

Austin is a 24-Hour Town

populated by an upstart mix of musicians, tech experts, filmmakers, athletes and foodies, and our annual events calendar is proof. For a more comprehensive event list of the variety of things happening in Austin, visit www.visitAustin.org/visit/events.

JANUARY

Free Week

Red River Cultural District

The first week of January might be the best time for a music fan to visit Austin. Why? Hundreds of local bands participate in this annual event that encompasses multiple venues all over Austin.

MLK Festival

Huston-Tillotson University

Join the march from the MLK statue at the University of Texas campus to historic Huston-Tillotson University to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy.

FEBRUARY

Austin Marathon & Half Marathon & 5K

Downtown Austin

Austin will welcome nearly 20,000 participants from around the world for the Annual Austin Marathon & Half Marathon. This exciting event showcases Austin's scenic urban landscape for both runners and spectators alike.

Black History Month

Various Venues

To commemorate Black History Month, events, including film screenings and ceremonies, will take place throughout the city celebrating important people and moments in African-American history.

Carnaval Brasileiro

Palmer Events Center

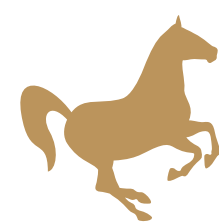
Austin's Carnaval is one of the biggest Brazilian Carnaval celebrations outside of Brazil. Brasileiro-style samba, costumes and wild abandon can all be seen in the heart of Texas.

MARCH

Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays

The University of Texas

This premier track and field event brings together the best high school, college and professional athletes from across Texas, the U.S. and the world.



Rodeo Austin

Travis County Exposition Center

Since its inception in 1938, this local event has grown from a simple stock show featuring 16 animals into one of the state's premier rodeos. Over the course of two weeks, the Rodeo features 10 ProRodeo events, a family-friendly fair, daily concerts and more.



St. Patrick's Day Festival

Jourdan-Bachman

Pioneer Farms

This family-friendly St. Patrick's Day fest celebrates all things Irish. Come enjoy authentic Celtic music and dancers, Irish language workshops, the finest Irish imports and plenty of good craic!

SXSW® Music, Film and Interactive Conferences and Festivals

Various Venues

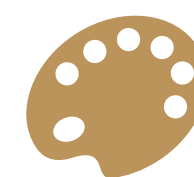
Austin Convention Center and more than 50 venues host noted filmmakers, musicians and multimedia artists from around the world, as they converge to showcase music, film and interactive media during this internationally-recognized event.

APRIL

ABC Kite Fest

Zilker Park

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.



Art City Austin

Palmer Event Center

Austin's original fine arts festival and national juried art show of 200 locally and nationally recognized artists and galleries is a family-friendly event featuring local food trucks, beer, cocktails and interactive projects for kids of all ages.

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Austin Reggae Fest

Auditorium Shores

A fundraiser for the Capital Area Food Bank, Reggae Fest features three days of reggae, world and dub talent, along with more than 50 vendors selling food and arts & crafts.

Austin Urban Cultural Fest

Auditorium Shores

More than 15,000 music revelers converge on Lady Bird Lake's Auditorium Shores to enjoy Austin's only music festival focused on R&B, neo-soul and hip-hop music.

Eeyore's Annual Birthday Party

Pease Park

Live music, beer, food, acrobats and costume contests surround this annual gathering of Austin's most eclectic locals. Eeyore's Birthday serves as a fundraiser to benefit many local, Austin nonprofits.

Moontower Just For Laughs

Comedy Festival

The Paramount Theatre and other locations

The festival brings to Austin, TX some of the funniest, wittiest and oddest world-class comics from around the globe. National headliners, up-and-comers and local Austin-based comedians ensure a hilarious night of fun.

MOTOGP™ Red Bull Grand Prix

Circuit of The Americas™

MotoGP™, 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. With the addition of this race, the new circuit is the first North American racing venue to host both two-and four-wheeled World Championship events.

Old Settler's Music Festival

Dale, TX

Central Texas' signature music event features Grammy-winning Americana, arts and crafts, camping, food and libations. Acoustic jazz, blues and bluegrass are all performed by old-time local faves and award-winning artists from around the world.

Statesman Capitol 10K

Downtown Austin

Texas' largest 10K race and one of the nation's top runs draws some 18,000 serious and not-so-serious runners.

The Surreal Garden Exhibition

Zilker Botanical Gardens

Experience this neon phenomenon as it enchants the Garden during this two weekend event. Support local artists while also supporting the Zilker Botanical Garden Conservancy.

MAY

ATX Television Festival

Downtown Austin

The first festival devoted to Television's history and future. It functions like a traditional film festival with premieres of new series, current hits and cult favorites. ATX Television Festival also offers access to the industry's leading professionals with cast and creator Q&As and panels focusing on innovation in both production and content delivery.

CapTex Triathlon

Lady Bird Lake, Downtown Austin

The Life Time triathlon attracts all levels of athletes from top-ranked professionals to first-time triathletes. The event includes the USA Paratriathlon National Championship, sprint and international distances, First Tri distance and sprint and international distance relays.

Latino Music Month

Various Venues

The many Latino music genres are showcased during performances on the Plaza at Austin City Hall each Friday at noon. Other special events throughout the month are presented as well.



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Pecan Street Spring Arts Festival

East Sixth Street

A free, family event, this festival is the oldest and largest art festival in Central Texas. Musicians, food vendors, artists and craftspeople turn Sixth Street — historically called Pecan Street — into a lively street fair with something for people of all ages.

Republic of Texas Biker Rally

Travis County Exposition Center & Downtown Austin

The state’s largest motorcycle gathering attracts thousands of bikers for rides, parades and music.

JUNE

Austin Asian American Film Festival

AFS Cinema

The Austin Asian-American Film Festival (AAAFF) promotes Asian and Asian-American cultures and experiences through the media arts, showcasing top quality cinema and supporting the creative talents of Asian-American artists.

African American Book Festival

George Washington Carver Museum

This free, annual literary event showcases new works by and about African Americans. Notable speakers and authors will discuss their works and facilitate conversations.

Central Texas Juneteenth Celebration

Historic East Austin and Rosewood Park

Juneteenth, also known as “Freedom Day” or “Emancipation Day,” is the oldest known African American celebration commemorating the end of slavery. This annual event features a 2K walk/run, parade floats, entertainment and celebration at Rosewood Park.

Cine Las Americas International Film Festival

Various Venues

The festival showcases contemporary films and videos from Latin America (North, Central, South America and the Caribbean) and the Iberian Peninsula. Films and videos made by or about Latinos in the U.S. or the rest of the world, as well as films and videos by or about indigenous groups of the Americas are also invited to participate.

Fun Stop 5k & Fest

Long Center for the Performing Arts

Anything is possible at this decade-old Austin extravaganza! Run, skip or race through the streets of downtown Austin wearing the wackiest costume. Unofficially known as “the slowest 5K you will ever run,” this race is designed for amusement and fun.

JULY

H-E-B Austin Symphony July 4th Concert & Fireworks

Vic Mathias Shores

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

Hill Country Galleria Independence Day Festival

Hill Country Galleria

A free celebration of Independence, featuring fabulous art, live entertainment and a fireworks display.

AUGUST

aGLIFF (All Genders, Lifestyles and Identities Film Festival)

Around Town

aGLIFF is the oldest and largest gay and lesbian film fest in the Southwest and the largest LGBTQ cultural event in Austin. Experience the festival and watch for monthly screenings around town.

ATX Black Food Week

Local Restaurants & Food Trucks

Hosted by the Austin Justice Coalition, support local, Black-owned restaurants for two weeks, plus a full week dedicated to food trucks. Learn about the history of Austin while supporting the businesses that make this city feel like home.



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Austin Pride Festival & 5K

Fiesta Gardens along the shores of Lady Bird Lake

The PRIDE Festival is the largest annual LGBTQ advocacy and fundraising event in Central Texas. Dozens of non-profit organizations and social clubs use the Festival as a platform to inform and interact with thousands of attendees. Each year, countless people find new organizations to join, causes to support and opportunities to volunteer.

Zilker Summer Musical

Zilker Hillside Theater

Pack a picnic and come enjoy this free, annual musical. The outdoor theatre troupe will host live performances Thursdays through Sundays.

SEPTEMBER

Austin Chronicle Hot Sauce Festival

Far Out Lounge and Stage

If you want to beat the heat this summer then you have to eat the heat! Join the Austin Chronicle for one of the world's largest hot sauce festivals with as many as 10,000 spectators each year.

Austin Museum Day

Museums Across Austin

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



Bat Fest

Congress Avenue Bridge

Celebrate this batty event as the world's largest urban bat colony (two million Mexican free tail bats which take up seasonal residence beneath Ann Richard's Congress Street Bridge) take to the skies for their nightly flight. Enjoy live music, children activities and costume contests.

Fantastic Fest

Alamo Drafthouse

Fantastic Fest is the largest genre film festival in the U.S., specializing in horror, fantasy, sci-fi, action and just plain fantastic movies from around the world.

Free Day of Yoga

Across Austin

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

Pecan Street Festival (Fall)

Historic Sixth Street

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Texas Craft Brewers Festival

Fiesta Gardens

The largest beer festival for and by Texas Brewers. This annual event features the best of Texas craft beer and displays the thriving beer community across the Lone Star State.

Zilker Relays

Zilker Park

The Zilker Relays is a 10-mile team race. Each participant runs a 2.5 mile loop from one central festival/transition area. The team concept of the race is not unique, but the combination of a relay, festival home base, drinks and music, make this experience a favorite for runners of all calibers and ages.

OCTOBER



Austin City Limits

Music Festival

Zilker Park

One of the country's largest celebrations of live music, this two-weekend, six-day festival brings the magic of the famed public TV series "Austin City Limits" outside the studio and into Austin's most beloved park. More than 150 musical acts will take over eight stages along with local food vendors, brewers, pop-up shops and artists.



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Austin Film Festival

Paramount Theatre and Various Venues

Recognized as one of the top film festivals in the country, this cinematic event shines the spotlight on top-billed films and Indies alike.



Dia de Los Muertos Music Festival

Mexic-Arte Museum

The cultural celebration features renowned recording artists in the Latin and Texas music industries. The family-friendly festival offers local food and beverages, cultural performances, Kids Zone activities and more.

Formula 1 United States Grand Prix

Circuit of The Americas™

Drivers will be in Austin competing in the Formula 1 United States Grand Prix this fall. Built around a state-of-the-art 3.4 mile circuit track with a capacity for 120,000 fans and an elevation change of 133 feet, the facility is designed for any and all classes of racing — from motor power to human power.

Levitation Fest

Carson Creek Ranch

A weekend full of live music, psychedelic light shows, on-site camping and more.

Oktoberfest

German Free School

The German-Texan Heritage Society holds this annual festival, featuring live music, food, a biergarten, kid's activities and more.

Texas Book Festival

Downtown Austin

The Texas Teen Book Festival has evolved into one of the premier literary events in the country and hosts about 50 authors each year. Book lovers of all ages attend the Festival annually, enjoying readings, panel discussions, signings, cooking demonstrations, live music, local food, YA authors, children's activities and exhibiting vendors from across the state.

NOVEMBER

Austin Celtic Festival

Pioneer Farms

This annual festival is the largest gathering of Celts in Central Texas. The event is home to four stages of Irish, Scottish and Breton music, dance, sports, storytelling, workshops and more.

Austin Fashion Week

Various Venues

Austin Fashion Week showcases the work of fashion designers, photographers, hair stylists, makeup artists and models from around the state of Texas with runway shows, designer meet-and-greets, themed parties and benefits for Austin non-profits.

Austin Food & Wine Festival

Auditorium Shores

Join top chef talent, sommeliers and winemakers from across the nation and Austin's own acclaimed gourmet scene for an indulgent, three-day epicurean adventure unlike any other, topped off with live musical performances.

Austin Powwow

Travis County Exposition Center

For more than 25 years, the Austin Powwow features music, dancing, food and arts & crafts in celebration of American Indian Heritage.

Austin Studio Tour

Various Venues

The Austin Studio Tour is a free, self-guided art event that takes place over three weekends and combines the West Austin Studio Tour and East Austin Studio Tour. The tour provides opportunities for artists all over Austin to connect with each other and for the public to experience art in person.

Blue Genie Art Bazaar

6100 Airport Blvd.

The Blue Genie Art Bazaar is a unique holiday art show held in Austin, Texas. The Bazaar features handmade artwork and gifts from over 200 local and regional artists — with a portion of proceeds going to the Make-A-Wish® Foundation.



Christmas at the Caswell House

Caswell House Austin

Christmas at the Caswell House has been an Austin community tradition since 1983. The Austin Junior Forum transforms this historic home into a winter wonderland.



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Texas Book Festival

Texas State Capitol

The Texas Book Festival has evolved into one of the premier literary events in the country and hosts about 250 authors each year. More than 40,000 book lovers of all ages attend the Festival annually, enjoying readings, panel discussions, signings, cooking demonstrations, live music, local food, YA authors, children's activities and exhibiting vendors from across the state.

Texas Monthly BBQ Festival

City Terrace at The Long Center

This tasty festival only has four rules: muster as many of Texas' best BBQ joints as possible; have them serve up their specialties side-by-side; let smoke and sauce fly for five intoxicating hours; and finally, let "The People" decide who made the best goods.

Turkey Trot

The Long Center

ThunderCloud Subs' 5-mile run/1-mile walk is a good way to work up a Thanksgiving appetite.

Zilker Tree Lighting

Zilker Park

This Austin tradition continues its 50+ year run of light displays, interactive shows and holiday-themed walkthroughs.

DECEMBER

Armadillo Christmas Bazaar

Palmer Events Center

Shades of old Austin are reflected at this market with eclectic gifts and local entertainment from more than 160 artists and merchants.

Austin's New Year

Auditorium Shores

This alcohol-free, family-friendly event celebrates the diversity and creativity of the city with visual art installations, jugglers, storytellers, fire dancers and other festive performances.

Downtown Holiday Stroll

Texas State Capitol

Join hundreds caroling in front of the Capitol as the tree is lit before heading down Congress Avenue for live music, shopping, art and much more.



German-Texan Heritage Society Christmas Market

German Free School

The German-Texan Heritage Society's annual market offers shoppers handmade and imported crafts, decorations, ornaments and more. Browse the market, visit Sankt Nikolaus, listen to traditional German Christmas music and enjoy a cup of Glühwein (hot spiced wine), gingerbread cookies and other sweet baked treats.

Luminations at the Wildflower Center

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Thousands of luminaries and twinkling lights turn the center into a holiday wonderland during Luminations, an Austin holiday tradition.

Peppermint Parkway

Circuit of the Americas

Peppermint Parkway is a magical experience at Austin's Circuit of The Americas. This year, the holiday spectacular will be transformed into a one-mile driving attraction that immerses visitors in millions of holiday lights synchronized to joyful holiday classics.



Trail of Lights

Zilker Park

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, which allows the Trail of Lights to be lit and showcased.



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