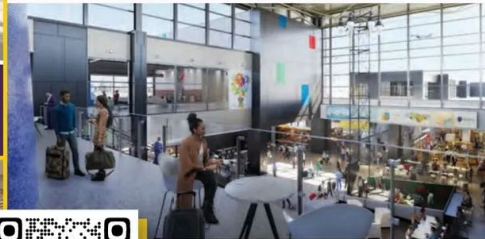
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Events are subject to change. For the latest details and dates, go to visitaustin.org/events or the event's website.

JANUARY

FREE WEEK

Red River Cultural District, redriverculturaldistrict.org
 Hundreds of local bands participate in this weekend of free live music that encompasses venues throughout the Red River Cultural District.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

MARCH & FESTIVAL

Huston-Tillotson University, mlkcelebration.com
 March from the Texas State Capitol to Huston-Tillotson University to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy.

FEBRUARY

ATX OPEN

Westwood Country Club, atxopen.com
 The ATX Open is the only professional tour-level tennis tournament held annually in Austin. The ATX Open is one of four women's-only, tour-level tennis tournaments in the country, and is the largest women's professional sporting event in Austin.

AUSTIN FC

Q2 Stadium, austinfc.com
 Cheer on Austin's first major league team from spring to fall. See website for team schedule.

AUSTIN MARATHON, HALF MARATHON & 5K

Downtown Austin, youaustinmarathon.com
 Over 20,000 participants, 40 bands, and a course winding through Austin's scenic neighborhoods make this iconic race — celebrating its 35th anniversary in 2026 — a must-hit for everyone.

CARNAVAL BRASILEIRO

Speakeasy, sambaparty.com
 One of the biggest Brazilian Carnival celebrations outside of Brazil. Experience authentic Brasileiro-style samba, costumes and wild abandon.

NASCAR AT COTA

Circuit of The Americas, nascaratcota.com
 Watch three nail-biting events, including the NASCAR Cup Series, courtesy of Speedway Motorsports. Fans can purchase weekend packages that include reserved seating for all three days.

OUTSIDER FESTIVAL

The VORTEX, outsiderfest.org
 This multidisciplinary art festival brings together Austin's LGBTQ+ community and showcases film, performance art, music, visual arts and more.

MARCH

CLYDE LITTLEFIELD TEXAS RELAYS

The University of Texas at Austin, texassports.com
 This premier track and field event brings together top athletes at various levels from around the world.

MOTOGP GRAND PRIX OF THE AMERICAS

Circuit of The Americas, circuitoftheamericas.com
 MotoGP joins the roster of racing events at the COTA track with a three-day series at the Grand Prix venue.

RODEO AUSTIN

Travis County Expo Center, rodeoaustin.com
 One of the state's premier rodeos features ProRodeo events, a family-friendly fair, daily concerts and more.

SXSW® CONFERENCE & FESTIVALS

Downtown Austin, sxsw.com
 Noted filmmakers, musicians and thought leaders showcase music, film and innovative media at this international event.

APRIL

ABC KITE FEST

Zilker Park, abckitefest.org
 The nation's oldest kite festival features hundreds of kites in the air, kite flying contests, food, games and more.

AUSTIN BLUES FESTIVAL

Moody Amphitheater, austinbluesfestival.com
 Jam out all weekend long to blues legends, try delicious food and browse the curated collection of vinyl from Big Henry's pop-up.

AUSTIN PSYCH FEST

The Far Out Lounge & Stage, levitation.fm
 This long-running music fest was recently revived, featuring a lineup of psych rock, dream pop and indie rock bands.

AUSTIN REGGAE FEST

Auditorium Shores, austinreggaefest.com
 Reggae Fest features three days of reggae, along with more than 50 vendors selling food, plus arts and crafts.

CAP10K

Downtown Austin, cap10k.com
 Texas' largest 10K race, and one of the nation's top runs, draws some 20,000 serious and not-so-serious runners.

FIELD GUIDE FESTIVAL

Fiesta Gardens, fieldguidefest.com
 Field Guide Festival is a local food fest that celebrates connections between Central Texas farmers, ranchers, beverage producers, chefs, restaurants and sustainable businesses.

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AUSTIN BLUES FESTIVAL

FUSEBOX FESTIVAL

Various Locations,
fuseboxfestival.com
A hybrid arts festival that champions adventurous works of art in theater, dance, film, music, literature, and visual and culinary arts.

INDIE MEME FILM FESTIVAL

Various Locations, indiememe.org
Each year, Indie Meme brings together different communities through independent South Asian films to promote cross-cultural understanding.

MOONTOWER COMEDY FESTIVAL

The Paramount Theatre & Various Locations,
moontowercomedyfestival.com
Moontower Comedy Festival, presented by The Paramount Theatre, brings the funniest comedy to Austin for nearly two weeks of packed programming.

MAY

AUSTIN SKETCH FEST

ColdTowne Theater,
atxsketchfest.com
The local ColdTowne Theater organizes, produces and books this hilarious festival that features the best scripted comedy from Austin and beyond.

CELEBRASIA AUSTIN

Austin Asian American Resource Center, austintexas.gov/aarc
Annual event to kick off Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month. CelebrASIA celebrates diverse perspectives, history, music, dance, games and fashion.

CINE LAS AMERICAS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Various Locations,
cinelasamericas.org
Catch screenings of contemporary films and videos from Latin America (North, Central, South America and the Caribbean) and the Iberian Peninsula.

THE DROP-IN

May through August
Long Center, longcenter.org
The Long Center hosts a free, weekly concert series on the lawn all summer long.

HOT LUCK

Various Locations,
hotluckfest.com
An eat-with-your-fingers food festival highlighting culinary know-how and live music. Come hungry and thirsty — and bring your dancin' boots.

SPRING PECAN STREET FESTIVAL

Hill Country Galleria,
pecanstreetfestival.org
Musicians, food vendors, artisans and crafters converge on the Hill Country Galleria for a lively street fair, just west of Austin.

JUNE

ATX TELEVISION FESTIVAL

Downtown Austin, atxfestival.com
The first festival devoted to television features premieres of new series, current hits and cult favorites.

AUSTIN AFRICAN AMERICAN BOOK FESTIVAL

George Washington Carver Museum, aaabookfest.org
This free annual literary event showcases new works by and about African Americans.

AUSTIN ASIAN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL

Various Locations, aaafilmfest.com
This festival promotes Asian and Asian American cultures and experiences through media arts, showcasing cinema and the creativity of Asian American artists.

CENTRAL TEXAS JUNETEENTH 2K, PARADE & CELEBRATION

Historic East Austin,
juneteenthcentraltexas.com
Austin's annual Juneteenth celebration features a parade with floats and entertainment, plus a community gathering with food and local vendors at Rosewood Park.

JULY

HOT SUMMER NIGHTS

Red River Cultural District,
redriverculturaldistrict.org
Each summer, nearly 20 venues throughout the Red River Cultural District host three days of live music alongside local food vendors.

STAR SPANGLED FEST

Auditorium Shores,
starspangledfest.com
The Austin Symphony hosts an annual concert of patriotic music culminating in a spectacular fireworks display over Lady Bird Lake.

ZILKER SUMMER MUSICAL

July through August
Zilker Hillside Theater, zilker.org
Pack a picnic and enjoy the free summer musical at Zilker Park, Thursdays through Sundays, beginning around sunset.

AUGUST

aGLIFF PRISM FILM FESTIVAL

Various Locations, aglif.org
The oldest and largest LGBTQ+ film fest in the Southwest also hosts regular screenings throughout the year.

AUSTIN GAMBLER DAYS

Moody Center,
austingamblers.com
An action-packed team bull riding competition features the world's best pro bull riders, including the local Austin Gamblers.

AUSTIN PRIDE

PARADE & FESTIVAL
Fiesta Gardens & Downtown Austin, austinpride.org
Don't miss the festival and parade down Congress Avenue during the largest annual LGBTQ+ celebration and fundraising event in Central Texas.

SEPTEMBER

AUSTIN MUSEUM DAY

Various Locations,
austinmuseums.org
Organized by the Austin Museum Partnership, this day features free exhibitions and activities at participating Austin-area museums and cultural sites.

BAT FEST

Congress Avenue Bridge,
roadwayevents.com
Enjoy live music, children's activities, a costume contest and more in celebration of Austin's Congress Avenue Bridge bats.

FALL PECAN STREET FESTIVAL

Hill Country Galleria,
pecanstreetfestival.org
Musicians, food vendors, artisans and crafters converge on the Hill Country Galleria for a lively street fair, just west of Austin.

FANTASTIC FEST

Alamo Drafthouse & Various Locations, fantasticfest.com
The largest genre film festival in the U.S. specializes in horror, fantasy, sci-fi, action and more from around the world.



**FIA WORLD
ENDURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP,
LONE STAR LE MANS**
Circuit of The Americas,
circuitoftheamericas.com

Watch as the most extreme, top-performing cars go head-to-head in a six-hour-long endurance race at Circuit of The Americas.

LEVITATION

Downtown Austin, levitation.fm
Four days of live music in Downtown Austin, featuring psychedelic light shows.

OCTOBER

**AUSTIN CITY LIMITS
MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Zilker Park, aclfestival.com
One of the country's largest celebrations of music, this six-day festival includes 140+ musical acts over two weekends.

AUSTIN FILM FESTIVAL

The Paramount Theatre & Various Locations, austinfilmfestival.com
One of the top film festivals in the country, this cinematic event shines the spotlight on top-billed films and indies alike.

AUSTOBERFEST

Scholz Garten, austoberfest.com
Austoberfest celebrates German heritage with beer, sausage, live music and bowling at the oldest continuously operating tavern in Texas.

**FORMULA 1 UNITED STATES
GRAND PRIX**

Circuit of The Americas, circuitoftheamericas.com
Three days of F1 racing, live music events and more, including headlining performances by international acts.

VIVA LA VIDA FEST

Sixth Street, mexic-artemuseum.org
Austin's largest and longest-running Dia de los Muertos festival features a grand procession, activities, traditional foods, artists and live music.

NOVEMBER

**AUSTIN FOOD &
WINE FESTIVAL**

Auditorium Shores, austinfoodandwinefestival.com
Join top chefs, sommeliers and winemakers from across Austin and the nation for a three-day epicurean adventure unlike any other.

BLUE GENIE ART BAZAAR

Blue Genie Art Bazaar, bluegenieartbazaar.com
This unique holiday art show features handmade artwork and gifts from more than 200 local and regional artists.

MOZART'S LIGHT SHOW

November through January
Mozart's Coffee Roasters, mozartcoffee.com
Sip on a steaming cup of hot chocolate while watching dazzling light displays choreographed to lively music nightly each winter.

PEPPERMINT PARKWAY

November through December
Circuit of The Americas, peppermintparkway.com
This mile-long holiday drive-thru experience features dancing elves, dazzling lights and an appearance by Santa Claus.

TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL

Texas State Capitol & Congress Avenue, texasbookfestival.org
Enjoy readings, panel discussions, signings, cooking demonstrations, live music, local food, YA authors, children's activities and special exhibitors.

**TEXAS CRAFT
BREWERS FESTIVAL**

Fiesta Gardens, texascraftbrewersfestival.org
This annual event showcases the thriving Texas beer community and lets visitors sample the best of local craft beer.

DECEMBER

ARMADILLO

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Palmer Events Center, armadillobazaar.com
Shades of old Austin are reflected with eclectic gifts and local entertainment from more than 160 artists and merchants.

AUSTIN'S NEW YEAR

Auditorium Shores, austintexas.gov
This family-friendly event celebrates the New Year with world-class entertainment, local food trucks and a dazzling midnight fireworks display.

AUSTIN TRAIL OF LIGHTS

Zilker Park, austintrailoflights.org
Some 400,000 people a year come to see the dazzling trail of holiday lights and iconic tree in Zilker Park.

**HOLIDAY SING-ALONG &
DOWNTOWN STROLL**

Texas State Capitol, downtownaustin.com
Join hundreds of carolers in front of the Capitol as the tree is lit, plus enjoy live music, art and shopping.



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More than just a coffee shop, Mozart's is an all-ages destination for creating unforgettable experiences. Guests enjoy free live music throughout the week on the outdoor stage along with an intimate indoor arts venue, called the Loft, hosting a wide variety of creative exhibits and acts. Together with an award-winning bakery, expert small-batch coffee roasters, and even paddle board rentals, Mozart's gives people from all across the globe a multi-sensory delight.

Mozart's is a place where everyone is welcome seven days a week from 7 a.m. to midnight.



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Walton's Fancy & Staple

PLAN AN AUSTIN GETAWAY



Paperboy



Bullock Texas State History Museum

Mapping out your visit? Start here! First-timers and families alike can dive into Austin's creative culture, outdoor fun and fabulous food — all in one unforgettable weekend.

FIRST-TIMERS

DAY 1: MORNING

Start your Austin adventure with breakfast tacos at **Tacodeli**, made with pastured eggs and warm flour tortillas. Next, marvel at the **Texas State Capitol's** grand rotunda and historic monuments found throughout the grounds. Or head to **The Contemporary Austin – Jones Center**, where rotating exhibits spotlight modern sculpture, painting and textiles.

AFTERNOON

Recharge with a deli sandwich or crisp salad at quaint **Walton's Fancy & Staple**. Then, stroll or

bike the **Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail** around Lady Bird Lake — or hit the water on a **stand-up paddleboard**, easily rented along the shore.

EVENING

More tacos, please! **Taqueria De Diez** serves pastor tacos rolled in paper cones and topped with guacamole. End the night at **Stubb's Bar-B-Q**, where live music fills the iconic outdoor amphitheater.

DAY 2: MORNING

Start with Texas pork hash and a lavender latte on **Paperboy's** breezy patio. Next, join **Black Austin Tours** in the **Six Square Black Cultural District** to learn about this historically African American East Austin neighborhood.

Then, explore **East Austin street art**. Couples love **You're My Butter Half** for selfies! Colorful **Selena** and **La Loteria** honor the area's Latino heritage. **Voyage to Soulsville** traces a journey of Black identity, while the **Bolm Road murals** represent the Govalle community.

AFTERNOON

At **The Meteor**, enjoy a lunch of sourdough-crust pizza or wagyu burgers. Then, hit **South Congress** for shopping. Score cowboy kicks at **Allens Boots** or delicate gold jewelry at **Kendra Scott**. Prints from **Paper Work** make artistic souvenirs. **Big Top Candy Shop** is packed with sweets and treats. Take a break with iced coffee from **Jo's Coffee** and pose for a pic in front of the *i love you so much* mural.

TOP ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: DANI PARSONS; LIKENESS STUDIO; ARTS+LABOR



BOTTOM ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: @BULLOCKMUSEUM; INTIST; CLAIR

EVENING

For dinner, head to upscale **Il Brutto** for thick ribbons of pappardelle with lamb ragu, served on their twinkly patio. End your weekend at **The White Horse**, two-stepping to live country music in true Texas style.

FAMILIES

DAY 1: MORNING

At **Counter Cafe**, hot cakes topped with organic blueberries make a yummy start to the day. Explore the Texas frontier at **Bullock Texas State History Museum** and catch IMAX flicks in its Texas Spirit Theater. Or marvel at massive prehistoric dinosaur bones at the **Texas Science & Natural History Museum**.

AFTERNOON

Even picky eaters will love the crispy chicken on buttery biscuits at **Bird Bird Biscuit**. Then, see the sights by land and lake aboard an amphibious vehicle with **Austin Duck Adventures**. Or test your putting skills at retro **Peter Pan Mini-Golf**'s two quirky courses.

EVENING

Head to **The Domain** for all-natural beef burgers and shakes at **Hat Creek Burger Company**, complete with a kids' playground. Then, explore the mind-blowing **Museum of Illusions**, featuring one-of-a-kind immersive exhibits.

DAY 2: MORNING

Grab breakfast or brunch at **Cherrywood Coffeehouse**, where Sunday children's shows add extra fun. Kids can explore color, movement and sound at

Thinkery, a hands-on children's museum. Nearby **Mueller Lake Park** has short walking trails and an interactive playscape for sliding, swinging and climbing.

AFTERNOON

Feed your crew at **The Picnic** food truck park with burgers, Thai dishes, tacos, gyros and more. Then, it's all aboard the **Zilker Eagle** mini train in **Zilker Park** for a ride on the rails. Feeling the heat? Cool off at **Barton Springs Pool**, a three-acre spring-fed pool with a diving board and plenty of space to splash.

EVENING

Before dark, visit **Alliance Children's Garden** with hills, tunnels, climbing walls and sound installations for creative play. A family pack of sliced brisket and pork ribs feeds the whole family at **Terry Black's BBQ**. Be sure to add the peach cobbler for dessert!



Antone's Nightclub

Kick up your heels at a honky-tonk jam at an intimate indie sesh or settle into a dark jazz club. Hundreds of local venues mean you'll find the right rhythm on Austin's music scene.

ROCK/ ALTERNATIVE

Touted for its "All Are Welcome" tagline, **Mohawk** has an intimate indoor stage, plus a larger outdoor stage with multilevel balcony views. **Empire Control Room & Garage** still boasts its auto shop bones, but now this multigenre venue hosts everything from rock bands to themed dance parties on three stages. Resembling a Western saloon, the **Historic Scoot Inn** welcomes indie acts on the outdoor stage in their sprawling backyard.

There are no bad views at warehouse-style **Emo's**, hosting bands spanning diverse genres on their state-of-the-art stage. **Stubb's Bar-B-Q** offers mid-sized shows for up to 2,200 attendees at their popular outdoor amphitheater. The musicians are

within arm's reach at tiny **Chess Club**. It's a rollicking rock venue with a house show vibe.

Dance until you drop at gritty cocktail lounge **The Volstead**, often featuring local DJs. Next door, sister club **Hotel Vegas** has a punk rock interior and two stages. The venues share a roomy backyard for bigger shows, DJs and dance parties.

It's all about the sound at **The 13th Floor**, with a premium audio system and sparkling psychedelic vibes. Neighborhood bar **Valhalla** hosts some of the city's best rock and metal bands. Between sets, play pinball, Skee-Ball and pool.

BLUES/SOUL

Wish a happy birthday to famed blues club **Antone's Nightclub**, celebrating 50 years in 2025. On-site shop **Big Henry's Vinyl & Gifts** does double duty as a box office and vinyl shop, with Antone's merch and a curated record selection.

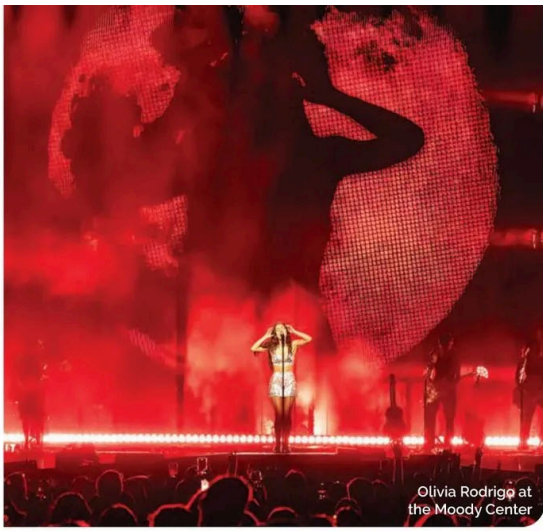
Relaxed **King Bee** does it all — blues jams, date nights and dance

parties, plus affordable cocktails. Neighborhood juke joint **C-Boy's Heart & Soul** welcomes some of the best local soul and R&B talent in cozy digs. Longtime South Congress mainstay **The**



The Tierras at Flamingo Cantina

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Olivia Rodrigo at the Moody Center

Continental Club sticks to its roots with live music daily (and occasional celebrity sightings).

JAZZ

Basement club **The Elephant Room** is big on jazz and low on pretense, with rough brick walls and a small, intimate stage.

BYOB listening room **Monks Jazz Club** is all about the music, with excellent sound quality and a "no talking" policy. Musician-designed **Parker Jazz Club** hits all the senses — exquisite nightly jazz, soft moody lighting, craft cocktails and tasty pizzas.

POP/ECLECTIC

As Austin's biggest arena, **Moody Center** welcomes worldwide acts from J Balvin to Charli xcx. Lineups at 2,750-seat **ACL Live at The Moody Theater** include icons like Willie Nelson and indie darlings such as Japanese Breakfast. Smaller sister venue **3TEN** welcomes rising talent in an intimate room with a professional sound system. At **Radio East** you'll find food trucks, coffee, cocktails and live music on an outdoor stage.

Colorful bar **Cheer Up Charlies** is an "everybody space" with vibrant performers, high-energy DJs and nostalgic themed music nights. Three-story **Speakeasy** hosts cover bands for '80s, '90s and

emo nights. Hit the mezzanine for bowling, pool and shuffleboard.

Hole in the Wall has been a revered local dive since 1974. Any given night could feature an acoustic set or a wild punk show. Funky outdoor venue **The Far Out Lounge & Stage**

is a homegrown showplace, often hosting offbeat music festivals on their dual stages.

Nestled in **Waterloo Park**, year-round outdoor venue **Moody Amphitheater** is a popular downtown venue for national acts and local festivals. **The O4 Center** feels like a temple of music with its lofty A-frame construction.

LATIN/WORLD MUSIC

Family- and musician-owned **Sahara Lounge** is a popular destination for world music, with Africa Night each Saturday featuring a free buffet. The funky **Flamingo Cantina** specializes in good vibes, with mellow reggae, energetic Latin and upbeat hip-hop.

Latin club **Mala Vida** thrums with Latin DJs and regional Mexican bands across indoor and outdoor dance floors. Neon-tinted nightclub **Mala Fama** brings DJs and Latin *banda* acts to their rooftop stage for energetic dance parties.

ACOUSTIC

On The University of Texas at Austin campus, **Cactus Cafe** showcases intimate acoustic acts in a 150-seat listening room. Hear live music nightly at **The Saxon Pub**, a low-key haunt that's been an Austin institution since 1990. Guitar is the star at **The Rosette**, where warm



Willie Nelson at The Saxon Pub

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acoustics support classical guitarists as they perform great works from around the world.

COUNTRY/ AMERICANA

Learn how to two-step at honky-tonk **The White Horse**, then stick around for Texas country bands at this hip Western dive. You'll find plenty of locals at chapel-turned-bar **The Little Longhorn Saloon**, with gutsy country and dance hall tunes in a no-frills space. Roughneck dive **Mean Eyed Cat** is devoted to all things Johnny Cash, including tribute bands, plus bluegrass and Americana.

Austin's oldest dance hall is the famous **Broken Spoke**, where you can still boot scoot and two-step Tuesday through Saturday. There's plenty of room to dance to bluegrass and country at **Sagebrush**, along with pool tables and food trucks so you can make a night of it. Inside a former train station, piano bar **Donn's Depot** is an Austin time capsule where you can catch classic Americana tunes six days a week.

DANCE

A fluorescent jewel box, LGBTQ+ club **Neon Grotto** invites you to dance under a pink glow or on the rooftop on warm summer nights. Next door, **Coconut Club**



Night Ritualz at Elysium Nightclub

is a tropical labyrinth of color and sound, with house and EDM DJs. Pick your poison at **Barbarella**, with theme nights ranging from emo to Y2K to '80s new wave. Sharing a back patio, eclectic **Swan Dive** is a haven for offbeat bands, drag shows and a variety of performers.

Industrial spot **Vulcan Gas Company** hosts stand-up comedy most nights, plus EDM and house DJs in their laser-lit warehouse. Nonconformists are welcome at **Elysium Nightclub**, with metal bands, dark wave, synth pop and more. Don't miss the annual Goth Prom!

Party after hours at **Kingdom**, a weekend-only club with high-energy DJs and epic laser shows until 4 a.m. Near the airport, **The Concourse Project** is a massive warehouse-style dance space with high-tech LED screens projecting mind-bending visuals.



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Seismic Dance Event at The Concourse Project

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MICHELIN-rated cuisine, smoky Texas barbecue and tasty tacos — Austin's restaurant scene satisfies every foodie's craving.

Comforting and creative, **Foreign & Domestic** is a local favorite for farm-to-table fare, with seasonal menus inspired by what's fresh at local farms. Don't skip the airy popovers. Meat emporium **Banger's Sausage House & Beer Garden** goes big with over 200 draft beers, savory sausages and a whole hog roast every Saturday.

The rotating prix fixe menus at **Birdie's** explore innovative techniques and fresh ingredients alongside their well-curated wine list. Counter service and a neighborhood welcome keep things casual. Family-run **Joe's Bakery & Coffee Shop** dishes up all-day breakfast like hearty pork carne guisada and eggs with heavenly homemade tortillas. Pick up sweet pan dulce to-go.

French **Justine's Brasserie** is a date night favorite, with confit de canard and moules frites served on a romantic patio under a draped tent. **Canje** explores Caribbean flavors, from sweet West Indian curry to Guyanese wild boar pepperpot. With a tropical cocktail in hand, you'll feel like you're at a beach resort.

One of Austin's most-awarded restaurants, **Uchi** is a worthwhile splurge. Inside a tiny bungalow, you'll find delicate sushi sourced from Japan's fish markets. Stop



into hip **Ramen Tatsu-ya** for savory bowls of rich pork bone broth, slurpable noodles and ajitama eggs. Customize your dish with a spice bomb and crisp nori.

Welcoming **Stiles Switch BBQ & Brew** dishes up divine brisket, melt-in-your-mouth beef ribs and meaty sandwiches piled high. Their large dining room means waits are relatively short. The Detroit-style pizzas at **Via 313** are thick and chewy, with focaccia-style dough that stands up to layers of cheese and thick sauce.

Comedor's concrete-and-glass dining room is effortlessly cool. Their modern Mexican small plates are full of surprises, like a quesadilla with earthy huitlacoche and bone marrow tacos. Casual **Komé Sushi Kitchen**

specializes in Japanese comfort food like authentic octopus dumplings and okonomiyaki, a seafood pancake with tonkatsu sauce and bonito flakes.

El Naranjo's interior Mexican menu focuses on tradition. Try the complex mole negro with duck breast — the Oaxacan-style mole is made with over 30 ingredients. Bring your appetite to neighborhood diner **Magnolia Cafe**, with breakfast platters served all day, such as beef omelets, buttermilk pancakes and seasoned home fries smothered with toppings.

You'll find all the Tex-Mex favorites at **Matt's El Rancho**, like enchiladas topped with chile con carne and outstanding fajitas. Their shady patio with a bubbling

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fountain is a margarita paradise. The menu is simple at old-school icon **Sam's Bar-B-Que** — meat by the pound, a BBQ sandwich and classic sides. The tender smoked mutton is a must.

The sister team at **Veracruz All Natural** has built a mini food truck empire with their authentic street tacos and fruit juices. You'll ooh and ahh when you enter **Fonda San Miguel's** beautiful hacienda. Try savory cochinita pibil (Yucatan pork in a banana leaf) and tres leches with mango sorbet.

Covered in lush greenery, **Tamale House East** is a family-owned gem with a beloved weekend breakfast. Dig into pork, chicken or vegetarian tamales, plus all-day tacos on fresh flour tortillas. **Boho Bouldin Creek Cafe** welcomes vegans and vegetarians with hearty egg and tofu scrambles. You won't miss the meat.

When The MICHELIN Guide came calling, Austin's affordable eats scored big with Bib Gourmand awards. **Micklethwait Craft Meats** smokes Texas-style brisket, plus unexpected meats like pulled lamb. Check out their new home inside a renovated church. The simple Mexico City-style tacos

at **Cuantos Tacos** food truck are small but tasty. Try brisket, barbacoa or pork stomach on paper-thin corn tortillas.

Get even more MICHELIN Bib Gourmand eats! At **Franklin Barbecue**, celebrity pitmaster Aaron Franklin has been perfecting Texas brisket since 2009 (it's worth the wait in line). Tradition meets creativity at **Nixta Taqueria**. Their house-made tortillas crafted with heirloom Oaxacan corn elevate everything from duck carnitas to the beet tostada. Or try **Distant Relatives**, a casual barbecue truck inspired by African American cooking. Brisket with mustard butter and black-eyed peas with burnt ends will keep you coming back.



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AUSTIN'S MICHELIN STARS

ONE STAR

Barley Swine's rustic dining room reveals an elevated, seasonal menu. Small plates are playful, like corn custard served in an eggshell. The two-hour, 22-course tasting menu at **Craft Omakase** pairs cured and dry-aged bites with fresh sushi for a one-of-a-kind experience.

Smoked, charred, grilled or blistered — luxe **Hestia** uses its 20-foot hearth to finish nearly every dish over flames. Inside a 1930s bungalow, **Olamaie** reimagines Southern fare. Menus change daily, but buttermilk biscuits with whipped honey butter steal the show.

InterStellar BBQ rethinks the Texas barbecue tradition with pulled lamb shoulder, peach tea-glazed pork belly and Frito pie sausage. Woman-owned **la Barbecue** dials up the flavor with peppery brisket, spicy house pickles and chipotle slaw. At **LeRoy and Lewis Barbecue**, brisket shares the spotlight with spiced beef cheeks and flat iron steak in mid-century style.

GREEN STAR

Dai Due keeps their footprint small, sourcing nearly everything — game, produce and wine — from Texas. Try wild boar or antelope tartare in their cozy wood-and-leather dining room. Bright and airy **Emmer & Rye** gathers some of the best local ingredients for their in-house fermentation program and handmade heirloom grains pasta.



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AUSTIN'S BEST BEVERAGES

Zilker Brewing Company

Drink up the Austin way, where beers, spirits and wines are made with passion by masters of the small-batch craft.

BREWERIES

There's more to **Meanwhile Brewing** than great beer — like a soccer field, volleyball court and food trucks. **Central Machine Works** is an industrial-meets-breezy beer hall with traditional small-batch beers. Hopheads love **The Austin Beer Garden Brewing Co. (ABGB)** for their hop-forward brews and roomy warehouse.

Mark your calendar for **Austin Beerworks'** ever-changing seasonal lineups and frequent collabs. **Jester King Brewery** crafts farmhouse ales with wild yeast on a 41-acre ranch. Sip refreshing lagers at European-style **Live Oak Brewing** under the shade of sprawling oak trees.

Modern **Zilker Brewing Company** has a neighborhood feel, with an urban taproom and spacious patio. Inside a 1970s Quonset hut, **Hold Out Brewing** specializes in balanced IPAs, light lagers and wine-based cocktails. Relaxed Texas Hill Country spot **Vista Brewing** makes traditional beer styles with local limestone-filtered water.

Fast Friends Beer Co. has something for everyone, from light lagers to bitter IPAs. Try the signature Celis White at **Celis Brewery** — it was the first Belgian-style witbier brewed



Still Austin Whiskey Co.



C.L. Butaud

in the U.S. Popular **Pinthouse Brewing** is beloved for both their award-winning beers and their chewy sourdough pizzas. **Lazarus Brewing Co.** serves up craft beer, house-roasted coffee and tacos in a cozy, community-focused space with eclectic decor and a story behind every detail.

DISTILLERIES

At **Texas Saké Co.**, try local oak-aged saké or a saké bomb dropped into house-made rice lager. Nearby, **Still Austin Whiskey Co.** uses 100% Texas grains in their ryes and bourbons. After a tour of **Dripping Springs Distilling**, play lawn games and enjoy comfort fare in the oak grove. The flavored spirits at **Deep Eddy Vodka** are summer favorites, including sweet tea and ruby red grapefruit.

Zero-waste **Fierce Whiskers Distillery** features a special five-

story whiskey rickhouse that's designed to beat the Texas heat. Taste the complex whiskeys at 28-acre **Treaty Oak Distilling** while bluegrass bands play from a semi-truck stage. Southwestern-chic **Desert Door Texas Sotol** distills an earthy, agave-like spirit from wild-harvested sotol plants.

WINERIES

The 100% Texas Tempranillo at **C.L. Butaud** is a must-try in their sleek, upscale tasting room. Relaxed urban spot **The Austin Winery** partners with Texas growers for their low-intervention wines. At **Wanderlust Wine Co. Tasting Rooms**, sample wines from around the world with their self-pour tap system.

To explore Hill Country wineries, see the *15 Central Texas & Hill Country Day Trips* article at the back of this guide.

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**AN AUSTIN ORIGINAL -
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LINE BAR-B-Q**



Celebrating 50 years, The County Line is a barbecue legend in Austin's dining scene.

The County Line Bar-B-Q is known for its tasty fall-off-the-bone barbecue, served for lunch and dinner seven days a week. The County Line makes the most of Texas' great outdoors, with two locations boasting scenic views in beautiful Hill Country settings.

The County Line on the Hill

The original location, The County Line on the Hill, is housed in a former speakeasy nestled in the Texas Hill Country. Here, diners can chow down on slow-smoked slabs of pork ribs, extra-lean brisket and spicy German sausage while perched on a breezy stone patio with a breathtaking view of rolling hills and spectacular sunsets.

The County Line on the Lake

The County Line on the Lake is set in a converted lake lodge right on Bull Creek, just off Lake Austin. Sample one of the Bar-B-Q Platters, including choices like tender brisket or County Line's legendary beef ribs, sided with potato salad, coleslaw and beans. End your meal with the homemade fruit cobbler for dessert.

Make your reservation at The County Line on the Hill or The County Line on the Lake today — both are only minutes from Downtown Austin but feel so far away!



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OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Get outside! With nearly 300 days of sunshine each year, Austin is a paradise of parks, rivers and wildlife.

Lake Austin

HIKING

Barton Creek Greenbelt's 12 miles of hiking trails snake through South Austin. Stop by picturesque waterfalls and cool off in the creek when water levels are high. Wooded paths and rocky terrain make **Emma Long Metropolitan Park** a quiet respite from the city, with beautiful Lake Austin views.

Water flows down massive slabs of limestone at **Pedernales Falls State Park**. Climb to scenic overlooks and stop by bubbling creeks for a rest (reservations recommended). Nearly nine miles of trails at **McKinney Falls State Park** lead past bald cypress trees, a dramatic rock shelter and two waterfalls.

BIKING

See the city on two wheels. The 10-mile **Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail** circles around Lady Bird Lake, with skyline views and leafy greenery. **Violet Crown Trail** connects multiple smaller trails, leading from Zilker Park downtown to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in southwest Austin.

The 3.1-mile paved loop of the **Veloway** at Circle C Ranch Metropolitan Park is car- and pedestrian-free, making it safe for families and serious cyclists, with miles to cover. Kid-friendly **Southern Walnut Creek Trail** is over 7.3 miles, and mostly paved, dotted with shady spots, soft hills and creek crossings.

BIRDING

The 284-acre **Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center** attracts native birds and migrating species. Join a monthly birding walk led by volunteers from Travis Audubon. Beautiful peacocks have roamed the grounds of **Mayfield Park and Nature Preserve** since the 1930s. Spy them as they primp and preen through the gardens.

Bring your bird book to **Hornsby Bend Bird Observatory**. The three ponds at this facility are a haven for sandpipers, shovellers and more than 350 other bird species. Rugged **Milton Reimers Ranch Park** attracts roadrunners, woodpeckers and more. Join Travis Audubon for frequent bird walks to the river.



Barton Creek Greenbelt



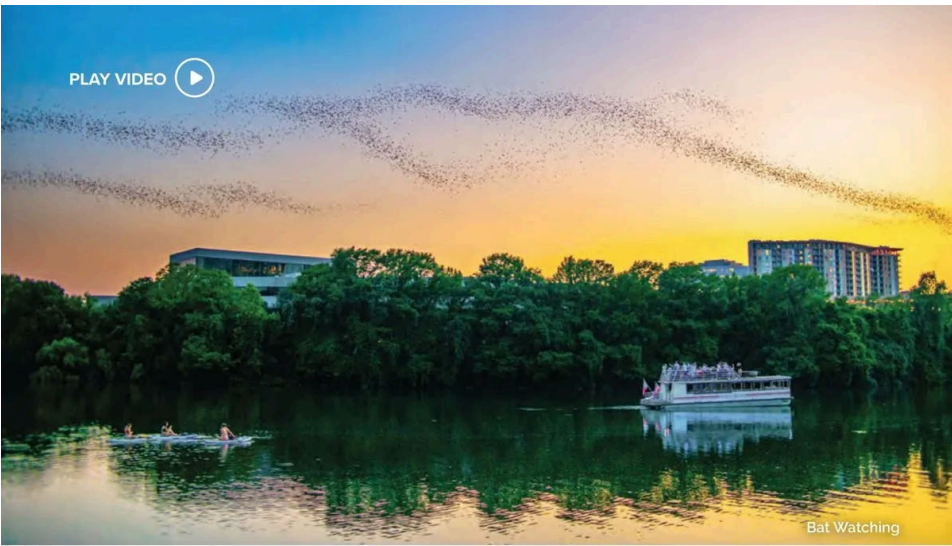
Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail

SWIMMING

Feeling the heat? Take a dip in beloved **Barton Springs Pool**, a natural swimming spot in Zilker Park. This three-acre spring-fed pool is a cool 68° to 70°F year-round. **Deep Eddy Pool** is another popular spring-fed oasis, located on the banks of the Colorado River. Swim laps or splash in the one-acre wading pool.

A short drive from Austin, **Blue Hole** is an otherworldly swimming spot. Crystal-clear waters stay a consistent 75°, while banks of cypress trees create a shady canopy overhead. Stuck between swimming pool and swimming hole? **Krause Springs** has both, plus two waterfalls, in a lush natural setting.

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Bat Watching

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BOATING & PADDLING

No motors are allowed on **Lady Bird Lake**, making it a hot spot for kayaking, canoeing and stand-up paddleboarding. Rent your float lakeside. **Lake Austin** is a man-made reservoir along the Colorado River. Cruise on the water until you find the perfect spot to stop for a dip.

At nearly 30 square miles, **Lake Travis** has space to play. Water ski, boat and jet ski, or find a peaceful cove for fishing. Farther upriver, **Muleshoe Bend Recreation Area** is a beautiful natural park along the Colorado River. Kayak or stand-up paddleboard in the gentle current.

BAT WATCHING

From spring through early fall, 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats reside under the **Congress Avenue Bridge**. Wait on the bridge at dusk to see them emerge in a dark flurry of wings. You can also spread a blanket at the **Statesman Bat Observation Center**, a grassy hill adjacent to the bridge, for a sunset picnic.

How about a view from the water? **Lone Star Riverboat** and **Capital Cruises** will get you close to the action in their open-air electric boats. Or paddle your own way with **Live Love Paddle** or **Austin Kayak Tours**, where you'll get closer to nature and learn about this natural wildlife phenomenon.



Blue Hole



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EXCITING SPORTS


From heart-stopping Formula 1 races to powerful pro tennis matches, there's always something to cheer for in Austin!

Austin Spurs



Austin Marathon

 The energy is always high at an **Austin FC** match at Q2 Stadium. Join the locals decked out in verde-and-black as they chant for their favorite soccer stars. And be sure to check out **Austin Rise FC**, a Women's Premier Soccer League team and 2024 regional finalists.


 Lace up for the **Austin Marathon** and **Half Marathon** each February, drawing over 20,000 runners. Not racing? Make a fun sign and root them on.


 Start your engines (and grab your earplugs) at Circuit of The Americas, Austin's world-class racetrack. A packed calendar includes **NASCAR at COTA** (February), **MotoGP Red Bull Grand Prix of the Americas** (March), **FIA World Endurance Championship** (September) and the **Formula 1 United States Grand Prix** (October).

 College football is Austin's first love. Cheer on the **Texas Longhorns** at The University of Texas at Austin after a pop-up tailgate party complete with grilling, beer and plenty of burnt orange.


 Tour-level tennis comes to the **ATX Open**, Austin's largest pro women's sporting event. Watch singles and doubles contenders as they rally for glory each February/March.


 A Minor League **Round Rock Express** game at Dell Diamond is a family favorite. Look for Friday night fireworks and Kids Day, with free inflatables fun before the game.

 New in 2025 is women's indoor League One Volleyball (LOVB). Catch the local team, **LOVB Austin**, as they spike their way through the competition.

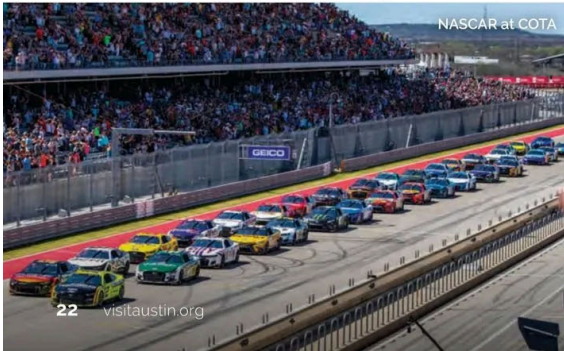
 **Texas Stars** hockey brings nonstop action to the ice with spirited play and no TV timeouts. It's just high-speed hockey adrenaline at the 8,000-seat H-E-B Center.

 Mascot **Da Bull** hypes up the crowd at **Austin Spurs** games. Catch full-court action from this NBA G League team as they vie for the championship.

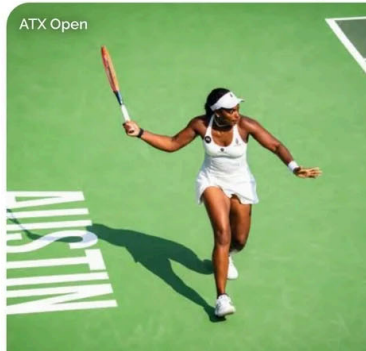
 Are they brave or just thrill seekers? The **Austin Gamblers** pro bull riding team may be a bit of both. Watch the 2024 PBR Team Series champs as they hang tight to a bucking one-ton bull.

 **Texas Roller Derby** (TXRD) is part-sport, part-spectacle and all attitude. Skaters race a banked track to lap the pack — with plenty of elbows thrown along the way.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: AUSTIN SPURS, @SABELLEJENSENNIN/ATX OPEN, COTA

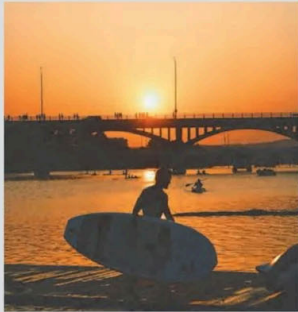


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DINING

At old-world bistro **Gina's on Congress**, linger over tender pasta and rich tiramisu. Feast on brisket at **Cooper's Old Time Pit Bar-B-Que**, smoked cowboy-style over mesquite. Local fave **Tacodeli** makes colorful tacos and fresh salsa with local ingredients. Effortlessly cool **Swift's Attic** surprises with creative dishes like squid fries with spicy gochujang.

Upscale food hall **Fareground** has something for everyone —

Stop by the new **Austin Visitor Center**! Pick up Austin-themed gifts, get local recommendations, hop on a city tour and sip a cold brew from the **5th & Brew** coffee shop in this bright and welcoming space.

shawarma, sushi, street tacos and more. Just outside, savor a refreshing mezcal cocktail under the oaks at patio bar **Ellis**.

NIGHTLIFE

Three stories of entertainment await at **Speakeasy**, with live music, bowling and a rooftop patio. Euro-style tavern **Mort Subite** tempts beer lovers inside with 60+ Belgian saisons, lambics and witbiers.

Venture underground to **The Elephant Room**, a dim jazz club with nightly music. Hidden speakeasy **Small Victory** boasts classic cocktails and relaxed vibes, if you can find it.

At retro **Saturn Cocktail Club**, eclectic cocktails glow under neon lights. Maximalism reigns at **Jupiter Supper Club**, with four themed rooms, a vegan menu and luxe cocktails. Abstaining from alcohol? Booze-free **Sans Bar** whips up mocktails each Friday, plus music and trivia.

ATTRACTIONS

Explore modern art at **The Contemporary Austin – Jones Center**. At **Mexic-Arte Museum**, traditional and modern works by Latino artists take center stage.

Pretty in pink (granite), the **Texas State Capitol** impresses visitors with its grand rotunda.

The Paramount Theatre (founded in 1915) and **The State Theatre** (opened in 1935) delight audiences with live music, comedy and film screenings in historic surroundings.

OUTDOORS

In the heart of the city, **Lady Bird Lake** is a kayaking hot spot. Enjoy skyline views from the **Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail** that loops around the lake. Watch as 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats emerge from beneath the **Congress Avenue Bat Bridge** at dusk from spring through fall.



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Rainey Street is a one-of-a-kind entertainment district — an urban canyon where luxe high-rises tower over historic bungalows-turned-bars. Whether it's quiet cocktails or all-night dance parties, you'll find it here.

DINING

Feast on modern Mexican at **Tómalo Grill**, serving fresh Peruvian ceviche and rich chicken con mole tacos in a modern Yucatan-inspired space. Texas goes global at **Geraldine's** at **Hotel Van Zandt**. Try lamb birria with arbol pepper harissa, while live music acts hit the stage every night.

The handmade pastas at MICHELIN Green Star and Bib Gourmand winner **Emmer & Rye** put the spotlight on heirloom grains. Don't leave without trying the creamy *cacio e pepe*. Vibey tropical pub **Anthem** goes multicultural with clever Asian-Texan fusion like brisket rangoons, shishito pepper queso and boozy piña old fashioned.

More is more at **Banger's Sausage House & Beer Garden**, where you can choose from 15 sausages and over 200 draft beers, plus pit BBQ from the smokehouse. **NADC Burger** inside **Idle Hands** keeps things simple

but delicious. Dig into a wagyu beef smash burger and fries, plain or loaded. The New Haven-style pies at **Salvation Pizza** have a crispy thin crust and zesty sauce. Open until midnight for the perfect end to your night!

NIGHTLIFE

Cocktails are a true craft at **Half Step**, from the variety of specialty ice to the fresh-squeezed juices. People watch from a picnic table or catch live music inside. When you need a snack, **Little Lucy's Mini Donuts** out front makes fresh donuts to order. Try the Dalmation, topped with chocolate and hazelnut.

The party goes on at **Clive Bar**. You can find bar trivia, comedy shows, watch parties, DJs and dancing at this rustic nightspot. Savor a balmy Texas evening at **Lucille Patio Lounge** in the shady backyard. Swing on a hammock with a seasonal cocktail to maximize your relaxation.

Lustre Pearl has everything Austin loves — an eclectic vibe, backyard bar games and lots of premium whiskeys. Take in the breeze upstairs on the open-air deck. The space is tiny but the attitude is big at **Little Brother Bar**, where you can get a quality cocktail or a shot and a beer.

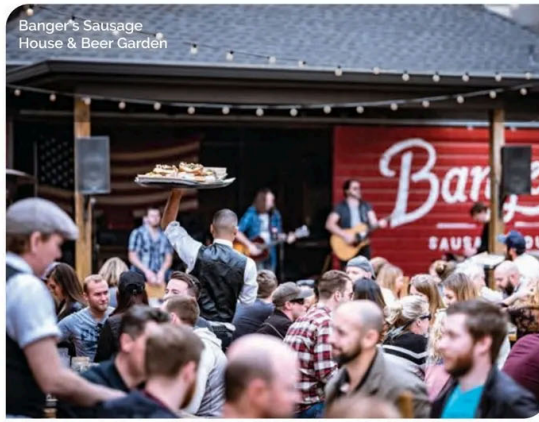
Welcoming hangout **Augustine** makes bright, fresh cocktails mixed with juices and local spirits. At colorful **Parlor Room**, indoor and outdoor bars keep the drinks flowing during comedy shows, DJ nights and vinyl parties. Hoist a pint under the shade of a pecan tree on the patio of **The Stay Put**, Rainey Street's first brewpub.

EXPERIENCE AUSTIN'S LATIN CULTURE

Visit **Tejano Trails'** 24 cultural sites, starting at the **Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center** (reopening fall 2025). Browse handmade goods by women of color at pop-up **Frida Friday ATX**. Bilingual **Teatro Vivo** highlights Latin plays and performers. **Rancho Alegre Conjunto Music Festival** celebrates Tejano accordion music each April, while the **Puerto Rican Cultural Center** presents dance and music from the island. Go to visitaustin.org/corazon for more ideas.

AUBRIE PICK

Caribbean-themed **Idle Hands** blends boozy frozen and classics with an island twist, like their French 75 sweetened with guava. Catch live music daily. Shuffleboard gets an after-dark makeover at **Electric Shuffle**. High-tech tables keep score, while luxe cocktails and shareable bites keep your energy up. Recently reopened after three years away, easygoing **Bungalow** is a Sunday Funday hot spot with sports, DJs and live music.



TOP TO BOTTOM: BANGERS SAUSAGE HOUSE & BEER GARDEN; TOMALO GRILL

PLAY VIDEO 

Tomalo Grill



Music is life in this energetic entertainment district, where you'll find themed dance parties, late-night shows and artists of all genres any night of the week.

DINING

Pre-show eats are plentiful here! Flavorful shrimp fajitas and a margarita flight are best enjoyed on the shady patio at **Pelóns Tex-Mex Restaurant**. Next door, sister restaurant **Bar 508 Mezcalerita** serves classic street tacos, plus smoky mezcal cocktails.

The Asian fusion at **Koriente** keeps things light, with bowls of fresh veggies and clear sweet potato noodles. Grab-and-go at **Hoboken Pie**, where the walk-up window dishes out thin-crust pizza slices until 2:30 a.m.

Elegant **Moonshine Patio Bar & Grill** specializes in Southern comfort classics like shrimp and grits. Visit the handsome **Kinfolk Lounge & Library** in the limestone cellar to sample their extensive "spirit library."

The slow-cooked al pastor and tender nopales tacos at **Vaquero Taquero** come on house-made tortillas. Summer is endless at **Swim Club** at **Downright Austin**, an indoor pool-turned-restaurant serving Angus burgers and chips with dips.

TOP TO BOTTOM: ISMAEL QUINTANILLA III; GIANT NOISE

LIVE MUSIC & NIGHTLIFE

Crowds flock to the outdoor amphitheater at **Stubb's Bar-B-Q** to catch today's favorite bands and tomorrow's stars. Rock club **Mohawk** keeps the energy high at indoor and outdoor stages, with views from every angle.

Former auto shop **Empire Control Room & Garage** is now a three-stage venue welcoming everything from noise rock to pop-punk. Counterculture reigns supreme at **Swan Dive** with burlesque, live bands and themed dance parties.

Elysium Nightclub defies classification with weekly '80s and '90s nights, K-pop parties and goth bands. The neon lights of LGBTQ+-friendly **Cheer Up Charlies** call to all, hosting local bands and DJ nights. **Barbarella**'s midweek dance parties are legendary — check out Tuezgayz, Jimmy Eat Wednesdays and Y2K Thursdays.

Latin dance club **Mala Vida** pulses with regional Mexican music across three dance floors. A small music room with big sound, **Chess Club** hosts rock bands of all stripes. Divey **Valhalla** brings the fun with pool tables and arcade games centered around a

unique circular bar top. Boundary-pushing rock bands find a home at **The 13th Floor**, where vintage posters are a throwback to Austin's psychedelic past.

At the heart of **Waterloo Park**, the 5,000-person **Moody Amphitheater** hosts concerts and community festivals year-round, along with daytime events like yoga and pop-up picnics.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: INTI ST. CLAIR, SILVIA GARCIA, ISMAEL QUINTANILLA III



DOWNTOWN SECOND STREET

Stop, shop and stroll in this fun-loving, pedestrian-friendly district. Step into chic boutiques by day and lounge on leafy patios with a cocktail in hand by night.

DINING

Mexican flavors are right at home here. Share short ribs with mole coloradito and fresh hamachi crudo in **ATX Cocina's** bright, open dining room. Mexico City-style **La Condesa** is modern and fresh, with must-try queso flameado and more than 100 agave spirits. Perched poolside at the **Austin Proper Hotel. La Piscina** specializes in fresh Gulf seafood and sizzling shareable fajitas. Dress your street tacos or enchiladas just right at **Polvos** with their self-serve salsa bar.



Once a general store, **Lamberts** is now a high-end BBQ destination serving slow-smoked meats and exceptional cocktails. Relax at **Jo's Coffee** with an Iced Turbo and breakfast taco or grab food to-go from the window. Come to upscale **Bill's Oyster** for the fresh raw bar but stay for the decadent brisket and short rib burger.

Earthy and chic **The Well** offers fresh, sustainable seafood and smoothies free from gluten, soy and dairy. At elegant **Ember Kitchen**, buttery scallops and wagyu are cooked over a special charcoal grill-oven hybrid. Basement **Subterra Agave Bar** features Latin spirits like mezcal, sotol and, of course, tequila. Try delicate sushi and yakitori bites like chicken thigh and kinoko mushrooms at **Uchibā**, a mid-century-inspired izakaya.

SHOPPING

Walk the tree-lined streets of the **2ND Street District** to find boutiques ranging from laid-back to luxe. Shop for Tito's Handmade Vodka merch and souvenirs at **Love, Tito's**, where proceeds support nonprofit causes. Quirky **Austin Rocks!** is packed with music-themed apparel and locally made jewelry. Kids go crazy for

From rocker Jack White to comedian Taylor Tomlinson, major talent takes to the stage at **ACL Live at The Moody Theater**. The 90-minute **ACL Live Venue Tour** goes behind the curtain with insider stories and music memorabilia. Want to attend a taping of the long-running *Austin City Limits* television show? Tickets are distributed by random drawing, so enter the lottery and cross your fingers!

Toy Joy, with science kits, stuffies, model kits and collectibles.

Corner store **Royal Blue Grocery** has snacks and sweets perfect for a picnic on Lady Bird Lake. Find the hottest styles in footwear at **Sneaker Politics**, with trainers and tees from all the top brands. Browse designer jewelry like stackable rings and necklaces at **Eliza Page**, designed by local and global artisans.

TOP TO BOTTOM: INTI ST. CLAIR, JANE YUN

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You may have heard of Austin's famed Sixth Street — but do you really know what to expect? With elegant speakeasies, edgy comedy clubs and mouthwatering food, this street is full of surprises.

DINING

The oversized Angus burgers at **Casino El Camino** come with Robert Rodriguez vibes and a killer jukebox. **Iron Cactus'** third-floor rooftop may be the street's best seat, especially when accompanied by brisket enchiladas and a tequila old fashioned.

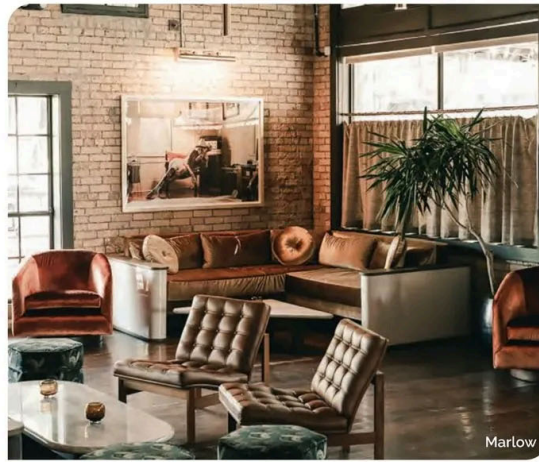
The extensive raw bar at gastropub **Parkside** is a seafood paradise with East Coast oysters, ceviche and more. Around the back, intimate pizza joint **the backspace** specializes in thin-crust Neapolitan pizzas from a wood-fired oven.

The award-winning Kaysaker's Kolsch at **Central District Brewing** is a must-try — it pairs beautifully with a brisket empanada. At modern Irish pub **The Dead Rabbit**, crispy fish and chips will transport you to the Emerald Isle. Next door, **Grá Mór** offers a playful, comforting mix of traditional Irish favorites and globally inspired fare.



TOP TO BOTTOM: THE BACKSPACE; THE DEAD RABBIT

Fancy a laugh? Comedy and music revue **Esther's Follies** delights with shows every weekend. Intimate **Velveeta Room** hosts stand-up pros, amateur comedians and open mic nights. Comedy showcases and headliners take the stage at **Sunset Strip**, while industrial **Vulcan Gas Company** offers stand-up and DJ sets. NYC transplant **The Creek & The Cave** attracts comedians with indoor and outdoor stages. Trendy **Comedy Mothership** has dual theaters for large and small acts.



Marlow



Vulcan Gas Company

NIGHTLIFE

The grand dame of Sixth Street, **The Driskill Hotel** has impressed with its grandeur and elegance since 1886. Recently renovated **The Driskill Bar** bespeaks Texas luxury, with leather armchairs and an extensive whiskey selection.

Kick back at playful **Marlow**, where scattered cacti and cozy seating create a chill environment for sampling cocktails, mocktails, a cold beer or a nice glass of wine.

Famed venue **Antone's Nightclub** helped put Austin's blues scene on the map, welcoming legends like Stevie Ray Vaughan and B.B. King. Relax with the vibey music at eclectic dive **Flamingo Cantina**, showcasing Latin, reggae and Afrobeats artists.

Sample the wide world of agave spirits at **Las Perlas**, home to over 400 small-batch tequilas, mezcal and sotols. An Oaxacan negroni and a basket of carnitas street tacos from on-site **Asador Tacos** make the perfect pairing.

Sixth Street is the epicenter of Austin speakeasies. A hostel's

sliding bookcase reveals **Firehouse Lounge**, an easygoing retreat with craft and frozen cocktails. Behind an alley's purple doors, **Eden Cocktail Room** serves sin-themed cocktails in a shadowy room. A red light leads the way to former brothel **Midnight Cowboy**, an elegant space with global cocktails (reservations required).

You'll need a special code to enter basement bar **Here Nor There**. Themed cocktail menus change often, but they're always an adventure. Color-changing lights at eight-seat **In Plain Sight** create a rainbow effect that continues with the bright European-style drinks.

TOP TO BOTTOM: WADE MCELROY, TAYLOR BURTT



This former industrial district is now an after-dark hot spot, home to some of Austin's top restaurants, buzziest dance clubs and swankiest cocktail lounges. Dinner and dancing? Yes, please.

DINING

Indulge in rich handmade pasta and 50-day dry-aged steaks at lively **Red Ash**. Settle into a dark corner of French **Pêché** for escargot and duck confit, plus absinthe cocktails and boozy milkshakes.

Open flame from a 20-foot hearth finishes most dishes at moody **Hestia**, including aged Texas wagyu and tender scallops. Adjacent **Hestia Bar** offers inventive cocktails, like the Hestia No. 5 made with lemon-mushroom-infused whiskey.

At **Group Therapy** inside **Hotel ZaZa**, sit on the pretty poolside patio and dine on wine-braised short ribs. Share modern Mexican small plates at industrial-chic **Comedor**, and don't skip the decadent bone marrow tacos. Japanese **Top Roe** offers two experiences — a sleek bar with nori-wrapped hand rolls and a dreamy izakaya with grilled yakimono.

TOP TO BOTTOM: LOBOS HOSPITALITY, MARS TELLO

Sandwiches are elevated to an art at **Manny's**. Savor your croque madame on the intimate garden patio. Pair a classic bagel from **Rosen's Bagels** with an artisanal basil-lemon shmear. Modern Chinese **RedFarm** serves dishes ranging from authentic Peking duck to creative dim sum like the pastrami egg roll.

NIGHTLIFE

You'll find one of the largest cocktail menus in town at **The Roosevelt Room**, with drinks spanning from Pre-Prohibition to today. Glam pink-and-green lounge **Tiger Lilly** mixes inventive cocktails with house-infused spirits like Earl Grey scotch.

Dance all night at **The Courtyard ATX**, with EDM parties held on an outdoor stage. Hide away at concrete-and-tile **Garage**, a covert bar in a parking garage that serves cocktails ranging from classic to custom. Guests' phones are locked away at the **Powder Room** — you'll want to be fully present to savor the cocktails named for works by great writers.

LGBTQ+ CLUBS

Highland Lounge sprawls across three stories and six bars. **Rain on 4th** hosts live music, performances and karaoke nightly. **Oilcan Harry's** holds dance parties and shows every night. Neighborhood hangout **The Iron Bear** welcomes all for a cold beer and a tasty smash burger. Dance under the stars on the rooftop at **Coconut Club**. **Neon Grotto** glows fluorescent in a rainbow of colors. Find more ideas at visitaustin.org/lgbtq

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Clark's Oyster Bar

DOWNTOWN WEST SIXTH STREET

West Sixth Street may be more upscale than its historic cousin, but it's no snob. Its retro discos, elegant wine bars and offbeat dives are high in style and hospitality.

DINING

Comfort food goes glam at **Fixe Southern House**, with elevated pork chops and flaky biscuits. Tex-Mex spot **El Arroyo** is famous for its funny sign, but the enchiladas are noteworthy, too. Get your breakfast fix day or night at '50s-inspired **24 Diner**, as well as cocktails. **J. Carver's Oyster Bar & Chop House** sears premium cuts on an open wood-fired grill.

Everything is a shade of pink at **Taquero Mucho**, right down to the homemade tortillas. **Garbo's on Lamar** dishes up buttery New England lobster rolls and frozen lemonade. The steaks and grilled quail at **Ranch 616** are a taste of the Southwest. Sample raw fare at sunny **Clark's Oyster Bar**, from tender oysters to tuna carpaccio.

Dim sum dazzles at **Qi Austin Modern Asian Kitchen** with creamy egg tarts and lobster dumplings. Modern **TeriTen** dishes up fresh sushi and Japanese-style grilled meats. Take a culinary tour across China at **Wu Chow**, which highlights eight traditional cooking



Revenge

styles. At **Lin Asian Bar + Dim Sum**, feast on rich pork soup dumplings and Akaushi beef.

Seasonal California-Texas-Mediterranean eats at **Pecan Square Cafe** shine in a glowing dining room. Brick-lined deli **Walton's Fancy & Staple** delights with heaping sandwiches and chewy macarons. At moody Mediterranean steakhouse **Aris**, steaks are USDA Prime and butchered in-house.

NIGHTLIFE

Star Bar welcomes all for sports viewing parties or people

watching on dual patios. Spot Johnny Cash memorabilia and sip a Mean Marg at quirky dive **Mean Eyed Cat**. Laid-back **Rustic Tap** pours local beers and spirits in countrified digs with nightly live music.

Upscale all-day diner **Better Half Coffee & Cocktails** whips up coffee and nuanced cocktails. Next door, **Hold Out Brewing** offers lagers, IPAs and ciders in a restored Quonset hut.

Asian-meets-Southern at **Bar Peached**, with botanical-forward cocktails and banh mi

TOP TO BOTTOM: CASEY DUNN; REVENGE



Rosie's Wine Bar

tacos. A night at dark dive **Dirty Bill's** can be cozy or chaotic — but it's always fun. Get lost in a moody corner at intimate underground lounge **Devil May Care**. Or party the West Texas way at **Wiggle Room**, a retro disco with frequent DJs.

Tiny **Howards Bar and Club** has a big personality, plus stellar smash burgers and Chicago hot dogs. Around back, sip natural wines on the European-style patio at **Rosie's Wine Bar**. Glamorous cocktail lounge **The Betty** is all velvet sofas and flickering chandeliers. Payback is a pleasure at **Revenge**, with warm, playful vibes and cocktails that keep you guessing.

SHOPPING

Find beloved classics and the newest BookTok darlings at **BookPeople**, Texas' largest independent bookstore. Shop a curated collection of books, apparel and home goods — including Austin-based brand **ByGeorge** — at **Westside Market**.

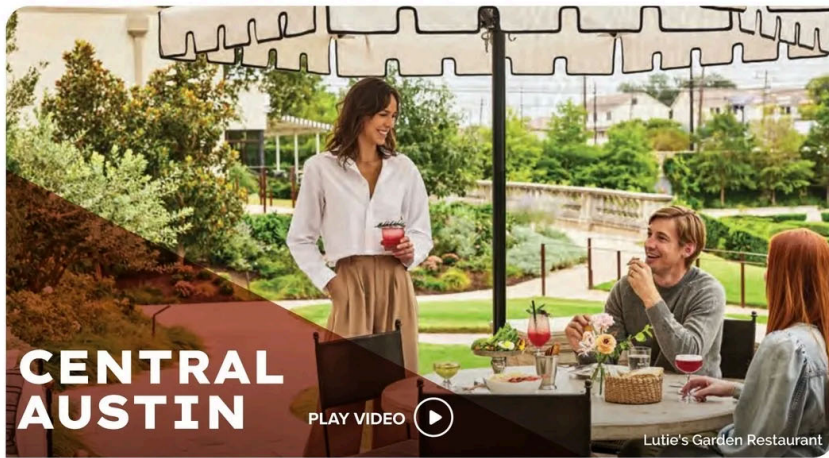
For art lovers, historic Clarksville is a must-visit. Find one-of-a-kind Asian antiques at **Lotus Gallery**, from colorful ceramics to intricate silks. **West Chelsea Contemporary** offers dynamic works by modern artists in a museum-like setting. Browse stylish Southwest photography and fine art collages at sunny **Stephen L. Clark Gallery**. **Wally Workman Gallery** promotes emerging and established contemporary artists in a historic home.

Austin icon **Waterloo Records** has been re-energized with a new location and new ownership. Shop classic and modern vinyl, plus attend listening parties and in-store performances.



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TOP TO BOTTOM: HOWARDS AND ROSIE'S; ZAREEF CHOWDHURY



Central Austin is a cultural hot spot and home to The University of Texas at Austin campus. Tour sprawling art museums, browse vintage shops and unwind at easygoing watering holes.

DINING

Go wild with oversized beef ribs at casual **Stiles Switch BBQ**. Classic 1971 drive-in **Top Notch Hamburgers** dishes up char-grilled burgers. Feast on sushi and crispy dumplings at Japanese **Komé Sushi Kitchen**. The seasonal prix fixe menu at **Barley Swine** highlights local farms.

Aster's Ethiopian Restaurant serves spicy lamb stew and spongy injera bread. Linger over fresh seasonal dishes at greenhouse-inspired **Lutie's Garden Restaurant**. Order your **Asado's Taqueria** burrito crispy for a satisfying crunch.

Dishes are light at garden cafe **Tiny Boxwoods**, so you'll have room for dessert from on-site **Tiny's Milk and Cookies**. Lovely **Yamas** offers fresh seafood and Santorini vibes. Choose sweet or savory fillings at **Les Bobos Crêpes**.

Historic **Scholz Garten** offers authentic German sausages and jägerschnitzel. Pair **Paprika's**

flavorful tacos with a refreshing agua fresca. The oversized sandwiches at **FoodHeads** boast house-smoked and cured meats.

Scratch pastries from **Quack's 43rd Street Bakery** are an anytime treat. Take a long lunch on the patio at French American bistro **épicerie**. Try Northern Italian dishes at **Uncle Nicky's**, like the baked rigatoni.

Terrible Love coffee shop surprises with grapefruit-brown sugar lattes. **Eldorado Cafe** welcomes all with hearty enchiladas and vegan options.

Southwest-style bistro **Teddy's** blends casual favorites with upscale digs.

NIGHTLIFE

Gritty **Hole in the Wall** has welcomed local bands since 1974. Try your luck at Sunday Chicken Sh't Bingo at honky-tonk **The Little Longhorn Saloon**. Lounge in the spacious beer garden at **Easy Tiger**. Gastropub **Hopfields** pairs casual French fare with an impressive beer selection.

Play board games at **Vigilante Gastropub & Games** over bar bites and nerdcare cocktails.



TOP TO BOTTOM: LUTIE'S GARDEN RESTAURANT; MACKENZIE SMITH/KELLEY

Christmas bar **Lala's Little Nugget** sparkles with festive decor year-round. Get the big top treatment at circus-themed **Carousel Lounge**.

Moody Center arena hosts artists from Leon Bridges to Andrea Bocelli. Try Filipino flavors at sports bar **Oribello's**, like the ube colada. Play a game of darts at retro neighborhood bar **The Golden Horn**. There's something interesting to see in every corner of vintage maximalist **Honey Moon Spirit Lounge**.

ARTS

The **University of Texas at Austin (UT)** boasts numerous exhibition spaces. **The Art Galleries at Black Studies** showcases the African diaspora. The global **Blanton Museum of Art** transcends millennia, while its outdoor **Butler Sound Gallery** shares an audioscape of Texas wildlife. The **LBJ Presidential Library & Museum** displays White House memorabilia. And the **Texas Science & Natural History Museum** houses dinosaur fossils and dioramas.

Tour the work of a 19th-century sculptor at the **Elisabet Ney Museum** (reopening summer 2026). Or watch indie film screenings at the **Austin Film Society (AFS) Cinema**.

The **Bullock Texas State History Museum** spans 12,000 years of Texas heritage and features high-tech exhibits. The **Neill-Cochran House Museum** maintains both a grand historic home and the original quarters of formerly enslaved people.

SHOPPING

Mid-century housewares and decor overflow the shelves at **Room Service Vintage**. Upgrade your look at **Blue Velvet** with eclectic vintage clothing. Pre-loved T-shirts and denim at **Monkies Vintage and Thrift** are perfectly broken in.

Sprawling **Atown** curates local treasures and gifts from Texas vendors. Pick up new and classic albums for your vinyl collection at **Breakaway Records**. Family-run **Black Pearl Books** offers a diverse selection of tomes.

Sample the gouda stuff at **Antonelli's Cheese Shop** or enjoy a tasting in their charming **Cheese House**. Freshen up your home with sustainable soy candles from **Slow North** or browse the drought-friendly greenery at **Succulent Native**. Ethically made clothing at **HarperSage** is designed for daily wear.

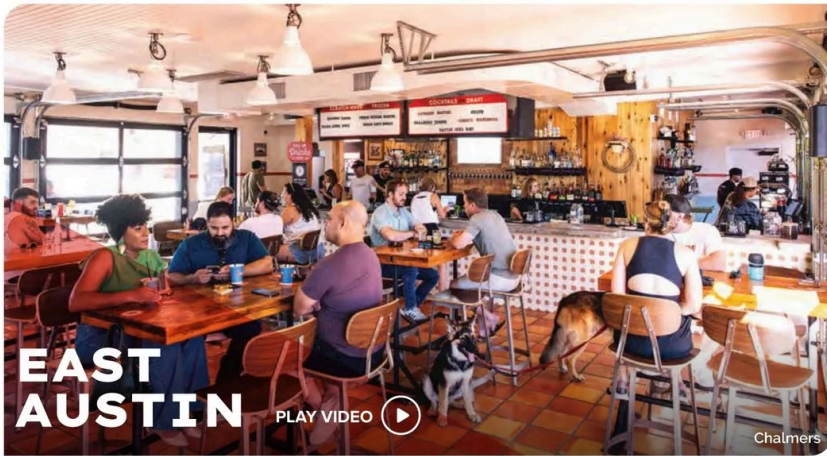
Inside a restored post office, **Tiny Grocer** offers organic produce and pantry staples, while French bistro **Bureau de Poste** serves classics like steak frites. **First Light Books** is a bright, sunny haven for readers.

Explore 50 years of *Saturday Night Live* television comedy with the recently acquired Lorne Michaels Collection at UT's **Harry Ransom Center**, on display through mid-March 2026.

BLANTON MUSEUM OF ART



Blanton Museum of Art



East Austin blends old-school weird with new-school creativity. Global eateries, boutiques, inviting cocktail bars and lively music venues keep the energy going from day to night.

DINING

Come hungry! Modern Eastern Mediterranean fare gets a Texas twist at bold **Ezov**. MICHELIN Bib Gourmand winner **Kemuri Tatsu-ya** combines Texas barbecue with a Japanese izakaya. Hearty Southern comfort food makes **Hoover's Cooking** a neighborhood mainstay.

Tex-Mex breakfast at **Juan in a Million** is an east side staple. Fresh-baked bread makes **Sour Duck Market's** sandwiches stand out. Since 1957, the family-run **Sam's Bar-B-Que** has smoked mutton and brisket on an indoor pit.

Sizzling fajitas and colorful cocktails make beachy **Grizzelda's** shine. Farm-to-table Italian spot **Intero** aims to be zero-waste. Handmade empanadas and tender lomito (an Argentinian steak sandwich) keep locals hooked on **Buenos Aires Cafe**.

Cuantos Tacos' bite-sized Mexico City tacos earned a MICHELIN Bib Gourmand nod. A wood-

burning oven gives **Bufalina** pizzas a perfect crust. Gluten-free desserts at **OMG Squee** are equally adorable and delicious.

"Cowboy-wok" tacos at **Discada** are slow-cooked in a tractor plow disc. New Orleans-themed **Uptown Sports Club** serves classic shrimp po'boys and hearty gumbo. Find light acai bowls and smoothies at **Community Garden**.

Vibrant **De Nada Cantina** wows with barbacoa tacos and frozen margs. Heaping pastrami sandwiches at acclaimed **Mum Foods Smokehouse & Delicatessen** are a transcendent experience. Masa is the star at interior Mexican **Suerte**. **Rockman Coffee + Bakeshop's** croissants and cookies are fresh-baked heaven.

Vegan Nom dishes up tasty all-day meat-free tacos. Seasonal

coffees and blue masa biscuits are popular orders at **Mercado Sin Nombre's** walk-up window. The barbacoa tacos at **La Santa Barbacha** clinched a MICHELIN Bib Gourmand accolade. Tiny **Comadre Panaderia** bakes creative sweet and savory Mexican American treats.

Springdale Station is an early-1900s train station turned urban entertainment hub. Look for decadent pizzas on perfectly chewy crust at **Bambino**, and stacked sandwiches at the bait shop-inspired **Handsome Dan's**. There's kolaches, ice cream and more at all-day cafe **Stargazer**.

NIGHTLIFE

Cocktails at dreamy speakeasy **Trona** blend Oaxacan and Japanese flavors. Welcoming **Murray's Tavern** updates familiar cocktails, like an olive-oil

Discover Mueller! Vibrant **Aldrich Street** along **Mueller Lake Park** blends neighborhood dining, shopping and culture. MICHELIN Bib Gourmand **Veracruz Fonda & Bar** offers whole fried shrimp and rich mole. Enjoy hearty buttermilk fried chicken at Southern-style **Colleen's Kitchen** and dairy-free vegan cheese at **Rebel Cheese**. Every Sunday, shop fresh produce, meat and more at the festive **Texas Farmers Market**.

CHALMERS



EXPERIENCE AUSTIN'S BLACK CULTURAL DISTRICT

Explore **Six Square**, Texas' first Black cultural district. Learn about the history of Black Austinites and discover talented artists at the **George Washington Carver Museum, Cultural and Genealogy Center** and the **African American Cultural and Heritage Facility**. Tour **Huston-Tillotson University**, Austin's oldest university and a historic HBCU. Visit **Rogers-Washington Holy Cross Historic District**, a landmark mid-century neighborhood developed by and for Black professionals. Hear East Austin's untold stories with **Black Austin Tours** or explore at your own pace on a self-guided **Black History Bike Ride**. Go to visitaustin.org/soul for more ideas.

LEFT TO RIGHT: CHAD WADSWORTH; ANDREW REINER

infused negroni. **The Butterfly Bar @ The VORTEX** is both a cocktail bar and a whimsical butterfly sanctuary. On-site food truck **Patrizi's** specializes in handmade fettuccine.

Nerd out with drinks and games at fantasy tavern **The Tiny Minotaur**. **Dainty Dillo's** roomy riverside backyard is a breezy evening retreat. Keep cool with frozen Mexican martinis at retro patio bar **Chalmers**.

Americana/country venue **The White Horse** has daily music and regular two-stepping lessons. **King Bee** features blues jams and dance parties in their old-school club.

Palm Springs-inspired bar **Kitty Cohen's** is complete with a poolside patio. Punk rock dive **Hotel Vegas** and compact dance club **The Volstead Lounge** share an expansive backyard with food trucks and a stage.

Sip natural wines under patio string lights at **LoLo Wine**. Try the signature ArModelo at no-frills **La Perla Bar**. On Saturdays, dig into the free Africa Night buffet at **Sahara Lounge**. Taste South African wines at cozy **Cape Bottle Room**.

Colorful **Lovebirds** is date night-ready, with romance-themed cocktails. The Egyptian barbecue at **KG BBQ** at **Oddwood Brewing** earned a MICHELIN Bib Gourmand designation. Southeast Asian flavors elevate the snacks and cocktails at indoor-outdoor

Lao'd Bar. Pair your pint with a savory kolache at **Batch Craft Beer and Kolaches**.

Dig into late-night hush puppies and daiquiris at Cajun **Lil' Easy**. An airplane hangar is now a roomy beer hall and brewery at **Central Machine Works**. Second-floor hangout **Techo Mezcaleria & Agave Bar** pours smoky mezcal cocktails. **Kinda Tropical** brings island vibes with fruity frozen and creative margaritas.

SHOPPING

Explore indigenous and Latin stories at neighborhood bookstore **Red Salmon Arts/Casa de Resistencia Books**. At **RichesArt Gallery**, pick up colorful art or take a graffiti class. Plan a spa day with bath soaks and salves from **Take Heart**.

Charm School Vintage's pre-loved clothes can help create your own personal style. Curl up with a book and bubbles at **Vintage Bookstore & Wine Bar**. Discover sculpture, textiles and more by female artists at **Women & Their Work**.

ENTERTAINMENT

Hands-on children's museum **Thinkery** has two floors of educational fun. The plays at **Ground Floor Theatre** uplift community voices. **ColdTowne Theater** hosts nightly improv, stand-up and sketch comedy. Each mini-golf tee at indoor **Holey Moley Golf Club** has its own colorful theme.



Joe List at Cap City Comedy Club

Family-friendly North Austin is packed with global eats, vibrant shopping hubs and whimsical wonderlands that kick-start your senses — it's a creative playground for kids and adults alike!

DINING

Explore a whole wide world of cuisine in North Austin. Tiny **Tare** seats 12 for the nightly omakase menu, while **New Sitara Indian Cuisine** serves regional dishes ranging from northern tandoori chicken to southern goat haleem. At **Simar Seafood Cocina**, feast on coastal tropical ceviche in a beachy space with roll-up windows. Sizzling bulgogi, flavorful noodles and house-made kimchi await in the cozy, wood-accented dining room of **Korea House**.

Choose from Connecticut- or Maine-style lobster rolls at **Garbo's**, or splurge on their caviar. Tender dumplings and handmade noodles at **Julie's Noodles** are comforting and craveable. Explore Korean flavors at **H Mart's** modern food court, including kimchi stew and Korean rice hot dogs. Soak up hilly views at **Bulevar**, where the upscale Mexican menu is entirely gluten-free.



Domain NORTHSIDE

Enjoy authentic Chinese cuisine with an intimate chef's table at **Ling Kitchen**. Find relaxed bar fare at **Walnut Creek Pub**, such as pub wings with six flavors. **Ramen del Barrio** at **Hana World Market** earned a MICHELIN Bib Gourmand nod for its Mexican-inspired noodle bowls.

The poolside patio at **Knotty Deck Kitchen & Bar** is a breezy spot for Southwestern eats. The MICHELIN-Starred meats at **InterStellar BBQ** are worth the line, including the juicy pulled American lamb shoulder. The Mexican coffee beans at **Dame Café** are

roasted in-house, enriching the sweet horchata lattes.

SHOPPING

Upscale shopping center **The Arboretum** will keep you, and your wallet, busy. Specialty oils and vinegars from gourmet market **Con' Olio** make dishes pop. Whimsical **Sugarboo & Co.** has gifts for everyone, from leather journals to kids' plushies. Browse the rotating selection at bright **Ao5 Gallery**, offering original works and pop art posters. Get your second wind at **Juliet Italian Kitchen** with scratch-made shrimp scampi.

TOP TO BOTTOM: CAP CITY COMEDY CLUB; DOMAIN NORTHSIDE

More shops await at **The Domain** and **Domain NORTHSIDE**. Catch the newest sneaker drops at **Kicking It ATX** or relax in their lounge while your pals shop. Sustainable general store **Parker + Scott** is packed with snacks, housewares, candles and refillable soaps.

Organize your life with a custom planner from **Erin Condren**, along with notebooks and journals. Whether camping, hiking or just picnicking, the heavy-duty coolers from **YETI** will keep your essentials cold. Set intentions with a vision board necklace from

Nina Berenato, where charms represent your goals.

NIGHTLIFE

The night comes alive at **Domain NORTHSIDE**'s **Rock Rose District**. Irish pub **Jack & Ginger's** hosts lively sports watch parties with Irish eats and plenty of beer! Luxe hookah lounge **77° Rooftop** has a resort-style deck for warm Texas nights. Modern barn venue **The Water Trough** welcomes rock, jazz and blues artists on weekends.

Explore interactive art installations and sip drinks out of disco balls at colorful **Wonder Bar**.

Settle in for a laugh at **Cap City Comedy Club**, welcoming local and big-name acts.

ENTERTAINMENT

Play hundreds of classic arcade and pinball games at family-friendly **Pinballz**. Test your skills at high-tech driving range **Topgolf**, offering tasty pub food and cold beers. Cheer for Major League Soccer team **Austin FC** at the 20,000-seat **Q2 Stadium**.

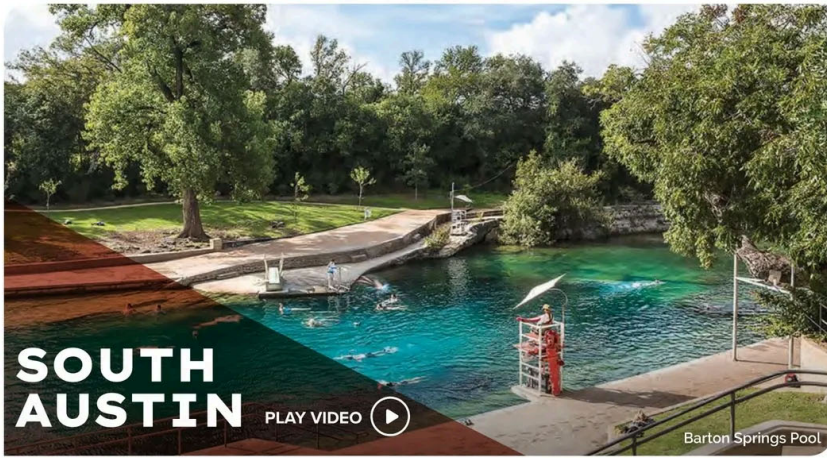
Neon lights jazz up the holes at indoor mini-golf course **The Dirdie Birdie**. Mind-bending installations at the **Museum of Illusions** will challenge your perceptions.



Craft beer rules in North Austin! Visit **Celis Brewing**, Austin's original craft brewery, to try the flagship **Celis White** in the **Celis Brewery Beer Garden**, a backyard oasis with grass turf and umbrellas. Sip a refreshing Dr. Montopolis pilsner under wall murals at dog-friendly **Hopsquad Brewing Co.**, where the **Doughsquad** food truck serves up hearty pizzas and empanadas. Welcoming warehouse-style taproom **Austin Beerworks** has ample brews, from permanent to seasonal selections. Try their Pearl Snap, a good-for-all-occasions pilsner.



TOP TO BOTTOM: AUSTIN FC, ARTS & LABOR



SOUTH AUSTIN

PLAY VIDEO

Barton Springs Pool

In South Austin, life feels easy-breezy. With beautiful public green spaces, sprawling backyard bars and multistage music venues, this is the place to spread out and let loose.



Odd Duck

DINING

Celebrate Gulf Coast cuisine and try the crudo at **Nomadé**. Upscale **Mattie's** dishes Southern comfort fare in a Victorian house. **Slab BBQ & Beer's** sandwiches are piled high with pork and brisket.

Asian smokehouse **Loro** pairs barbecue with boozy slushies.

Buzz Mill buzzes with lattes and infused spirits. Try something new at **Lick Honest Ice Creams** — beets and mint, perhaps? Vegan **Casa de Luz** creates nourishing, healthy meals. Snack on golden empanadas at colorful **Plaza Colombian Coffee**.

Evangeline Cafe's seafood gumbo and Cajun music are NOLA-approved. Take your pick from the food trucks at **Radio Coffee & Beer** — authentic **DEE DEE Thai**, fresh tacos from **Veracruz All Natural** and brisket sandwiches at **Brisquets**.

Dishes at **Taste of Ethiopia** are traditional and fragrant. Australian **Proud Mary** whips up pour-over coffee and sausage rolls. Dolmades and moussaka are scratch-made at **The Greek Bar**. **Odd Duck** earned a MICHELIN Bib Gourmand for its sustainable New American fare. Enjoy margs and modern Mexican on the rooftop patio at **El Alma**.

Within warehouse district **The Yard**, sip Texas bourbon at **Still Austin Whiskey Co.**, or full-favored local saké at **Texas Saké Co.** Fill up on heaping Italian sammies at **Knuckle Sandwich**.

Artsy **Spokesman** pours craft coffee, plus beer and wine.

Day Maker Half Day Cafe mixes Tex-Mex and Southern brunch. Flamenco shows accompany seafood paella at Spanish **El Raval**. French-Vietnamese **Elizabeth Street Café** shines with bánh mì and sweet Vietnamese coffee. **Lenoir** combines global flavors in a rustic-chic dining room.

NIGHTLIFE

Visit **Drifters Social Coffee & Cocktails** for espresso or an espresso martini. Next door, play pickleball at sports bar **PicklePub**. Spacious **Armadillo Den** boasts draft cocktails and nightly music. Join a game of sand volleyball under the oaks at **Moontower Saloon**.

Metal bands rock out at **Come and Take It Live**, while iconic **Broken Spoke** hosts country acts in a relaxed dance hall. **The Saxon Pub** offers intimate nightly shows. Offbeat music festivals thrive at **The Far Out Lounge & Stage**.

Cosmic Coffee + Beer Garden is an oasis dotted with ponds and a waterfall. It's always a backyard party at laid-back **The Little Darlin'**. Kick a soccer ball around

TOP TO BOTTOM: VISIT AUSTIN; RICHARD CASTEEL



Swim year-round at beloved **Barton Springs Pool**, a natural three-acre pool fed by underground springs. The water maintains a cool 68° to 70° year-round!

UMLAUF Sculpture Garden + Museum



Cosmic Coffee + Beer Garden

TOP TO BOTTOM: UMLAUF SCULPTURE GARDEN + MUSEUM; INTI ST. CLAIR

between pints at **Meanwhile Brewing Co.**

Sip Mexican spirits on the breezy patio at **Lulu's**. Or play shuffleboard at **The Golden Goose**, a divey lounge with quality cocktails. **Sagebrush** hosts nightly music and regular two-step lessons.

SHOPPING

Explore the boutiques of **South First Street**. Shop handcrafted local art and affordable prints at **Austin Art Garage**, eye-catching vintage jewelry at **Devil's Details** and pre-worn Western wear at **American Drifter**. **Maaribu** specializes in luxury home decor, plus baked goods. Neon art pieces are handcrafted at **Roadhouse Relics**, with the iconic *Greetings from Austin* mural right outside.

Down the road, browse eclectic antiques at **Uncommon Objects**, plus collectible vinyl at **End of an Ear**. Toy store **Monkey See, Monkey Do!** is packed with quirky gifts.

ENTERTAINMENT

The **Long Center** is the performance home of both the **Austin Symphony Orchestra** and **Ballet Austin**, presenting classical and contemporary programs. Plays and musicals at **Zach Theater** entrance audiences season after season.

OUTDOORS

Popular **Zilker Park** is a favorite local green space, home to the lush **Zilker Botanical Garden**, **Barton Springs Pool** and the **Hillside Theater**, which hosts annual summer musicals. Nearby, **UMLAUF Sculpture Garden + Museum** is an open-air bronze gallery.

Explore **Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center's** abundant native gardens. Practice your swing at **Butler Pitch and Putt** or play 18 holes at quirky **Peter Pan Mini-Golf**. Kids can climb, swing and slide at **Alliance Children's Garden** in **Butler Park**. There's pickleball, lawn games and a playground at **Bouldin Acres**.



People watching is the name of the game on walkable South Congress. Wander from creative boutiques to hip eateries and historic clubs, all within a few city blocks.

DINING

Beef, veggie and tuna patties are piled high at **Hopdoddy Burger Bar**. Empanadas and mojitos at **Habana SoCo** are best enjoyed under outdoor cabanas. Unwind on **Perla's** patio over fresh seafood towers and beachy cocktails.

Contemporary coffee shop **Mañana** elevates your cup with house-made syrups. Menus at **Café No Sé** are seasonal and fresh, from breakfast through dinner. Lively steakhouse **Maie Day** is MICHELIN recommended, known for its whiskey-brined tomahawk pork chops. You'll find all three restaurants at the **South Congress Hotel**.

Austin Motel's sunny spot, **Joann's Fine Foods** blends Tex-Mex eats and diner vibes. Intimate **Otoko** only seats 12 for their nightly omakase menu. The 72-hour dough at NYC-style **Home Slice Pizza** has the perfect chew. The cinnamon rolls at family-owned **Teal House Coffee & Bakery** are a must-try.



TOP TO BOTTOM: MACKENZIE SMITH-KELLEY; INTI ST. CLAIR



Don't miss the monthly **First Thursday** bash at **South Congress Hotel** — live music, DJ sets, pop-up shops and drink specials turn the whole block into a laid-back party.

Lovely **Aba** feels like a Mediterranean resort, with tender kebabs and rich hummus. Try Oaxacan tlayudas — Mexican “pizza” on thick corn pancakes — at **Chapulín Cantina**. Behind a nondescript door, **Neighborhood Sushi** dishes up airy tempura and well-balanced rolls. Snap pics at the famous *i love you so much* mural, on the side of **Jo’s Coffee**.

Lucky Robot serves sustainable sushi and tasty grilled bites under hanging flowers. Neighborhood Italian spot **Vespaio Ristorante** is a longtime favorite for scratch-made pastas. A scoop of Chocoberry from **Amy’s Ice Creams** makes the perfect sweet treat.

NIGHTLIFE

Escape the bustle of the street with a negroni in the hidden courtyard lounge at **Hotel San José**. **The Continental Club** has been a jazz and blues mainstay since 1955. Upstairs, the **Continental Gallery** is a compact

listening room for intimate performances.

Grab the mic for nightly karaoke at **Ego’s**, a judgment-free dive. Soul and R&B acts take the stage at **C-Boy’s Heart & Soul**. **The Jade Room** channels 1950s Japanese GI bars with moody red lighting.

Music and margaritas come together in the **Oak Garden** at **Güero’s Taco Bar**. Easygoing **White Tiger** hosts energetic rock bands on its secluded deck. Vinyl bar **Equipment Room** at **Hotel Magdalena** offers guided listenings alongside expert cocktails.

SHOPPING

Shop luxury brands at **Music Lane**, from athleisure to perfumes. Browse posters and apparel by Texas artisans at **Paper Work**. Treat yourself to gummy candies and chocolates at **Big Top Candy Shop**.

Famous **Allens Boots** has a massive selection of cowboy

boots and Western wear. Top them off with a custom-fitted hat from **Maufrais**. On-site **Little Brother Coffee & Kolaches** can perk you up with espresso and pastries!

The vegetable-tanned leather goods from **Noah Marion** patina over time. Find cards for any occasion at **Letterpress PLAY**, as well as home decor. Souvenirs at **Prima Dora** range from Austin memorabilia to offbeat art. Sip a whiskey while you browse the handcrafted boots at **Tecovas**.

Choose layering necklaces and stackable rings at the **Kendra Scott** flagship store, then toast your finds with coffee and wine at the on-site **Sips & Sweets Café**. Nearby, **Yellow Rose by Kendra Scott** specializes in Western jewelry and apparel.

Curated men’s and women’s styles at **Prototype Vintage** are always on-trend. Dress for Texas with light snap shirts from **Howler Brothers** — **South Congress Outpost**



Breathe deep in West Austin and the iconic Texas Hill Country. Letting go comes naturally here, thanks to sparkling lakes, rolling countryside and big blue skies.

DINING

It's island time at **Hula Hut**, with Polynesian and Tex-Mex flavors served up on a Lake Austin deck. Next door, **Mozart's Coffee Roasters** offers house-roasted coffee and pastries, plus daily live music and lake views. Heaping platters of brisket delight at **The County Line on the Lake**, overlooking a quiet creek. The backyard burgers and catfish baskets at **Ski Shores Cafe** evoke endless lakeside summers.

Hearty fajitas at **The Oasis** come with stunning Lake Travis sunsets from its multistory decks. Nearby, try an award-winning craft beer and an Angus beef burger at **Oasis Texas Brewing Company**.

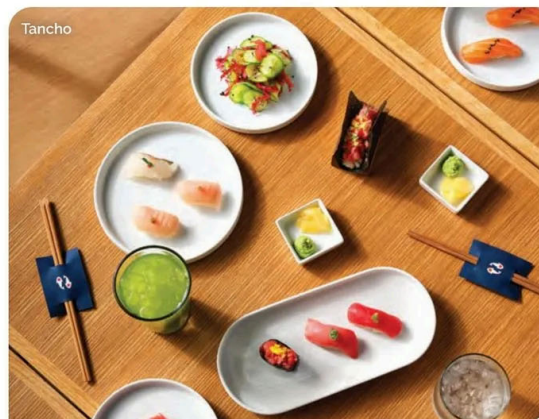
Texas ease meets the Italian countryside at **Laurel Restaurant**, with fragrant pesto and house pasta. Enjoy simply prepared seafood with stunning Hill Country views at **Blind Salamander Kitchen & Bar**. At **Fresa's**, wood-grilled chicken and chimichurri skirt steak come with all the fixings.

At **Sway**, modern Thai curries and zingy noodles are served at communal tables. The sunny farm-to-table cafe at **The Wayback** features fresh heirloom veggies and local beef. Burger shack **Pool Burger** grills wagyu patties and mixes tropical tiki drinks near **Deep Eddy Pool**. The seafood at **Shore Raw Bar & Grill** is inspired by Louisiana, Mexico and the Texas Gulf Coast.

Dine well at shopping center **Lantana Place**. Upscale Mexico

City import **La Popular** is taco-tastic, from carnitas to quesabirria. At contemporary **Tancho**, sample chef-curated omakase sushi menus. Feast on bao and soup dumplings under hanging lanterns at **Ling Wu Asian Restaurant**.

Head to **Littlefield's Tacos + Coffee** for a little bit of everything served under a vine-covered pergola, like all-day tacos at **Veracruz All Natural**, made with fresh veggies and house-made corn tortillas. The shaved ice



TOP TO BOTTOM: REBEKAH FLAKE; TANCHO

Pamper yourself! Lounge by the rooftop pool after treatments at **Omni Barton Creek Resort & Spa**. Add equine therapy to spa services at **Miraval Austin**. Or bliss out with a massage and champagne at **Carter Creek Winery Resort & Spa**. Personalized treatments at **Lake Austin Spa Resort** detox and tone. **Spa Viata** at **Hotel Viata Austin** offers Sicilian skincare and mineral baths.

at **SnoRideATX** is topped with sweet syrup and sparkling "fairy dust." And **Bésame** features rotating ice cream flavors like lemon curd and ginger.

ENTERTAINMENT

Visit with the goats at 165-acre **Jester King Brewery**. Then, relax with award-winning farmhouse ales and live music. **Deep Eddy Cabaret** has been a neighborhood joint since 1951, with an old-school juke box and a pool table. Discover your new favorite varietal at **Flo's Wine Bar & Bottle Shop**. Pop your bottle on the patio with a Stracciatella pie from on-site **Allday Pizza**.

OUTDOORS

Cruise along winding, tree-lined **Lake Austin** on a pontoon or jet ski. Larger **Lake Travis** is a popular

destination for boating and fishing, as well as exploring its tiny islands.

Deep Eddy Pool is Texas' oldest man-made swimming pool, fed by natural cool springs. Go hiking or birding at **Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve** to spot endangered golden-cheeked warblers. Climb the 100+ stone steps up **Mount Bonnell** for sunset views over Lake Austin and Pennybacker Bridge.

Pups can run wild at cypress-lined **Red Bud Isle**, a 13-acre off-leash dog park. Fly through the sky at **Lake Travis Zipline Adventures**, with five high-speed lines over land and lake. Wander **The Contemporary Austin – Laguna Gloria**'s 14-acre garden and sculpture park that surrounds an Italianate villa.

Lake Travis Zipline Adventures



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15 CENTRAL TEXAS & HILL COUNTRY DAY TRIPS



Sip along scenic wine trails, shop and dine in charming small towns, spend a day tubing and hiking, sample locally made craft beers, tour fascinating historic sites and so much more.

1. DRIPPING SPRINGS

Take a tour with the great-great-granddaughter of the founders of the 1850s **Pound House Farmstead**. Book a tasting of the signature olive oils and balsamic vinegars produced by the **Texas Hill Country Olive Co.** The gorgeous **Tillie's** was named one of the 50 Most Beautiful Restaurants in America by *People* magazine. Enjoy a bite and a beer in the outdoor garden of the family-friendly **Fitzhugh Brewing**. Kids will love the splash pad at **Route 12 Filling Station**, serving up comfort fare like chicken fried steak. **Cousin Louie's Italian Restaurant** is known for its family recipes and handmade pastas.

2. DRIFTWOOD Dig into pit-smoked pork ribs at **The Salt Lick BBQ** and enjoy live music on the patio with wine from next-door **Salt Lick Cellars**. Travel the **Driftwood Wine Trail** loop and discover eight renowned wineries. Sample smooth Texas spirits and reserve a tour spot at **Desert Door Texas Sotol** distillery. Hyper-local food and drink is the focus at the sprawling **Vista Brewing** ranch. Check out **Hays City Store & Ice House** for scratch-made Texas food, live music and craft cocktails like the elderberry frozen margarita. Austin's popular **Mean Eyed Cat** has opened a Hill Country outpost of its Johnny Cash-inspired bar.



TOP TO BOTTOM: THE SALT LICK BBQ; VISTA BREWING



Hill Country Views, *Austin Energy*

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Garrison Brothers Distillery



Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge

3. LAKEWAY Spend the day swimming, boating and bass fishing on **Lake Travis**. Relax with a pampering treatment at the **Spa at Lakeway Resort**. Practice healthy mindful eating on the patio at **Hilltop Crossings Kitchen**, located at **Miraval Austin**.

4. JOHNSON CITY Take a driving tour of the LBJ Ranch and walk through the 36th president's boyhood home at the **Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park**. Enjoy Texas-inspired cuisine, craft beer and award-winning wines at the **Old 290 Brewery & Restaurant**, located at **Carter Creek Winery Resort & Spa**. Book the Select Tasting and sample five different Texas-grown wines at **Lost Draw**. Dine on seasonal fare and join a guided bourbon tasting in the Whiskey Shack at **Garrison Brothers Distillery**. In a

refurbished mill, kids can explore high-tech exhibits and play in the Fossil Dig at the outdoor **Science & Art Park** at the **Science Mill**.

5. FREDERICKSBURG & LUCKENBACH Discover some of the Lone Star State's best wineries and vineyards along **Fredericksburg Wine Road 290**, including nearby dining spots like the family-run **Leroy's Tex Mex BBQ**. Check out **The Rescue**, a new multisensory experience based on a true story that involved a submarine battle, at the **National Museum of the Pacific War**. Shop for gifts at the luxury boutique, then dine in the bistro at **Vaudeville**. Pick up souvenirs at the Old West-style **Luckenbach Texas General Store**, a former 1800s trading post. While in town, catch live music

performed by regional musicians at **Luckenbach Dance Hall**.

6. BOERNE Explore charming shops, galleries and restaurants housed in historic buildings along the **Hill Country Mile** in Boerne. Enjoy casual eats, brewed-on-site craft beer and live music on the patio stage at **The Dodging Duck Brewhaus**. The kid-friendly **Cibola Creek Brewing Co.** offers small-batch brews and pub fare on its shady patio.

7. SAN MARCOS Go tubing, kayaking and snorkeling along the spring-fed **San Marcos River**, which winds through town. Take a seat in the mod **Senza Maeso** tasting room and cocktail bar to try sips featuring artisanal spirits. Sample fermented ales, traditional lagers and spontaneous cave-aged beers at the family-owned **Roughhouse Brewing**. The

GREAT OUTDOORS

WILDFLOWER WATCH

Take a spring drive along the scenic **Willow City Loop** to see breathtaking wildflowers in bloom. Stop at **Wildseed Farms**, a working wildflower farm and vineyard with a tasting room and gift shop. Don't miss the popular **Bluebonnet Festival** in Burnet, the Bluebonnet Capital of Texas, held each April.

TUBING Head to the Hill Country Coast for great tubing on the calm, clear waters of the **San Marcos, Comal** and **Guadalupe rivers** that flow through several small towns, including New Braunfels and San Marcos.

PEACH PICKING

The Peach Capital of Texas, Fredericksburg is home to several pick-your-own orchards, including **Jenschke Orchards**, family run since 1961. At **Das Peach Haus**, find the full line of Fischer & Wieser specialty foods (like peach jam), along with bakery goods, wine tastings and seasonal live music.

HIKING AND BIKING TRAILS

Known for its distinctive pink granite dome, **Enchanted Rock State Natural Area** offers rock climbing and miles of hiking trails, including the challenging Summit Trail. Hike, mountain bike and

horseback ride among waterfalls and canyons at **Pedernales Falls State Park** (reservations recommended). **Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge** features trails for hikers of all skill levels, including wheelchair-accessible paths.

CAVING AND CAVERNS

Take a guided cave tour and walk the nature trails at **Cascade Caverns**. At **Longhorn Cavern State Park**, join the three-hour Wild Cave Tour for an underground adventure. **Inner Space Cavern**, one of the best-preserved caves in Texas, offers daily tours and gemstone panning.

LEFT TO RIGHT: GARRISON BROTHERS DISTILLERY; RYAN KYTE

industrial-chic **CRAFTHouse Kitchen & Tap** features pub fare, local craft beer and live music. Try the award-winning handmade burgers and draft beers from around the world at **The Taproom**. Shop for deals at two area outlet malls: **San Marcos Premium Outlets** and **Tanger Outlets**.

8. NEW BRAUNFELS Float the day away at **Schlitterbahn Waterpark** in its new Schatze's Storybrook Park, a kids' area with more than 70 water features. Or grab an inner tube and bob along the spring-fed currents of the **Comal** and **Guadalupe** rivers that pass through New Braunfels. Sample Texas wines in the tasting room or covered pavilion at **Dry Comal Creek Vineyards** (adults only; tasting reservations recommended).

9. GRUENE Located within New Braunfels, Gruene is a designated National Historic District. Shop for cowboy hats and antiques, then dine on Tex-

Mex dishes and barbecue, in the stores and restaurants that dot the **Gruene Historic District**, nestled on the banks of the Guadalupe River. See live music nightly at the 1870s **Gruene Hall**, Texas' oldest operating dance hall.

10. WIMBERLEY The picture-perfect **Blue Hole Regional Park** features a forested swimming hole complete with rope swings, fed by the crystal-clear waters of **Cypress Creek** (swimming reservations are required). Watch a glassblowing demonstration and pick up a stunning art glass piece at **Wimberley Glassworks**. Enjoy seasonal American cuisine on the deck at **The Leaning Pear**. Search for treasures during **Wimberley Market Days**, the Texas Hill Country's largest outdoor market, held on the first Saturday of the month from March through December, rain or shine.



11. LOCKHART The Barbecue Capital of Texas is known for legendary eateries like family-run

The Original Black's Barbecue, **Kreuz Market** with its cafeteria-like dining room and **Smitty's Market**, serving meats fresh from the smoker. Women-owned **Barbs B Q**, open weekends only, is a MICHELIN Bib Gourmand. Spend an afternoon on Lockhart's town square exploring the quaint shops, galleries, restaurants and historic theater. Stop into **Best Little Wine & Books**, a wine bar and bottle shop with a cozy book nook. **Fiddler's Green Music Shop** features a surprise cocktail bar called **The Case Room** in the back of the store (enter through the alley). Tour the **Caldwell County Historical Museum**, housed in the former county jail, and visit the ornate **Caldwell County Courthouse**.

12. BASTROP Follow a tree-lined nature trail to encounter realistic life-size dinosaur statues and shop for dino-themed gifts at **Dinosaur Park**. Hike, swim and fish in a magical forest setting at

Dripping Springs, Texas

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Bastrop State Park Enjoy pizza, craft beer and live music on the big riverside deck along the banks of the Colorado River at **Neighbor's Kitchen & Yard**. See a live musical at the **Bastrop Opera House**, a local landmark since 1889. Golf the award-winning, 18-hole course and unwind in the rejuvenating full-service spa at **Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa**.

13. ROUND TOP The tiny town of Round Top is a beloved shopping destination. A staple since the mid-1800s, **Henkel Square Market** is dotted with stores, eateries and galleries like **Humble Donkey** housed in rustic buildings. Across the street is the famed **Royers Round Top Cafe**, known for unique pies like the Sweet 'N' Salty with gooey chocolate fudge and caramel, sprinkled with sea salt. The shops at **Round Top Village** offer one-of-a-kind finds like handcrafted jewelry and American farmhouse

antiques. **The Blue Hills at Round Top** antique show, featuring more than 100 curated vendors, is held in fall, winter and spring. Search for vintage treasures at **The Original Round Top Antiques Fair**, held every spring, fall and winter.

14. MARBLE FALLS Boat or swim in the calm waters at **Lake Marble Falls**. Hit the rugged off-road trails in a Jeep, motorcycle or ATV at **Hidden Falls Adventure Park**. Join the locals for homey blue plate specials and mile-high meringue pies at the **Blue Bonnet Cafe**, a Marble Falls icon.

15. SPICEWOOD Tucked into a bend of the Colorado River, **Muleshoe Bend Recreation Area** is a popular spot for fishing, swimming, hiking and mountain biking (electric bike rentals are available). The family-owned **Krause Springs** features 32 springs across 115 acres, including a lush natural pool. Owned by the legendary country star,

Willie Nelson's Cut-N-Putt is a scenic nine-hole golf course near the Pedernales River that's adjacent to the singer's recording studio. In addition to tastings of its handcrafted spirits, the family-friendly **Iron Wolf Ranch & Distillery** features live music on two outdoor stages, as well as indoor shows at The Den. Kids and dogs are welcome at **Spicewood Vineyards**, where you can taste award-winning wines paired with a charcuterie board.



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Central Texas & the
Hill Country

GETTING AROUND AUSTIN

From flying in to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport to traveling around the city, there are lots of transportation options to make your visit easy and affordable.

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport



TRAVELING TO AUSTIN

AUSTIN-BERGSTROM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (AUS)

- Live music and local food and beverage options greet travelers upon arrival
- Downtown Austin is 7.5 miles from the airport via services like Carter Transportation van service, the Capital

Metro Route 20 Manor Road/Riverside bus line. Uber, Lyft and taxis

- More at austintexas.gov/airport

CAR

- All major rental car companies are located at the airport and also have locations throughout the city

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- Plan your trip at greyhound.com

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VONLANE

- Plan your trip at vonlane.com

AMTRAK

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AUSTIN TRANSIT TIPS

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CAPITAL METRO BUS LINE

- Download the CapMetro app for comprehensive maps and details, or visit capmetro.org

METRORAIL

- 10 stations on the 32-mile light rail line
- Learn more at capmetro.org

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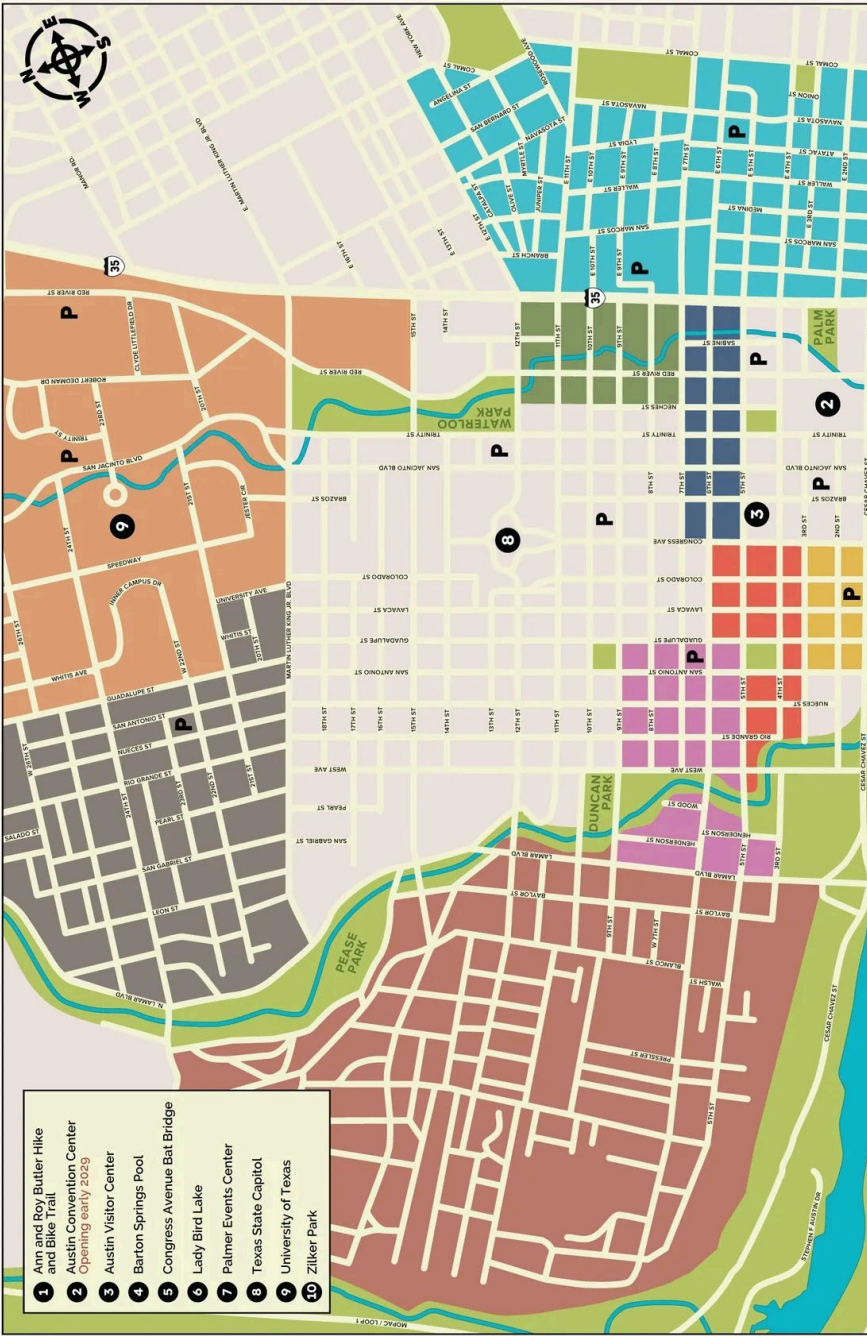
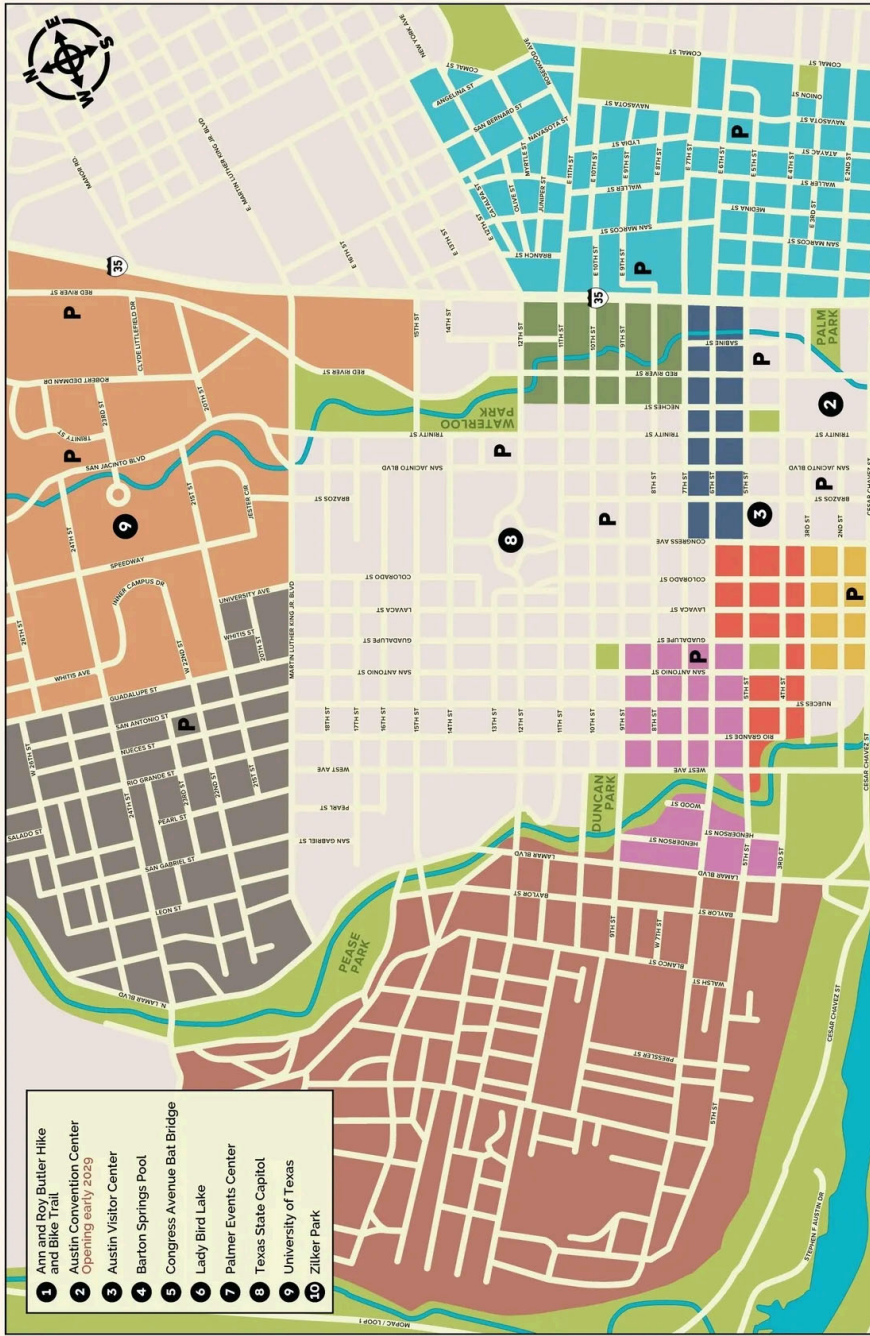
- Several bike shops, and dockless bike and scooter rental companies, offer hourly and daily rentals
- Download maps and routes from austintexas.gov/page/biking-austin
- CapMetro Bikeshare provides more than 75 bike-share stations throughout downtown, available 24 hours a day — capmetro.org/bikeshare

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- All drivers are licensed by the City of Austin Ground Transportation Department
- Rates vary — be sure to ask your driver about the price per rider or per trip

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- Visit mytxride.com for more information on transportation options for seniors, people with disabilities and veterans



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