

13 Things to do in Austin for Fun

Austin, Texas is one of the fastest growing cities in not only Texas but also in the entire country. It's known for the music scene, but there are plenty of other fun **things to do in Austin**.

Whether you're just visiting the city for a few days or you plan to **relocate to Austin**, you can find plenty of great activities throughout. Here are 13 of the top things you can enjoy throughout the city.

6th Street - East Sixth Street, Austin

If you came to Austin to enjoy the music, 6th street is the place for you. The city is known as the "Live Music Capital of the World," and 6th street is where most of it happens.

Many of the attractions found on 6th street feature up-and-coming talent from Austin. The area was formerly known as Pecan Street but has been changed since the 1970s. The area of 6th street that includes the best live music joints is found between I-35 and Lavaca Avenue.

One of the most famous venues is called **Emo's**, which is surrounded by many bars, restaurants, and shops. You will find all types of bars here with some providing a low-key experience and others an over-the-top experience. The most popular nights to head to this area are, of course, Friday and Saturday nights.

Baylor Street Art Wall - 11th and Baylor Street, Austin

The **Baylor Street Art Wall** is one of the most popular **attractions in Austin** for the artistic person. This attraction features a ton of incredible art spread out throughout the area. It's the largest graffiti wall in Austin and provides plenty of beautiful street art for visitors to enjoy.

The walls provide different layers of art and the view of downtown is pretty amazing from here, too. It's an interesting place for pictures and provides a unique background.

Zilker Park - 2100 Barton Springs Road, Austin

The park is found across from **Downtown Austin** and provides about 347-acres of fun. Some of the most popular attractions in the city are found here including swimming holes, athletic fields, art museums and so much more.

Residents and visitors can enjoy canoeing, digging for fossils, swimming, and many other activities throughout the park. It's also the place for art lovers and houses the **Umlauf Sculpture Garden & Museum**.

The **Zilker Botanical Gardens** is also found here, which provides plenty of beauty. After a long day in the park, you can take a dip in the Barton Spring Pool, which is another **top attraction in Austin**. The park is open from 5am to 10pm daily and provides free admission for all.

Austin Zoo - 10807 Rawhide Trail, Austin

The **Austin Zoo** is officially called the "Austin Zoo & Animal Sanctuary." It's one of the most popular attractions in the area with plenty of animals from all over the world. Over 300 animals are found here from more than 100 species. The animals here are mainly surrendered by their old owners or rescued animals. The locals embrace this attraction because of the service it provides for the area.

Most of the animals fall into a few categories including Big Cats, Reptiles, Birds, Monkeys, and Domestic Animals.

The Austin Zoo is open from 9:30am to 6pm daily from February 1st to October 31st and from 9:30am to 5:30pm from November 1st to January 31st. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$8 for students/seniors/military and \$6 for children.³

Austin Festivals - All Throughout the City

If you're in the city when one of the many top festivals is happening it's worth attending for sure. Every year the city puts on a number of top events that attract people from all over the country.

Some of the top Austin festivals include:

- **SXSW** - The largest music and film festival in the city.
- **Trail of Lights** - A December event with all types of Christmas lights, trees and more.
- **Zilker Kite Festival** - This is a huge kite festival and provides plenty of fun for all ages.
- **Carnival Brasileiro** - This is a festival to celebrate the Brazilian culture in the area and includes plenty of music, costumes and more.
- **Pecan Street Festival** - A huge live music festival with plenty of vendors and more. This festival is held in the 6th Street Entertainment District.
- **Austin City Limits Music Festival** - With over 100 bands performing on eight stages, this is a huge music festival that covers two weekends.
- **Austin Film Festival** - Those loving interesting films will enjoy this huge film festival held every year.

Many other festivals are held throughout the year, as well. These are just a few of the choices you can enjoy in Austin.

Mexic-Arte Museum - 419 Congress Avenue, Austin

The **Mexic-Arte Museum** is found near the **Driskill Hotel** and provides a museum full of Mexican and Latin Americana art. This museum is one of the top choices in the city and provides something unique you cannot find in any other museum within the city.

The museum is open from 10am to 6pm Monday through Thursday, from 10am to 5pm on Fridays and Saturdays and from 12pm to 5pm on Sundays. Admission is \$5 for adults and tours are available.

Texas State Capitol - 1100 North Congress Avenue, Austin

The **Texas State Capitol** is a very attractive building and provides plenty of historic buildings throughout the grounds. Seventeen monuments are found here and the grounds cover 22 acres in total. The building has about 400 rooms throughout and over 900 windows. It's an excellent **attraction in Austin** for those interested in Texas history.

Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum - 1800 North Congress Avenue, Austin

This museum was named after the 38th lieutenant governor Bob Bullock. It's a great place for viewing Native American Artifacts and plenty of other historic exhibits. The IMAX Theater and the many other attractions found here make it a top choice.

You can view Neil Armstrong's spacesuit at the museum and enjoy the many levels found throughout. It's found just a few blocks from the State Capitol. The **Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum** is open from 9am to 6pm from Monday through Saturday and on some Sunday afternoons. The admission price varies depending on the type of experience you prefer.

Austin Duck Tour - 209 East 6th Street, Austin

A great way to discover an interesting side of Austin is through the **75-minute Duck Tours**. These tours provide an interesting way to see the State Capitol Building, the Governor's Mansion, Lake Austin, Historic Sixth Street, and many other **Austin attractions**. This is an on the water and off the water tour with plenty of entertainment from the guides.

Barton Springs Pool - 2201 Barton Springs Road, Austin

Found in Zilker Park, the **Barton Spring Pool** is a very popular attraction for both residents and visitors. This attraction provides springs you can swim in. The Native Americans believed these springs have spiritual healing powers.

This attraction is open from 5am to 10pm daily but does close early on Thursdays for maintenance. Admission is \$3 for adults and free if you arrive before 8am. The springs are open from March to October every year.

Lyndon B. Johnson Library and Museum - 2314 Red River Street, Austin

It may seem boring to visit a presidential library, but this one is a bit different. The **Lyndon B. Johnson Library and Museum** is dedicated to the 36th President of the United States and provides plenty of normal artifacts, such as presidential papers. However, you will also find many quirky artifacts from the president including holiday cards, photographs, a robot and so much more. It's quite a bit different than a typical library.

The library is found near the University of Texas and its open daily from 9am to 5pm with an admission donation suggested at \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$3 for children and students.

Austin Children's Museum - 201 Colorado Street, Austin

Those with kids need to spend time at the [Austin Children's Museum](#). This is a great place for families to go because it caters to kids. The Funstruction Zone provides an interesting place for kids to solve problems, while the Tinkerer's Workshop is a place for creating.

There are many other attractions here and kids can even milk a cow here. As long as you have an imagination, even as an adult, you will enjoy this [Austin attraction](#). The museum is open from 10am to 5pm on Tuesday through Friday, from 10am to 6pm and on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free from 5pm to 6pm on Sunday night and regular admission is \$9 with a \$1 senior discount.

Blanton Museum of Art - 200 East Martin Luther King Boulevard, Austin

This art museum is a must-see for art lovers in Austin. It's a great place to enjoy some of the best art from a large private collection of masterworks. Many of the pieces of art are from the 20th and 21st century. You will also find a large collection of Latin-American art her.

The [Blanton Museum of Art](#) is open from 10am to 5pm Tuesday through Saturday and provides some open hours on Sundays. Admission is around \$10 for adults and children 12 and under get in free.

Austin is filled with attractions and these are just a few of the many [things to do in Austin, TX](#). If you're considering [relocating to Austin](#), make sure you hire the right [local real estate agent](#) to help you find the perfect place to call home.

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