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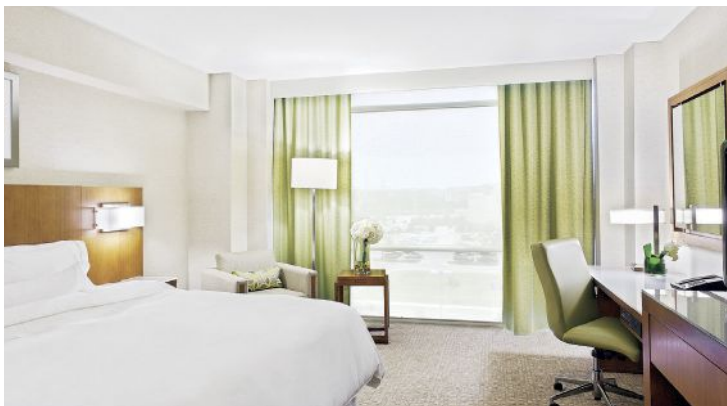
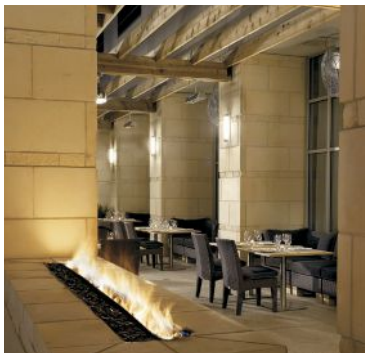
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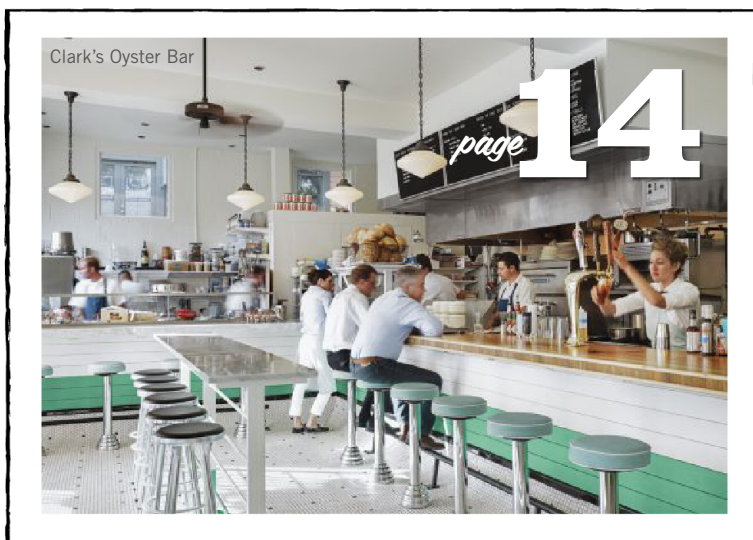
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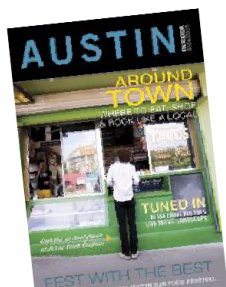
Around Town Get insider info on the hottest stages and menus on Red River, where to head for chic shopping and club hopping Downtown and the latest West Austin and Rainey Street spots to sip and be seen.



Festivals & Events Austin is known for throwing spectacular parties and our festival circuit sets the bar pretty high. Load your calendar with these soulful, artsy, oddball and just plain fabulous happenings.



Texas Hill Country Road trip! More than 14,000 square miles of rolling countryside beckon just beyond city limits. Here's what you need to know to navigate and soak up regional fun, culture and natural beauty.



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Dissecting Austin's Live Music Landscape



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Austin adopted the slogan Live Music Capital of the World® in 1991 when the city realized it boasted the most live music venues per capita of any city in

America. Today, Austin has more than 250 live music locations (and growing).

Television's longest running music show "Austin City Limits" celebrates its 40th anniversary this year by inducting the first class of musicians into the ACL Hall of Fame. Some of the nation's best festivals (**South By Southwest**, **Austin City Limits Music Festival**, **Fun Fun Fun Fest**) call Austin home. Music legends Willie Nelson, Ray Benson, Robert Plant and the late Stevie Ray Vaughan have all sported an Austin zip code.

The capital of Texas lives and breathes live music 365 days a year. **Experience these local scenes for yourself:**

The **Continental Club** on South Congress books local and regional Texas country, blues and roots rock seven nights a week. Tuesday happy hour with Toni

Price has been a tradition for more than 20 years. Austinites in the know like to head upstairs to the intimate **Continental Gallery** to see laid-back, local jazz and improv acts.

Austin institution **The Broken Spoke** features many of the same live country bands (such as Dale Watson and The Derailers) as it did 20 years ago. Largely unchanged since it was founded in 1964, The Spoke is considered an authentic Austin dancehall.

Leading bands from around the world have graced the stage at **ACL Live at The Moody Theater**, including Willie Nelson, Devo, Pearl Jam, Gypsy Kings, The National and ZZ Top. The \$46-million venue is also home to the "Austin City Limits" television series. Fans are guaranteed a great view as no seat is further than 70 feet from the stage.

Sixth Street boasts a ton of live music. Second-floor venue **The Parish** is a must-hit with sound and lighting rivaling larger concert halls. Just off Sixth on Red River is hipster hangout **The Mohawk** where fans can see punk, indie rock, hip-hop and rock acts year-round.

Across the street, **Stubb's BBQ** hosts national acts outside, while local and regional bands perform on the smaller stage inside. **Red 7** leans towards the heavier stuff, metal, post-rock, shoegaze and post-punk music. A couple doors down, **Holy Mountain** features local acts.

Fans in booming East Austin can find legendary punk and rock club **Emo's**. East Sixth Street's **Hotel Vegas** and **The Volstead Lounge** feature psych-rock, punk and hard rock, while **The White Horse** puts on the honky-tonk with two-step lessons and great local swing and country acts like **The Stargazers** and Jeff Hughes and Chaparral. **The Scoot Inn** is the oldest bar in Austin, hosting live music most nights.

Singer-songwriters haunt South Lamar's **Saxon Pub** where Austin's favorite son **Bob Schneider** has a longtime residency. The **Cactus Café** on the University of Texas campus is the most well-known listening room in town, often inviting national and local songwriters to perform.

Seven Places to Find Unexpected Jams



Glen Miller Orchestra, Strange Brew Lounge Side



1 The Whip In
Convenience store hosts live music several nights a week and serves remarkably good Indian food and craft beer.

2 Waterloo Records
Acclaimed independent record shop often hosts in-store performances with national touring acts.

3 Austin-Bergstrom International Airport
Schedules local live

music five days a week at six different venues (totaling 23 shows a week!) throughout the terminal.

4 Zilker Park The City of Austin along with local radio station KGSR host free, family-friendly Blues on the Green, featuring local bands every other Wednesday from May to August.

5 Jo's Coffee South Congress coffee house

hosts Sinner's Brunch every Sunday with the Jo's House Band and a rotating guest performer.

6 Lamberts Barbecue
Upscale BBQ restaurant books celebrated national and local acts on a tiny stage next to the upstairs bar.

7 Strange Brew Lounge Side Listening room attached to a 24-hour coffee shop. You never know who will drop in.



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Brian Posehn, at Moontower Comedy

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ART CITY AUSTIN

Find the best of local art at what is known as Austin's oldest art

festival. Shutting down Cesar Chavez Street and the South First Street bridge each April, attendees scout large and small-scale pieces, nosh local eats, enjoy live music and bring their kiddos to partake in activities at the "kids block." artallianceaustin.org

ATX TELEVISION FESTIVAL

Get plugged in to what's new in TV nation during this summer event that connects actors, writers, directors and studio execs participating in a gamut of activities like screenings, panels and parties. atxfestival.com

AUSTIN CITY LIMITS MUSIC FESTIVAL

This internationally renowned, two-weekend experience features top-billed bands and up-and-coming artists on eight stages at Zilker Park. Local cuisine, libations and kid-friendly activities included. Download the mobile app for easy navigation. acfestival.com

Arctic Monkeys, Austin City Limits

AUSTIN FILM FESTIVAL

Bringing together both pros and amateur screenwriters in TV and film, this highly anticipated event features everything from panels on breaking into the scene to sneak peeks at shows from Netflix, HBO and AMC. austinfilmfestival.com

AUSTIN URBAN MUSIC FEST

Coinciding with Texas Relays, Butler Park plays host to this African American-targeted March event. Soul food, artisan crafts, a kid zone and urban entertainment including a gospel showcase are just a few can't-miss draws. austinurbanmusicfestival.com

AUSTIN PRIDE FESTIVAL

Headline entertainers, DJs, inflatable games, photo booths, face painting, drinks, food and more than 120 community LGBTQ supporters set up booths at this September gathering at Fiesta Gardens. austinpride.org

AUSTIN FOOD + WINE FESTIVAL

This spring event cohosted by *FOOD + WINE Magazine* presents the opportunity for gourmet fanatics to mingle with the who's who of cuisine at intimate local tastings, big-name chef showcases and private parties with sommeliers. austinfoodandwinefestival.com

FUN FUN FUN FEST

This homegrown fest featured every November at Auditorium Shores spotlights stage-smoldering music, BMX and skate ramp tricks, comedy routines and general tomfoolery. funfunfunfest.com

MOONTOWER COMEDY AND ODDITY FESTIVAL

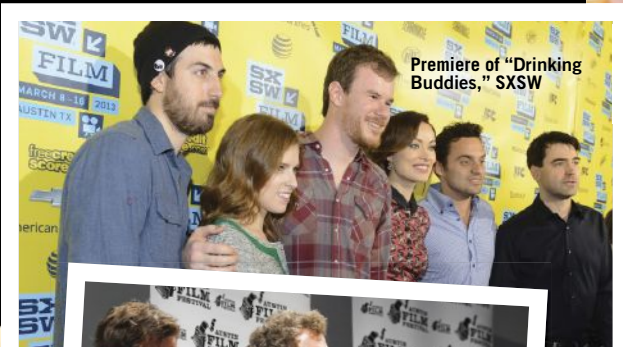
Get your belly laughs with a line-up of more than 100 comedians of local and national acclaim proving their chops in the areas of stand-up, sketch, improv and musical comedy at the Paramount Theatre. moontowercomedyfestival.com

PACHANGA LATINO MUSIC FEST

Groove to the energetic beats of Latin-flavored music ranging from Tejano and mariachi, to cumbia and salsa, and be wowed by the cultural arts and eats at Fiesta Gardens. pachangafest.com

SOUTH BY SOUTHWEST®

The intersection of film, music and interactive, this increasingly frequented fest, held annually in March, has reached new heights in popularity, attracting more than 20,000 registrants and countless seekers of the next best thing to hit stage and screen. sxsw.com



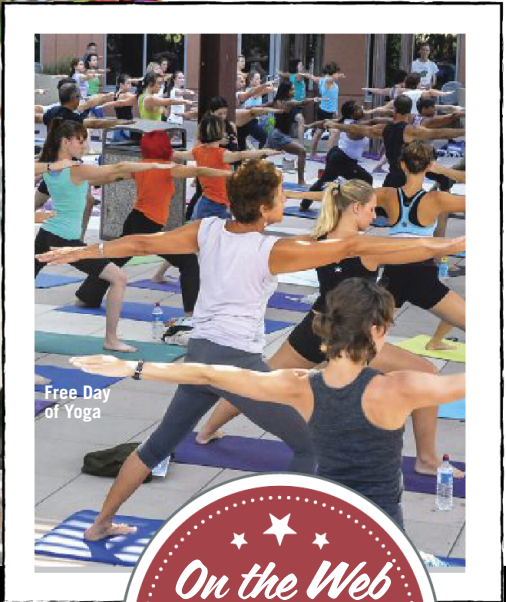
Premiere of "Drinking Buddies," SXSW



2 Face script reading, Austin Film Festival



Armadillo Christmas Bazaar



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On Our Radar

The capital city loves to celebrate life. With 300 annual days of sunshine, unbeatable urban parks and legendary Texas pride, we rarely need an excuse to throw a party.

SEPTEMBER 2014

9/1/14

FREE DAY OF YOGA

Across Austin, freedayofyoga.com All day long, participating studios across the Austin area offer free classes as an opportunity for people of every age and fitness level.

9/10/14-9/14/14

POLARI AGLIFF

Various Locations, agliff.org The Austin Gay and Lesbian International Film Festival showcases more than 150 feature films and shorts, mainstream and avant-garde, depicting issues across cultures, race, immigration, class, gender identity and expression, age and region.

9/18/14-9/25/14

FANTASTIC FEST

Various Locations, fantasticfest.com Largest genre film festival in the U.S., specializing in horror, fantasy, sci-fi, action and fantastic movies from all around the world. Past years' guests have included Mel Gibson, Bill Murray and Kevin Smith.

9/19/14-9/20/14

TUDR UNITED SPORTS CAR CHALLENGE

Circuit of The Americas™, circuitoftheamericas.com

9/20/14

AUSTIN PRIDE FESTIVAL

Fiesta Gardens, austinpride.org Austin's LGBT community comes together with live music performances, film screenings, parades and more.

9/21/14

AUSTIN MUSEUM DAY

Across Austin, austinmuseums.org Free exhibitions and activities at participating Austin-area museums and cultural sites.

OCTOBER 2014

10/3-10/5 and 10/10-10/12/14

AUSTIN CITY LIMITS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Zilker Park, acfestival.com One of the country's largest celebrations of music, this two-weekend festival brings more than 130 musical acts to eight stages.

10/18/14-10/19/14

AUSTIN CELTIC FESTIVAL

Fiesta Gardens, austincelticfestival.com The largest gathering of Celts in Central Texas features four stages of Irish, Scottish and Breton music, dance, storytelling, workshops, Highland Games and more than 30 Celt craft vendors.

10/23/14-10/30/14

AUSTIN FILM FESTIVAL

Paramount Theatre and various locations, austinfilmfestival.com One of the top film festivals in the country, this cinematic event celebrates top-billed films and indie features while shining the spotlight on screenwriters.

10/25/14-10/26/14

TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL

Texas State Capitol, texasbookfestival.org Attend signings with some of your favorite authors, visit the children's chapter tent and enjoy live music and poetry readings.

10/31/14-11/21/14

FORMULA 1 UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX

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NOVEMBER 2014

11/7/14-11/9/14

FUN FUN FUN FEST

Auditorium Shores, funfunfunfest.com National touring indie rock, hip hop, punk, electronica and metal bands converge on Austin's urban park for two days of music, comedy, shopping and food.

11/15-11/16/14 and 11/22-11/23/14

EAST AUSTIN STUDIO TOUR

Across East Austin, eastaustinstudiotour.com For several days, artists, studios, exhibition spaces, pop-up shows and tons of fun art-centered events on the east side will be open and free to the public to celebrate art being created in Austin.

11/29/14

CHUY'S CHILDREN GIVING TO CHILDREN PARADE

Congress Avenue, chuysparade.com A procession of giant balloons, marching bands, vintage cars, celebrities and floats usher in the season of giving.

DECEMBER 2014

12/7/14-12/21/14

TRAIL OF LIGHTS

Zilker Park, austintrailoflights.org The Austin Trail of Lights is part of the Austin experience, lighting up the season with a celebration of community, memories and fun. With a beautiful array of lights the tree is lit following a 5k run.

12/16/14-12/24/14

ARMADILLO CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Palmer Events Center, armadillobazaar.com Shades of old Austin are reflected at this market with eclectic gifts and local entertainment.

12/31/14

AUSTIN'S NEW YEAR

Auditorium Shores, austintexas.gov This family-friendly event celebrates the diversity and creativity of the city with art installations, jugglers, storytellers, fire dancers and other festive performances.

JANUARY 2015

1/20/15

MARTIN LUTHER KING FESTIVAL

Huston-Tillotson University, mlkcelebration.com Join the march from the University of Texas to Huston-Tillotson to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in multicultural Austin.

FEBRUARY 2015

2/15/15

AUSTIN MARATHON & HALF MARATHON

Downtown Austin, youraustinmarathon.com Event speakers, live music from more than 40 local bands and a course that winds through Austin's most scenic neighborhoods make this popular 13.1 and 26.2-mile race a must-hit for runners and spectators.

Festivals & Events



2/28/15 CARNAVAL BRASILEIRO

Palmer Events Center, sambaparty.com One of the biggest Brazilian Carnival celebrations outside Brazil. Brasileiro style samba, costumes and wild abandon can all be seen in the heart of Texas.

MARCH 2015

**3/1/15
ZILKER PARK KITE FESTIVAL**
Zilker Park, abckitefestival.com The nation's oldest kite festival features hundreds of kites in the air and is free to attend for people of all ages; complete with kite flying contests, food, games and more.

**3/13/15-3/22/15
SXSW® MUSIC, FILM AND INTERACTIVE CONFERENCES AND FESTIVALS**
Various Locations, sxsw.com Noted filmmakers, musicians and multimedia artists from around the world converge to showcase music, film and interactive media during this internationally recognized event.

**3/14/15-3/28/15
STAR OF TEXAS FAIR AND RODEO**
Travis County Expo Center, rodeoaustin.com Over the years, the star of Texas fair and rodeo has grown from a show featuring 16 animals into one of Austin's premier events, featuring Prorodeo events, daily concerts, livestock shows and more.

**3/17/15
ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL**
Various Locations, stpatricksdayaustin.com A family-friendly St. Patrick's Day where families can come out and enjoy the culture of Ireland including music, dance and language.

**3/17/15-3/22/15
HEART OF TEXAS ROCKFEST**
Downtown, texasrockfest.com Featuring the best in unsigned talent that Austin has to offer.

**3/25/15-3/28/15
CLYDE LITTLEFIELD TEXAS RELAYS**
Mike A. Myers Stadium, texasports.com The premier track & field event brings together the best high school, college and professional athletes from Texas, the U.S. and the world.

**3/28/15
AUSTIN URBAN MUSIC FESTIVAL**
Auditorium Shores, urbanmusicfest.com More than 15,000 music revelers annually converge on Auditorium Shores to enjoy Austin's only music festival focused on R&B, neo-soul and hip hop music.



Michael Franti, Old Settler's Music Festival

**3/28/15-3/29/15
ZILKER GARDEN FESTIVAL**
Zilker Gardens, zilkerfestival.org For more than 50 years, the annual festival has been a one-stop, garden shopping destination with an annual flower show, live music, gardening talks, a kid's corner and food court.

APRIL 2015

**4/12/15
CAPITOL 10,000**
Congress Avenue to Auditorium Shores, cap10k.com Texas' largest 10K race and one of the nation's top runs draws some 10,000 serious and not-so-serious runners.

**4/16/15-4/19/15
OLD SETTLER'S MUSIC FESTIVAL**
Salt Lick BBQ Pavilion, oldsettlersmusicfest.org Central Texas' signature music event features Grammy-winning Americana, arts and crafts, camping, food and libations.

**4/17/15-4/18/15
THE ANNUAL LONESTAR ROUND UP**
Travis County Expo Center, lonestarroundup.com This huge outdoor car show and live music festival with tons of vintage hot rods and custom cars from all over the country attracts visitors from all over the world.

**4/17/15-4/19/15
AUSTIN REGGAE FEST**
Auditorium Shores, austinreggae.com A fundraiser for the Capital Area Food Bank, Reggae Fest features three days of reggae, world and dub talent, along with food and arts & crafts vendors.

MOTOGP™ GRAND PRIX OF THE AMERICAS
Circuit of The Americas™, circuitoftheamericas.com The pinnacle of all motorcycle World Championships joins the roster of racing events at the Circuit of The Americas™ track with a three-day series at the purpose-built Grand Prix venue.

LOUISIANA SWAMP THING AND CRAWFISH FESTIVAL
Buda City Park, roadwayevents.com More than 5,000 pounds of crawfish are consumed at this annual event, which also features zydeco, brass band, funk, blues and rock music.



Lonestar Round Up

WEST AUSTIN STUDIO TOUR
Across West Austin, westaustinstudiotour.com The public is invited to discover new artistic talent; see working studios; learn about artists' tools, techniques and inspirations; explore galleries and a variety of exhibitions; and immerse themselves in the arts and local business communities.

ART CITY AUSTIN
Downtown Austin, artallianceaustin.org Nearly 200 national artists, top local restaurants, two music stages and hands-on art activities make this one of the city's favorite festivals.

MOONTOWER COMEDY FESTIVAL
The Paramount Theatre and other locations, moontowercomedyfestival.com Presented by Paramount Theatre, this fest brings some of the funniest, wittiest and oddest world-class comics from around the globe to Austin.

**4/23/15-5/2/15
AUSTIN FASHION WEEK**
Locations around Austin, fashionweekaustin.com Austin Fashion Week showcases the work of Texas fashion designers, photographers, hair stylists, makeup artists and models with runway shows, designer meet-and-greets, themed parties and benefits for Austin non-profits.

AUSTIN FOOD + WINE FESTIVAL
Auditorium Shores, austinfoodandwinefestival.com Now in its third year, the Austin Food + Wine Festival, produced by C3 Presents, will welcome top chefs from across the nation.

**4/25/15
EYORE'S ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY**
Pease Park, eyores.org Live music, beer, food, acrobats and costume contests surround this annual gathering of Austin's most eclectic locals.

**MAY 2015
LATINO MUSIC MONTH**
Various Locations, austinlatinomusic.com Many Latino music genres are showcased during performances on the Plaza at Austin City Hall each Friday at noon. Other special events are presented throughout the month.

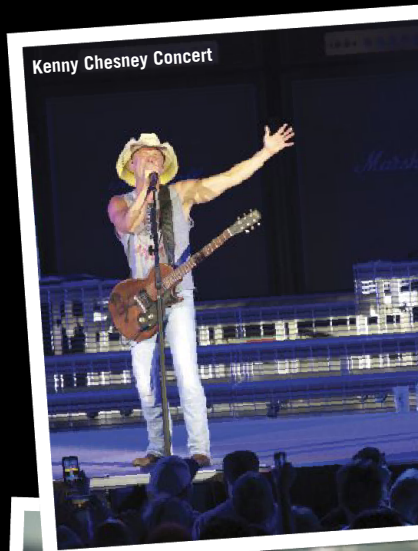
AUSTIN PSYCH FEST
Carson Creek Ranch, austinspsychfest.com Enjoy on-site camping and three stages of music. The main stage and river stage feature psychedelic light shows in the evening, and a tent stage features daytime psychedelic light shows.



Austin Fashion Week, Kendra Scott Runway Show



Austin Symphony



Kenny Chesney Concert



US Vintage Racing National Championship Races



PLAY VIDEO

For a really good time, buckle up and plan a visit to the Circuit of The Americas™ (COTA). The state-of-the-art circuit with a 3.4-mile track not only hosts hot tickets like Formula 1 United States Grand Prix racing and the Texas MotoGP, but also welcomed the very first X Games to screech outside of Los Angeles in 2014. Not just for greased lightning, big musicians are also on the invite list to perform at the track's Austin360 Amphitheater—a must-see setting that was awarded Pollstar's "Best New Major Concert Venue" in 2013.

circuitoftheamericas.com

JUNE 2015

X GAMES AUSTIN

Circuit of The Americas™, xgamesaustin.com More than 250 of the best action sports athletes compete for the most coveted medals in Skateboard, BMX Freestyle, Moto X and more.

6/4/15–6/7/15

ATX FESTIVAL

Downtown Austin, atxfestival.com The first festival devoted to Television's history and future functions like a traditional film festival with premieres of new series, current hits and cult favorites, along with Q&A sessions with the industry's leading professionals.

REPUBLIC OF TEXAS BIKER RALLY

Travis County Exposition Center and Sixth Street, rot rally.com Texas' largest motorcycle gathering attracts thousands of bikers for rides, parades and music.

6/19/15

CENTRAL TEXAS JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

MLK Blvd. and other locations, juneteenthcentraltexas.com Juneteenth, also known as "Freedom Day" or "Emancipation Day," is the oldest known African American celebration commemorating the end of slavery.

6/27/15

KEEP AUSTIN WEIRD FEST & 5K

701 W. Riverside Dr., keepaustinweird5k.com Anything is possible at this decade-old extravaganza! Run, skip or race through the streets of downtown Austin wearing the wackiest costume.

JULY 2015

7/4/15

FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS & SYMPHONY

Auditorium Shores, austinsymphony.org The Austin Symphony hosts an annual concert of patriotic music culminating in fireworks over Lady Bird Lake.

AUGUST 2015

AUSTIN ICE CREAM FESTIVAL

Fiesta Gardens, icecreamfestival.org Games, activities, contests, live entertainment and, of course, ice cream keep you cool and happy.

8/22/15

BAT FEST

Congress Avenue Bridge, roadwayevents.com Celebrate as the world's largest urban bat colony take to the skies for their nightly flight. Enjoy live music, children activities and costume contest.

8/30/15

AUSTIN CHRONICLE HOT SAUCE FESTIVAL

Fiesta Gardens, austinchronicle.com If you wanna beat the heat this summer then you gotta eat the heat! Join the *Austin Chronicle* for one of the world's largest hot sauce festivals.



X Games

5/2/15–5/3/15

OLD PECAN STREET SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL

East Sixth Street, oldpecanstreetfestival.com This free, family event is the oldest and largest art festival in Central Texas. Musicians, food vendors, artists and crafts people turn Sixth Street – historically called Pecan Street – into a lively street fair.

CHAOS IN TEJAS

Various Locations, chaosintexas.com A nice 'lil mix of punk, hardcore, metal, hip hop, garage rock, indie rock and all points in between.

KGSR BLUES ON THE GREEN

Zilker Park, kgsr.com/bluesonthegreen Every other Wednesday during the summer, Zilker Park will be filled with thousands of people, blankets and lawn chairs, families and music lovers. As Austin's largest free concert series KGSR's Blues on the Green is consistently ranked as a top entertainment event.

PACHANGA LATINO MUSIC FEST

Fiesta Gardens, pachangafest.com Vibrant Latino culture is showcased with authentic food, music and art to celebrate the impact on American culture today.

VIVA! STREETS

Sixth Street, vivastreetsaustin.org A two-mile length of Sixth Street is closed to vehicles and open for biking, yoga, Zumba, cooking demonstrations and more.

5/25/15

LIFE TIME TRI CAPTEX

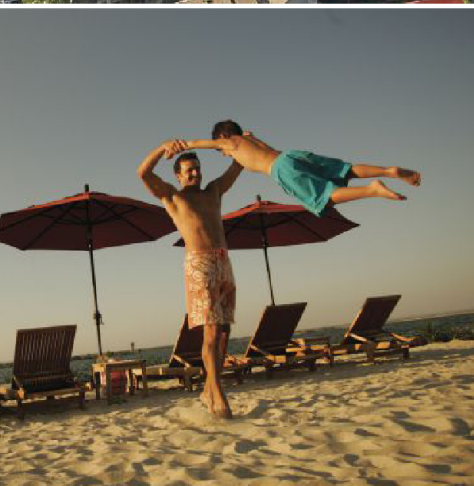
Lady Bird Lake, Downtown, captextri.com Life Time Tri CapTex attracts all levels of athletes, from top-ranked professionals to first-timers. The event begins with a swim in Lady Bird Lake with the spectacular backdrop of the downtown Austin skyline and ends with a finish on Auditorium Shores.



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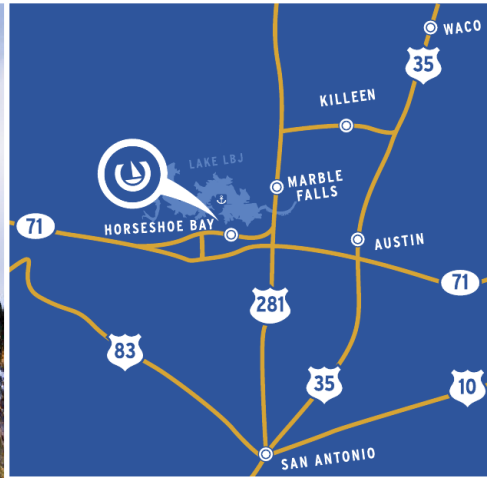


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Around Town

Things to do, places to eat and music to listen to in Austin's most vibrant neighborhoods. *By Lauren Modery & Amy Gabriel*

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Over the past 10 years, Austin has not only landed on numerous “best of” lists, but it also frequently finds itself in the top spots. Best place to see live music (*Travel+Leisure*), best city for golf (*Golf Digest*), best shopping (*Lucky Magazine*), best top chef (*Bravo*), best bar (*Esquire*)—you name it. The truth is, Austin and its inhabitants have always been on the cutting edge. And now the rest of the country is catching on.

We promise: You'll feel the infectious energy. Austin prides itself on being forward and open-minded, welcoming diversity and progress without ever losing its character. Whether it's experiencing the independent spirit of the businesses on South Congress Avenue, watching the bustle of Sixth Street or taking in the galleries and cafes of blossoming East Austin, before you know it, you may find yourself dreaming of having a 787 zip code.

GETTING TO AUSTIN

★ Austin-Bergstrom International Airport

Named the “Best Domestic Airport” in the U.S. by the Airports Council International, ABIA offers nonstop service from more than 40 destinations domestically and in Mexico, along with nonstop service from London. It is easily accessible from anywhere in the country and offers more than 268 commercial passenger flights per day. Live music greets travelers on arrival and is a constant companion as they continue into the city. Downtown Austin is 15–20 minutes from the airport via SuperShuttle van service for about \$13, Capital Metro Airport Flyer for \$1.50 and taxi for about \$30.

★ Amtrak

The Texas Eagle Line offers service from Chicago and arrives at the Austin Amtrak station on Lamar Boulevard.

★ Greyhound Bus

Daily routes drop passengers off at the Greyhound station on IH-35 near Highland Mall.

★ By Car

Austin is about 1.5 hours from San Antonio and 3 hours from Dallas/Fort Worth and Houston.

AROUND TOWN

Austin has a walkable downtown core, with some 6,500 downtown hotel rooms within a short stroll of entertainment districts. A pedicab ride is a popular alternative, and Capital Metro operates more than 80 bus routes around town. Taxis, charters and minibus rentals are also available.

★ MetroRail

MetroRail connects the city of Leander to downtown Austin, with service six days a week, including service until midnight on Friday and Saturday nights. There are 9 stations on the 32-mile line, and tickets can be bought at each station. Fares cost between \$1 and \$2.75 per trip, depending on trip length. The Downtown station sits on the north end of the Convention Center at Fourth Street between Neches and Trinity, next to the Hilton hotel. Visit capmetro.org for details.

★ Rent a Bike

Bike lanes and paths lace the city. Austin has a number of bike shops offering hourly and day rentals. Some, like Barton Springs Bike Rental, also have children's bikes and trailers, and offer a variety of bike tours. Area maps and suggested routes can be downloaded from bicycleaustin.info. Austin B-cycle provides more than 40 bike-share stations throughout downtown 24 hours a day. Visit austin.bcycle.com to find a location near you.

★ By Foot

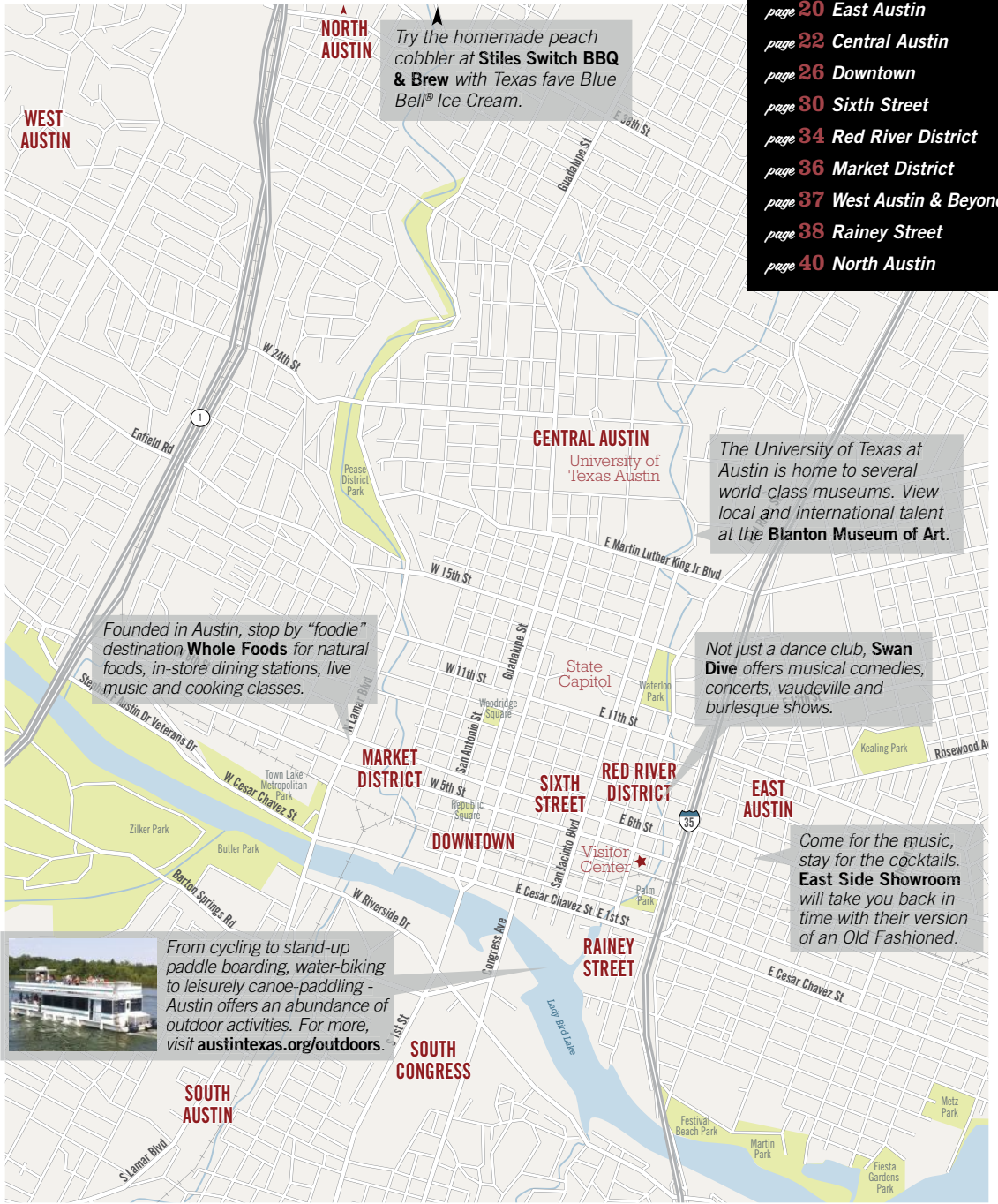
Pedestrians can easily hoof it around town. Attractions, including Sixth Street, the Warehouse District and Lady Bird Lake, are within a 5- to 10-minute walk from many downtown hotels.

★ Pedicab

There are a few different Austin companies that operate pedicabs—carts pulled by cyclists. All drivers are licensed by the City of Austin Ground Transportation Department and work solely on tips, so be generous!



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NORTH AUSTIN

Try the homemade peach cobbler at **Stiles Switch BBQ & Brew** with Texas fave **Blue Bell® Ice Cream**.

CENTRAL AUSTIN
University of Texas Austin

The University of Texas at Austin is home to several world-class museums. View local and international talent at the **Blanton Museum of Art**.

Founded in Austin, stop by "foodie" destination **Whole Foods** for natural foods, in-store dining stations, live music and cooking classes.

Not just a dance club, **Swan Dive** offers musical comedies, concerts, vaudeville and burlesque shows.

MARKET DISTRICT

SIXTH STREET

RED RIVER DISTRICT

EAST AUSTIN

DOWNTOWN

RAINEY STREET

Come for the music, stay for the cocktails. **East Side Showroom** will take you back in time with their version of an Old Fashioned.

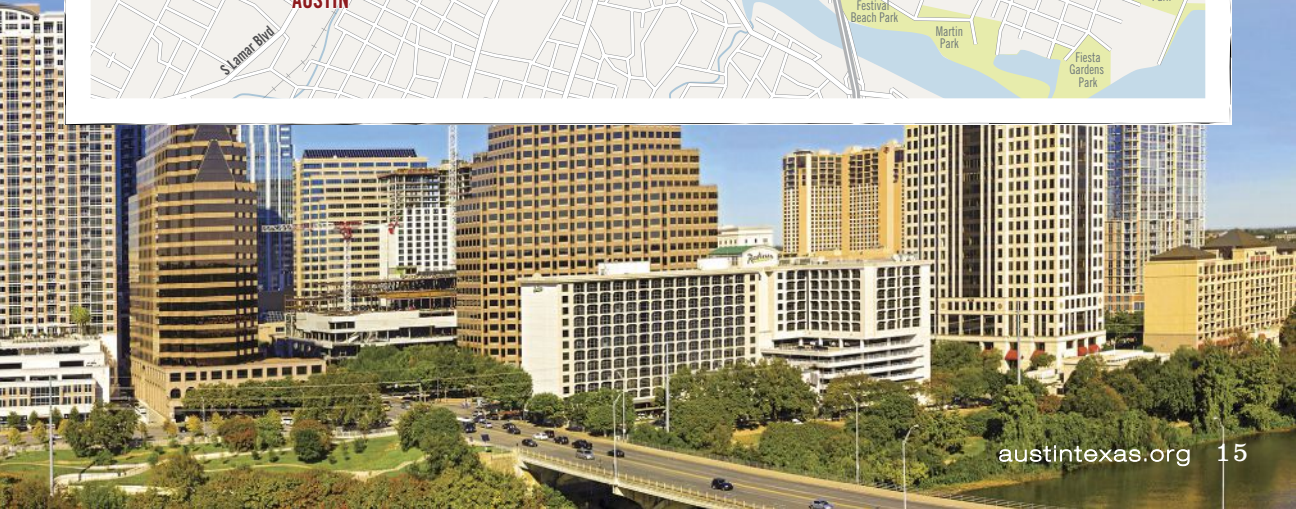


From cycling to stand-up paddle boarding, water-biking to leisurely canoe-paddling - Austin offers an abundance of outdoor activities. For more, visit austintexas.org/outdoors.

SOUTH CONGRESS

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SOUTH CONGRESS

This vibrant neighborhood south of Lady Bird Lake is a must-stroll for visitors and a popular hangout for locals. South Congress oozes homespun character and boasts the story of Austin's yesteryear in its boutiques and eateries.

South Congress Books:

This homey bookstore has the aura of another time, with an impeccable collection of new, used and collectible literature. 512-916-8882, southcongressbooks.com



Goorin Bros.

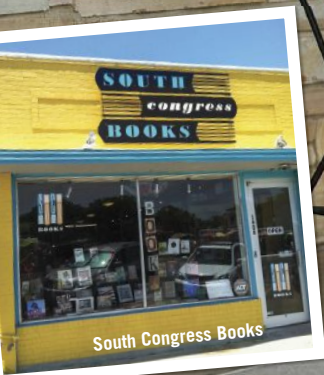
Hats Off

Goorin Bros., a new addition to the SoCo drag, boasts a jaw-dropping collection of vintage bowlers, fedoras and boaters to accent any outfit. 512-326-4287, goorin.com

Lucky Robot: Sit on the indoor porch swing and order Japanese tapas, sushi and creative sake cocktails sided with funky ambiance at this Asian fusion go-to. 512-444-8081, luckyrobotrestaurant.com



South Congress Avenue



South Congress Books

Keep Austin Fashionable

Shopping is a crucial SoCo experience. **Parts + Labour** offers locally made, Austin-centric clothing for every member of the family. 512-326-1648, partsandlabourstore.myshopify.com



Parts + Labour



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If boutique shopping is your thing, check out **TESOROS**, a Mexican import store filled with colorful trinkets, Frida Kahlo portraits, Day of the Dead-inspired mementos and handmade sheets and pillows. 512-447-7500, tesoros.com

C-Boys Heart and Soul: The owner of Austin's treasured Continental Club has opened a new bar in the former spot of Trophy's. Displaying the same cool and charm as the Continental, C-Boys Heart and Soul features live soul music on weekends in homage to the old blues clubs of the South. 512-215-0023, facebook.com/CBoysHeartNSoul



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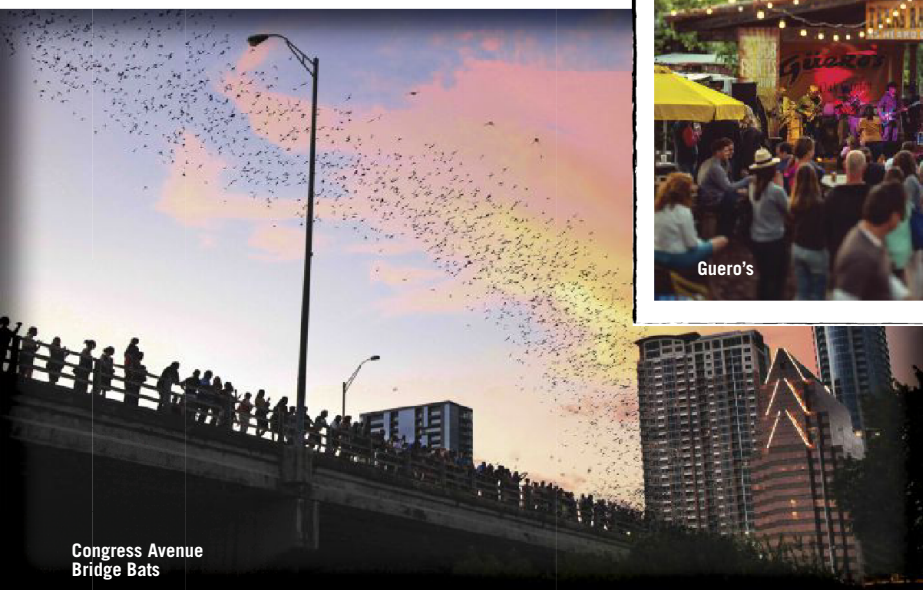
The South Congress neighborhood also boasts an outdoor pool, **Big Stacy**, open year-round with free admission. 512-445-0303, austintexas.gov

Guero's: Known for its vast Tex-Mex menu, simple margaritas and outdoor patio with live music, Quentin Tarantino selected this iconic Austin eatery for the backdrop in his film *Death Proof!* 512-447-7688, guerostacobar.com

Magnolia Cafe South: This popular 24-hour spot is known for breakfast. Order the Love Migas: eggs scrambled in spicy garlic and serrano butter with veggies, tortilla chips and cheese. 512-445-0000, themagnoliacafe.com

Stag: Men looking to add a touch of class to their style will appreciate Stag's collection of rustic casual wear and accessories. 512-373-7824, stagaustin.com

Yard Dog Art Gallery: Ooh and ahh over the carefully curated collection of outsider and folk art by local, national and international artists at this groovy gallery. 512-912-1613, yarddog.com



Congress Avenue Bridge Bats

Hang out on the **Congress Avenue Bridge** at dusk to catch millions of bats emerging in search of food (April to October). batcon.org

SOUTH AUSTIN

South Austin is what locals like to call “a taste of old Austin.” Quaint houses, old-school boutiques, long-running vintage restaurants and new eateries by some of the city’s top up-and-comers populate this lively nook. Head here to get away from the crowds and decompress in Austin’s largest city park.

South Austin culinary star **Odd Duck** is a locally sourced American eatery that was featured on Anthony Bourdain’s “No Reservations” during its former life as a food truck. 512-433-6521, oddduckaustin.com

Thai food fans cherish **Thai Fresh** on Mary Street. The cafe and restaurant offers a healthy take on Asian classics. 512-494-6436, thai-fresh.com



Corrugated metal building the **Austin Art Garage** was born from the desire to offer affordable art to appreciators. The funky gallery features intriguing work by close to 30 local artists. 512-351-5934, austinartgarage.com

Contemporary gallery **Art on 5th** offers a spellbinding permanent display of over 40 local, national and international artists. Most notable: Cat in the Hat creator himself, Dr. Seuss. The gallery owns the country’s largest collection of the artist’s work. 512-481-1111, arton5th.com



LICK is an artisanal ice cream shop featuring inventive flavors such as goat cheese, thyme and honey and cilantro lime. 512-363-5622, iliklick.com

Mockingbird Domestics: Score handmade textiles, lamps and more at this home goods boutique featuring one-of-a-kind pieces by local designers. 512-677-4004, mockingbirddomestics.com




Papalote

Papalote: This bite-sized counter-service taco spot on South First may appear modest from the outside, but it’s a solid go-to for some of the most inventive tacos in town. 512-804-2474, yumpapalote.com

Nature in the City South Austin is home to **Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center**. Named after the beloved First Lady of Texas, this utopia of flora and fauna in the heart of the city is a nice reprieve for city dwellers looking for a place of tranquility and natural beauty. Wander through the more than 7,000 native plants that fill this peaceful park. 512-232-0100, wildflower.org



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EAST AUSTIN

Arguably the fastest growing neighborhood in Austin, the eclectic eastside is where old meets new and fresh eateries and boutiques are popping up like wildflowers. Dig a little deeper and discover rich history and culture everywhere you look.

Taco-Mex: Austin is the unofficial breakfast taco capital of the world. High on the list of best places is the Taco-Mex window on Manor. With 1990s prices and hefty portions, this is a must for curious eaters. 512-524-0860, yelp.com/biz/taco-mex-austin

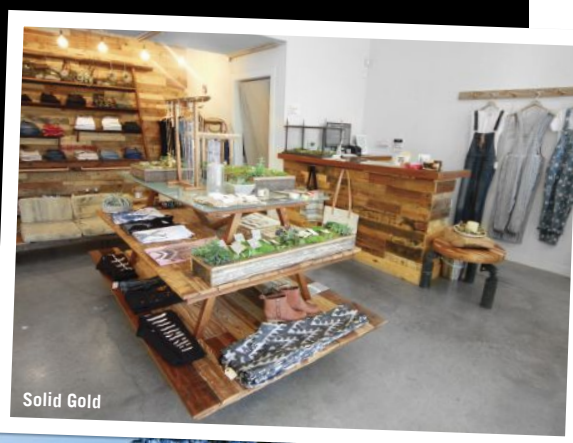
In.gredients: One of the east side's most intriguing businesses, this eco-friendly grocer strives to stock shelves with locally sourced options and to create zero waste. 512-275-6357, in.gredients.com

Vintage boutique **Cosmic Consignment** offers a handpicked selection of mint yet affordable classic couches, wardrobes and lamps. 512-547-6549, [facebook.com/cosmicconsignment](https://www.facebook.com/cosmicconsignment)

Boutique Freak

If you're in the market for a flashy new outfit, head over to **Solid Gold**. This funky boutique offers small-label clothing and accessories to ensure your style is one-of-a-kind.

512-473-2730, solidgoldtx.com



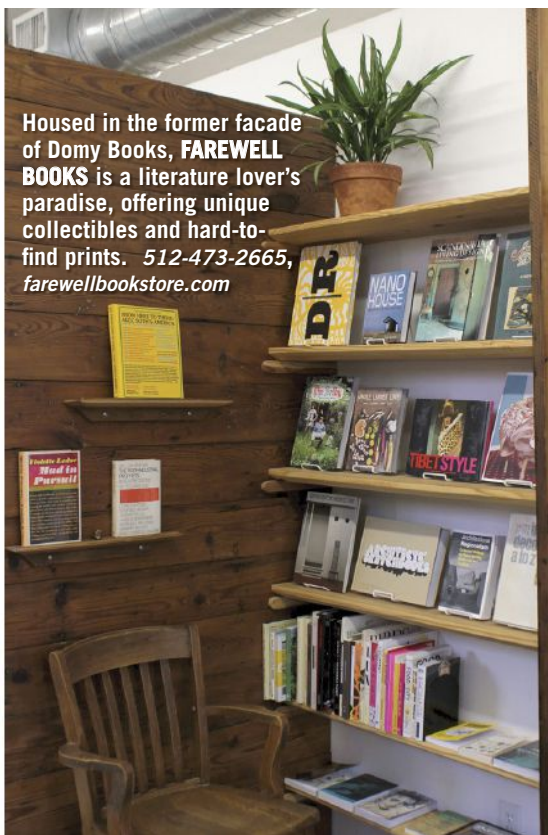
SPRINGDALE FARM

One of the city's largest urban farms offers more than 75 seasonal fruit and vegetable varieties. The farm stand is open to the public on Wednesday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 512-386-8899, springdalefarmaustin.com

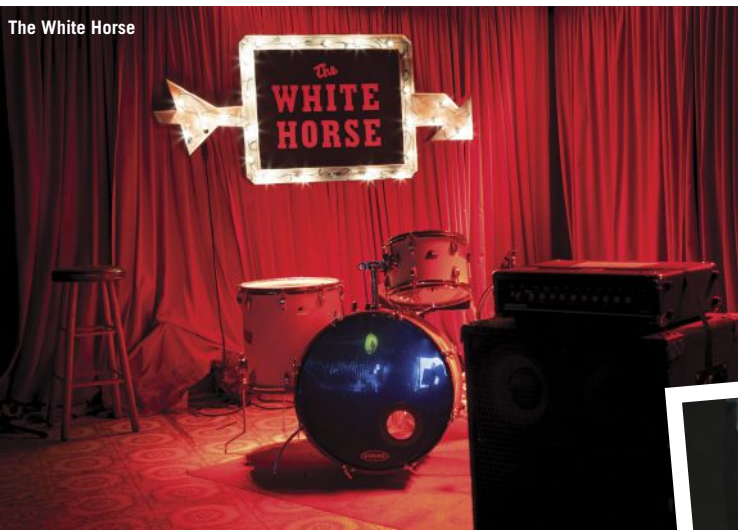




Housed in the former facade of Domy Books, **FAREWELL BOOKS** is a literature lover's paradise, offering unique collectibles and hard-to-find prints. 512-473-2665, farewellbookstore.com



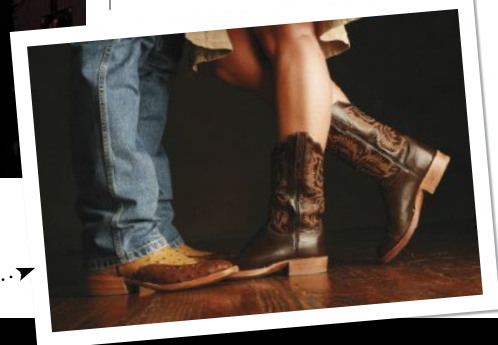
The White Horse



If two-steppin' and whiskey on tap is your scene, look no further than **The White Horse**. This honky-tonk hosts patrons young and old dancing to Texas blues. 512-553-6756, thewhitehorseaustin.com

The long-standing **Mr. Natural** is the perfect grazing ground for vegetarians in search of no-meat Mexican fare and freshly squeezed juices. 512-477-5228, mrnatural-austin.com

Order tasty coffee drinks and health-conscious fare alongside creatives on laptops and friends catching up at **Cenote**. 512-524-1311, cenoteaustin.com



To Dine For

Hoover's Cooking has been an East Austin staple for over a decade. A favorite amongst locals, this Southern spot is a sweet source for soul food with a healthy twist (sip on their beet margarita for a refreshing zing). 512-479-5006, hooverscooking.com

CENTRAL AUSTIN

In the center of Austin lies the city's true heart. It is here where you will find many tried-and-true businesses that anchor the Keep Austin Weird attitude. Maneuver through Central Austin and discover an array of museums, art galleries, mom-and-pop restaurants and boutiques.

The Clay Pit: One of the city's most beloved Indian restaurants glows with warm, homey ambiance and mouthwatering contemporary Indian fare. 512-322-5131, claypit.com

Wheatsville: If you're looking for more of Austin's hippie culture, head down to the city's famous co-op grocery store. This institution has been keeping Austin healthy and green for the past 38 years. 512-478-2667, wheatsville.coop

Hopfields

This welcomed addition to Guadalupe Street delivers gastropub atmosphere and delightful fare. Sample their diverse beer menu and delish French bites. 512-537-0467, hopfieldsaustin.com



Antonelli's Cheese Shop:

Try dozens upon dozens of local and imported soft and hard cheeses, plus perfectly baked baguettes and jams. 512-531-9610, antonellischeese.com



Only in Austin

Texas Chili Parlor: On the lookout for a taste of cowboy culture? This dive bar and restaurant is where politicians from the state capital and urban wranglers meet under one roof. 512-472-2828, txchiliparlor.com

Hole in the Wall: Serving Austin cheap beer and diverse music since 1974, their tiny but legendary stage has seen the likes of Stevie Ray Vaughan, Townes Van Zandt, REM and Don Henley (512-302-1470, holeinthewallaustin.com). Out back, Top Chef winner Paul Qui's renowned **East Side King** (512-363-5365, eskaustin.com) draws crowds.

Austin Books & Comics This lively Austin favorite caters to the appreciators of graphic novels, comics and action heroes, and often hosts guest speakers and themed events. 512-454-4197, austinbooks.com



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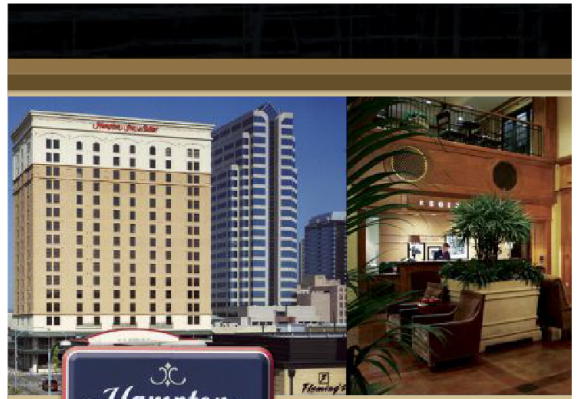


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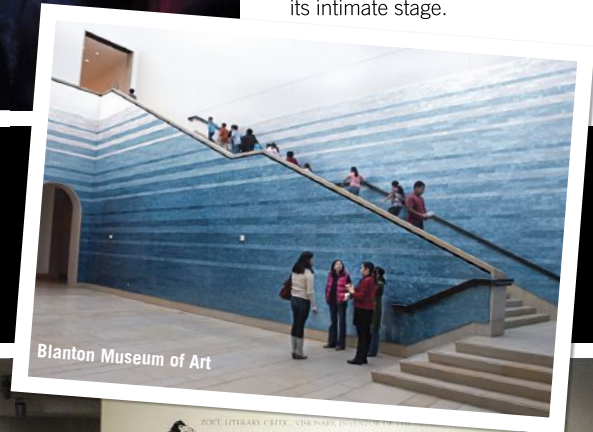


**Lou Reed Tribute
at the Cactus Café**

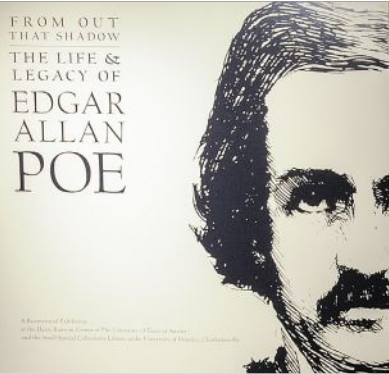
If you're jonesing for some live music in Central Austin, check out the eclectic **Spider House Café**, where patrons of all ages enjoy coffee, cocktails, music or study time (512-480-9562, spiderhousecafe.com). UT staple **Cactus Café** (512-475-6515, cactuscafe.org) has seen the likes of the Dixie Chicks, the Black Crowes and Ani DiFranco on its intimate stage.

Artbreakers

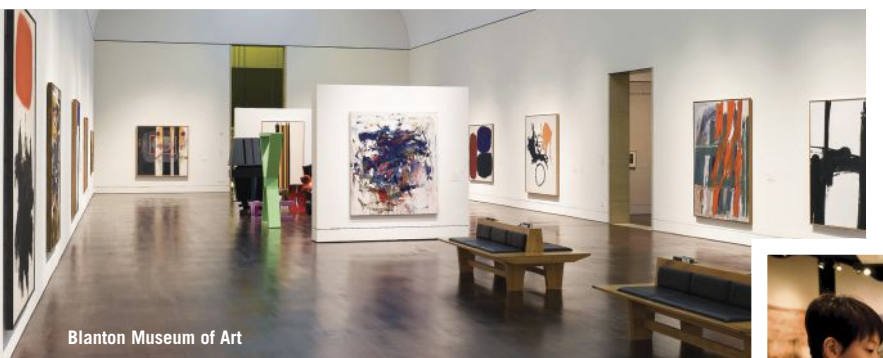
Central Austin showcases an impressive variety of art galleries and museums, with several located at the University of Texas campus.



Blanton Museum of Art



Harry Ransom Center
Past Exhibit: Visitors to *From Out That Shadow: The Life and Legacy of Edgar Allan Poe*



Blanton Museum of Art



Bullock Museum

The **Blanton Museum of Art** (512-471-7324, blantonmuseum.org), the **Harry Ransom Center** (512-471-8944, hrc.utexas.edu) and the **Bullock Texas State History Museum** (512-936-8746, thestoryoftexas.com) are all excellent ways to spend a day seeing diverse works and learning about the state of Texas.

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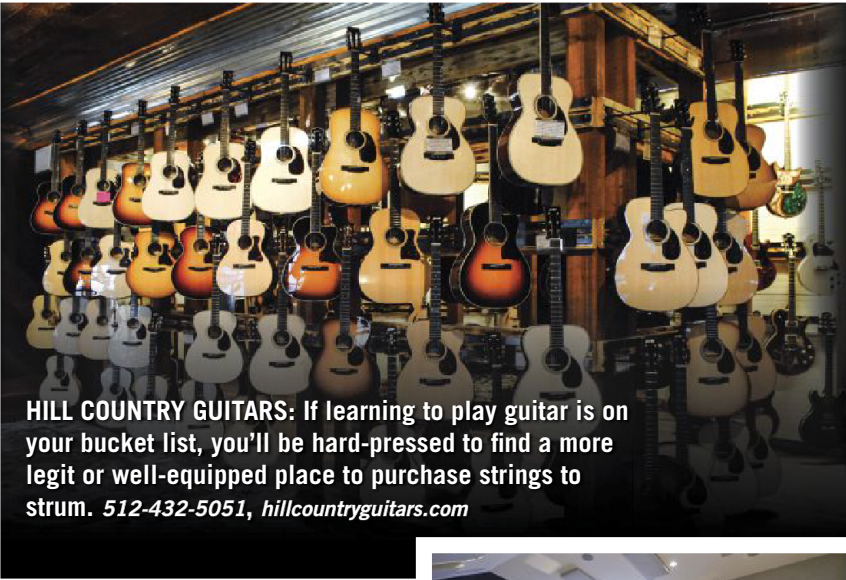
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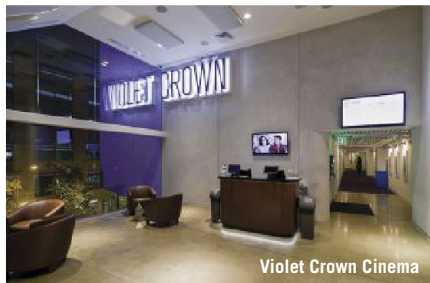
As hoppin' during the week as it is during the weekends, this bustling area of commerce, cuisine, cocktails and the Capitol is a melting pot of finance and fun, as well as philanthropic conservation. In addition to opportunities for retail therapy, the arts scene is alive and well, thanks to touchstones like the Mexic-Arte Museum and The Contemporary Museum of Art.



HILL COUNTRY GUITARS: If learning to play guitar is on your bucket list, you'll be hard-pressed to find a more legit or well-equipped place to purchase strings to strum. 512-432-5051, hillcountryguitars.com

Congress, Bar Congress and Second Bar + Kitchen: This trifecta has become the holy trinity of Congress Ave. With Bar Congress (512-827-2760) sandwiched in between Congress (512-827-2760) and Second Bar + Kitchen (512-827-2750), the best approach is to start with artisan snacks at Second, followed by a multi-course dinner at Congress that is invented daily, and finish with a nightcap from the swanky wine and cocktail list at Bar Congress. congressaustin.com

Searsucker: Opened by Top Chef alum Brian Malarkey, Searsucker is a feast for the eyes and the palate with elements like roped chandelier lighting, large-scale food-inspired art and palm trees scattered throughout the spacious locale. Try the duck fat fries. 512-394-8000, searsucker.com

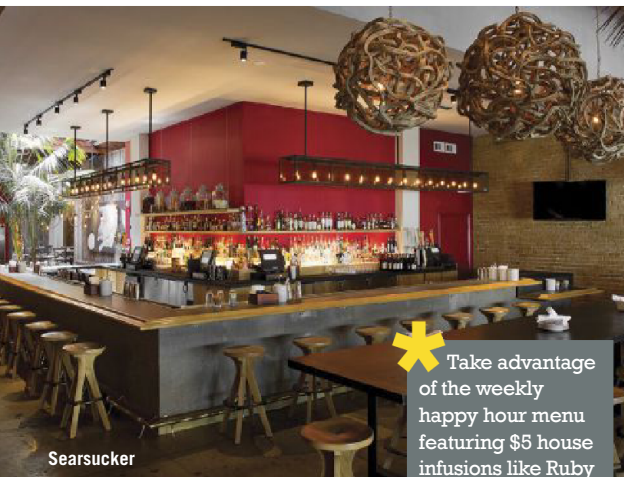


Violet Crown Cinema



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Violet Crown Cinema: This boutique movie house is known for featuring special screenings, Q & A's from Texas-based filmmakers and avant garde independent and international films. 512-495-9600, violetcrowncinema.com



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Swift's Attic: If you're the type who likes to swap forks during fare, pull up a chair at this eclectically kooky restaurant nestled atop the Elephant Room, arguably the most beloved jazz lounge in the city. Creative shareable plates like braised goat shoulder and Texas-friendly quail dishes set the tone.

512-482-8200, swiftsattic.com



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Hangar Lounge: This three-level hangout with an airport lounge theme circa 1950s boasts a world-class rooftop deck.

512-474-4264, thehangarlounge.com

ACL Live: Killer acoustics, easy concertgoer flow and a light libation selection makes for a memorable mid-week concert experience in the heart of downtown.

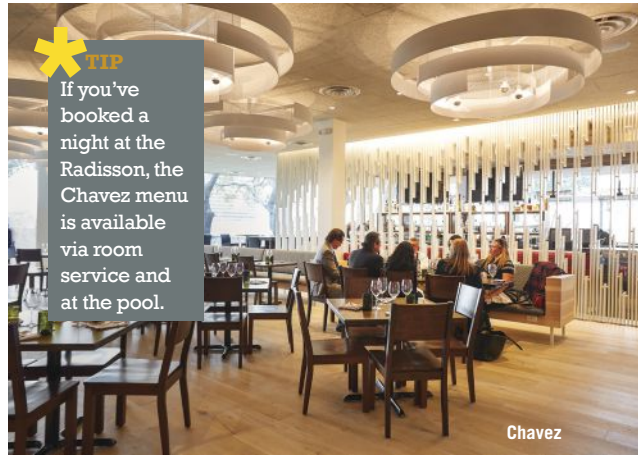
512-225-7999, acl-live.com

FEELING LUCKY?

Each ACL Live show offers the opportunity to win a pair of public passes to an *Austin City Limits* TV program taping.

2nd Street Shopping:

Officially spanning the length of 2nd Street between Congress Avenue and San Antonio streets, this area is home to local and national brands, ranging from beauty, body and abode, to electronics, restaurants and overnight respites. Don your favorite reusable tote and wear shoes meant for strolling. 2ndstreetdistrict.com



Chavez

Chavez: What happens when the design eye of local phenom Michael Hsu and the culinary prowess of Shawn Cirkiel meet? A Southwestern-inspired restaurant in the Radisson Hotel & Suites Downtown overlooking Lady Bird Lake with twisted Texas fare like oyster taquitos. 512-478-2991, chavez-austin.com



Jo's Coffee

Jo's Coffee and Caffé Medici: Get a local bite and jolt with a double-header breakfast outing to Caffé Medici for java and Jo's Coffee for sustenance. Try Jo's build-your-own breakfast taco. 512-827-2770, caffemedici.com; 512-469-9003, joscoffee.com

Wanderlust Yoga: Though you can get your candlelight vinyasa fix here, you can also pump up the volume on your down-tempo downward facing dogs with cardio hula-hooping, often to live bongo music. 512-502-5183, austin.wanderlustyoga.com

LGBT-Friendly Bars For a night of club-hopping and dancing, there is no better stretch than 4th Street for LGBT-friendly spots like **Oil Can Harry's** (512-320-8823, oilcanharrys.com), **Rain** (512-494-1150, rainon4th.com) and **Castro's Warehouse** (512-322-9981, castrowarehouse.com). Check event calendars for weekly parties ranging from karaoke to DJ-infused dance performances and drag shows.





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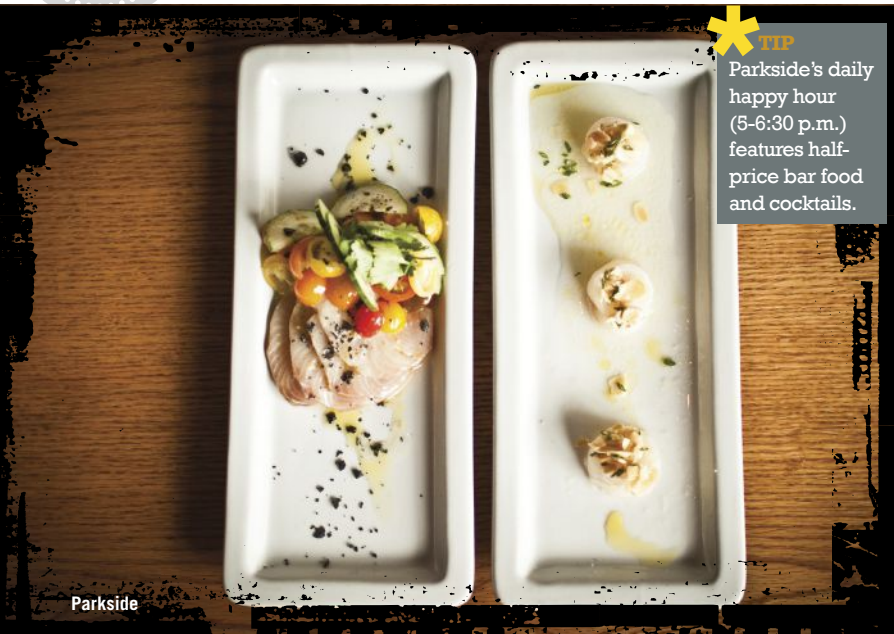
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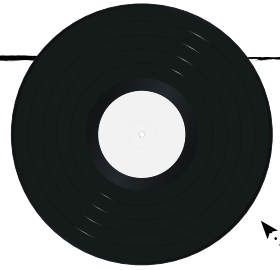
Sixth Street is distinctly Austin. With its colorful and bustling array of bars, restaurants and entertainment venues, it's a sure bet for experiencing local characters and the vibrancy of the city.



TIP
Parkside's daily happy hour (5-6:30 p.m.) features half-price bar food and cocktails.

Parkside

Scattered throughout Sixth Street's long strip of bars and nightclubs is a string of diverse and award-winning culinary experiences. **Parkside**, an exquisite American bistro, boasts an adventuresome menu that includes bone marrow and seared rabbit. 512-474-9898, parkside-austin.com



Recent hip addition to the Sixth Street scene, speakeasy-style **Vinyl** is equipped with a secret entrance and thousands of vinyl records amid tasty cocktails and old-timey ambiance. 512-358-6202, facebook.com/vinylatx

New addition **Daruma Ramen** comes from the culinary trendsetters behind popular Japanese restaurant Kome. Slurp and savor noodles with a healthy twist—all dishes are either chicken, seafood or veggie-based. 512-369-3897, darumaramen.com



Easy Tiger Bake Shop and Beer Garden is a bakery on the first floor and a German bar and eatery below. Browse the vast beer menu and nosh on homemade sausages. 512-614-4972, easytigeraustin.com



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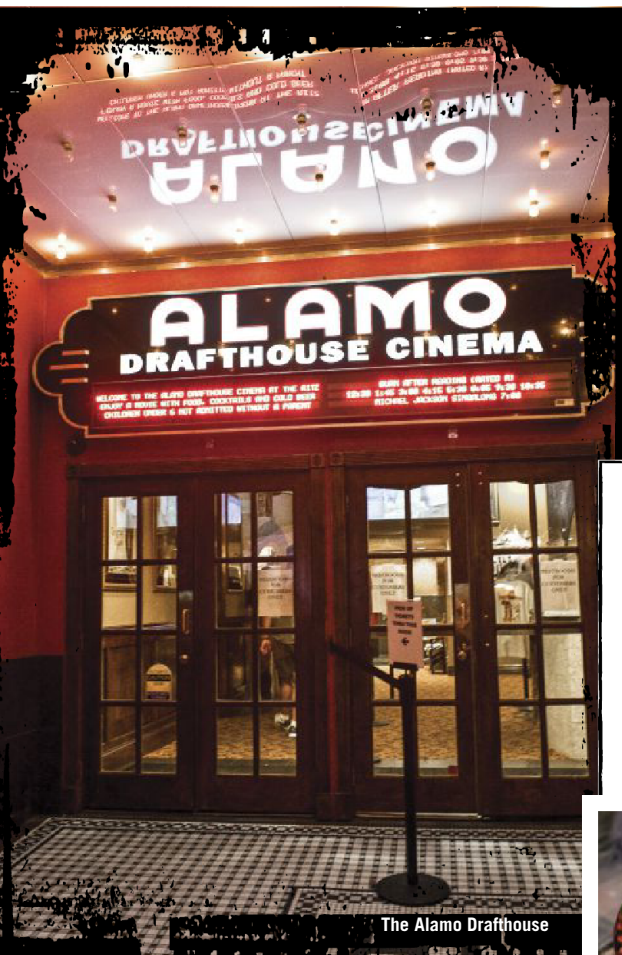
Late-Night Adventures

Stop at **The Parish** and **Parish Underground** to get a taste of Austin's Live Music Capital of the World® DNA. This second-story venue featuring brick walls, ample floor space and rocking sound equipment showcases some of Austin's best local music and well-known travelling acts. theparishaustin.com, parishunderground.com



The Driskill

The Driskill Bar, located within the opulent nineteenth-century Driskill Hotel, is perfect for pairing a glass of wine with soothing sounds of live local jazz. 512-439-1234, driskillhotel.com

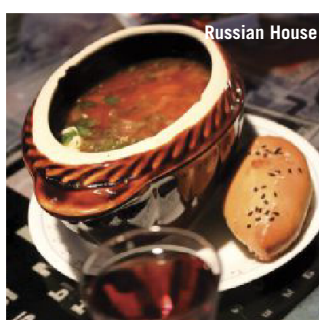


The Alamo Drafthouse

The Alamo Drafthouse Ritz: If a Hollywood blockbuster isn't rolling, then the theater is most likely hosting one of its festive themed events, such as Terror Tuesday or movie quote-alongs. 512-861-7020, drafthouse.com



Russian House



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Hop on over to the **Russian House** for some borscht and vodka. This homey eatery feels like you've stepped straight into Mother Russia. 512-428-5442, russianhouseofaustin.com

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Moonshine Patio Bar & Grill: Downhome cooking and weekly staples like the green chile macaroni and patio cocktails like the “Moonshine Jug” make this relaxed restaurant a must. The Sunday brunch is something worth getting in line for.

512-236-9599, moonshinegrill.com

Beerland: A dive bar with a side of suds, this is where you'll tip back beers, play a few arcade games and gear up for some loud live music. Live out your American Idol dreams every Monday night during Rock n' Roll Karaoke.

512-479-7625, beerlandtexas.com

Cheer Up Charlies: First reaching popularity at an original location in East Austin, this live music venue brought its fan base, many from the gay and lesbian community, to the former Club de Ville bar space.

512-431-2133, cheerupcharlies.com

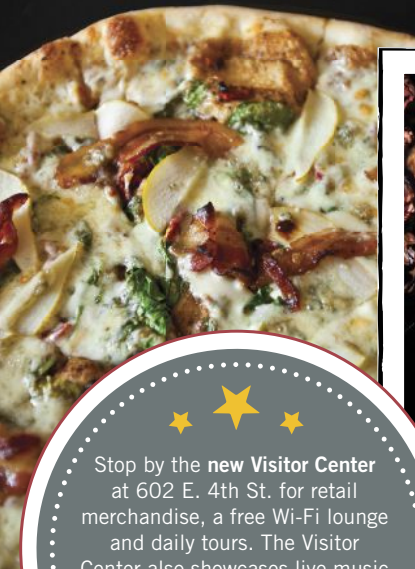


The Side Bar: Nothing fancy. Just a stiff drink and a large gravel patio at which to sip it. Snag a cue stick for the pool table and put some quarters in the jukebox.

512-322-0697, thesidebarAustin.com

HOBOKEN PIE: Say Salut! with a slice from this gourmet 'za shop. Sure, you can have your pepperoni here, but have you ever tried toppings like vegan tofu ricotta?

512-477-4256, hobokenpie.com



PELONS TEX-MEX RESTAURANT: If you consider salt around the rim a necessity for a night of fun, this is your hacienda. Housemade Hatch chile queso, a patio tucked beneath a towering oak tree and an agave tequila margarita will put you in your happy place.

512-243-7874, pelonsaustin.com

✦ For a howl at the moon dessert option, revered local lick purveyor, **Amy's Ice Cream**, provides the Mexican Vanilla ice cream, which Pelons infuses with tequila and tops with Patrón XO Cafe Cocoa Liqueur.



Mohawk: Come here for live music and multi-level views of the stage, stay for the stiff drinks and to be properly weirded out by events like the annual Quesoff where locals compete with their queso concoctions, drunken spelling bees and even beard growing “face-off’s.”

512-666-0877, mohawkaustin.com

Stubb's: An outdoor stage that's built for bring-the-house-down performers, an indoor stage suited for a more intimate concert experience, and beloved brisket and signature BBQ sauce – yes, please.

512-480-8341, stubbssAustin.com

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Jezebel: One of the only places in Austin with a jacket-required policy, this bespoke restaurant makes trading in your flip-flops worth the effort. 512-436-9643, restaurantjezebel.com

BookPeople: From celebrated writers like David Sedaris to Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, this local literary institution packs the place with a stellar and varied book selection that brings in legions of loyal fans. 512-472-5050, bookpeople.com



Waterloo Records: Take a spin around an independently owned shop that keeps the newest records on shelves and the hottest bands on deck for in-store performances. Don't miss vinyl happy hour every Tuesday. 512-474-2500, waterloorecords.com

Clark's Oyster Bar: Oysters on the half-shell get full mast exposure at this chic and inspired seafood haven.

512-297-2525, clarksoysterbar.com



Frank & Angie's and Hut's Hamburgers: Whether it's a slice of history you want (try the Chairman of the Board) or an award-winning between-buns invention (Hut's has been voted Austin's "Best Hamburger" 26 years straight), you've got your pick of both. 512-472-3534, hutsfrankandangies.com

Winflo Osteria

Looking for a pretty patio shaded by a 300-year-old live oak for bread, brunch and beyond? We love the ricotta pancakes at this scrumptious Italian-inspired eatery. 512-582-1027, winfloosteria.com



✦ Book dinner and a show at **THE LISTENING ROOM**, the dark and cozy spot adjacent to the restaurant that features year-round, weekly acoustic performances and a chef-prepped dinner.



By George: On the forefront of every fashion-forward blog and magazine, bring your new credit card and prepare to heat it up on trendy designer labels with staying power. 512-472-5951, bygeorgeaustin.com

Ranch 616 and Rattle Inn: Start at Ranch 616 (512-479-7616, theranch616.com) with a "Ranch Water" (Hornitos Reposado, Citronge and lime juice on the rocks served with a Topo Chico mineral water), then head over to the Rattle Inn (512-373-8306, rattleinnaustin.com) for live music and skyline views.

24 Diner Staying true to their goal of producing "honest food," be sure to introduce yourself to an order of their infamous chicken and waffles with honey butter. Just don't show up on a Wednesday between 1-6 a.m.; they'll be closed for cleaning. 512-472-5400, 24diner.com



WEST AUSTIN *and* BEYOND

The flip-flop set of Lake Travis, the longtime residents of quiet and quaint Tarrytown and the kicked-back communities of Zilker and Lake Austin all shape this part of town.



Barton Springs

Barton Springs: Situated near Zilker Park, take a dip in this natural spring-fed pool that has a welcoming year-round average temp of 68 degrees. Tip: Bring a blow-up raft and a little spending cash for the onsite concession stand. austintexas.gov

Mount Bonnell: The place where postcard-esq pics are made, lovers climb this landmark for views of Lake Travis. austinparks.org

Maudie's Milagro: One of several in the Maudie's family, Tex-Mex treats on a patio are the keys to getting to know and love the city. 512-306-8080, maudies.com

Jeffrey's and Josephine House: Stop in for locally sourced snacks and sips at Clarksville cottage Josephine's before traipsing to neighboring full-menu fine-dining restaurant Jeffrey's. The Sunday Suppers at Jeffrey's are not to be missed. 512-477-5584, josephineofaustin.com; jeffreysfaustin.com

The Contemporary Austin Laguna Gloria: A favored place to say "I do," this picturesque Italian-inspired villa houses an art school and wandering peacocks. 512-453-5312, thecontemporaryaustin.org



The Contemporary Austin Laguna Gloria

The Grove Wine Bar & Kitchen: Al fresco at its finest, this highly frequented locale in West Lake Hills caters to the most particular of palates with gluten-free, vegetarian and vegan bruschetta plates to build a dream on. 512-327-8822, grovewinebar.com

CURE JETLAG while roaming the flight list. Well-rounded wine flights range from whites to reds, divided by regions.



Zilker Botanical Gardens

Zilker Botanical Gardens: 31 acres of native, hybrid and exotic plants make this the type of horticulture hub a place for all ages to practice bloom worship. 512-477-8672, zilker garden.org



The Oasis on Lake Travis: Considered the sunset capital of Texas, the area hosts newly added shops and restaurants fit for the family. 512-266-2442, oasis-austin.com

HULA HUT A day boating on Lake Austin is not complete without a solid dose of mango salsa and an umbrella drink at this Tex-Mex meets Polynesian-inspired idyllic locale (512-476-4852, hulahut.com). Next door, **Abel's on the Lake** has a fabulous deck where brunch and mimosas flow liberally. (512-904-0570, abels.com)



RAINEY STREET

Renovated houses turned into bungalow bars reign supreme on this increasingly popular tucked-away street. Day or night, you'll find relaxed bar-goers strolling from bar to food trailer to bar again, often with their dogs in tow – many of these spots are pup-friendly – looking for a kicked back sip and a bite. This area has also grown uber popular for the SXSW contingent.

No Va Kitchen & Bar: One of the more posh spots on Rainey, this restaurant-bar offers plates of from-scratch burgers and gourmet pizzas presented in a mid-century modern, two-level space. 512-382-5651, novaonrainey.com



CLIVE: Pull up a white leather, peacock-feathered barstool, glance up at the chandelier made of Patron bottles, and order a proper cocktail within the confines of this lodge-inspired locale. 512-494-4120, clivebar.com

Icenhauer's: A stylized fire pit graces the back area, while a chandelier made of upside down wine glasses pretties up the inside. Female-focused, every drink on the specialty menu is named after an influential woman in owner Michael Icenhauer's life. 512-473-0005, icenhauers.com

Lucille Patio Bar: Do as the locals do and enjoy a lazy Austin Sunday while swinging in the hammocks or playing mini-golf at this relaxed bar. A jalapeño margarita or spiked sweet tea are the perfect drink accessories to the cabana-style atmosphere. 512-322-9270, lucilleaustin.com



Container Bar

Container Bar: This new, totally green bar is made – quite literally – out of four-ton stacked metal shipping containers. Various lounge areas are themed with concepts like the winter room. Don't miss the Dang food trailer. 512-320-0820, austincontainerbar.com

Tapas Bravas: Five words: make your own sangria kits. Not only does this food truck serve up authentic Spanish tapas with an Austin twist like Churros with Nutella and Piquillos Rellenos, patrons are encouraged to BYOB a bottle to combine with the in-house selection of sangria starters. 512-827-8479, tapasbravasaustin.com



G'Raj Mahal Cafe: What started out as a simple food truck complete with billowy tents is now a brick and mortar with an inviting patio space and stellar Indian food. 512-480-2255, grajmahalaustin.com

Bar 96: Sports enthusiasts come here to snag a barstool and catch a game, while the actively competitive types go for the wrap-around patio complete with artificial turf for games like giant Jenga and cornhole. 512-433-6604, bar96austin.com



Bar 96


✦ If the competition at Bar 96 helps you work up an appetite, head out back to the **BOMB TACOS** food trailer to nosh.

Banger's Sausage & Beer Garden: This laid-back beer garden is a place to hoist one with the new friends you're bound to make when sharing a picnic table in the outdoor space. As popular for brunch 'braut and vegan sausage as this spot is for lively events, you'll be tantalized with regular tapping sessions of trial beers (they've got more than 100 on tap.) 512-386-1656, bangersaustin.com




The Blackheart: This bar is all about whiskey. The selection is more scroll than menu, and is best served neat on the perfect-for-people-watching front patio or out back with a side of live music. 512-391-1566, blackheartbar.com

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Pure Austin

Pure Austin: The north Austin location on Quarry Lake is where many elite physiques are carved out thanks to paddle-boarding and yoga classes. 512-342-2200, pureaustin.com

Chez Zee: The lobster benedict and bloody mary combo at this American bistro quickly explains why Chez Zee has been voted best brunch many times over. 512-454-2666, chez-zee.com



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The Goodnight: Let an order of pulled pork sliders fuel you for a little friendly competition at the eight vintage bowling lanes, table tennis courts, billiards and shuffleboard tables at this adult playground. 512-459-5000, thegoodnightaustin.com

Top Golf: Far from your average bucket of balls driving range, this target-oriented entertainment venue helps you perfect your aim while you indulge in upscale food and drinks. 512-222-5950, topgolf.com



NXNW: Follow the brewery tower and grain silos to this craft beer mecca. Further your education at their oft-hosted "beer school" where you'll learn the haps behind the hops. 512-467-6969, nxnwbrew.com

The Domain: Browse more than 100 spots to wine, dine, shop and view the crème de la crème in local, national and international brands. 512-873-8099, simon.com

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Fonda San Miguel: The high-end Mexican cuisine served at this dreamy and ambient staple has created a love affair for Austin palates for over 30 years. 512-459-4121, fondasanmiguel.com



To support the arts community and give patrons something pretty to peek at while waiting for their table, Fonda San Miguel's owner commissioned a graffiti artist to decorate the blank canvas building next door to the restaurant with Frida Kahlo and Salvador Dali-inspired art.

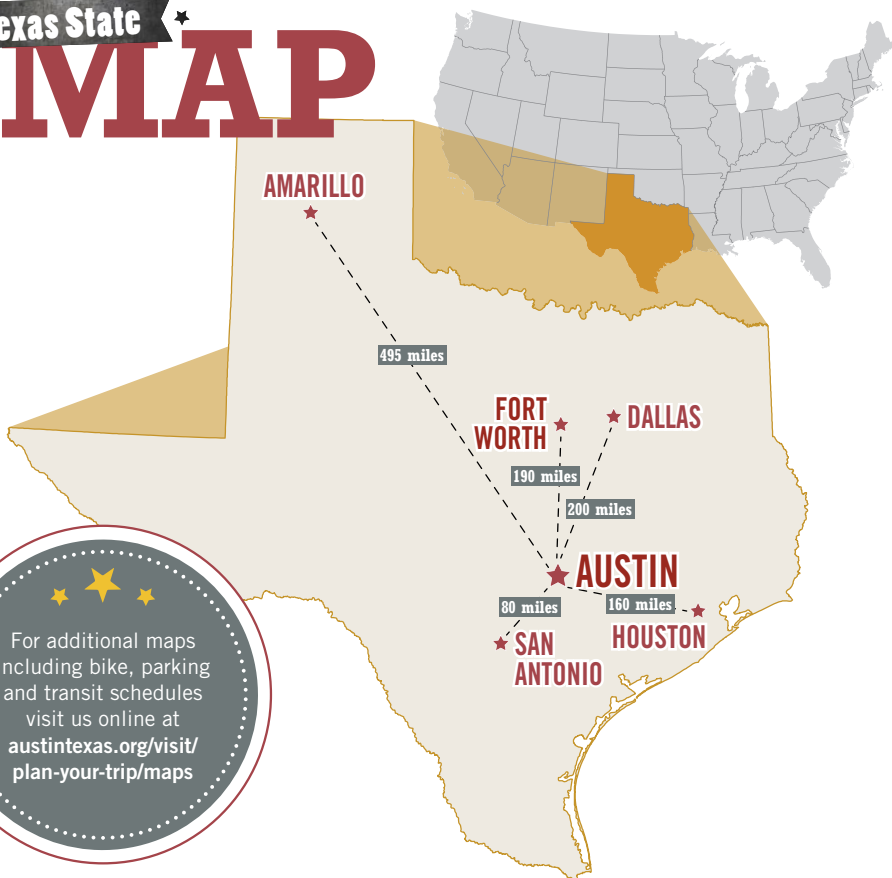
The Roost: Far North dwellers are happily shaking their tail feathers over a spot in the 'hood that meets their dance club desires and penchant for Texas vinyl sided with live music. 512-394-5727, theroostaustin.com

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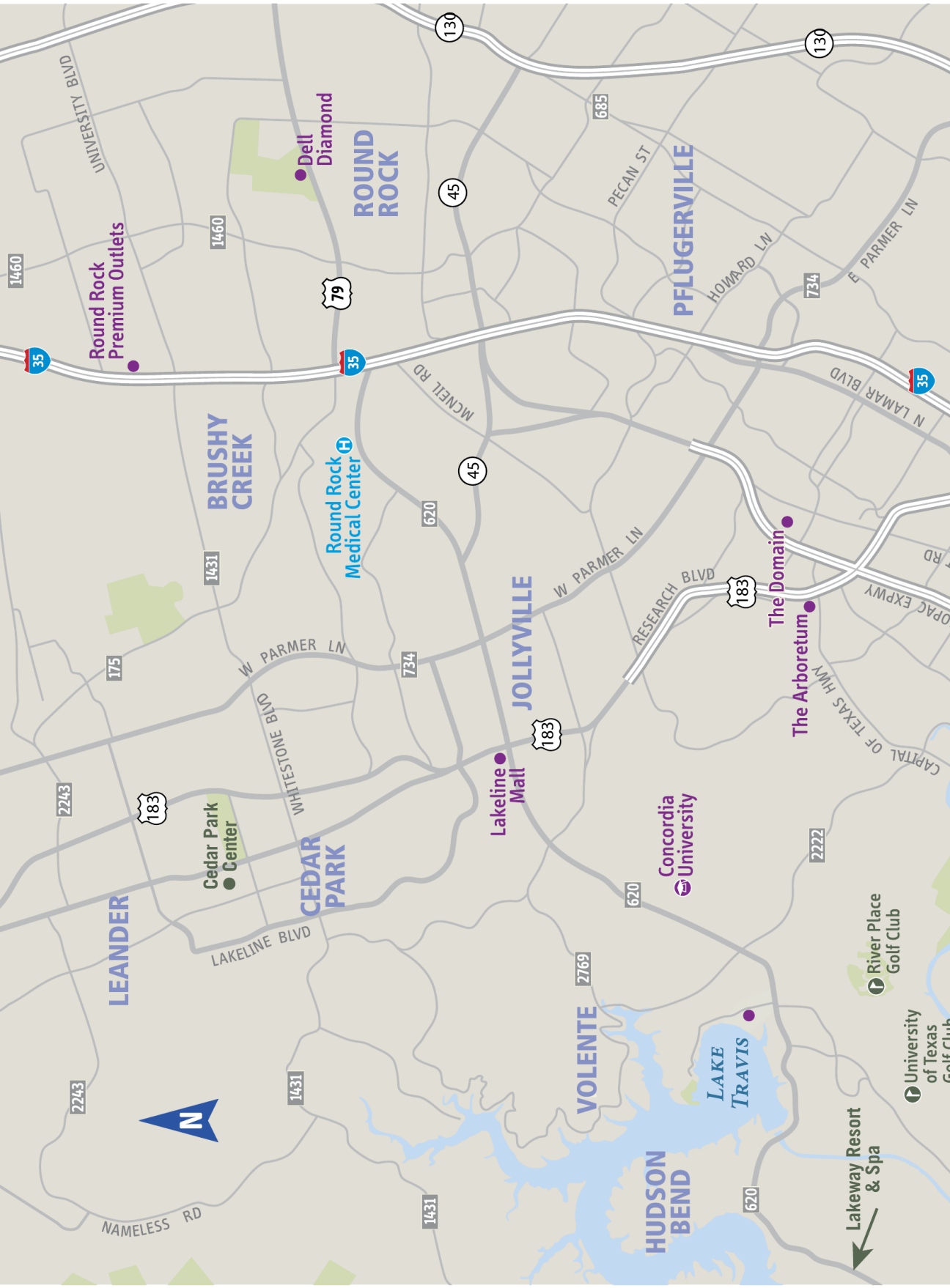
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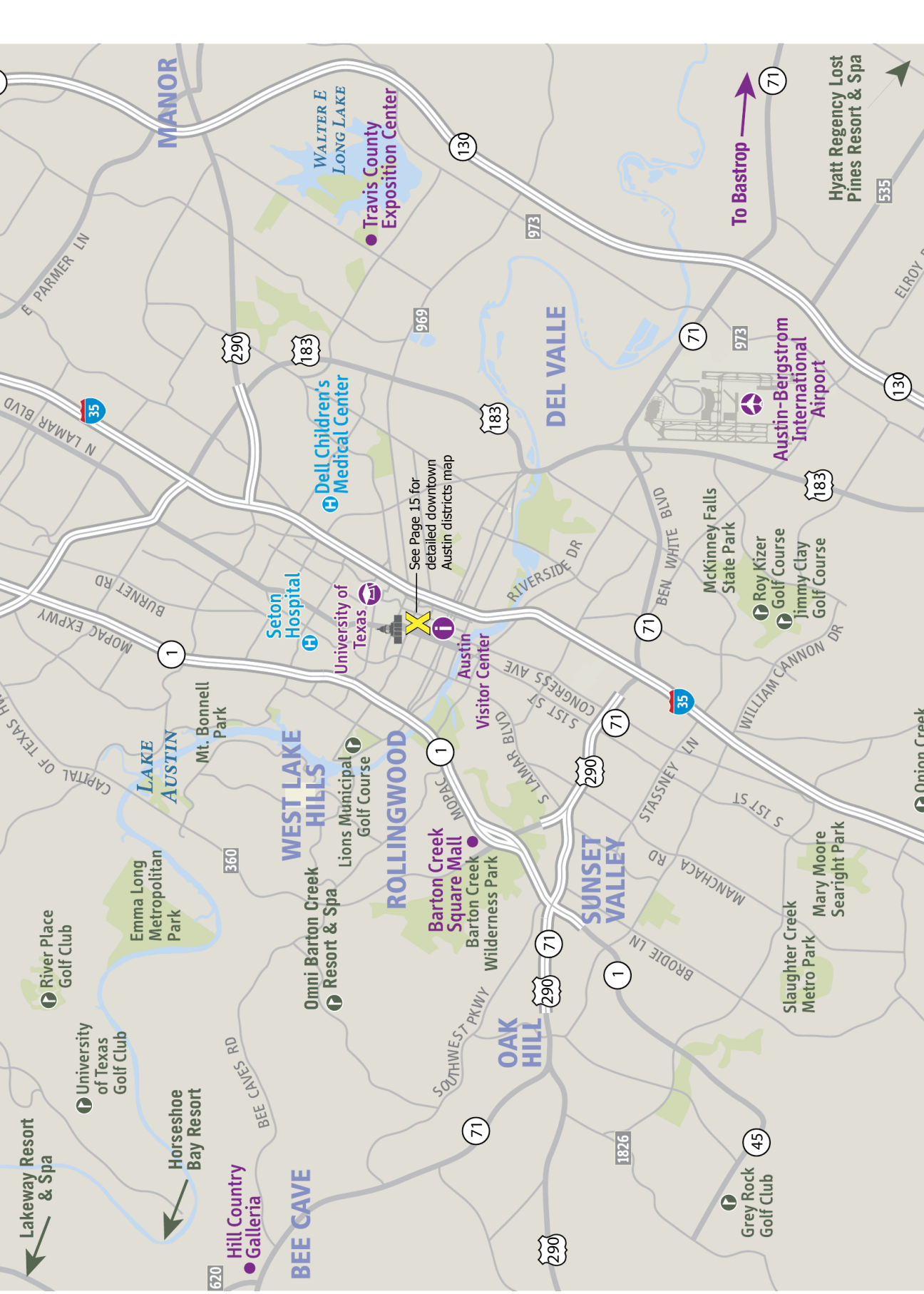
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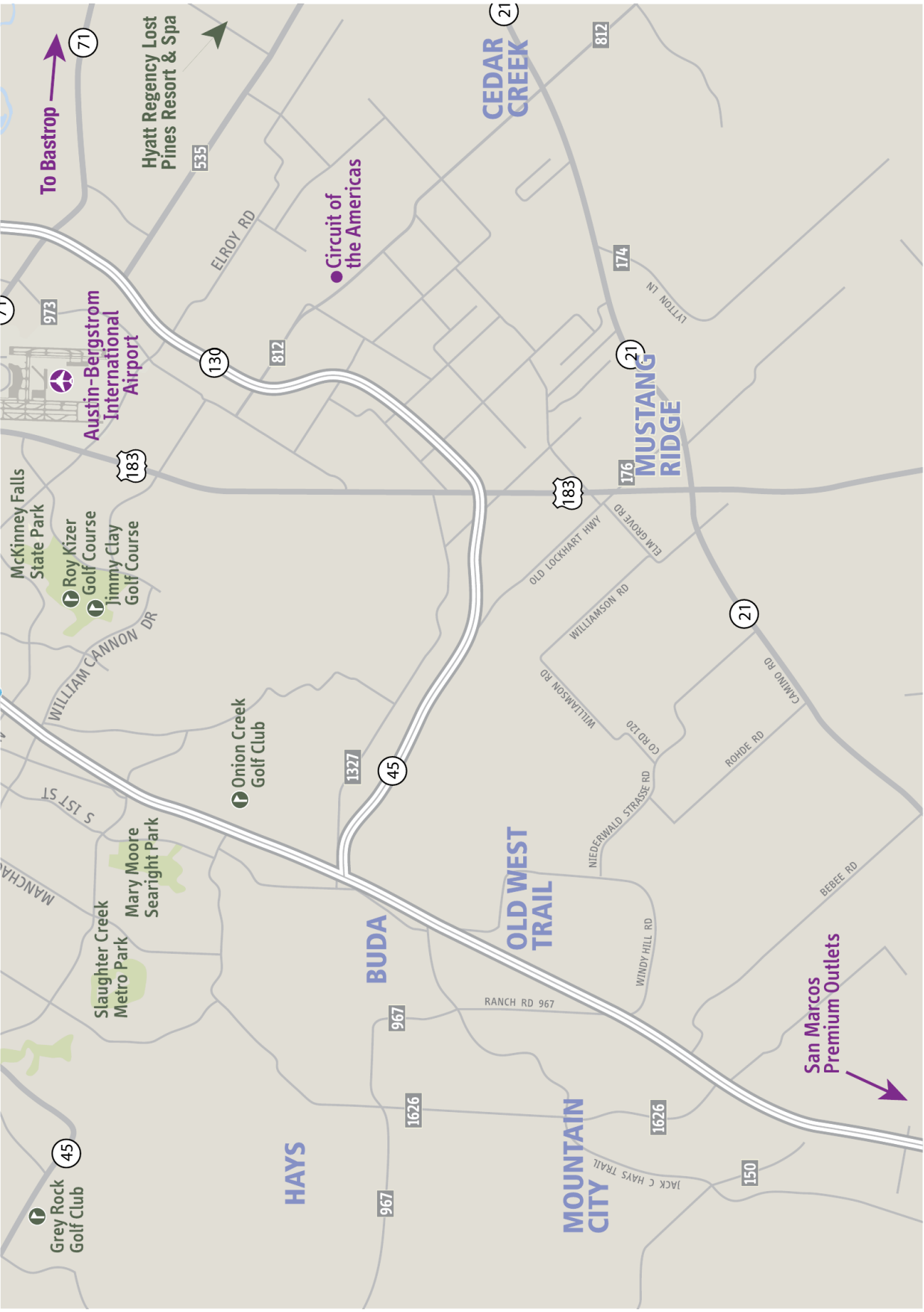
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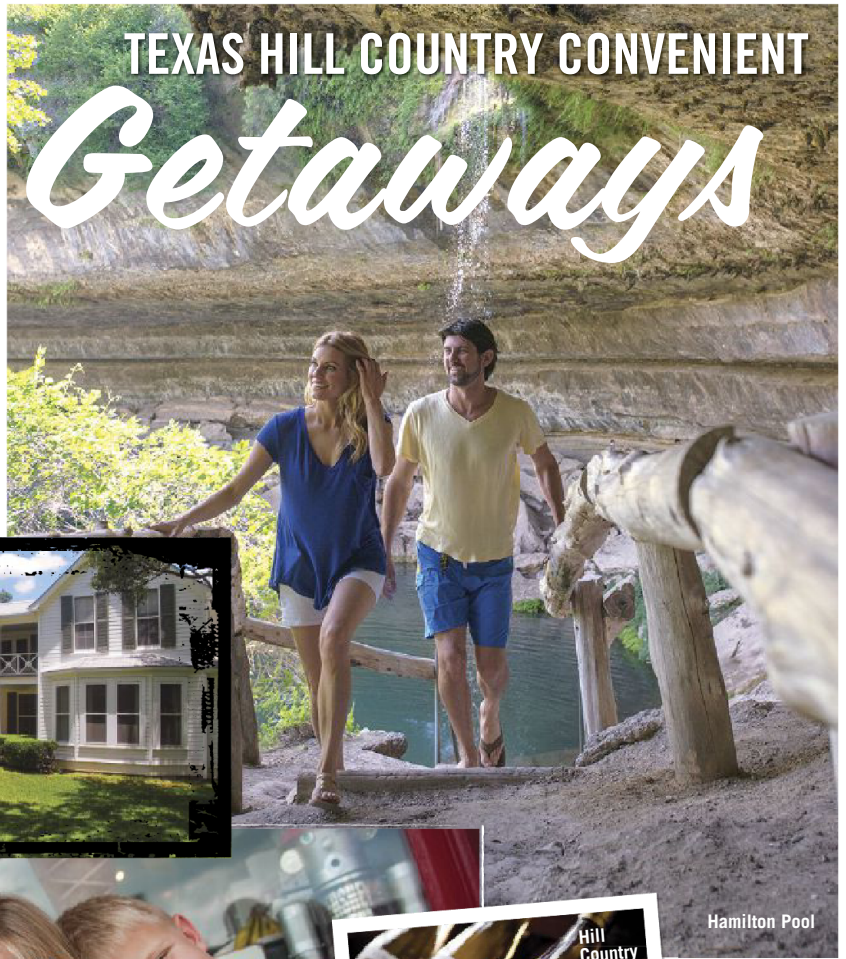

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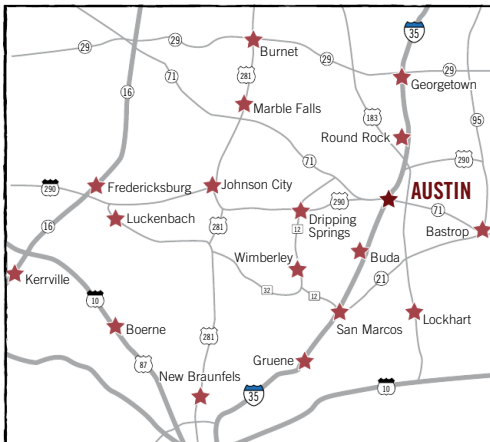
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Oktoberfest in Fredericksburg

Jacob's Well



LUCKENBACH

The last time a census was performed in Luckenbach, just 10 miles southeast of Fredericksburg, the total population was three.

- ★ The town's two remaining buildings, The **Luckenbach General Store** and **Luckenbach Dance Hall** feature daily live music from local and traveling acts.

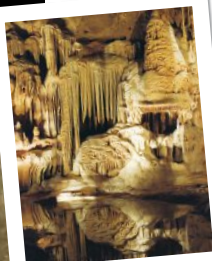
WIMBERLEY

Much like its wee neighbors, Wimberley was a former mill town, featuring production in lumber, molasses and cotton. What remains now is a lovely, antiquated hub for Hill Country arts, boutiques and outdoor adventures.

- ★ Join the families swimming at crystalline **Jacob's Well**.
- ★ Take day hikes through the scenic **Cypress Creek Trail** and **Mount Baldy**.
- ★ Head into town and refuel at mom-and-pops such as **Brewster's Pizza** and locally sourced café **The Leaning Pear**.



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Luckenbach General Store

FREDERICKSBURG

Founded by German settlers in 1846, this quaint town of a little over 10,000 citizens features Old World charm while remaining quintessentially Texan.

- ★ Spend the day hopping between antique shops such as **D'Vinely Designed** and **Berkman Books**.
- ★ Take a drive outside of town to **Enchanted Rock**, a 640-acre granite hill that travelers of all abilities can hike.
- ★ Embracing its German heritage, Fredericksburg hosts **Oktoberfest** in the fall and a gorgeous outdoor **European Christmas** display in the winter.



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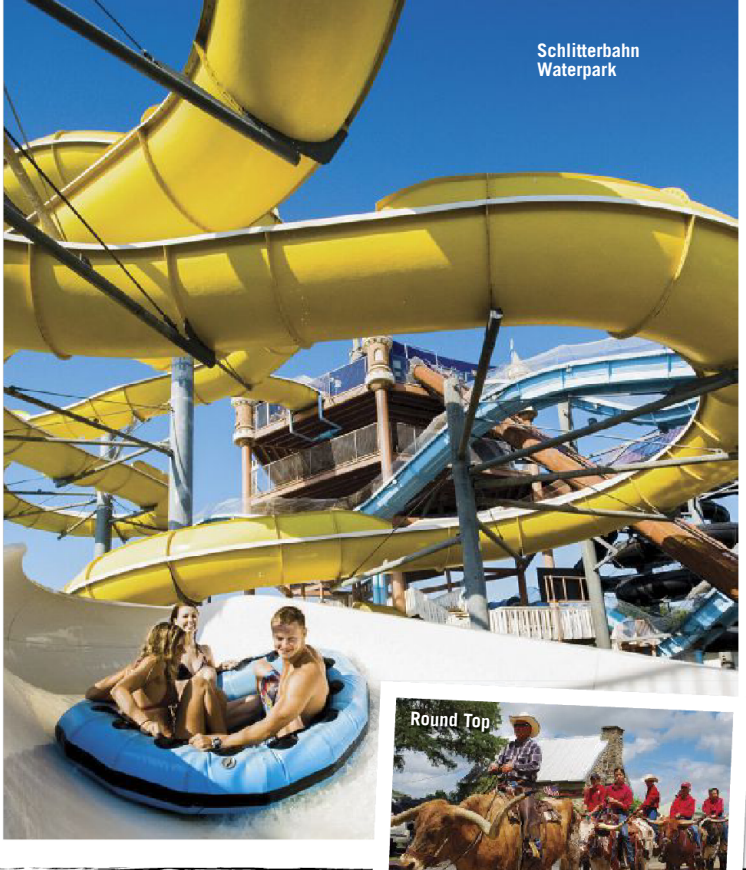
LOCKHART

Known as the BBQ Capital of Texas, when Lockhart isn't busy feeding hungry visitors, it welcomes major film shoots to town. "Waiting for Guffman," "What's Eating Gilbert Grape" and "Where the Heart Is" were all filmed here.

- ★ Dig in at Lockhart's world-famous pits – **Black's Barbeque**, **Smittys Market**, **Chisholm Trail BBQ** and **Kreuz Market** – and get your fill of perfectly smoked brisket and sausage.
- ★ Walk off some of that delicious 'cue walking around the numerous **antiques and collectibles shops**.



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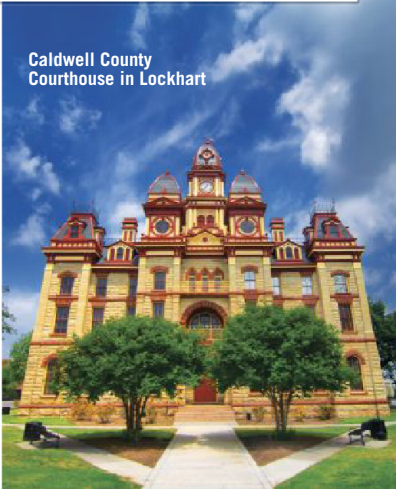


Schlitterbahn Waterpark



Round Top

Caldwell County Courthouse in Lockhart



NEW BRAUNFELS

A charming German settlement, much like Fredericksburg, New Braunfels is a widely known summertime water-lovers destination.

- ★ People come from all over to tube in the city's two major rivers: the **Guadalupe** and the **Comal**. Rent a tube and take a peaceful float downriver.
- ★ Looking for something with a faster pulse? Rent a **kayak** or book a **rafting adventure**.
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ROUND TOP

A Hill Country town of only 80 citizens, Round Top is a cultural mecca that also hosts one of the largest antique fairs in the state.

- ★ Time your visit around one of the three yearly **Antiques Fairs**.
- ★ Attend admired art, literature and music events at the **Round Top Festival Institute**.
- ★ Snap up tickets and head to the Barn for a University of Texas-produced **Shakespeare at Winedale** production.

GRUENE

Within New Braunfels along the Guadalupe River is the tiny town of Gruene, famous for being the home of Texas' oldest dance hall, Gruene Hall.

- ★ Join the visitors rolling into **Gruene Hall** to get their two-steppin' on.
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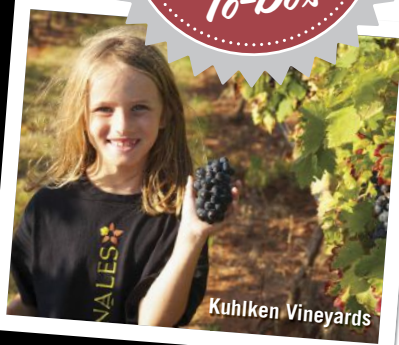
Situated on Lake Marble Falls, this idyllic haven serves up loads of opportunity for romance.

- ★ For couples looking to get away, **Flat Creek Estate** offers tastings and dinner on a beautiful 80-acre ranch.
- ★ The **Marble Falls Massage Therapy Center** features singles and couples spa packages.
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PEDERNALES CELLARS

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Georgetown Biking



Blue Hole

GEORGETOWN

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- ★ If you're looking to be pampered, **Breeze Salon and Day Spa** offers a variety of scrubs, facials and massages to help you unwind.
- ★ Golfers head over to the **Georgetown Country Club**, a historic 18-hole course nestled within a scenic backdrop.
- ★ Families looking for a quality-time day trip will love the **Blue Hole**, a beautiful lagoon located on the **South San Gabriel River**.

Bluebonnets near Marble Falls



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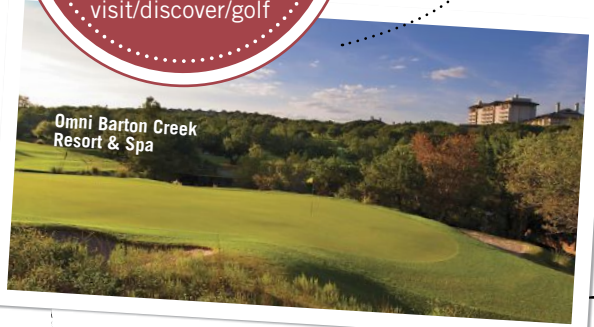
This Lake Travis property recently underwent nearly \$5 million in renovations, including completely remodeled guest rooms and the addition of Masterson's Steakhouse, a gourmet Texas-inspired restaurant. Grab your best gals and hit the water for some wet 'n wild adventure – the AAA Four Diamond Resort is within steps of the Lakeway marina. Find utter relaxation in the two heated outdoor pools, as well as in the tranquil spa area that overlooks the lake.

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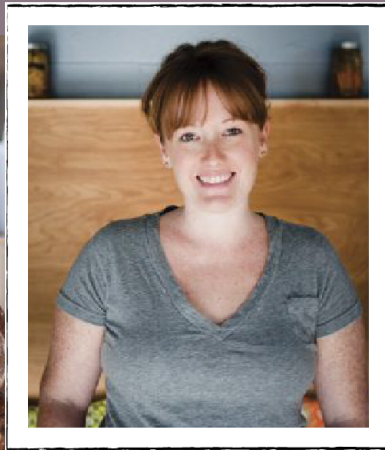
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Pastry Chef Jodi Elliott Dishes on Austin Eats

Jodi Elliott, a pastry chef, mother, and owner of Bribery, a new-in-2015 bakery and dessert bar, dishes about some of her favorite local restaurants.

San Antonio native Jodi Elliott decided at an early age she wanted to work in pastry after baking with her grandmother. She attended the Culinary Institute of America in New York, graduated and studied under Claudia Fleming at Gramercy Tavern in New York City. Elliott went on to work at London's Savoy Hotel and several restaurants in New York City before moving to Portland, and eventually to Austin in 2009, where she opened Foreign and Domestic as pastry chef and co-owner.

The restaurant quickly became popular for its eclectic local food made with high-end technique and Elliott gained notice for her wonderful popovers and dessert menu. Her fundraiser bake sales were also a hit.

"I made things that I like to eat in the morning – we started doing savory danishes like tomato and herb and biscuit sandwiches, we did slices of cake and mini pies. It changed each time and people came to sample whatever it was we were serving that day," Elliott said.

The bake sale success led to her decision to sell her ownership in Foreign and Domestic to focus on pastry full time, opening Bribery – a bakery and café during the day that will be transformed into a cocktail bar with plated desserts in the evening – by early 2015.

ELLIOTT SHARES SOME AUSTIN FAVORITES:

- » I love **Second Bar + Kitchen** – it's a really cool space and the menu is eclectic so there's something for everyone.
- » **Justine's Brasserie** is quintessential Austin because it's in the middle of a residential street and you end up in this pretty space. I love their crême brûlée.
- » Being from San Antonio, I love Tex-Mex. **Matt's El Rancho** is fun and the patio is awesome; their queso is super-traditional.
- » **Contigo** is very cool and the setting is very Texas ranch-ey. It's great for brunch and they do a very good job with their donuts and biscuits.
- » I like **Vino Vino** a lot – on Sunday they have paella night. I go with a group of girls for happy hours occasionally and we all order wines by the glass and cheese plates to share.
- » For breakfast and lunch, **Counter Café** has great blueberry pancakes and burgers and fries.
- » **Phil's Ice House** is awesome because the food is actually really good for a place that has a playscape that my daughter loves.
- » My favorite is **Angie's** on East 7th. They make their corn tortillas by hand and they are super thick and amazing; their salsa is super spicy and also really good.
- » **Lenoir** and **Fabi and Rosi** are two places that are really nice for an evening out.

Chef's Recipe

Jodi Elliott's famous Gruyère and Black Pepper Popovers are a mainstay at Foreign and Domestic.

Gruyère and Black Pepper Popovers (makes 16)

- 2 cups whole milk
- 4 large eggs
- 1 ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp black pepper
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 oz. Gruyère cheese, cut into 16 small cubes, plus freshly grated cheese for garnish

1. Preheat oven to 375° and position a rack in the bottom third. Place muffin (or popover) pans in the oven to warm.
2. In a small saucepan, warm milk over medium heat until it is hot (about 125°) but not boiling. Remove from heat. In large bowl, whisk eggs with salt and pepper until smooth. Slowly whisk in warm milk. Add flour and whisk until batter is just combined. (It may be slightly lumpy.)
3. Remove pans from oven. Spray pans generously with nonstick cooking spray. Pour about 1/3 cup of the batter into each of 16 muffin cups. Set a cube of the cheese on top of the batter in each cup.
4. Bake popovers until puffed and deep golden brown, about 40 minutes (do not open the door or they may collapse). Remove popovers from pans, sprinkle with grated Gruyère and serve immediately.

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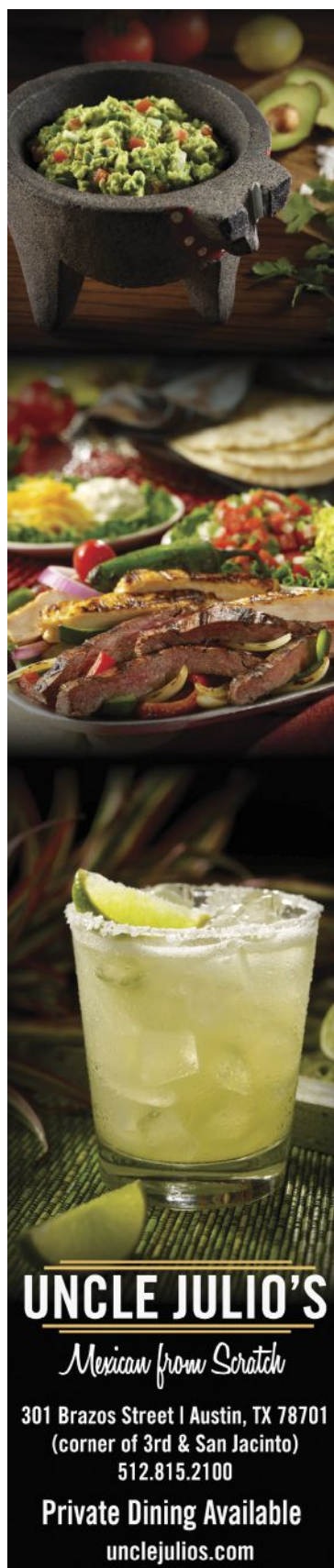
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David Alan is the rare Austin native – he was born and raised here. After attending culinary school, he graduated from the University of Texas in 2007, where he double majored in government and American studies.

David began reading about cocktail and spirits history. He started a blog, *Tipsy Texan*, where he and his now husband, Joe, blogged about cocktail education and experimentation. At the time, he was working for a coffee roaster during the day and began to host cocktail pop-ups around town. Part of his day job included selling coffee at the Austin Farmer's Market, and it was here that Alan began meeting local chefs and farmers and learning about sustainable agriculture. His sustainable drinking philosophy evolved from here.

In 2013, Alan published a book of cocktail recipes and history. He continues to consult, doing events and marketing for liquor companies, as well as teaching *Tipsy Tech*, an in-depth course in spirits education.

"Cocktail culture became too self-regarding and dogmatic over the years. I think bartenders are going to start taking themselves a little less seriously and will have a bit more fun with it," Alan says.

DAVID ALAN'S TOP PICKS

When friends come in from out of town, Alan brings them to:

»**Midnight Cowboy.** It's a little speakeasy on Sixth Street, and I do believe that if you've never been to Austin, you have to at least see the spectacle that is Sixth Street.

»**Drink.Well.** is off the beaten path; they have great service, and it's very approachable and friendly. They're focused on seasonality so the drinks change all the time. I like to get a traditional Gimlet there.

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»**Bar Congress** is a must. When I'm there, it feels like a secret bar because you're in the corridor between two restaurants. Jason Stephens, who is now at *Wonderland*, created their cocktail program and has an exquisite palate.

Cocktail Time

David Alan shares his recipe for a Fig Daiquiri from his book, *Tipsy Texan: Spirits and Cocktails from the Lone Star State*.

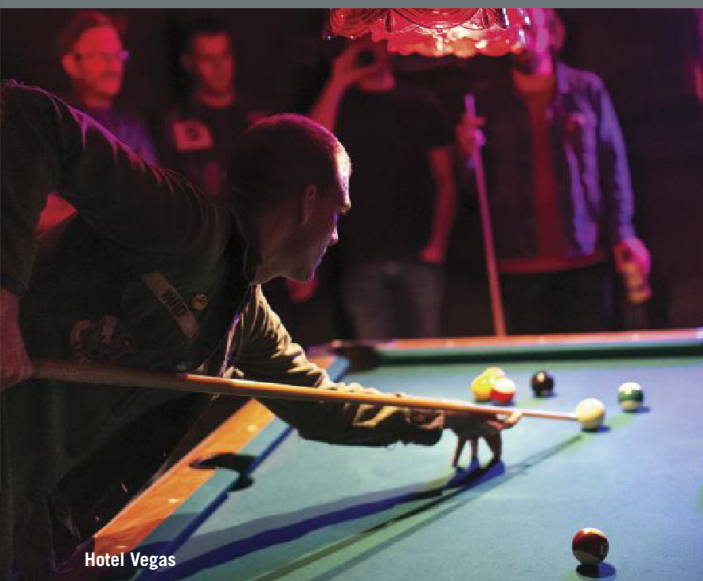
Fig Daiquiri

2 large ripe figs, stems removed, cut in half, plus
1 whole fig for garnish
¾ ounce simple syrup
2 ounces white rum
1 ounce fresh-squeezed lime juice

In the bottom of a mixing glass, muddle halved figs and simple syrup. Add rum and lime juice and shake vigorously with ice to chill. Adjust amount of syrup to taste. Fine-strain into chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with whole fig.

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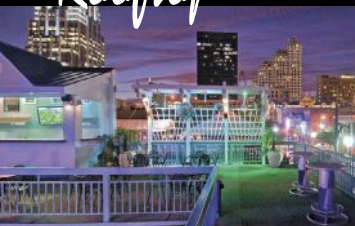
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Nicole Zinn and John Dawson wanted to show people around Austin from the perspective of a local. They agreed there's no better way to do that than on a bicycle. They opened Rocket Electrics, Austin's only all-electric bike shop, in 2011 and offer rentals, sales and tours focused on food, music and Lady Bird Lake.

Rocket Electrics **Austin Foodie Tour** departs from the Rocket Electrics shop on East Riverside Drive in the retail section of the AMLI South Shore apartments at 4pm daily. Tours last about four hours. All food tours include an electric bike (ebike) rental, a tour guide and four courses from a diverse selection of Austin eateries.

Food tours are led by local foodies, and are interactive to cater to the interests and needs of each particular group. They take steps to ensure tours stop at delicious off-the-beaten-path spots while avoiding lines at some of the more popular Austin spots.

When guests arrive for tours, which range from two to 35 riders, the folks at Rocket Electrics fit each person to an ebike, go through ebike operation and take a test lap around the parking lot. They talk about what kind of food guests want to sample and preferences they have, if any. Since Rocket Electrics is just off the shores of Lady Bird Lake, many of the Foodie Tours spend their first leg on the trail, away from cars, allowing guests to get comfortable with their ebikes.

While each tour is different, stops may include:

- » **Russian House** for a bowl of hot borscht
- » **Blue Ox BBQ** for espresso-rubbed pork tenderloin and brisket
- » **Via 313** for Detroit-style square pizza, specifically The Detroit with cheese and double pepperoni
- » **Casino El Camino** for their famous Buffalo Burger grilled with hot wing sauce and smothered with bleu cheese
- » **Licha's Cantina, Banger's** or **Gourdoughs** for a sweet treat to end the evening's tastings

Total tour mileage averages around six to eight miles round-trip. At the end of the tours, participants often ask owner Nicole Zinn for recommendations on other favorite Austin spots. She recommends:

Dolce Neve for the goat cheese pecan and dark chocolate cayenne gelato

Winebelly and **Henri's** because they serve delicious food but are a bit lower key, making it easier to have a conversation and relax with friends

"Another out-of-the-way place with amazing food in a casual atmosphere is **Gourmands**," Zinn says.

She also loves the **East Side King** locations.

Why Electric Bikes?

Electric bikes, or ebikes as they are commonly called, don't require a license like electric scooters, and you can ride and park anywhere a bicycle can park (Read: Perfect for families).

Most of Rocket Electrics customers want the experience of being on a bike, but don't necessarily want the full bike workout, or they want to get to their destination faster than they would on a bicycle. Electric bikes are regulated not to exceed 20 mph with just the power of the motor, but if you pedal in addition, you can actually make them go faster.

Other Rocket Electrics Tours:

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- The Tejano Trail on the Eastside
- The Victory Grill to learn about the Chitlin Circuit
- Antone's (past and present)
- Stubb's
- The Willie Nelson Statue outside of ACL Live at the Moody Theatre

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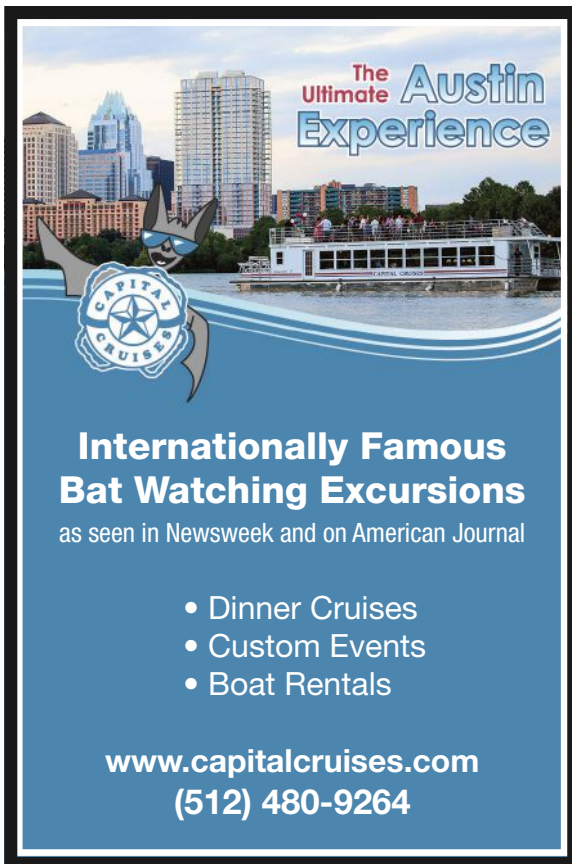
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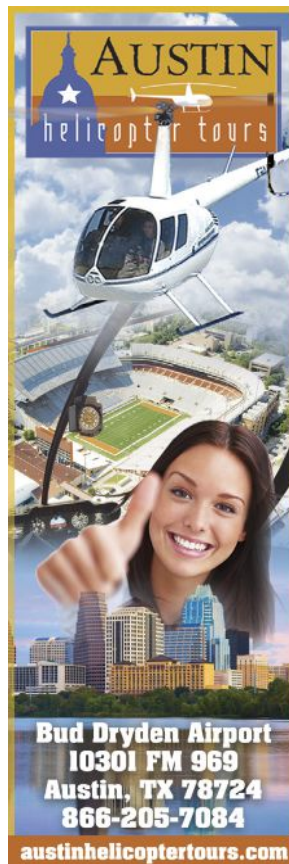


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