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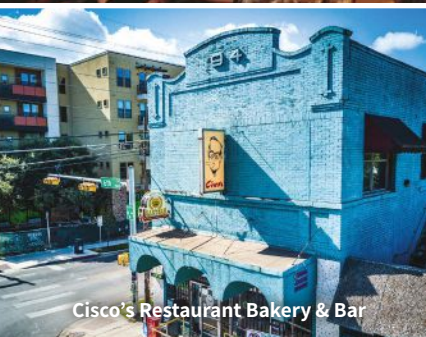


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ABC Kite Fest in Zilker Park.
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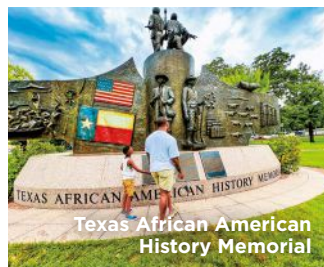
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AUSTIN CULTURAL HERITAGE

Visitaustin.org offers dedicated guides and 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.



AUSTIN'S LIVE MUSIC HISTORY

Learn about some of the historic people and places that created Austin's live music scene. As the Live Music Capital of the World®, Austin owes its fame to its musical roots. Read up on the cultures that brought amazing sounds to the capital city, from artists like Janis Joplin and Stevie Ray Vaughan to the Black Pumas and Gary Clark Jr., at visitaustin.org/iconic-austin-music.

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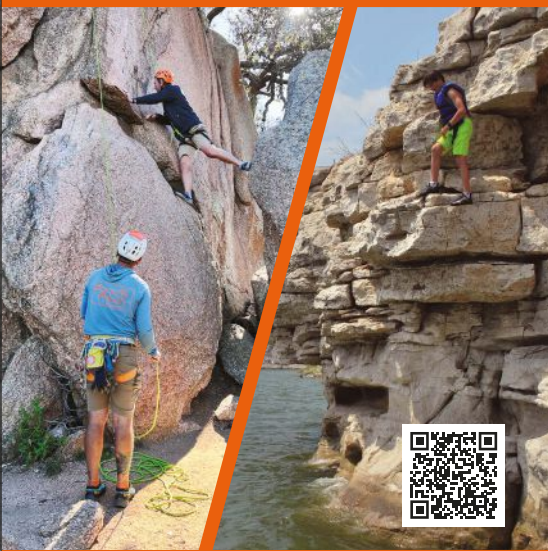


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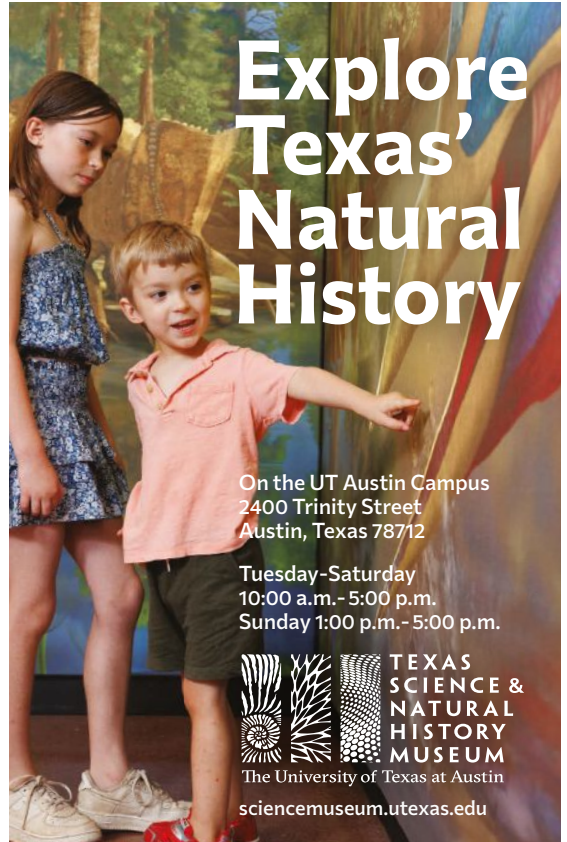
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Events are subject to change. For the latest details and dates, go to visitaustin.org/events or the event's website.

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 University of Texas 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

Downtown Austin,
youraustinmarathon.com

Nearly 20,000 participants, 40 bands and a course through Austin's scenic neighborhoods make this race 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.

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

AUSTIN URBAN CULTURAL FEST

Auditorium Shores,
urbanmusicfest.com

More than 15,000 fans converge on Auditorium Shores for this festival celebrating R&B, neo-soul and hip-hop music.

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.

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.

RODEO AUSTIN

Rodeo Austin, rodeoaustin.com

One of the state's premier rodeos features ProRodeo events, a family-friendly fair, daily concerts and more.

SXSW® CONFERENCE & FESTIVALS

Austin Convention Center & Downtown Austin, sxsw.com

Noted filmmakers, musicians and thought leaders showcase music, film and interactive 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 PSYCH FEST

The Far Out Lounge & Stage,
levitation.fm

This long-running music fest evolved into LEVITATION in 2014, but the team behind LEVITATION restored the event, 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.



Austin Marathon & Half Marathon

CAP10K

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

CMT MUSIC AWARDS

Moody Center, cmt.com

The CMT Music Awards take over Moody Center for a night, celebrating country music's finest talents, honoring the top songs, performances and videos in the genre.

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 JUST FOR LAUGHS COMEDY FESTIVAL

The Paramount Theatre & Various Locations, moontowercomedyfestival.com

Moontower Just for Laughs Comedy Festival, presented by The Paramount Theatre, brings the funniest comics to Austin for over two weeks of packed programming.

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.

MAY

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.

THE DROP-IN

**May through August
Long Center, longcenter.org**

ACL Radio and the Long Center have teamed up to bring a free weekly concert series to the Long Center 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

Historic Sixth Street, pecanstreetfestival.org

Musicians, food vendors, artists and crafters turn Sixth Street — historically called Pecan Street — into a lively street fair.

JUNE

19TH FEST

Waterloo Park, 19thfest.com

Soul food trucks from around the state come to this annual fest which also features kid-friendly activities, live music, retail vendors and more.

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.

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.

CENTRAL TEXAS JUNETEENTH 2K, PARADE & CELEBRATION

Historic East Austin, juneteenthcentraltexas.com

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

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.

JULY

H-E-B AUSTIN SYMPHONY JULY 4TH CONCERT & FIREWORKS

Auditorium Shores, starspangledfest.com

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

HOT SUMMER NIGHTS

Red River Cultural District, redriverculturaldistrict.org

Each summer, 20 venues throughout the Red River Cultural District host four days of free live music, alongside local food and vendors.

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

ALL GENDERS, LIFESTYLES AND IDENTITIES FILM FESTIVAL (AGLIFF)

Various Locations, aglifff.org

The oldest and largest LGBTQ+ film fest in the Southwest is also the biggest LGBTQ+ cultural event in Austin.

AUSTIN GAMBLER DAYS

Moody Center, austingamblers.com

An action-packed team bull riding competition features the world's best bull riders and 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+ advocacy and fundraising event in Central Texas.



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Texas Craft
Brewers Festival

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 bats.

FALL PECAN STREET FESTIVAL

Historic Sixth Street,
pecanstreetfestival.org
Musicians, food vendors, artists and crafters turn Sixth Street — historically called Pecan Street — into a lively street fair.

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.

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.

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.

LEVITATION

Red River Cultural District,
levitation.fm
Four days of live music in downtown Austin, featuring psychedelic light shows.

OKTOBERFEST

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

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.

VIVA LA VIDA FEST

Sixth Street,
mexic-artemuseumevents.org
Austin's largest and longest-running Día 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 two-day epicurean adventure unlike any other.

AUSTIN STUDIO TOUR

Various Locations,
austinstudiotour.org
Austin Studio Tour is a free self-guided tour that celebrates Austin's talented and wildly diverse creative community.

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.

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 visual art installations, jugglers, storytellers, fire dancers and other festive performances.

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
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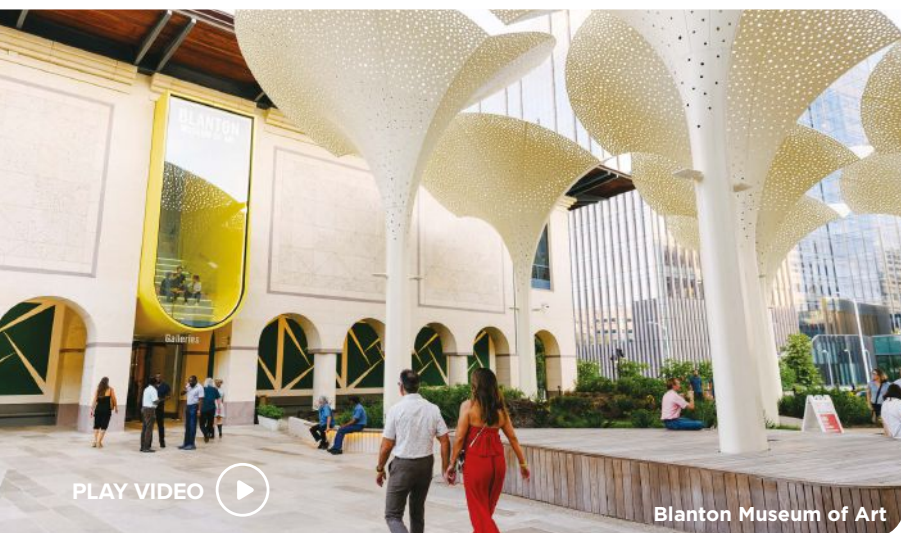
More than 30 years ago, Mozart's brought in-house artisan coffee roasting and a full scratch patisserie and bakery to the banks of Lake Austin. Mozart's has kept to its roots over the years of change across Austin, and is now truly a grand cafe that remains a special place for bakery, coffee, community, and live music and building lifelong traditions.

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.

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DAY 1

MORNING

Start your day on the hip patio at **Paperboy** with fried chicken and a country biscuit. Or head to colorful **Vaquero Taquero** for slow-cooked barbacoa piled on handmade flour tortillas. Then, grab a free map — along with T-shirts and souvenirs — at the **Austin Visitor Center & Gift Shop** (moving to a new location in early 2025).

Next, do something uniquely Austin. On the **Austin Detours** Austin City Tour, you'll stop at iconic spots like the **"Greetings From Austin"** mural. Explore the LBJ

Presidential Library & Museum, complete with replica Oval Office and White House memorabilia. Or wander the **Blanton Museum of Art** galleries, with works ranging from classical to contemporary.

AFTERNOON

Sit under the oaks on **Perla's** patio and do some people watching over a light lunch of oysters and a glass of rosé. Or grab a booth at '70s-inspired diner **Toasty Badger** for a Monte Cristo or wagyu burger.

Walk off your lunch at the boutiques of **South Congress**. Look for Western wear at **Allens Boots**, sparkling jewelry at **Kendra Scott**, posters and prints at **Paper Work**, and all the sweets you can eat at **Big Top Candy Shop**.

Get a pick-me-up at **Jo's Coffee**, such as the Iced Turbo with chocolate and hazelnut. Then,

snap a selfie at the **"i love you so much"** mural around the corner. Or treat yourself to a scoop of the popular Mexican vanilla flavor at **Amy's Ice Creams**.

Finish your afternoon on Lady Bird Lake with a sightseeing excursion aboard **Lone Star Riverboat** or **Capital Cruises**. You may catch the bats emerging from under the Congress Avenue Bridge at sunset (from spring through fall).

EVENING

Neighborhood Italian eatery **L'Oca d'Oro** pairs Texas ingredients with delicate handmade pastas — don't skip the sourdough focaccia. For a romantic rendezvous, feast on French staples like moules frites on **Justine's Brasserie's** charming patio.

After dinner, music takes center stage. Catch acts from country to



Ann and Roy Butler
Hike-and-Bike Trail



Vaquero Taquero



Austin Detours

hip-hop to indie at **ACL Live at The Moody Theater**. Or head to Johnny Cash-themed **Mean Eyed Cat** for a “mean marg” and local bands.

Let your dancing shoes lead you to historic dance hall **Broken Spoke**, a local icon for 60 years. Or boot scoot to honky-tonk **Little Longhorn Saloon**, a friendly dive inside a converted chapel.

DAY 2

MORNING

At bright **Café No Sé**, load up on colorful fare like the leek fritter or smoked salmon bagel. Or try the hearty croque madame on the sidewalk patio at Parisian bistro **June's All Day**.

Soak up the morning sun with a swim at **Barton Springs Pool**, fed by cool spring water. Or rent a beginner-friendly **stand-up**

paddleboard and glide along Lady Bird Lake under the city high-rises.

Barton Springs Bike Rental

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AFTERNOON

Take a break with beer, coffee and food truck eats amid the greenery of **Cosmic Coffee + Beer Garden**.

Then, hunt down some of Austin's best public art with an Instagrammable **self-guided mural tour**. As the afternoon fades, stroll along the **Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail** circling Lady Bird Lake.

EVENING

Laundromat-turned-cafe **Launderette** boasts New American dishes with global influences, like shawarma cauliflower. At Asian

smokehouse **Loro**, Texas meats are enriched with flavors like yuzu and hoisin in a rustic-chic pavilion.

Spend the evening at **The Continental Club**, a haven for country, blues and rockabilly artists since the 1950s. Or relax at **The Saxon Pub**, an intimate listening room highlighting singer-songwriters and rock bands.

Finish your day with mid-century-inspired tropical cocktails from immersive island bar **Tiki Tatsuya**. At **Holiday** — *Eater Austin's* Best New Bar of 2023 — sip intriguing creations with bell pepper-infused sotol and chamomile scotch.

Find more fun ideas and plan your own Austin weekend at visitaustin.org/itinerary-ideas

Can't-Miss Music Venues

PLAY VIDEO



The Tiaras
at Flamingo Cantina

Legendary artists like Willie Nelson and Stevie Ray Vaughan put Austin's music scene on the map. Since then, the city has embraced live music of all genres. Whether you're looking for an EDM dance party, an up-and-coming indie band or a dance hall for two-stepping, you'll find it in music-loving Austin.

ROCK/ALTERNATIVE

All are welcome at **Mohawk** in the Red River Cultural District. Their indoor and outdoor stages host local and national indie acts across genres.

Auto shop-turned-venue **Empire Control Room & Garage** has three distinct stages for acts large and small. Check out theme nights like reggaeton and queer joy dance parties.

In East Austin, the **Historic Scoot Inn** has been serving up beer and music since 1871. Catch indie acts in an old-school Western dive.

Wide-open warehouse **Emo's** offers great sightlines from every corner. Multiple bars make it

easy to get a drink at shows ranging from pop to metal.

The outdoor amphitheater at **Stubb's Bar-B-Q** is one of the larger downtown venues, packing in up to 2,500 people. Come early for pre-show brisket.

Divey cocktail lounge **The Volstead** hosts local DJs for eclectic dance parties. Adjoining club **Hotel Vegas** welcomes punk and alternative bands on their intimate indoor stage. The two venues share a backyard and outdoor stage for larger concerts under the stars.

The energy is high at tiny **Chess Club**, where audiences pack in elbow-to-elbow to catch bands performing everything from folk music to metal.

Rock and roll, plus great drinks, are the draws at **The 13th Floor**, a Red River neighborhood bar and live music venue.

BLUES/SOUL

Legends like Ray Charles, James Brown and Bonnie

Raitt have graced the stage at **Antone's Nightclub**, a blues mainstay since 1975. Stop by the on-site box office and retail store **Big Henry's Vinyl & Gifts** to shop soul, funk and blues records.

Offbeat dive **The Skylark Lounge** maintains old Austin cool. Grab a



Tied Up
at Mohawk



Brigitte Bandit at
Cheer Up Charlies

booth and catch local blues and soul acts on the corner stage.

Vintage-inspired **King Bee** hums with live music three nights a week. Sip a frozen Bee's Knees cocktail with a bluesy soundtrack in this neighborhood staple.

Welcoming **C-Boy's Heart & Soul** keeps classic soul and R&B alive every night. Hit the small dance floor or cozy up in a booth to soak up the music.

and Nicki Minaj, as well as the CMT Music Awards.

The eclectic **ACL Live at The Moody Theater** could welcome Bob Dylan one evening and a B-52s cover band the next at **3TEN** downstairs. Enter to win free passes to an *Austin City Limits* taping, the longest-running music series on television.

Dance parties, drag shows and indie bands set the scene at queer club **Cheer Up Charlies**. Be yourself at this creative and colorful hangout.

The Continental Club has been a neighborhood staple since 1955. With an intimate stage, dim lights and diverse acts, this Austin landmark retains its old-school cool.

In South Austin, **The Far Out Lounge & Stage** hosts a variety of bands and weekend music festivals on its outdoor stage. Food trucks and cold beer make it a backyard party.

Explore three levels of music at **Speakeasy**, including the Roaring '20s-style Music Lounge, The Ballroom at Speakeasy featuring weekly '80s tribute bands, and the Rooftop with DJs and city views.

Celebrating 50 years, **Hole in the Wall** is a beloved local dive with 6+ hours of daily music and a list of celebrity sightings a mile long.

Now in a new eastside location, **Parish** presents a wide spectrum of entertainment, from disco parties to very adult bingo. Around the corner, an alley entrance leads to **My Oh My**, a hi-fi listening lounge with inventive DJ sets and draft cocktails.

Moody Amphitheater at the newly revamped Waterloo Park welcomes national acts and local festivals.

JAZZ

With brick walls and a low ceiling, basement club **The Elephant Room** feels like a secret getaway. At the back, a small stage hosts live jazz nightly.

Parker Jazz Club was built for music. Every aspect of this underground listening room was carefully crafted for sound quality — designed by musicians, for musicians.

You can bring your own drinks to the living room-style **Monks Jazz Club**. This listening room has a "no talking" policy so the crowd can focus on the music.

POP & ECLECTIC

The biggest names in music stop at the **Moody Center**. Opened in 2022, this 15,000-person arena has hosted acts like Chris Stapleton



Parker Jazz Club House Band
at Parker Jazz Club

Picnic on the grassy lawn in view of the Capitol dome.

On Sunday, **The 04 Center's** 1960s A-frame building serves as a church. But during the rest of the week, it's a one-of-a-kind music venue welcoming acts of all genres.

LATIN/WORLD MUSIC

Explore the wide world of global music at family-owned **Sahara Lounge**. Line up at the free buffet and dance to Afrobeat music at Africa Night every Saturday.

The small space at **Fleming Cantina** is known for premium sound quality. Laid-back reggae, high-energy hip-hop and rhythmic Latin artists radiate good vibes.

ACOUSTIC

The cozy **Cactus Cafe** has been a University of Texas fixture since 1979. Spot soon-to-be-greats at this casual 150-seat listening room.

An estimated 30,000 performances have graced the stage at **The Saxon Pub** since 1990. Bands start at happy hour and go late nearly every night.

Home to nonprofit Austin Classical Guitar, **The Rosette** highlights local and international guitar music. The theater's warm acoustics enhance everything from folk tunes to flamenco.



COUNTRY/AMERICANA

The Texas country acts at hip honky-tonk **The White Horse** draw a faithful crowd. Come early for two-step lessons Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Once a chapel, **The Little Longhorn Saloon** still boasts a white steeple. But you're more likely to find twangy guitars than hymns in this tiny honky-tonk.

The Man in Black lives on at Johnny Cash-themed bar **Mean Eyed Cat**. Despite the name, it's a friendly gem with bluegrass, Americana and Cash tribute bands.

Boot scoot and two-step at **Broken Spoke**, Austin's oldest dance hall and a Texas Historic Landmark. If you're a newbie, take a quick dance lesson before the band starts.

Once a train station, **Donn's Depot** is now the place to move your caboose. This piano bar has been rockin' and rollin' for nearly 50 years.

At South Austin's **Sagebrush**, an indoor sunset evokes the open country of West Texas. Take to the roomy dance floor under an enormous vaulted ceiling.

DANCE

Climb to the rooftop of LGBTQ+ **Coconut Club** for DJ sets under the city skyline. Next door, sister club **Neon Grotto** hosts dance parties with a tropical vibe under the glow of neon lights.

Theme nights reign supreme at **Barbarella**, with weekly events like TuezGayz, '80s night and emo night. Adjoining venue **Swan Dive** rollicks with DJ sets, drag shows and creative artists in a sprawling warehouse.

Join the dancing at EDM club **Vulcan Gas Company** or watch the action from the second-floor mezzanine. With two bars and a roof terrace, there's space here to spread out.

Elysium Nightclub is an alternative enclave. With industrial DJs, bands that defy classification and the annual goth prom, this is where misfits fit right in.

Parties go late at **Kingdom**, a weekend-only club with shows until 4 a.m. Look for the red door in the alley to find high-energy EDM and vivid light displays.

With an 18,000-square-foot main room and an adjoining field, **The Concourse Project** is one of Austin's largest dance venues for house, EDM, techno and more.



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Franklin Barbecue

Essential Austin Dining

From James Beard Award winners to iconic Tex-Mex joints, Austin's vibrant dining scene spans luxe, laid-back and everything in between.

CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED

Top Chef winner and host Kristen Kish puts a playful twist on upscale Texas fare at **Arlo Grey**, a sleek, modern space with lake views. James Beard Award (JBA) Best Chef: Texas nominee Fermín Núñez showcases fresh seafood, Mexican-style cuisine and rustic charcoal cooking, paired with coastal-inspired cocktails, at **Este**.

At **Emmer & Rye**, JBA finalist Kevin Fink focuses on heirloom grains and handmade pastas. The *cacio e pepe* is a local legend. Fink's upscale **Hestia** spotlights live-fire cooking, with dishes finished on a 20-foot open hearth. Stop by **Hestia Bar** for classic martinis and the raw bar.

At **Comedor**, *Texas Monthly's* 2020 Best New Restaurant, you'll find modern Mexican dishes like dry-aged ribeye with chilhuacle negro butter, plus plenty of mezcals and tequilas. Feast on modern Southern cuisine and perfect flaky biscuits at **Olamaie**. This inviting house-turned-restaurant boasts *Food & Wine's* Best New Chef nod and multiple JBA nominations. **El Naranjo** offers authentic Mexican cuisine like rich moles and heirloom corn tortillas,



thanks to JBA Best Chef: Texas winner Iliana de la Vega.

JBA-nominated chef Damien Brockway of food truck **Distant Relatives** serves modern African American cuisine by way of barbecue. Try the pulled pork with tamarind molasses barbecue sauce. Fish is imported from Tokyo daily at sushi favorite **Uchi**, helmed by JBA Best Chef: Southwest winner Tyson Cole. Savor traditional nigiri and hot bites in this converted bungalow.

New Caribbean **Canje** takes inspiration from Guyana and nearby islands, with dishes like cod fritters with habanero and mango. Sip elevated rum cocktails at this 2022 *Eater* award winner, whose co-owner Tavel Bristol-Joseph was nominated for the 2024 JBA Best Chef: Texas. **Suerte's** traditional

Mexican dishes seem simple, but every seasonally driven plate delivers thanks to their JBA-nominated chef, Fermín Núñez. Be sure to try the suadero tacos.

Menus change daily at **Birdie's**, a counter service eatery from 2024 JBA Best Chef: Texas finalist Tracy Malechek-Ezekiel. Share European-inspired small plates and a bottle from their extensive wine list. Food truck **Con Todo** serves up pollo en mole and loaded nopalitos tacos, inspired by JBA-nominated chef Joseph Gomez's roots in the Rio Grande Valley.

JBA 2024 Best New Restaurant nominee and 2023 *Eater* award winner **Ramen del Barrio** combines tonkotsu pork broth, chewy noodles and slow-cooked carnitas for a unique Japanese-Mexican fusion.

The sandwiches at **Mum Foods Smokehouse & Delicatessen** are piled high with home-smoked brisket, sausage and turkey. Pair yours with matzo ball soup by chef Geoff Ellis, a 2024 Best Chef: Texas JBA nominee.

AUSTIN STAPLES

Joe's Bakery & Coffee Shop has been serving all-day Tex-Mex diner breakfast and sweet conchas since 1962, earning a 2023 James Beard America's Classics award. Even older is **Scholz Garten** (established 1866), with hearty German sausages and plenty of cold drafts in an old-fashioned beer hall.

You'll know you've reached **Franklin Barbecue** by the line outside. But the infamously tender brisket by JBA winner Aaron Franklin is worth the wait. Beloved barbecue truck **LeRoy & Lewis** has a new brick-and-mortar in South Austin, featuring pulled whole hog and weekend specials like Friday beef cheeks.

Watch the chefs at work in **Foreign & Domestic's** open kitchen. The European-inspired menu features farm-to-table, nose-to-tail seasonal fare from local farmers. The tortillas are

the stars at *Food & Wine* 2020 Best New Restaurant **Nixta Taqueria**. JBA Emerging Chef winner Edgar Rico serves duck carnitas tacos on house-made Oaxacan corn tortillas.

The rich pork broth and slurpable noodles at hip **Ramen Tatsuya** are true Japanese comfort food. Customize your bowl with nori or a flavor bomb. Everything's bigger at **Banger's Sausage House & Beer Garden**, with over 200 draft beers, hearty sausages and a whole-hog roast every Saturday.

A mainstay since 1952, **Matt's El Rancho** whips up delicious Tex-Mex in a colorful hacienda with a beautiful patio. Their Bob Armstrong Dip and margaritas are must-tries. Pick a platter of lean brisket, beef ribs or sausage at **The County Line Bar-B-Q**. Or order family style — the meat will keep coming until you've had your fill.

Veracruz All Natural food trucks whip up delicious street tacos with organic ingredients. Get a fresh-squeezed juice on the side for a vitamin boost. The Detroit-style pizzas at **Via 313** food trucks have thick, chewy dough made in rectangular steel pans — the perfect base for gooey cheese and smoked pepperoni.

WHAT'S NEW

NADC Burger's wagyu smashburger is the brainchild of a pro skater and Michelin chef. Get it at their brick-and-mortar on East Sixth or check out other locations around town.

All-day Italian cafe **Poeta** at **The Frances Modern Inn** is all about simple excellence. Think perfect al dente pasta and pillowy gnocchi in a cozy, old-school dining room.

Craft Omakase's 22-course seasonal tasting menu is a lesson in precision. Each bite highlights exceptional ingredients like delicate nigiri and dry-aged fish in a 12-seat dining room.

European bistro **Gina's on Congress** blends classic and contemporary, like smoked salmon dip with sea salt potato chips. Negroni lovers can choose from seven variations.

Explore Laotian American food at East Austin's **Lao'd Bar**. You'll find pulled pork steam buns and crispy fried rice, plus rice lagers and cocktails.

In the historic Littlefield Building, **Mexta** offers high-end, modern Mexican. Look for colorful dishes like the masa tetela with rich mole, pork belly cracklings and grilled avocado.

The shopping strip locale of **Endo** belies the meticulous 20-course omakase experience within. Traditional techniques like salt curing, dry aging and smoking highlight exceptional ingredients.

Casual bar and burger joint **Redbud Ice House** dishes American wagyu cheeseburgers and cold 18-oz. beers on an expansive patio with picnic tables.

Old-school American and Texan fare gets a fresh look at **The Statesman**, with wagyu strip steaks and decadent charcuterie. Press the champagne button for a bubbly delivery.

Mathew Peters, the first American chef to win the prestigious Bocuse d'Or international cooking competition, presents luxurious cocktails and canapés at high-end lounge **Prélude**. This is just the beginning — a full restaurant called **Maven** is due in 2025.





Zilker Brewing Company

Sit & Sip

Sunny Texas days call for tasty drinks like local craft beer, smooth spirits and artisan wines.

BREWERIES

Cold microbrews, hot pizza and local music combine at **The Austin Beer Garden Brewing Co.**'s spacious warehouse. Hophead favorite **Austin Beerworks** offers easy-drinking standard and seasonal brews, plus disc golf, at their new Sprinkle Valley location.

Try Austin's original craft beer at Belgian-style **Celis Brewery**. Outside, play cornhole and find food truck eats at **CTX Beer Garden**. A World War II-era machine shop retains its industrial vibe at **Central Machine Works**, serving traditional IPAs, lagers and elevated cocktails.

Jester King Brewery's 41-acre farm is a countryside getaway, with farmhouse beers, wood-fired pizza and playful goats. You'll find a mellow beer garden and hot chicken food truck **Spicy Boys** at both locations of **St. Elmo Brewing Co.**

At urban brewery **Zilker Brewing Company**, bring your pale ale to the patio and soak up East Austin cool. Hill Country destination **Vista Brewing** uses limestone-filtered water sourced on-site — perfect for a day relaxing under the live oaks.



C.L. Butaud

New spot **Fast Friends Brewing** embraces styles from hops to wheat to kettle sours in South Austin.

DISTILLERIES

The only saké distiller in the state, **Texas Saké Company** brews both classic and contemporary flavored sakés. Sample small-batch spirits over lazy-day lawn games at **Dripping Springs Distilling**.

Still Austin Whiskey Co. specializes in true Texas bourbon, made with 100% state-grown grains and a 42-foot column still. **Deep Eddy Vodka** was designed for Austin summers, with fresh flavors like peach, ruby red grapefruit and sweet tea.

The elegant tasting room, five-story rickhouse and sunset views make the whiskey taste even better at **Fierce Whiskers Distillery**. Mezcal fan? Then you'll love the sotol at Southwestern-chic **Desert**



Desert Door Distillery

Door Distillery, made from wild-harvested Texas sotol plants. At **Treaty Oak Distilling**, the 28-acre ranch boasts a music stage, whiskey tastings and Southern barbecue at **Alice's Restaurant**.

WINERIES

Don't miss the 100% Texas Tempranillo at award-winning **C.L. Butaud**, now located in the St. Elmo district. Nearby, **The Austin Winery** uses top Texas fruit in its bottles. Sip among the kegs in their urban tasting room.

Choose from dozens of self-pour wines on tap at **Wanderlust Wine Co.** Visit all three tasting room locations, including an underground wine cave speakeasy. **Wine for the People** in Fredericksburg highlights top boutique Texas wines. See *15 Central Texas & Hill Country Day Trips* at the back of this guide for more Hill Country wineries.



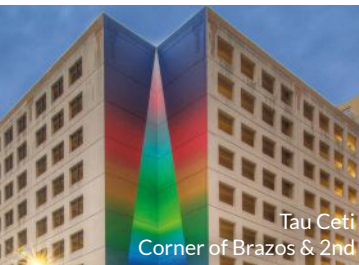
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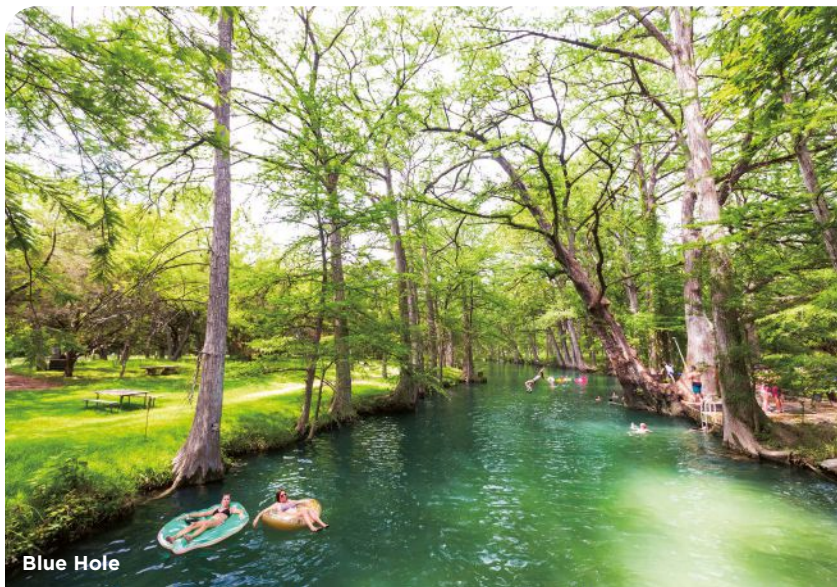


SWIMMING

In Zilker Park, **Barton Springs Pool** is an oasis in the middle of the city. Clear spring water feeds this 3-acre pool, keeping the temp a brisk 68° to 70° year-round. Cool off by day or take a moonlight swim under the glow of distant city lights (hours vary seasonally).

Discover more natural swimming spots:

- Blue Hole
- Deep Eddy Pool
- Krause Springs



HIKING

You'll find many of Austin's outdoor enthusiasts at the **Barton Creek Greenbelt**. This expansive urban green space is home to seasonal swimming holes and waterfalls, natural caves and scenic overlooks. Explore it all over 12+ miles of trails, from family-friendly routes to more challenging terrain like the steep Hill of Life.

Other places to lace up your hiking boots:

- **Pedernales Falls State Park**
(reservations suggested during peak season)
- **McKinney Falls State Park**
(reservations suggested during peak season)
- **Emma Long Metropolitan Park**

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**Lady Bird Johnson
Wildflower Center**



BIRDING

Bring your binoculars and field guide for a day of birding at **Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center**. This 284-acre natural area has been a home or waystation to 150 unique species of birds. Spot red-tailed hawks, downy woodpeckers and long-term resident Athena the Great Horned Owl among the wildflowers and native Texas trees.

Also spot winged wonders in these natural areas:

- ➔ **Mayfield Park and Nature Preserve**
- ➔ **Hornsby Bend Bird Observatory**
- ➔ **Milton Reimers Ranch Park**



BIKING

Pedal your cares away with a leisurely ride along the **Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail**. This 10-mile loop circles Lady Bird Lake, with dense greenery and water views right in the heart of Austin. Don't miss the 1.3-mile boardwalk stretching out over the water. Bikes are available for rent from local vendors.

Check out additional bike routes:

- ➔ **Violet Crown Trail**
- ➔ **Veloway at Circle C Ranch Metropolitan Park**
- ➔ **Southern Walnut Creek Trail**



**Ann and Roy Butler
Hike-and-Bike Trail**



BOATING & PADDLING

Look for sunning turtles, graceful egrets and flocks of ducks while boating on **Lady Bird Lake**. Float through the city with skyline views as a stunning backdrop. Rent kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddleboards and low-horsepower electric motorboats from lakeside vendors for a relaxing day on the water.

Soak up even more water fun:

- ➔ **Lake Travis**
- ➔ **Lake Austin**
- ➔ **Muleshoe Bend Recreation Area**



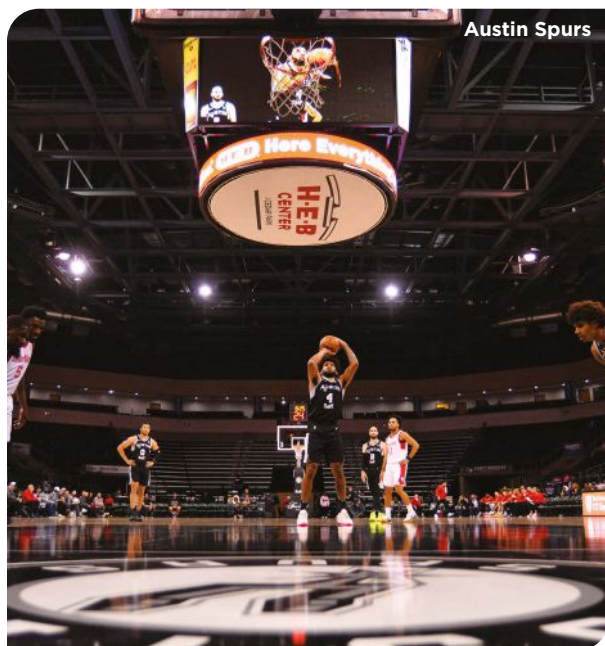
Lake Travis



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High-speed thrills and hold-your-breath action — from Formula 1 to football, Austin's sports scene is anything but ordinary.



Austin Spurs



Austin Marathon



Austin FC



Chant "alright, alright, alright" during an **Austin FC** soccer match at Q2 Stadium.

Co-owned by actor and local icon Matthew McConaughey, the city's first major sports team is uniquely Austin. Woman-owned **Austin Rise FC** also takes to the pitch with the Women's Premier Soccer League.



Each February, the city streets teem with competitors during the **Austin Marathon**. Test your mettle with the full or half-marathon. Or just cheer on the runners from the sidelines.



The 3.47-mile track at **Circuit of The Americas** is Austin's motorsport destination. Catch NASCAR at COTA (March), MotoGP Red Bull Grand Prix of the Americas (April), the Lone Star Le Mans (September) and Formula 1 United States Grand Prix (October). Earplugs recommended!



The original Austin sport? **Texas Longhorns** football. Start the party with a tailgate outside the stadium at The University of Texas at Austin. Then, head inside to join the sea of revelers decked out in burnt orange.



The **ATX Open** is the largest professional women's sporting event in the city. Watch world-class contenders go head-to-head for top honors in singles and doubles tennis.



Family fun is at bat at Dell Diamond, home of the **Round Rock Express** Minor League Baseball team, affiliate of the Texas Rangers. Look for the Fun Zone with a playscape featuring a bungee trampoline, theme nights and fireworks.



Watch a **LOVB Austin** pro volleyball match. Preseason games are set for November, with the regular season starting in January 2025.



Hit the ice with **Texas Stars** hockey, affiliate to the NHL's Dallas Stars. You'll find a spirited crowd of hockey fans at the 8,000-seat H-E-B Center.



Also at H-E-B Center, **Austin Spurs** basketball amps up the crowd. This two-time NBA G League champion team is an affiliate of the San Antonio Spurs.

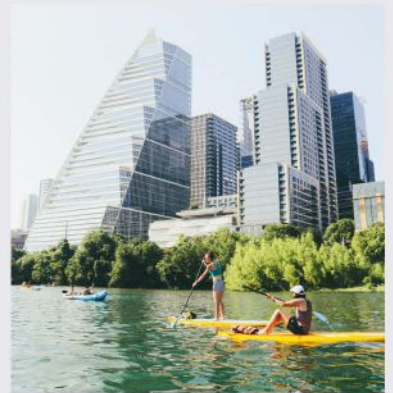


How about bull riding for a truly Texas sports experience? Professional bull riders the **Austin Gamblers** hang onto the back of a bucking beast for fame and glory.



The elbows are out at **Texas Roller Derby (TXRD)**, a seven-team league of women on wheels. Sport meets spectacle as they skate and scrap on a banked track.

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Explore Austin's diverse entertainment areas, where you'll find everything from hip shops and award-winning restaurants to cool live music venues, renowned museums and galleries, and stunning outdoor destinations.



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DOWNTOWN CONGRESS AVENUE

Busy locals and sightseeing visitors rub elbows on Congress Avenue. This hot spot of multicultural dining, compelling art and vibrant nightlife packs major buzz into 10 city blocks.

DINING

Hidden inside **Royal Blue Grocery**, **Wee's Cozy Kitchen** makes Malaysian comfort food like traditional nasi lemak chicken. Load up on classic brisket with vinegar sauce at **Cooper's Old Time Pit Bar-B-Que**.

Tacodeli's menu offers a variety of tacos, from barbaocoa to vegan sweet potato. Classy **Swift's Attic** presents creative small plates like bacon-wrapped apricots in a second-floor hideaway.

Satisfy everyone at upscale food hall **Fareground**, with four dining options and two bars. Grab a spicy margarita or espresso martini at outdoor bar and patio **Ellis**.

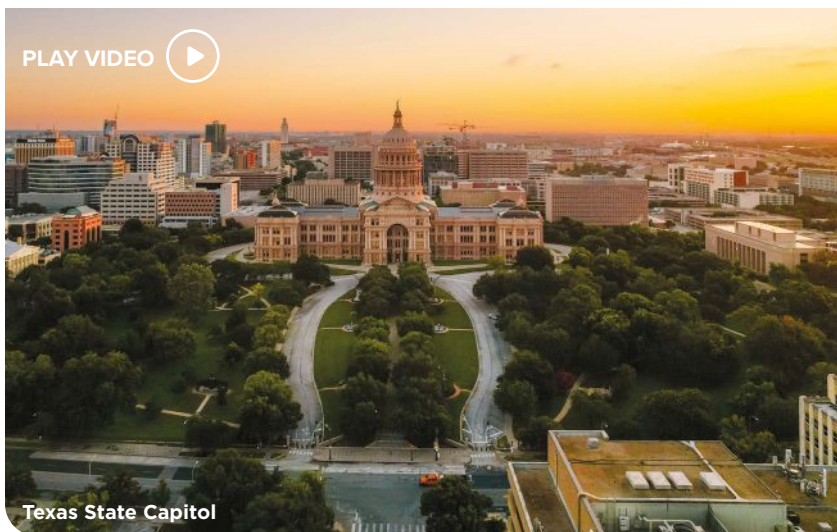
NIGHTLIFE

A night at **Speakeasy** means live music and DJs, bowling, pool and a rooftop patio. Beer aficionados will love **Mort Subite**, a Belgian beer bar with dozens of witbiers and saisons.

The classic cocktails at speakeasy **Small Victory** earned them a place among *Esquire's* 50 Best Martinis in America. Subterranean club **The Elephant Room** hosts nightly jazz in a brick-lined cellar.

A night at **Higher Ground** is a religious experience, with cocktails inspired by the seven deadly sins. Colorful disco cocktails at retro-themed **Saturn Cocktail Club** blend Day-Glo colors and premium ingredients.

Party without the hangover at alcohol-free **Sans Bar** with mocktails, music and trivia (open Friday nights only).



ATTRACTIONS

Explore the captivating world of modern art at **The Contemporary Austin – Jones Center: Mexic-Arte Museum** highlights Mexican and Latin artists, and hosts an annual Día de los Muertos celebration.

Tour the **Texas State Capitol** — it's the biggest capitol building in the country. Walk the winding paths of **Waterloo Park** and catch a show at its 5,000-seat **Moody Amphitheater**.

OUTDOORS

Lady Bird Lake brings calm to the commotion of the city with canoeing and stand-up paddleboarding. Walk

and talk on the **Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail** circling the lake. Stop on the **Congress Avenue Bridge** to watch 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats emerge at sunset from spring through fall.

INSIDER TIP

Early-1900s venues **The Paramount Theatre** and adjoining **State Theatre** still anchor Congress Avenue. See comedy shows, live music and film screenings at these elegant icons.

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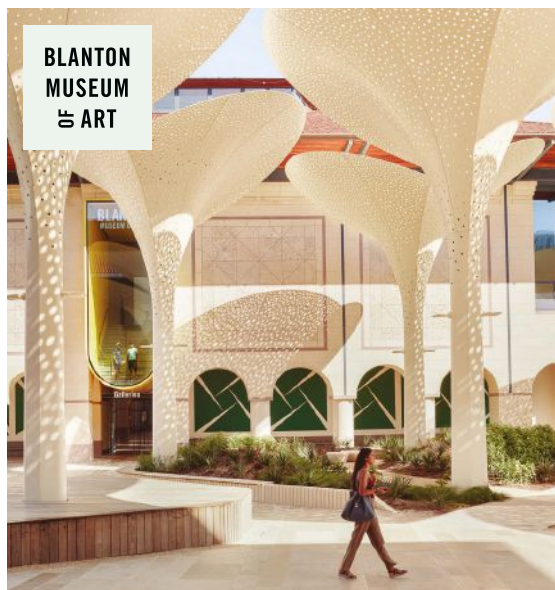
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DOWNTOWN RAINEY STREET

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DINING

The casual **Tómalto Taqueria** specializes in tacos, along with grilled fish and vegetables. Quench your thirst with a mezcal cocktail. Enjoy dinner with a show at **Geraldine's** at **Hotel Van Zandt**, featuring live music nightly. Dig into a Texas-style, dry-aged cowboy steak under stunning arched ceiling beams.

Menus change daily at farm-forward **Emmer & Rye**. Look for pillowy handmade French ravioli or broad pappardelle ribbons. Tropical **Anthem** serves a mash-up of Latin, Asian and Texas flavors, like honey sriracha popcorn chicken with a Hong Kong waffle and white shoyu gravy.

Find classic kielbasa, spicy drunk chicken and even vegetarian sausages at **Banger's Sausage House & Beer Garden**. Pick a beer from 200+ drafts and relax on the timber porch. There are only two options at **NADC Burger** inside **Idle Hands** — a 100% Texas wagyu smashburger and a side of fries, each done to impeccable cooking standards.

Start or end your night at **Salvation Pizza**, open until 2 a.m. on weekends. Their crispy thin crust holds up to toppings like truffles, spinach and mushrooms.

NIGHTLIFE

Cozy bungalow **Half Step** whips up modern takes on classic cocktails. They're serious about ice, using house-filtered water in their giant cubes or crushed ice. Outside, food truck **Little Lucy's**



Anthem



PLAY VIDEO



Mini Donuts fries doughy treats with flavors like blueberry and lemongrass.

The vibes are relaxed at **Lucille Patio Lounge** with shaded hammocks, oversized lawn games and fresh cocktails made with Texas spirits. “Here, everything is good” boasts a neon sign (in French) at **Lustre Pearl**. Play ping-pong outside or climb to the rooftop for downtown views. **Clive Bar**’s personality changes from day to night. Sip a refreshing paloma on the sunny rooftop or hit the dance floor after dark.

Icenhauer’s pulses with weekly entertainment, from live band karaoke to high-energy cover bands to resident DJs. House-made liquor infusions make their cocktails pop. You never know what you’ll find at “party closet”

Little Brother Bar — an unannounced punk show, a speedwalking competition or a smashburger pop-up.

The cocktails are light and bright at **Augustine**, made from fresh juices and local spirits for low-sugar goodness in an 1889 bungalow. Trendy **Parlor Room** welcomes live bands and genre-crossing DJ residencies to make every weekend a party. People watch on the front patio or hit the dance floor out back.

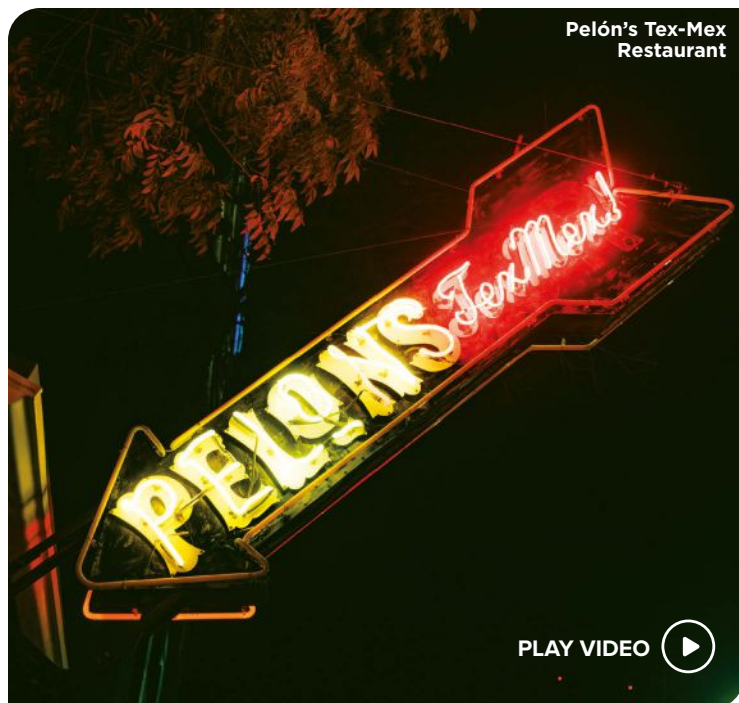
For a taste of island life on Rainey Street, head to **Idle Hands**. Their Caribbean-inspired cocktails and frozen drinks feature flavors like guava, grapefruit and pineapple. Old-fashioned shuffleboard gets the nightlife treatment at **Electric Shuffle**. High-tech tables keep score while you savor a frozen Aperol spritz.

EXPERIENCE AUSTIN’S LATIN CULTURE

Walk the **Tejano Trails** to visit 20+ cultural sites, including the newly renovated **Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center** (MACC), reopening in 2025. On-site theater **Teatro Vivo** produces Latin plays and performances. The **Rancho Alegre Conjunto Music Festival** highlights Tejano and conjunto artists. Browse pop-up market **Frida Friday ATX**, centered on women of color creators. Music and dance shine at the **Puerto Rican Cultural Center**. Go to visitaustin.org/corazon for more ideas.

**Banger’s Sausage House
& Beer Garden**





DOWNTOWN

RED RIVER CULTURAL DISTRICT

Austin's soundtrack plays on in the Red River Cultural District. Discover live bands of all genres and energetic dance parties in this electrifying musical neighborhood.

DINING

Fuel up before the show. At Asian fusion **Koriente**, dishes are lighter — try the Mixmix Bibimbap packed with veggies. Dine in at New York-style **Hoboken Pie**, or grab a foldable slice to-go at their walk-up window.

Moonshine Patio Bar & Grill serves Southern comfort food and a buffet brunch inside an 1850s dry goods store. In the stone cellar, sip fine spirits and premium cocktails at **Kinfolk Lounge & Library**.

Pelón's Tex-Mex Restaurant ticks every box with carnitas enchiladas, margarita flights and a beautiful multilevel patio. Next door, try classic cocktails with a mezcal twist at **Bar 508 Mezcalerita**, like the Oaxaca old fashioned. And get flame-seared al pastor or pulled chicken tinga tacos on house-made tortillas from **Vaquero Taquero**.

LIVE MUSIC & NIGHTLIFE

Barbecue joint/music venue **Stubb's Bar-B-Q** can fit up to 2,500 people in its outdoor amphitheater. Rock club **Mohawk** has two stages, three bars and a roof deck that overlooks the district.

A large garage door lifts to merge the indoors and outdoors at three-stage **Empire Control Room & Garage**. Creativity reigns at **Swan Dive**, home to burlesque, drag, comedy and performance art of all stripes.

Counterculture oasis **Elysium Nightclub** has been a welcoming haven for genre-defying artists



Lord Friday the 13th at
Hot Summer Nights



Vaquero Taquero



Mala Vida

since 2001. At **Cheer Up Charlies**, pop culture theme parties, drag shows and LGBTQ+ performances make everyone feel welcome.

Topping best dance club lists since 2009, **Barbarella** parties like TuezGayz and Y2K night are always packed. Three dance floors pulse with perreo under a neon glow at Latin club **Mala Vida**.

Comedy club **The Creek & The Cave** spotlights big names and aspiring comics from an intimate stage. Diminutive **Chess Club** brings epic energy with bands from folk to thrash, plus tasty affordable cocktails. Inspired by Austin's 1970s psychedelic scene, rock club **The 13th Floor** keeps the local nightlife culture alive and well.

INSIDER TIP

Each July, Red River comes together to host **Hot Summer Nights**, a free three-day music festival. Explore the district's top venues and support 100+ local and national artists.

DOWNTOWN SECOND STREET

Walk the tree-lined sidewalks of Second Street for boutique shopping, margarita-ready patios and one of Austin's favorite live music venues — all within a few city blocks.

DINING

Mexican is on the menu! At contemporary **La Condesa**, sample a massive tequila selection and Mexico City-style small plates like bluefin tuna crudo. The fresh flavors of **ATX Cocina** are meant to be shared — try the short rib with smoky mole coloradito.

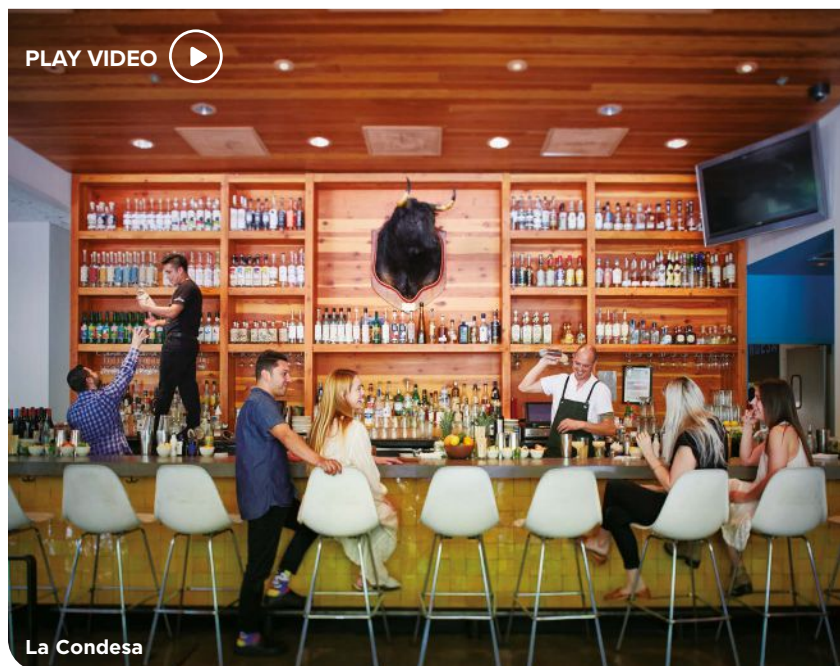
On **Austin Proper Hotel's** fifth floor, poolside **La Piscina** dishes Gulf seafood and six types of fajitas. Visit the **Polvos** patio in the trees for ceviche and tamales, flautas and enchiladas, plus frozen margs.

Barbecue goes bougie at upscale-rustic **Lamberts**. Devour slow-smoked pork ribs with aji amarillo, plus sample one of 50+ whiskeys. The walk-up window at **Jo's Coffee** serves cold brew to-go. Or sit inside the light-filled cafe and dine on breakfast tacos.

Classy neighborhood diner **Bill's Oyster** wows with fresh oysters, caviar and seafood towers, plus New Orleans-inspired cocktails. Enjoy sustainable seafood or energizing cold-pressed juices at farm-to-table **The Well**, with boho-chic vibes. At modern Chinese **RedFarm**, feast on creative dim sum and updated classics — the Peking duck is a standout.

SHOPPING

Window shop the **2ND Street District** boutiques overflowing with uniquely Austin finds. Browse Tito's Vodka merch at the **Love, Tito's** souvenir shop, including apparel, barware and pup products (no vodka sold here!).



Look for music-themed art and band T-shirts for adults and kids at **Austin Rocks!** to get concert-ready. Jewelry boutique **Eliza Page** curates luxurious pieces by skilled artisans and creates their own designs, including engagement rings.

Imagination station **Toy Joy** overflows with educational games and science kits, stuffed animals and offbeat collectibles. Stock up on eats at **Royal Blue Grocery**.

Get grab-and-go snacks, fresh produce, and beer and wine.

Upgrade your closet at **Second Street Boutique**, featuring local and Texas designers along with home decor and gifts. Footwear micro-chain **Sneaker Politics** keeps feet looking fierce. Check out the athletic and stylish kicks, including hard-to-find styles.



INSIDER TIP

Soak up music culture with eclectic concerts ranging from Olivia Rodrigo to Ringo Starr at **ACL Live at The Moody Theater**. Famed television show **Austin City Limits** celebrates 50 years in 2024; enter the lottery for a chance to attend a free taping. The 90-minute **ACL Live Venue Tour** takes you behind the scenes of the music show, with iconic photography and memorable stories.



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DOWNTOWN SIXTH STREET

However you like to let loose, historic Sixth Street is the place to do it. High-energy nightclubs, secret speakeasies and no-holds-barred comedy clubs make this an entertainment epicenter.

DINING

Come hungry to dive bar **Casino El Camino**, where a punk rock soundtrack accompanies Angus beef burgers. People watch from the rooftop patio at **Iron Cactus**, serving up inventive Tex-Mex like Mexican meatloaf and Southwest paella, along with more than 100 tequilas.

Gastropub **Parkside** is back after an 18-month renovation. Drop by on Oyster & Bubbles Wednesday for half-price oysters and champagne. Around the back, sister restaurant **the backspace** cooks perfectly crisp Neapolitan pizzas on a wood-fired oven.

As Downtown Austin's only brewery, **Central District Brewing** brews up variety. Sip sours, stouts and IPAs in their modern industrial space.

NIGHTLIFE

The Driskill hotel has held court on Sixth Street since 1886. Inside, **The Driskill Bar** is old-school Texas, with gleaming wood, leather armchairs and an extensive whiskey selection.

Maggie Mae's is a sprawling nightlife destination with five bars, three stages and a rooftop deck. Dance to salsa, Latin and reggaeton music at **Cielo Nightclub**, where neon lights energize the dance floor. Iconic blues venue **Antone's Nightclub** has welcomed legends like B.B. King and Ray Charles, plus fostered new talent on their way to greatness.

Soak up the positive energy at eclectic **Flamingo Cantina**, where live bands play Latin, reggae, ska and world beats. At Oaxaca-style





Central District Brewing



Flamingo Cantina

bar **Las Perlas**, choose from over 400 small-batch tequilas, mezcals and sotols. Grab slow-cooked pork carnitas tacos from the **Asador Tacos** food truck to accompany your flight.

The nation's longest-running musical revue is **Esther's Follies**, an ever-changing variety show of comedy, magic and music. At Irish pub **The Dead Rabbit** enjoy properly poured Guinness, Irish coffee and plenty of Irish whiskey.

Inside the historic Ritz building, **Comedy Mothership** hosts big name and up-and-coming comedians. Catch more comedy at **Vulcan Gas Company**, plus occasional EDM shows and dance parties, in sleek industrial digs.

Can you find these Sixth Street speakeasies? Enter former brothel **Midnight Cowboy** under the red light for adventurous creations like dragon tea-infused tequila. Reservations required! To find **Firehouse Lounge**, move the sliding bookcase in the hostel lobby to reveal an Old World-meets-Austin scene.

In an alley, unmarked purple doors guard **Eden Cocktail Room**. You'll lose track of time in this dimly lit space over botanical-forward drinks. Enter the code to access reservation-only **Here Nor There**. Once you're inside, you'll discover an intimate basement bar with handcrafted seasonal cocktails.

INSIDER TIP

Browse oddities and curios at the **Museum of the Weird**, dedicated to all things strange. Look for real shrunken heads, mummies, movie memorabilia, and unusual taxidermy like the legendary Fiji mermaid. Take your time — there are treasures and ephemera in every corner.



Hestia

DOWNTOWN WAREHOUSE DISTRICT

Once an industrial zone, the Warehouse District is now a place to play. Get ready for an all-night celebration thanks to upscale dining, lively cocktail bars and LGBTQ+ nightclubs.

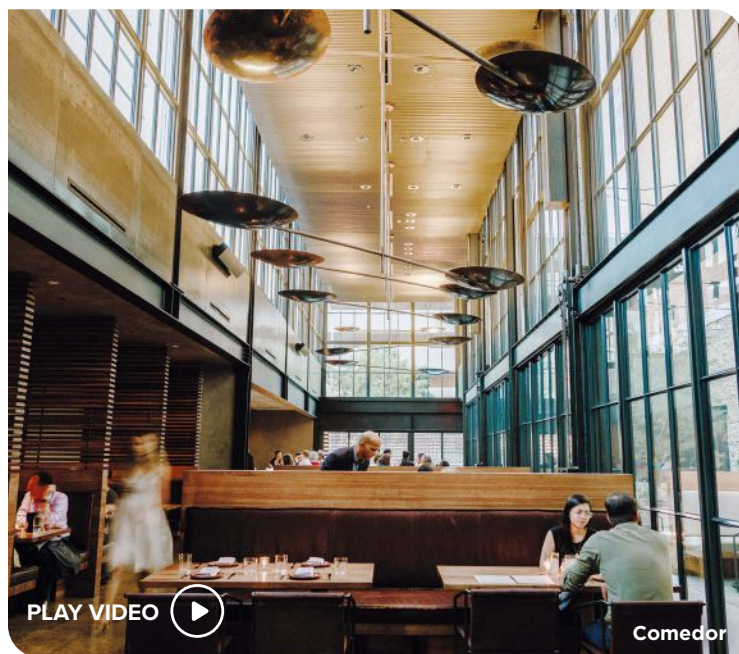
DINING

Pasta is handmade daily at Italian **Red Ash**, but dry-aged steaks finished on a wood-fired grill are an even bigger draw. Snack on French comfort food at Parisian-chic **Péché**, and be sure to sample an herbal absinthe from their extensive menu.

At **Hestia**, the chefs finish nearly everything from Texas wayu to crisped cabbage on a 20-foot open flame hearth. The new **Hestia Bar** offers elevated bites plus luxurious cocktails. Try the Hestia martini — dry gin with house-made beef aminos.

Overlooking the seventh-floor pool of **Hotel ZaZa**, **Group Therapy** dazzles with elegant chandeliers and unique art. The red wine-braised short ribs are a standout. At modern Mexican **Comedor**, pair the bone marrow tacos with a smoky mezcal cocktail under enormous industrial windows.

The dishes at inviting **Ember Kitchen** are cooked in a special charcoal oven, leaving entrees like the orange-and-guajillo chicken juicy and tender. Downstairs, **Subterra Agave Bar** reimagines classic cocktails with Latin spirits. Try the mai tai with charanda, a Mexican sugar cane spirit.



PLAY VIDEO



Comedor

TOP TO BOTTOM: HESTIA; JULIE COPE; AUSTIN ATHERTON



Oilcan Harry's

LGBTQ+-FRIENDLY CLUBS

Catch drag shows and theme nights at oversized **Highland Lounge**. Popular spot **Rain on 4th** is one of *Esquire's* Best Gay Bars in America (2023). **Oilcan Harry's** dance floor has shimmered since 1990. Hit the laser-lit party at **Coconut Club**, or pop next door to fluorescent **Neon Grotto**. **The Iron Bear** welcomes all with a burger and a beer. Find more ideas at visitaustin.org/lgbtq

NIGHTLIFE

Trendy social lounge **Estelle's** eschews minimalism for bold prints and vibrant colors. Savor a matcha martini on the intimate first floor, or head upstairs for DJs and dancing. At **The Roosevelt Room**, sip your way through drinking eras, from the late-19th century to today. Creative presentations are part of the fun.

The events at **The Courtyard ATX** range from rock bands to drag shows, emo night to DJ sets, all in a covered courtyard.

INSIDER TIP

Each Saturday, browse the stalls of fresh produce, pasture-raised meat, artisan spreads and baked goods at **SFC Farmers' Market Downtown** in Republic Square. Food booths and live music make it a festival!

► Around Town: **Downtown/Warehouse District**

The Roosevelt Room



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DOWNTOWN **WEST SIXTH STREET**

Upscale dining and global cuisines. Hidden speakeasies and cozy dives. High-end galleries and hip independent shops. It all comes together in this one eclectic neighborhood.

DINING

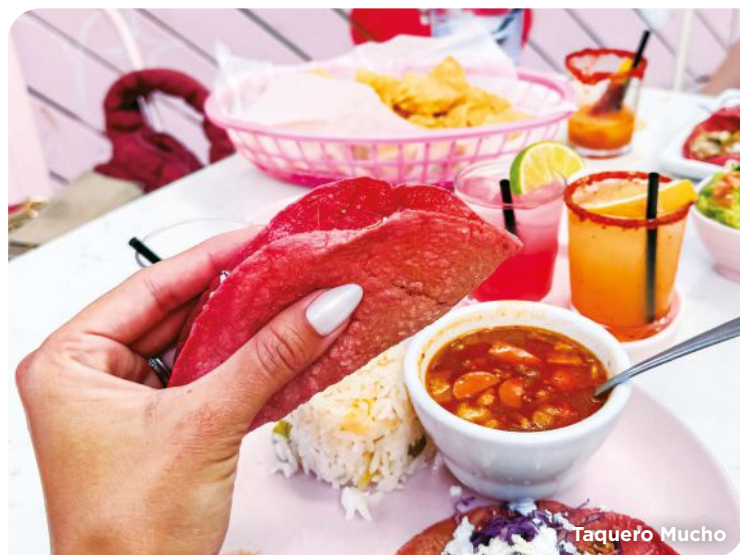
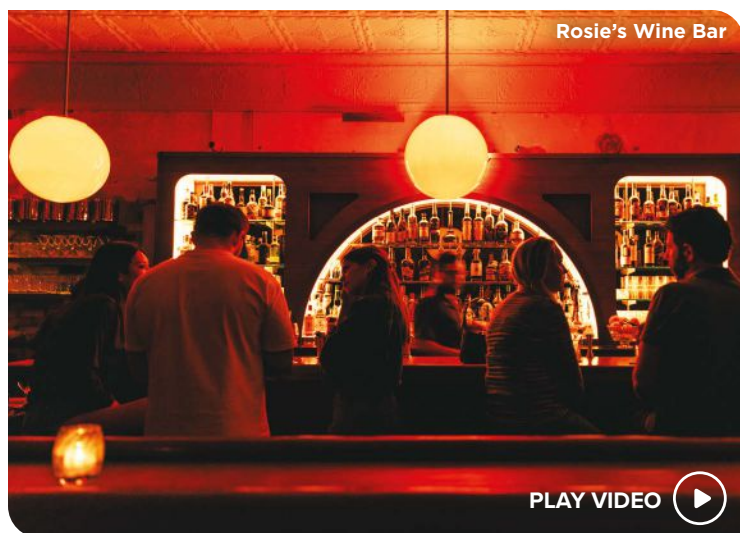
Bask in the warm hospitality at **Fixe Southern House**, with hearty heritage pork chops and perfectly flaky biscuits. The all-day breakfast at 1950s-style **24 Diner** boasts golden eggs and veggie options. Enjoy brunch with a pitcher of sangria in the open-air courtyard at **Verbena**, located on the ground level of the **Canopy by Hilton Austin Downtown**.

TenTen's modern Japanese menu includes fresh sushi and sashimi, plus meats grilled over hot charcoal. Explore all eight traditional Chinese food traditions at **Wu Chow**, from Anhui to Zhejiang.

Get Tex-Mex favorites at casual **El Arroyo**. The famous and funny marquee out front changes daily. Don't miss the soup dumplings at **Lin Asian Bar + Dim Sum**, filled with rich broth and savory pork.

Whether raw or cooked, the seafood at **Clark's Oyster Bar** goes best with bubbles. Opulent **J. Carver's Oyster Bar & Chop House** fires up wood-grilled steaks and succulent seafood.

The vibes at **Taquero Mucho** are all pink — from the dining room to cocktails to tortillas. Sit at the counter of **Garbo's on Lamar** to order your lobster roll Connecticut or Maine style. Seasonal **Pecan Square Cafe** combines California, Texas and Mediterranean flavors in warm wood surroundings.



INSIDER TIP

Charming doesn't begin to describe **Walton's Fancy & Staple**, a combination bakery, flower shop and deli. Grab a table to dine on challah French toast or a fresh caprese sandwich, and don't skip the macarons. Then, browse gifts like candles and house plants in the brick-walled bistro.

NIGHTLIFE

West Sixth Street fixture **Star Bar** is a game day destination, with 14 TVs and two patios. Folks **Rustic Tap** brings cold beer and hot music to the neighborhood nightly.

Grab a seat on the shady patio at friendly **Mean Eyed Cat** for refreshing cocktails. Cocktails

meet concrete at **Garage**, a luxe speakeasy tucked into a parking garage.

Sip morning coffee and unique post-work cocktails at pretty all-day cafe **Better Half Coffee & Cocktails**. Next door, sample the IPAs and lagers at **Hold Out Brewing** inside a refurbished Quonset hut.

Savory tacos and Asian-inspired eats pair with zesty cocktails at inviting **Bar Peached**. Narrow neighborhood dive **Dirty Bill's** has club energy with a fraction of the space.

Live jazz and R&B set the mood at swanky underground **Devil May Care**. West Texas disco **Wiggle Room** blends a retro vibe with live music and DJ sets.

Sip whiskey and snack on a Chicago dog at upscale neighborhood pub **Howards Bar and Club**. Out back, relax with natural wines and European small bites on the welcoming patio at **Rosie's Wine Bar**.

SHOPPING

Grab a coffee at **BookPeople**, Texas' largest independent bookstore, and stick around for an author reading. Luxe boutique **ByGeorge** offers premium men's and women's apparel, as well as jewelry and home decor.

Find new releases and used LPs at **Waterloo Records**. You may catch an in-store performance. Go beyond groceries at **Whole Foods Market** flagship — enjoy sushi, a casual bar and frequent live music.

Historic Clarksville is a gallery goldmine. **Lotus Gallery** highlights Asian art and antiquities from centuries past. At **West Chelsea Contemporary**, browse museum-style exhibits from major names to emerging artists. An elegant old house is home to **Stephen L. Clark Gallery**, specializing in fine art photography and collages. And the **Wally Workman Gallery** supports a variety of dynamic artists in multiple media.



CENTRAL AUSTIN

Funky boutiques, relaxed eateries and historic music venues — plus the melting pot of The University of Texas at Austin campus — make Central Austin one of the city's most culturally-forward districts.

DINING

Dig into hefty beef ribs or tender brisket at **Stiles Switch BBQ**. It's always 1971 at old-school carhop **Top Notch**, with char-broiled burgers and milkshakes.

Casual Japanese **Komé Sushi Kitchen** slices up authentic sushi and perfect bento boxes. Rustic-chic **Barley Swine** works with local farmers to keep their rotating dishes fresh.

Savor Interior Mexican cuisine (and excellent tres leches) at elegant hacienda **Fonda San Miguel**. Feast under greenery at **Lutie's Garden Restaurant**, with colorful dishes and delicate seafood.

Quaint French bistro **épicerie** dishes a daily quiche and fluffy beignets. **Bird Bird Biscuit's** crispy fried chicken and flaky buttermilk biscuits top local best-of lists.

Scoop up traditional spiced doro wot with pillowy injera at **Aster's Ethiopian Restaurant**. The flapjacks at **JP's Pancake Company** can be a sweet or savory treat.

Garden cafe **Tiny Boxwoods** whips up fresh fare like bright panzanella salads. Order chewy chocolate chip cookies from walk-up **Tiny's Milk and Cookies**.

Greek **Yamas** is a Mediterranean spot with fresh seafood and traditional moussaka. **Les Bobos Crepes** are stuffed with gruyere or Nutella, then wrapped for easy eating.

Comfort food goes meat-free at **Arlo's Curbside** food truck, located at **The Ballroom at Spider House**, with bites like the popular Bac'n Cheeze Burger.



Neill-Cochran House Museum



Moody Center

NIGHTLIFE

Live music venue **Hole in the Wall** is a laid-back dive for laid-back nights. Two-step at **The Little Longhorn Saloon**, or test your luck with **Chicken Sh*t Bingo** hosted every Sunday.

Easy Tiger at The Linc pours Texas drafts in a sprawling beer garden. Bring your favorite tabletop game to **Vigilante Gastropub & Games** for pub fare and themed cocktails.

Every day is Christmas at **Lala's Little Nugget**, with festive lights and holiday decor. Whimsical **Carousel Lounge** sports circus-themed murals and a very pink elephant.

Hopfields is casual yet elevated, with craft beer and French wines in a welcoming brasserie. Catch world-

class musicians and comedy stars at the 15,000-capacity **Moody Center**.

ARTS

Get your culture fix at **The University of Texas at Austin (UT)**. **The Art Galleries at Black Studies** spotlight modern art from across the African diaspora. The **Harry Ransom Center** honors literary and visual creatives and how they work. Discover White House artifacts and memorabilia at the **LBJ Presidential Library & Museum**. The **Blanton Museum of Art** collection spans nearly 3,000 years of history. Outside, the **Butler Sound Gallery** loops audio of Texas sounds, like Austin's famous bats. See a T. rex skeleton at the



recently renovated **Texas Science & Natural History Museum**.

The **Neill-Cochran House Museum** contextualizes 19th-century life, with a main house and the intact quarters of formerly enslaved people. The castle-like **Elisabet Ney Museum** presents this remarkable sculptor's work in her former studio. At the **Bullock Texas State History Museum**, learn about the Lone Star State through hands-on exhibits and high-tech shows.

SHOPPING

Find retro treasures at **Room Service Vintage**, like housewares and mid-century furniture. Upgrade your closet at **Blue Velvet**, with vintage men's and women's styles.

Monkees Vintage and Thrift is effortlessly cool, with old band

and sports tees. Shop for original housewares and gifts from hundreds of Texas vendors at **Atown**.

Flip through new and used vinyl at **Breakaway Records**, from classic jazz to progressive rock. **Black Pearl Books** boosts underrepresented communities through books by and about diverse voices.

Life is brie-zy with **Antonelli's Cheese Shop's** curated selection of specialty cheeses. Get your fill with a tasting at their **Cheese House** event space.

Set the vibe with candles from **Slow North**, made with natural botanicals. And develop your green thumb at **Succulent Native**, selling plants galore.

Three businesses are housed in a refurbished mid-century post office. Grab organic produce at

Tiny Grocer before sitting down for traditional ratatouille at French bistro **Bureau de Poste**. Independent bookstore **First Light Books** offers coffee, pastries and wine to accompany your read.

INSIDER TIP

Austin Film Society (AFS) Cinema presents art flicks you won't find elsewhere. Look for DIY productions and small studio releases that push the boundaries of modern film at this two-screen theater.

EAST AUSTIN

Dynamic and ever-changing, East Austin is one of the city's most exciting neighborhoods. Culture runs deep here among the iconic eateries, diverse bars and historic landmarks.

DINING

Dessert first! Save room for ice cream sandwiches at **Wolf & Wheat**. Tel Aviv meets Texas at Israeli-inspired eatery **Ezov**. The pizzas are modern but the vibes are pure '80s at **Bambino**.

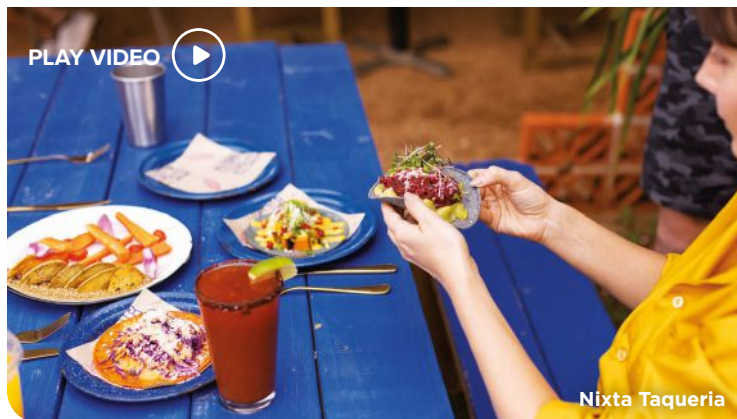
Southern kitchen **Hoover's Cooking** masters comfort food, like the classic meatloaf. One Don Juan breakfast taco at **Juan in a Million** is plenty.

Texas-style izakaya **Kemuri Tatsu-ya** pairs Asian brisket with saké and shochu. **Sour Duck Market's** scratch bread and smoked meat elevates their sandwiches.

New American cafe **Launderette** shines in a former laundromat. Try the pit-smoked mutton at **Sam's Bar-B-Que**, established in 1957.

Flavorful fajitas and a beach resort vibe make **Grizzelda's** feel like vacation. At Italian **Intero**, look for handmade pasta and farm-to-table sauces.

Sample coastal Mexican cuisine with the crispy whole fish at **Veracruz**



Fonda & Bar. Golden empanadas and traditional grilled meats make **Buenos Aires Cafe** a favorite.

No dairy? No problem. Everything at **Rebel Cheese** is plant-based. **Cuantos Tacos'** authentic Mexico City-style street tacos include buche and longaniza.

Taco truck **Discada** cooks beef, pork and aromatics in a cowboy wok. The tender brisket and specialty sandwiches at **Ia Barbecue** are standouts.

Cisco's has been dishing up huevos rancheros and more for 75 years. Neighborhood Italian spot **Il Brutto** does everything in-house, from pasta to limoncello.

Restaurant/butcher shop **Dai Due** is hyper-local, preserving seasonal ingredients. The wood-burning oven at **Bufalina** gives its Neapolitan pizza a perfect crust.

Franklin Barbecue is world-famous for its brisket, but the pork ribs also shine. **Nixta Taqueria** celebrates



EXPLORE AUSTIN'S BLACK CULTURAL DISTRICT

Six Square is Texas' first Black cultural district, paying homage to the history of the neighborhood. Explore Black Texas history at the **George Washington Carver Museum, Cultural and Genealogy Center**. The **African American Cultural and Heritage Facility** offers creative community events. Historic HBCU **Huston-Tillotson University** is Austin's oldest university. Guide Javier Wallace shares untold stories on **Black Austin Tours**. Or see historic sites on a self-guided **Black History Bike Ride**. Architecture meets history at the mid-century **Rogers-Washington Holy Cross Historic District**, that's been home to prominent Black Austinites. Go to visitaustin.org/soul for more ideas.

tortillas with house-made masa crafted from heirloom corn.

The macarons and mochi donuts at Asian American **OMG Squee** scream kawaii. **Colleen's Kitchen** is grandma-chic, with Southern favorites like shrimp and grits.

Uptown Sports Club serves po' boys and oysters in a NOLA-inspired space. Feast on fruit with an açai bowl at leafy **Community Garden**. Lounge on the **De Nada Cantina** patio with barbacoa tacos and frozen margs.

NIGHTLIFE

Mysterious **Trona** is a Oaxacan/Japanese speakeasy with genre-defying cocktails. New York-style **Murray's Tavern** serves familiar cocktails and hefty dinner portions.

Go on a quest at immersive fantasy tavern **The Tiny Minotaur**. Patio views overlook the Colorado River on the **Dainty Dillo** patio.

Casual Texas icehouse **Chalmers** has space to spread out. Stop by on a karaoke night or dance the weekend away at **Outer Heaven Disco Club**.

The Butterfly Bar @ The VORTEX is both butterfly garden and

cocktail bar. Get hand-pulled fettuccine from **Patrizi's** food truck while you're there.

Play pool with a blues and soul soundtrack at **The Skylark Lounge**. Hip honky-tonk **The White Horse** hosts live bands every night.

At the corner of 12th and Chicon streets, **King Bee** has a retro look and punchy frozen cocktails, while **Full Circle Bar** has cold local beer and Brewskee-Ball®.

Put your feet in the pool at Palm Springs-inspired **Kitty Cohen's**. The shared backyard at **Hotel Vegas** and **The Volstead** hosts music festivals and DJ sets.

African music and world beats pulse at **Sahara Lounge**. Get a cold beer with Tabasco at Tejano fixture **La Perla Bar**.

Share a bottle of natural wine on the airy patio at **LoLo Wine**. Rustic **Rick's Place** brews non-alcoholic beer for the sober-curious.

Sample South African wines in **Cape Bottle Room's** soothing space. Colorful and creative, the cocktails at **Lovebirds** have a romantic theme. The vibes are moody,

but the cocktails are playful, at speakeasy **Bosses Office**.

SHOPPING

Cultural center and bookstore **Red Salmon Arts/Casa de Resistencia Books** amplifies Latin and indigenous voices. Browse art and attend creative classes at Black-owned **RichesArt Gallery**. Shop home goods and mindful gifts at **Take Heart**.

Upgrade your closet with quality pieces from **Charm School Vintage**. Sip some bubbles while you peruse the shelves at **Vintage Bookstore & Wine Bar**.

ENTERTAINMENT

Learning and play go hand in hand at **Thinkery** children's museum. Watch a movie from your car at **Blue Starlite Mini Urban Drive-In**.

The productions at **Ground Floor Theatre** center on BIPOC and LGBTQ+ stories. Alternative comedy venue **ColdTowne Theater** welcomes irreverent satirists and improv shows. Play indoor mini-golf on 27 fun-filled holes at **Holey Moley Golf Club**.

INSIDER TIP

Colorful murals can be found everywhere in East Austin. "**Voyage to Soulsville**" by John Fisher traces Black identity. Felipe Garza/Arte Texas salutes Latino and Latina culture with works depicting iconic singer "**Selena**" and the card game "**La Lotería**." "**Let's Band Together**" by Federico Archuleta honors Austin's musical soul. The **Bolm Road** murals created by local artists highlight community and neighborhood pride.

Sour Duck Market





Thai-Kun



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Austin Beerworks

NORTH AUSTIN

Blending family-friendly neighborhoods and urban energy, North Austin is the best of both worlds. Find global food influences and eclectic experiences, plus bars, breweries and boutiques.

DINING

North Austin's food scene is casual, craveable and multicultural. At 12-seat omakase **Tare**, the intimate experience highlights seasonal ingredients. Try spicy panang or crab fried rice at street food spot **Thai-Kun**.

Beachy **Garbo's** dishes up buttery New England lobster rolls and frozen lemonade. Visit a different coast at **Simar Seafood Cocina** for Mexican ceviche and coconut shrimp.

The fragrant spices at **New Sitara Indian Cuisine** make the curries and tandooris unforgettable. Catch **Austin FC** on the big screen at **The Pitch**, with four unique food stands.

The handmade noodles and Chinese dumplings at **Julie's Noodles** get rave reviews (slurping encouraged!). Or head to **Andiamo Ristorante** for traditional Italian pasta with fresh oysters or wild-caught shrimp.

The food court at Korean supermarket **H Mart** serves sushi, Korean fried chicken and much more. At **Hana World Market**, get **Ramen del Barrio's** Mexican carnitas with chewy noodles and tonkotsu pork broth.

Customize your chicken wings at **Walnut Creek Pub** with a choice of sauce or dry rub. Kick back on the shaded patio at **Knotty Deck & Bar** for hearty American eats. Or head to longtime staple **Bartlett's** for their famous French dip.

SHOPPING

Open-air mall **The Arboretum** is a shopper's dream. Upgrade your cooking essentials at **Con'**

Olio with luxury olive oils and vinegars. Cheerful **Sugarboo & Co.** celebrates words with uplifting quotes on art, pillows and more.

Customize your space with modern pop art or vintage posters from **Ao5 Gallery**. And pop by **Juliet Italian Kitchen** for fettuccine and a glass of rosé.

The Domain and **Domain NORTHSIDE** are upscale shopping, dining and entertainment destinations. Sneaker shopping

is a party at **Kicking It ATX**, thanks to the full bar inside.

Choose candles, books and housewares from the curated collection at **Parker + Scott**. Keep chaos under control with a customizable planner from **Erin Condren**.

The heavy-duty coolers and tumblers at **YETI** are adventure-ready. Make your bracelet permanent at **Nina Berenato**, where they'll fuse the ends together in-store.

invites local talent and touring comedians to their snug stage.

Go brewery hopping! **Hopsquad Brewing Co.** pushes boundaries with new ingredients and techniques. Popular **Austin Beerworks** supplements their drinkable core beers with much-anticipated seasonal releases. Sample a dozen hard ciders at **Fairweather Cider Co.** and book time in their karaoke room.

ENTERTAINMENT

Play new and classic cabinet games at sprawling arcade **Pinballz** (it's BYOB). High-tech driving range **TopGolf** turns golf into a party, with a full bar and tasty pub food.

Learn the chants and support Major League Soccer team **Austin FC** at **Q2 Stadium**. At **The Dirdie Birdie**, an indoor mini-golf course features neon lights and Austin landmarks. The sensory twists and turns at the **Museum of Illusions** will blow your mind.

INSIDER TIP

Kids and adults alike go nutty for the **Museum of Ice Cream**. Wander through the tunnel of 1,000 bananas, "swim" in a pool full of sprinkles and take lots of photos throughout this pastel wonderland. You'll get unlimited ice cream along the way. At the end, you can purchase ice cream sundaes, milkshakes and boozy bevs for the cherry on top of your visit.

NIGHTLIFE

Domain NORTHSIDE's Rock Rose District is the area's go-to nightlife destination. Irish pub **Jack & Ginger's** dials things up with 82+ draft beers and soccer on TV. The multilevel deck at **77° Rooftop** is the place for breezy cocktails, dancing and hookah.

Indoor/outdoor barn venue **The Water Trough** welcomes frequent live music. **Wonder Bar** is all fun and games, with interactive installations and cheeky cocktails. **Cap City Comedy Club**



Museum of Illusions

SOUTH AUSTIN

Relax and stay a while. With acres of green space, laid-back backyard bars and inspiring live music venues, South Austin invites you to mellow out.

DINING

Try wood-grilled octopus and fresh ceviche at coastal Yucatan **Nômadé**. **Underdog** combines traditional Korean favorites with sustainable wines. **Mattie's** Southern fare and Victorian mansion setting will make you swoon. Balance Texan/Asian barbecue at **Loro** with their sweet, boozy slushies.

The meaty sandwiches at **Slab BBQ & Beer** are celebrity chef Guy Fieri-approved. Neighborhood spot **Buzz Mill** has it all — coffee, booze and food trucks. **Lick Honest Ice Creams** sources ethical ingredients for each unique flavor. Vegetarian **Bouldin Creek Cafe** serves all-day breakfast with bohemian style.

Evangeline Cafe's Cajun classics come with live zydeco music. **Plaza Colombian Coffee** dishes savory arepas and empanadas in colorful surroundings. Hip all-day spot **Radio Coffee & Beer** has a spacious patio plus three delectable food trucks: **DEE DEE Thai**, **Veracruz All Natural** and **Brisuits**.

Locals love the brisket tacos at Tex-Mex **Matt's El Rancho**. Fragrant spices make the veggies from **Taste of Ethiopia** stand out. Melbourne-based **Proud Mary** has a whole pour-over menu, plus Australian breakfasts.

NIGHTLIFE

The dog park at **Drifters Social Coffee & Cocktails** means everyone is invited. Next door, play pickleball (and get a post-game beer) at **PicklePub**. Throw axes or sip draft cocktails at spacious **Armadillo Den**. Catch music festivals and offbeat concerts at **The Far Out Lounge & Stage**.



Loro



Still Austin Whiskey Co.



Radio Coffee & Beer



Zilker Park

Play sand volleyball and enjoy live music at **Moontower Saloon**. All-day **Cosmic Coffee + Beer Garden** pours brews and booze in a garden patio. **Still Austin Whiskey Co.**'s bourbon is distilled on-site with Texas grains. **Come And Take It Live** spans genres with live music, films and art.

Iconic dance hall **Broken Spoke** features country bands and country dancing. Play backyard lawn games over a local beer at **The Little Darlin'**. **Meanwhile Brewing Co.** welcomes all with a soccer field, stage and playground. Hit the dance floor at roadhouse **Sagebrush**, featuring Americana and more.

Music at **The Saxon Pub** spans happy hour to late night. At mother/daughter-owned **Lulu's**, the craft cocktails are Mexican-inspired. Bring a quesabirria taco plate from **La Taquicardia** food truck to the upstairs patio.

SHOPPING

Shop the quirky boutiques of **South First Street**, like **Austin Art Garage** with unique prints and paintings by

local artists. Vintage shop **Devil's Details** overflows with quality jewelry and accessories. Find vintage Western boots and belts at **American Drifter**. Peruse charming home decor and pick up a pastry from the in-store cafe at **Maaribu**.

Savor wine and cheese at the new **Antonelli's Cheese** tasting room. Browse ephemera and housewares at **Uncommon Objects** antique mall. Or shop new and vintage vinyl treasures from **End of an Ear**.

ENTERTAINMENT

The prestigious **Long Center** is one of Austin's top venues. Enjoy classical pieces or pop concerts by the **Austin Symphony Orchestra**. Or watch the stars of **Ballet Austin** perform classic and contemporary works. Nationally recognized **ZACH Theatre** delights year after year with plays and musicals.

OUTDOORS

Austin gathers at **Zilker Park** for festivals and weekend events. Spring-fed **Barton Springs Pool**

is a year-round attraction for water fun. Wander the open-air art gallery of **UMLAUF Sculpture Garden + Museum**.

The **Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center** shows off the blooms of Central Texas. Kids love the creative playscape at **Alliance Children's Garden** in **Butler Park**.

Quirky **Peter Pan Mini-Golf** has been a family favorite since 1948. Put in a quick nine holes at **Butler Pitch and Putt**. Play pickleball or lawn games at **Bouldin Acres** drinkery and park.

INSIDER TIP

The "Greetings from Austin" mural is a postcard-perfect piece of local life, found around the corner from **Roadhouse Relics** on South First Street. Snap a selfie, then explore the shops and boutiques in this charming neighborhood.

SOUTH CONGRESS

Wander walkable South Congress (aka SoCo) to discover local boutiques and answer the call of live music. Then, retreat to a welcoming patio for cocktails and people watching.

DINING

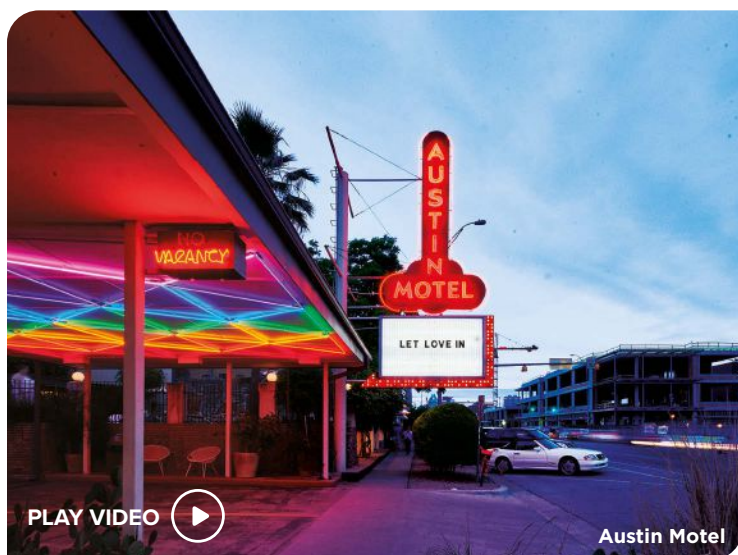
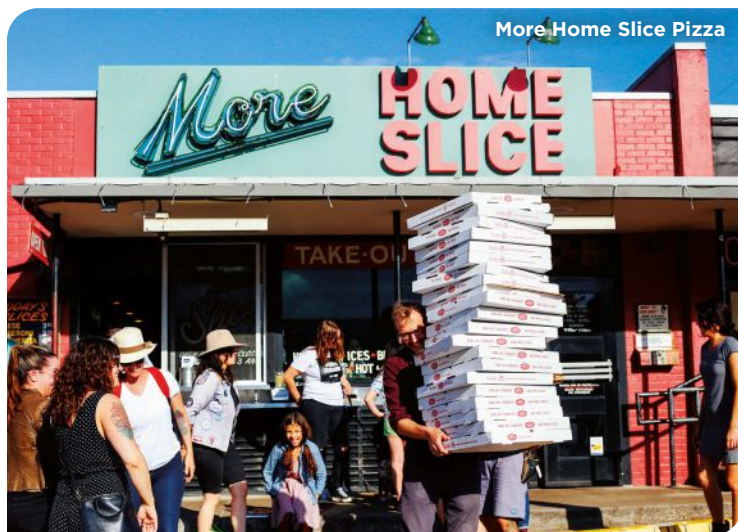
Hopdoddy Burger Bar's decadent burgers come topped with truffle mac or bacon jam. At **Gelato Paradiso**, the sweet treat is made fresh daily. Visit **South Congress Hotel** for all-day eats, from lattes and house-made pastries at **Mañana** to a veggie-packed brunch at sunny **Café No Sé** to prime steaks and CBD drinks at **Maie Day**.

Sit under a grass-thatched cabana for lechon asado at Cuban **Habana SoCo**. The beachy patio at **Perla's** is the ideal setting for coastal oysters and rosé. At the **Austin Motel**, **Joann's Fine Foods** is a chic Mexican American diner. Score a reservation at 12-seat omakase restaurant **Otoko** for a delicious and dramatic experience.

Order NYC-style pizza by the slice or go for a whole pie at **Home Slice Pizza**. **The Meteor** combines a modern cafe, sourdough pizzeria and wine bottle shop. **Aba's** romantic patio elevates mezze-style Mediterranean food even further. At **Chapulin Cantina**, scratch-made moles and fresh seafood bring Oaxacan cuisine to the street. Crunch into airy tempura and snow crab hand rolls at sleek **Neighborhood Sushi**.

NIGHTLIFE

Retreat to the courtyard lounge at **Hotel San José** for a frose amid lush Texas greenery. Catch rock, blues and country nightly at live music icon **The Continental Club**, and most nights at the second-floor **Continental Gallery**. Juke joint **C-Boy's Heart & Soul** warms things up with R&B and soul bands. Upstairs, **The**





Hotel San José



Allens Boots

Jade Room is inspired by 1950s Japanese American GI bars.

A jalapeño margarita at **Güero's Taco Bar** is the perfect accompaniment to free live music in the outdoor **Oak Garden**. Dive bar **White Tiger** keeps things light with an extensive shot list and Skee-Ball. At **Hotel Magdalena**, **Equipment Room** is a Japanese-inspired vinyl listening room and cocktail bar. Retro multiroom nightclub **Superstition** brings DJs and dance parties to SoCo. Don't miss **First Thursdays**, a free monthly block party with live local music and DJs, held at the **South Congress Hotel**.

SHOPPING

The shops of SoCo have something for everyone. Browse

the luxurious storefronts at **Music Lane**, with elegant home goods and quality apparel.

Look for Texas-made crafts at **Paper Work**, like art and home decor. Go bananas at **Monkey See, Monkey Do!** with quirky gifts and toys. Choose from 50+ syrups at **Big Top Candy Shop's** old-fashioned soda fountain.

Find the perfect kicks among the huge selection at famed **Allens Boots**. Pick up vegetable-tanned leather goods at **Noah Marion**, including wallets and belts. Finish your look with a custom-shaped topper from **Maufrais Hats**.

Letterpress PLAY is a paper paradise, with beautiful cards, paper art and crafts. Shop quirky local treasures like coasters, clothing and

INSIDER TIP

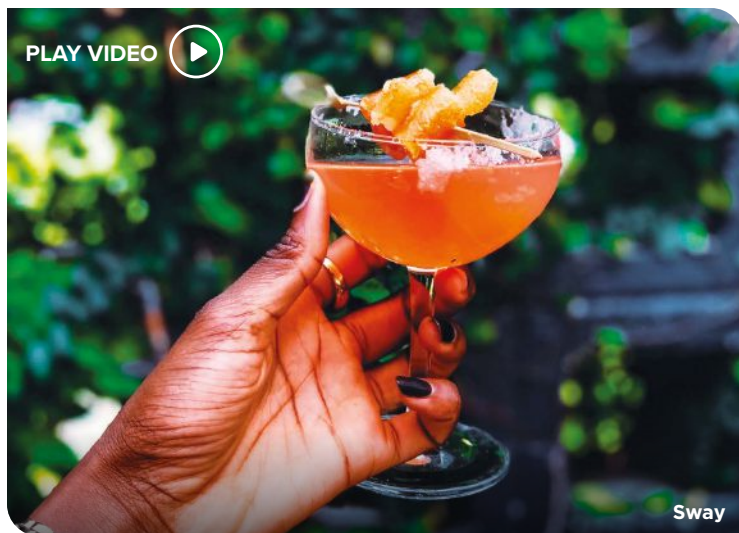
Perk up with a jolt from **Jo's Coffee**. And take a cute pic with the famous "I love you so much" mural around the corner.

mugs at **Prima Dora**. The Western boots at **Tecovas** are carefully handcrafted in Leon, Mexico.

Fine boutique **Prototype Vintage** curates pre-loved clothing for all (including kids). Get perfect layering necklaces at the **Kendra Scott** flagship store, and sip a sauvignon blanc from the on-site **Sips & Sweets Café** while you shop.



Deep Eddy Pool



PLAY VIDEO



Sway



Red Bud Isle

WEST AUSTIN & BEYOND

When Austinites want to get away, they head west. Explore wide-open spaces, scenic lakes and the rolling Texas Hill Country on a downtempo day trip.

DINING

The Tex-Mex at **Hula Hut** gets a Hawaiian twist, with a grass-roofed deck overlooking Lake Austin. At **The County Line on the Lake**, savor slow-smoked beef ribs and homemade bread while watching the turtles in Bull Creek.

Gastropub **The Beer Plant** dishes up 100% plant-based mac 'n' cheese and cowboy burgers, plus Texas beers. House-brewed pints, half-pound burgers and stunning sunset views over Lake Travis make **Oasis Texas Brewing Company** a must-visit.

Vibrant **Shore Raw Bar & Grill** highlights sustainable seafood with fresh oysters and Sha-Bang Shrimp — a play on a Gulf Coast shrimp boil. **Laurel Restaurant** combines Hill Country ease with Northern Italian fare like risotto and cacciatore.

The **Blind Salamander Kitchen & Bar** delivers savory surf and turf with panoramic Hill Country views. Or head to rooftop lounge **Meridian 98** in Bee Cave for tacos and flatbreads with Texas ingredients.

The colorful, modern Thai dishes at **Sway** are flavored with spicy chilis and fragrant herbs. The light and airy **Wayback Cafe** is a farm-to-table eatery with classic dishes like airline chicken.

Summery **Pool Burger** grills wagyu burgers and mixes tiki cocktails from a gleaming Airstream trailer next to **Deep Eddy Pool**. On the banks of Lake Austin, **Ski Shores Café** has been serving fried seafood baskets and ice cream treats since 1954.



Mexico City import **La Popular** at **Lantana Place** boasts elevated Mexican fare in a chic dining room with 80+ agave spirits. Dine on soup dumplings and dim sum under dozens of Chinese lanterns at **Ling Wu Asian Restaurant**.

ENTERTAINMENT

Visit the resident goats and sample award-winning farmhouse ales at **Jester King Brewery**, a combination farm/pizzeria/brewery. Find your new favorite vineyard at **Flo's Wine Bar & Bottle Shop**. Get a slice of cacio e pepe pizza from **Allday Pizza** to go with your glass of wine. Soak up the history at neighborhood joint **Deep Eddy Cabaret**, a beloved dive opened in 1951.

OUTDOORS

Spend a day on the water at **Lake Austin** with rental boats, jet skis, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards. **Deep Eddy Pool** is Texas' oldest man-made swimming spot, with chlorine-free water from the nearby cold springs.

Austin's largest water attraction is **Lake Travis**, where you can boat, fish and even scuba dive. Hike the rugged trails of the **Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve**, a safe habitat for endangered Golden-cheeked Warblers.

At **Mount Bonnell**, you'll climb over 100 stone steps to reach a stunning view of Lake Austin and the Pennybacker Bridge arches. Explore leafy **Red Bud Isle**, a 13-acre

island surrounded by the waters of the beautiful Colorado River.

Art is fun at **Bee Cave Sculpture Park**, with many fantastical creatures to discover, plus a play area and pond. Soar over trees and across the water at **Lake Travis Zipline Adventures**, the longest zipline in Texas.

INSIDER TIP

Perched on a hillside overlooking Lake Travis, **The Oasis** serves hearty Tex-Mex and tropical cocktails. Time it right to enjoy stunning sunset views over the water.

15 Central Texas & Hill Country DAY TRIPS

Shop and dine in quaint small towns, follow a scenic wine trail, sip locally brewed beers, set off on an outdoor adventure, tour historic landmarks, escape to a luxe spa and much more.

1. DRIPPING SPRINGS

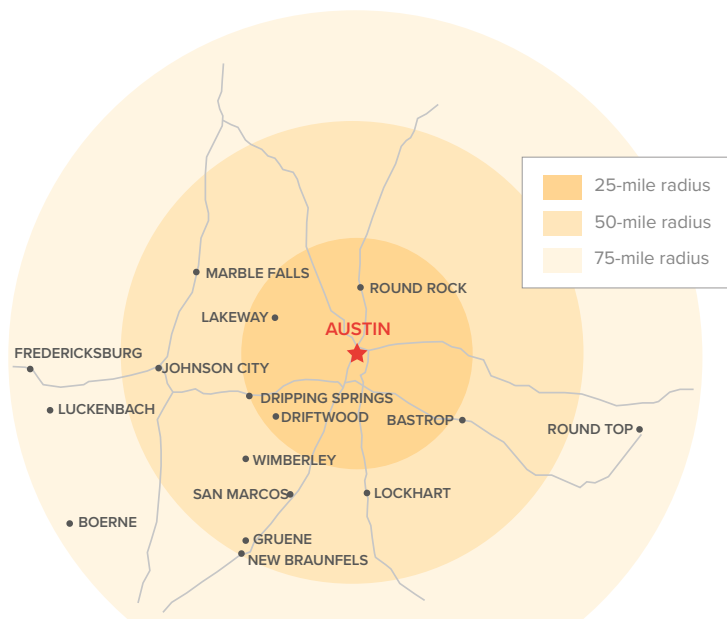
Get a glimpse of life in Dripping Springs during the 1850s at **The Pound House Farmstead**. Taste a variety of extra virgin olive oils and balsamic vinegars at **Texas Hill Country Olive Co.** At the outdoor **Dreamland**, play mini-golf and pickleball, plus enjoy live music in the family-friendly beer garden. **Tillie's** restaurant features an array of innovative international flavors in a stunning location.

2. DRIFTWOOD

Dig into slow-cooked brisket at **The Salt Lick BBQ** and enjoy a glass of wine on the shady patio at next-door **Salt Lick Cellars**. Explore the **Driftwood Wine Trail** and make stops at six scenic wineries. Sample smooth Texas sotol and take a tour at **Desert Door Distillery**. Enjoy the ranch views, craft beer and live music at the 21-acre **Vista Brewing**. Check out **Hays City Store & Ice House** for live music, comfort food and 50+ beers on tap.

3. LAKEWAY

Rent a boat and spend a day on the water at **Lake Travis**. The whole family will love a day trip to **Spa at Lakeway Resort**, with day passes available for the pool and spa. Also near Lakeway is the 220-acre Miraval Austin, offering daily wellness activities, a spa and **Hilltop Crossings Kitchen** with spectacular Hill Country views.





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San Marcos River tubing

4. JOHNSON CITY

Tour the LBJ Ranch to see the 36th president's boyhood home and final resting place at the **Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park**. Sample award-winning wines, dine and drink craft beer at the **Old 290 Brewery**, and book a relaxing spa treatment at **Carter Creek Winery Resort & Spa**. Sample five different Texas-grown wines during the Select Tasting at **Lost Draw**. Or take a tour of the Lone Star State's first legal bourbon whiskey distillery at **Garrison Brothers Distillery**. Kids can explore more than 50 hands-on technology exhibits and wander the

outdoor **Science & Art Park at the Science Mill**.

5. FREDERICKSBURG & LUCKENBACH

Sip your way along **Fredericksburg Wine Road 290** and visit a variety of scenic wineries and tasting rooms, including the new locations of **Wine for the People** and **The Salt Lick BBQ** with **Salt Lick Cellars** (opening in 2025). See an array of artifacts and hear personal stories of World War II in the Pacific at the **National Museum of the Pacific War**. Shop for luxury goods

and dine in the bistro at upscale **Vaudeville**. Pick up a souvenir T-shirt at the legendary **Luckenbach Texas General Store**, a former 1800s trading post. While in town, catch a concert featuring Texas talent at **Luckenbach Dance Hall**.

6. BOERNE

Shop and dine at more than 80 charming boutiques and restaurants along the **Hill Country Mile** in historic Boerne. Enjoy live music, craft beer brewed on-site and casual eats on the patio at **The Dodging Duck Brewhaus**, which

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

WILDFLOWER WATCH Take a scenic spring drive along the **Willow City Loop** to see stunning wildflowers in bloom. Stop at **Wildseed Farms**, a working wildflower farm and vineyard. Don't miss the popular **Bluebonnet Festival** in Boerne, the Bluebonnet Capital of Texas, held each April.

TUBING The Hill Country Coast is known 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 proclaimed Peach Capital of Texas, Fredericksburg is home to several pick-your-own orchards, including **Jenschke Orchards**. At **Das Peach Haus**, find Fischer & Wieser specialty foods like peach preserves, along with baked goods, wine tastings and live music.

HIKING AND BIKING TRAILS Known for its dramatic pink granite dome, **Enchanted Rock State Natural Area** offers some eight miles of hiking trails, including the iconic Summit Trail. Hike and bike

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 See underground wonders on a guided cave tour through **Cascade Caverns**. At **Longhorn Cavern State Park**, the popular Walking Tour follows a path along an ancient underground riverbed. **Inner Space Cavern**, one of the best-preserved caves in Texas, offers tours of its beautiful formations.

overlooks a duck pond. Or try a small-batch brew and pub fare at the family-run **Cibolo Creek Brewing Co.**

7. SAN MARCOS

Kayak or grab a tube and float along the **San Marcos River**, which winds through town. Visit the stylish new **Senza Maeso** tasting room and bar, featuring artisanal hybrid spirits. Sample a lager, farmhouse ale or spontaneous cave beer at **Roughhouse Brewing**. Stop in for weekend brunch at **CRAFTHouse Kitchen & Tap**, with local craft beer and live music on the menu. Give your wallet a workout at two area outlet malls: **San Marcos Premium Outlets** and **Tanger**.

8. NEW BRAUNFELS

Plan a fun family day trip to **Schlitterbahn Waterpark & Resort**, offering the world's largest collection of water rides. Or relax on 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 of **Dry Comal Creek Vineyards** (reservations recommended).

9. GRUENE

Located within New Braunfels, Gruene is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Browse locally owned shops and dine in the **Gruene Historic District**, nestled on the banks of the Guadalupe River. See live music nightly at **Gruene Hall**, Texas' oldest operating dance hall, built in 1878.

10. WIMBERLEY

Take a dip in the **Blue Hole Regional Park** swimming hole, fed by the crystal-clear waters of Cypress Creek (swimming reservations are required). See live glassblowing demonstrations and check out the art installations at **Wimberley Glassworks**. Dine

outdoors on Hill Country-inspired cuisine at **The Leaning Pear**. Don't miss **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 barbecue joints like **The Original Black's Barbecue**, family-run since 1932. The century-old **Kreuz Market** dishes up smoked sausage and ribs in a cafeteria-like dining room. Open since 1948, **Smitty's Market** serves meats fresh from the smoker. Women-owned **Barbs B Q**, open weekends only, was nominated for a 2024 James Beard Award for Best New Restaurant. Spend an afternoon on Lockhart's quaint town square exploring the charming shops, galleries, restaurants and historic theater. Stop into **Best Little Wine & Books**, a neighborhood wine bar with a cozy book nook.


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See the **Caldwell County Jail Museum** (housed in the former county jail) and the ornate **Caldwell County Courthouse**.

12. BASTROP

Walk along a nature trail to spy life-size dinosaur statues and dig for fossils at **Dinosaur Park**. Marvel at the beauty of the Lost Pines at **Bastrop State Park**. At **Community Gardens**, order a snack from a food truck or dine in the sports-themed **Heroes Bar and Restaurant**. Enjoy pizza, craft beer and live music on the riverside deck at **Neighbor's Kitchen & Yard**. See a play at the **Bastrop Opera House**, a local landmark since 1889.

13. ROUND TOP

The tiny town of Round Top is a shopper's dream. Head to **Henkel Square Market**, with stores, eateries and galleries like **Humble Donkey Studio** housed in buildings from the mid-1800s. Across the street

is the famed **Royers Round Top Cafe**, known for its amazing pies (available to-go!). **Round Top Village** features specialty shops selling everything from handcrafted jewelry to American farmhouse antiques. The **Blue Hills at Round Top** antique show is held in fall, winter and spring, expanding with seven new pole barns opening in October 2024. Search for vintage treasures at **The Original Round Top Antiques Fair**, held every spring, fall and winter.

14. MARBLE FALLS

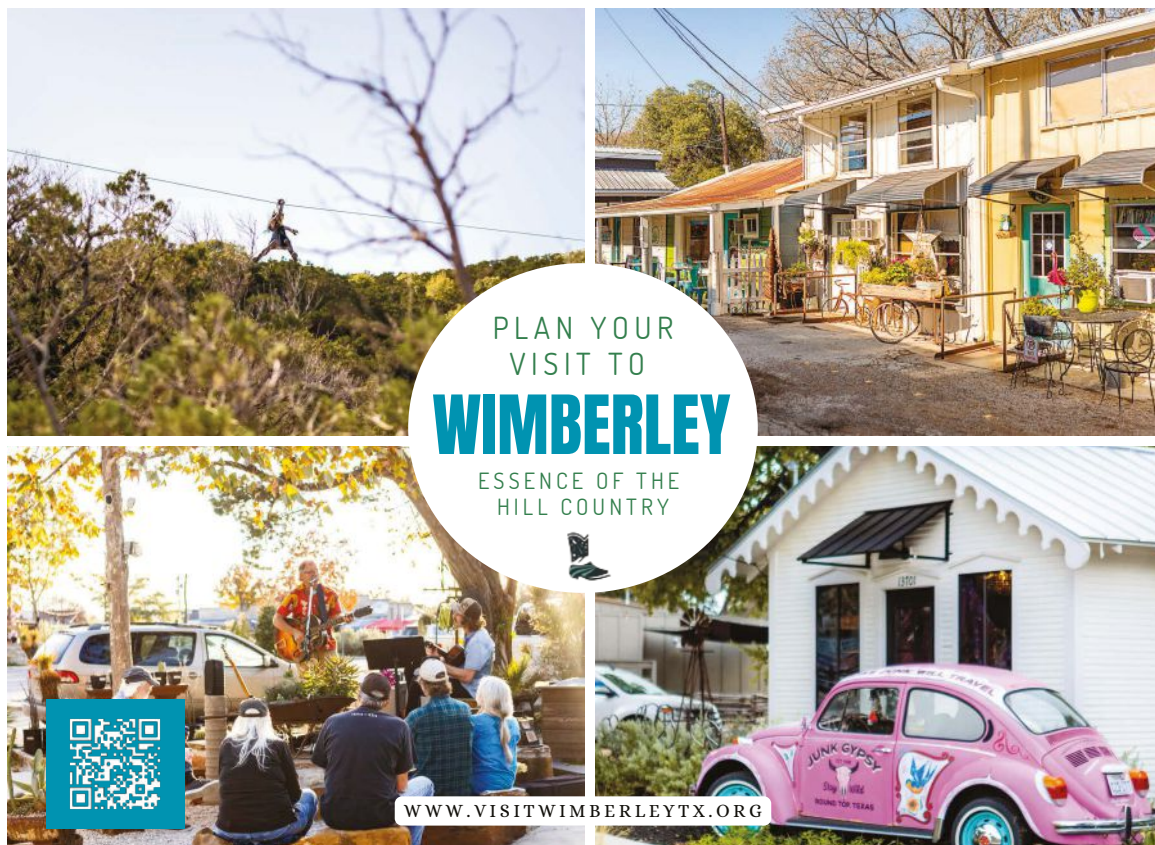
Boat or swim in the calm waters at **Lake Marble Falls**. Bring your Jeep, motorcycle or ATV and hit the rugged off-road trails at **Hidden Falls Adventure Park**. Enjoy down-home cooking and fresh-baked pie at the **Blue Bonnet Cafe**, a Marble Falls institution.

15. ROUND ROCK


Stroll the **Downtown Historic District**, filled with shops, restaurants, and colorful murals and sculptures. **Penfold Theatre Company** is opening Round Rock's first-ever professional theater venue in fall 2024. Catch a **Round Rock Express** Minor League Baseball game at Dell Diamond. Kids will love exploring "America's largest indoor waterpark" at Round Rock's **Kalahari Resorts**, along with an arcade, escape rooms and loads of dining options. Serious shoppers won't want to miss the **Round Rock Premium Outlets**, with 125+ stores.




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- » 10 stations on the 32-mile light rail line
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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

- » MetroBike provides more than 75 bike-share stations throughout downtown, available 24 hours a day — austin.bcycle.com

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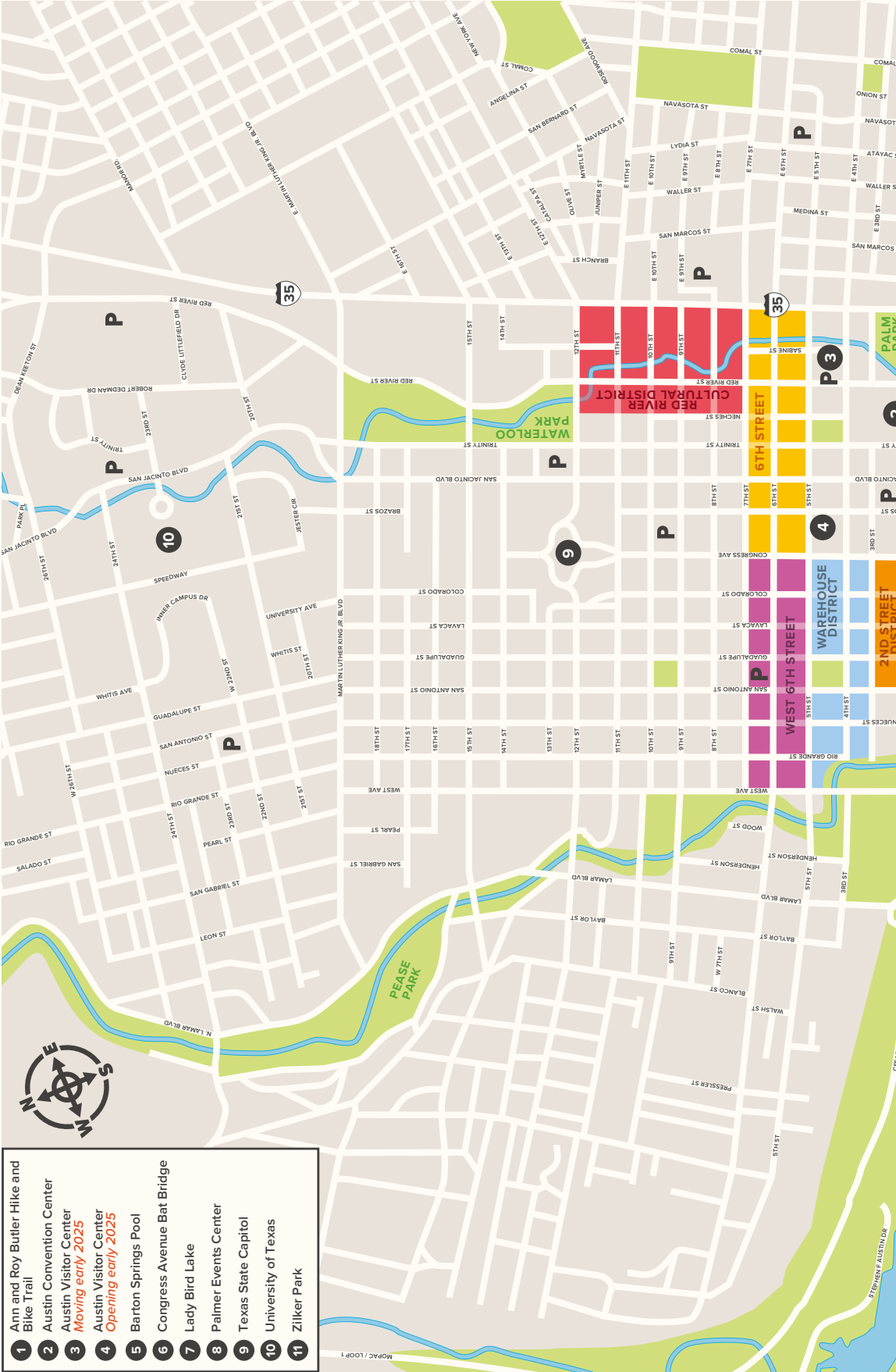
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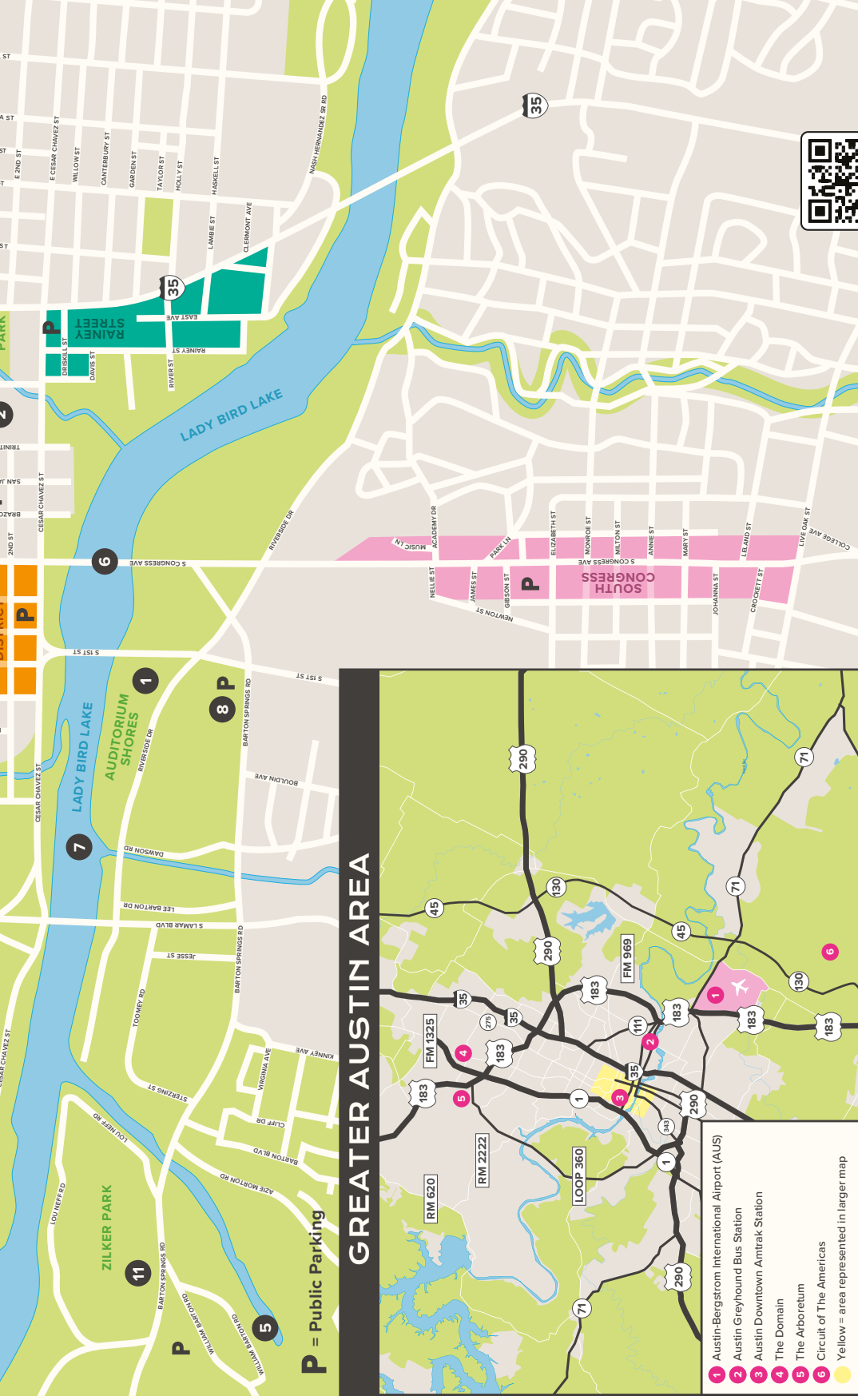
TAKE A TOUR

See Austin on a guided tour. Local experts will show you around the Capitol area, Downtown, cultural and musical heritage sites, and more. Popular tour companies include **Austin Detours**, **AO Tours Austin**, **Austin Duck Adventures**, **Barton Springs Bike Tours**, **Double Decker Austin**, **Metrocycle Pedicabs**, **Twisted Texas Tours** and **Your Biker Gang**. Historic Downtown walking tours and custom-designed tours are also available. Call (512) 478-0098 or stop in at the **Austin Visitor Center** (new location opening in early 2025; go to visitaustin.org/visitorcenter for the latest information) to book a tour.



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