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### 1. Geographical location

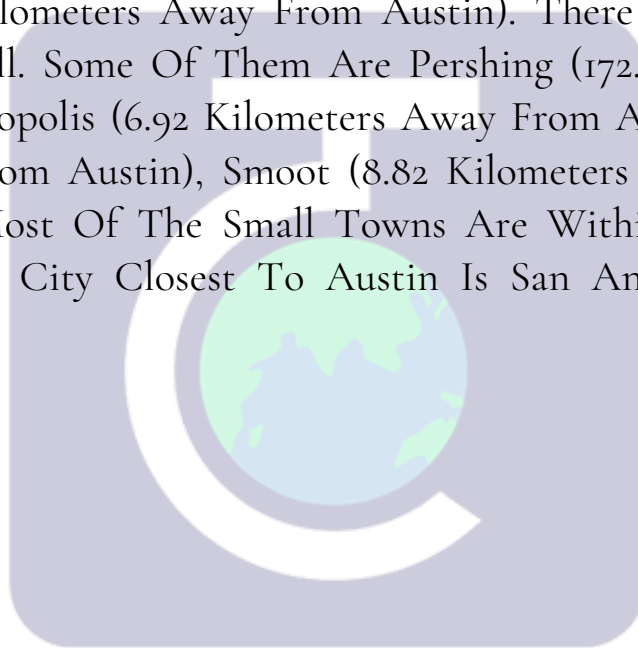
Austin is the capital of the state of Texas and is one of the most populated cities in USA. This city is located in Central Texas and is around 241.40 kilometers to the northwest of Houston. The city of Austin is situated on the Colorado River. Austin has a humid subtropical climate with hot summers and mild winter days that get cold at night. It rarely snows in Austin.



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### 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Some Of The Major Cities Near Austin Are San Antonio (119 Kilometers Away From Austin), Houston (265.86 Kilometers Away From Austin), Dallas (314.47 Kilometers Away From Austin), Garland (344.24 Kilometers Away From Austin), Plano (344.88 Kilometers Away From Austin), Corpus Christi (346.01 Kilometers Away From Austin), Fort Worth (304.81 Kilometers Away From Austin) And Arlington (325.57 Kilometers Away From Austin). There Are Various Towns Near Austin As Well. Some Of Them Are Pershing (172.68 Kilometers Away From Austin), Montopolis (6.92 Kilometers Away From Austin), Vinson (10.30 Kilometers Away From Austin), Smoot (8.82 Kilometers Away From Austin) And Many More. Most Of The Small Towns Are Within 80 Kilometers Of Austin. The Largest City Closest To Austin Is San Antonio, Which Is 119 Kilometers Away.



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### 3. Significance

Austin the capital of Texas is the 2nd largest among the state capitals of U.S. It is the 4th most populated city of Texas and the 11th most populated city in U.S. Austin features annual cultural events including the O. Henry Pun-Off hosted at the O. Henry House Museum. Other cultural events include the Pecan Street Festival and the Halloween night at the sixth street, the Austin City Limits Music Festival held in Zilker Park, the East Austin Tour, and the Carval Brasileiro Festival. The people who live in Austin are called Austinites. They include government employees, domestic and foreign college students, blue collar workers, business people, high tech workers and musicians. Austin has more music venues than any other U.S city. It has a strong theater culture including venues such as the Vortex Repertory Company, RudeMechanicals' the Off Center, Zachary Scott Theater Center, and the blue theater. Public art and performances are popular in the parks and the bridges.

**Index****4. History**

Austin is the capital of Texas and is the 11th most populous city in the United States. Austin has been the site of human habitation since 9200 BC. The earliest inhabitants lived during the Pleistocene era, which is also known as the Ice Age. The inhabitants were linked to the Clovis Culture. The area was completely covered by the Tonkawa tribe. That was the time of arrival of the Europeans. Lipan Apaches and Comanches also had their traveling through the region.



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### 5. Cultural identity

The people of Austin can be described as laid back and friendly. The local people here are helpful, so if you're travelling and you need to ask for any assistance, these people are all out to help you. The city is liberal and people here enjoy their freedom. Music plays a huge role in the city and there are a number of bands that play across the various parts of this city.





**Index****6. Natural resources**

Austin is known for its natural beauty. A Land Development Code passed in Austin helps to create better parks and more open spaces for public and private developments. This code also helps reduce water consumption by enabling drought tolerant landscapes and a better irrigation system. Austin has even planned its street layout in a way that storm water would run off easily. Austin is committed to protect its water supply and green spaces for future generations.



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### 7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

#### 7.1. Paid

##### 7.1.1. The Blanton Museum of Art

Being the premier university art museum in the country, the Blanton Museum of Art comprises of over 18,000 masterpieces encompassing the largest and the most extensive art collection in the state of Texas. An artist's retreat, this art enclave features year-round temporary exhibitions, permanent collection galleries, classrooms, an auditorium, a souvenir shop and a cozy café. Their art treasure includes works from all ages like ancient Greek pottery, modern and contemporary expressionism, Latin American art, Old Master paintings, and works from Europe and the United States. The tours held at this museum are directed towards informing the visitors about their artistic history.

Address : 200 E Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Austin, TX 78701, USA

Zipcode : 78701

Location : 30.2810198, -97.73746210000002

Contact : +1 512-471-5482

Website : <http://blantonmuseum.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Congress/M.L.King Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: \$9 Seniors (age 65+): \$7 College students with valid ID and Youth (age 13-21 years): \$5 Children (age 12 and under), Members, Teachers (with a valid ID), Active Military: Free Every Thursday Free

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Friday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs, Saturday 11:00hrs-17:00hrs, Sunday 13:00hrs-17:00hrs, Monday Closed.

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

##### 7.1.2. LBJ Presidential Library

Reflecting the life of the 36th President of the United States, The Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum metonymed as the LBJ Presidential Library is a library and museum that preserves more than 45 million paperback pieces of historical documents demonstrating the life and career of the former President and his close associates. Explore all the aspects and decisions made by the

president in this phenomenal 10-storeyed structure, listen to the audio recording of behind-the-scenes conversations inside the White House and be fascinated by the archives at the Great Hall.

Address : 2313 Red River St, Austin, TX 78705, USA

Zipcode : 78705

Location : 30.2858226, -97.72926110000003

Contact : +1 512-721-0200

Website : <http://www.lbjlibrary.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : LBJ Library Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: \$8 Seniors (age 62 and over) with valid ID & Retired military with valid ID: \$5 Children (age 13-17) & College students with valid ID: \$3 Children (age 12 and under), Active duty military & Texas University at Austin students: Free

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.3. Zilker Botanical Garden

Known to be a jewel in the heart of the city, the lush Zilker Botanical Garden is all about diverse topographies that represent different habitats of various native as well as exotic flora. The garden is the focal point of the park with its aesthetic prowess and manmade streams. Several events are perennially held in the garden, specifically the Zilker Garden Festival, an annual spring garden extravaganza.

Address : 2220 Barton Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78746, USA

Zipcode : 78746

Location : 30.269501, -97.77264400000001

Contact : +1 512-477-8672

Website : <http://www.zilker garden.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : 2220 Barton Springs (Zilker) Bus Station

Entry Fee : Children (age 3-12) and Seniors (age 62 and over): \$1 Austin resident, Adults (age 13-61) : \$2 Austin non-resident, Adults (age 13-61) : \$3

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.4. Thinkery

Explore a place in Austin that takes science beyond its complexities and makes it fun to learn. Thinkery is an interactive children's museum in the city that covers the “whys” and “hows” of the subject. It plays a key role in creatively and analytically molding the minds of the little ones through various Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) exhibits. It gains its popularity among parents with its hands-on learning activities and programs.

Address : 1830 Simond Ave, Austin, TX 78723, USA

Zipcode : 78723

Location : 30.297427, -97.7049544

Contact : +1 512-469-6200

Website : <https://www.thinkeryaustin.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : 1714 Aldrich/Mueller Bus Station

Entry Fee : General Admission: \$10, Free for children of age 0–23 months.

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs, Saturday and Sunday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs, Wednesday 10:00hrs-20:00hrs, Monday Closed.

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.5. McKinney Falls State Park

Situated right on the outskirts of the city, McKinney Falls State Park is an urban oasis that gets its name from Thomas F. McKinney, a famous business tycoon, racehorse breeder, and rancher, who resided here. The park spoils you with a scenic landscape of several hiking pathways winding through the Hill Country woods and Onion Creek flowing over limestone ledges. Be enchanted by the cultural history and the diverse ecosystems on this Adventureland as you embark upon a heart-thumping journey by participating in activities like camping, mountain or road biking, geocaching, swimming and bouldering.

Address : 5808 McKinney Falls Pkwy, Austin, TX 78744, USA

Zipcode : 78744

Location : 30.1803582, -97.7217397

Contact : +1 512-243-1643

Website : <http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/mckinney-falls>

Nearest Public Transport : 7206 Salt Springs/Orange Blossom Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult: \$6 Child (age 12 and Under): Free

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.6. The Escape Game

Promising an action-packed time, the Escape Game Austin combines adventure with logic by providing top-level games that will challenge every gaming fanatic. With just an hour, put your thinking cap on to decode million dollar heists, crack secret service missions, and maneuver through prison passageways in this virtual wonderland.

Address : 405 Red River St, Austin, TX 78701, USA

Zipcode : 78701

Location : 30.2649378, -97.737159099999

Contact : +1 512-643-0043

Website : <http://theescapegameaustin.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : 407 Red River/4th Bus Station

Entry Fee : \$35 per person

Open & Close Timing : Daily: 08:00hrs-00:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.7. Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Named after the Claudia Alta Taylor "Lady Bird" Johnson, The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center is a nature-lover's retreat. Witness the indelible impact the creator had on the country's environment as you explore the beautiful landscapes comprising of over 700 species of native flora that are nurtured here. Formerly known as the National Wildlife Research Center, this botanical garden

is dedicated to creating a more sustainable planet through research and education, and it introduces people to the diversity and beauty of the wildflower and other native plants. Apart from featuring outdoor sculptures, numerous trails for walking and a yearly sale of native plants, the park also displays visual art and photography.

Address : 4801 La Crosse Ave, Austin, TX 78739, USA

Zipcode : 78739

Location : 30.1854455, -97.8732112

Contact : +1 512-232-0100

Website : <http://www.wildflower.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : 10405 Escarpment/La Crosse Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Adults: \$10 Seniors (age 65+)/Students: \$8 Youth (age 5-17): \$4 Children (age 4 and under): Free

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Monday Closed

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15-20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### **7.1.8. Umlauf Sculpture Garden & Museum**

Nestled in Barton Creek and Zilker Metropolitan Park area of the city, Umlauf Sculpture Garden & Museum safeguards the home and collection of American sculptor, Charles Umlauf. This landscaped work of art spanning over 8-acres also displays works of other contemporary sculptors and encourages the understanding and appreciation of art. The designers Aan Coleman and Lawrence Speck have won several national awards for the marvelous architecture of this scenic garden and museum. The artwork featured in this garden range from daunting expressionism to detailed neoclassical realism and lyrical abstraction, which are highly appreciated by the visitors.

Address : 605 Robert E Lee Rd, Austin, TX 78704, USA

Zipcode : 78704

Location : 30.2631148, -97.7666196

Contact : +1 512-445-5582

Website : <http://www.umlaufsculpture.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : 1900 Barton Springs/Robert E Lee Bus Station

Entry Fee : Members: Free Adults: \$5 Seniors (age 60+): \$3 Students (with valid student ID): \$1 Children (age 12 and under): Free Active Military and their families: Free

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Friday 10:00hrs-16:00hrs, Saturday-Sunday 12:00hrs-16:00hrs, Monday Closed.

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.9. Austin Zoo

Enthralling visitors from all over, Austin Zoo is a rescue zoo and animal shelter, which houses over 300 animals. A sanctuary with 100 different species of exotic fauna that includes African lions, Bengal tigers, black bears, ring-tailed lemurs and porcupines, this zoo protects the animals that were rescued either from their previous owners or bought from other zoos. With an aim to help the abandoned wildlife with rescue, rehabilitation and education, the Austin Zoo is a majestic place to witness them perform their daily routine in a natural habitat.

Address : 10807 Rawhide Trail, Austin, TX 78736, USA

Zipcode : 78736

Location : 30.2618578, -97.937057299999

Contact : +1 512-288-1490

Website : <http://austinzoo.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : SH 71/Covered Bridge Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Adult: \$11 Student: \$10 Senior (age 60+): \$10 Military: \$10 Child(age 2-12): \$8

Open & Close Timing : February to October: Daily: 09:30hrs-18:00hrs November to January: Daily: 09:30hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.10. Barton Springs Pool



A crown jewel of the city, Barton Springs pool is a recreational outdoor swimming pool snuggled within Zilker Park and filled with water from the natural springs nearby. This 3-acres pool with an average temperature of 68-70°F invites visitors to plunge into it to beat the scorching heat of Texas. A popular venue for swimmers, the Barton Springs is listed as a federally protected habitat and also serves as a home to the Barton Springs Salamander. Beside the pool bathhouse, there is an educational exhibit named Splash, where visitors can gain a deeper understanding of the biology and history of the Edwards Aquifer. So dive into the pool or bask in the sun and relax at this ultimate natural retreat.

Address : 2201 Barton Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78746, USA

Zipcode : 78746

Location : 30.2636355, -97.770698499999

Contact : +1 512-867-3080

Website : <http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/barton-springs-pool>

Nearest Public Transport : Barton Springs Bus Station

Entry Fee : Resident: Senior (age 80 and older): Free Seniors (62 years and older), Children (1-11 years): \$1 Adult (18-62 years): \$3 Junior (12-17 years): \$2 Children (under 1 year): Free Non-resident Senior (80 years and older): Free Senior (62 years and older), Junior (12-17 years): \$4 Adult (18-62 years): \$8 Child (1-11 years): \$3 Children (under 1 year): Free

Open & Close Timing : Sunday-Wednesday 05:00hrs-22:00hrs, Thursday 05:00hrs-21:00hrs and 19:00hrs-22:00hrs, Friday-Saturday 05:00hrs-22:00hrs.

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### **7.1.11. Bullock Texas State History Museum**

Trailing the history of a state as big as Texas itself, the Bullock Texas State History Museum is a 3-storey emporium encompassing interactive displays and themes revolving around land, identity and opportunity respectively. Get a glimpse of the history and culture of the state as you explore around 700 artefacts and special exhibitions that are directed towards understanding music, the lives of those intertwined in the domestic slave trade, as well as the role Texas plays in the evolution of electronic gaming.



Address : 1800 Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78701, USA

Zipcode : 78701

Location : 30.2803648, -97.7391736

Contact : +1 512-936-8746

Website : <http://www.thestoryoftexas.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : 1801 Congress/18th Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult (18-64 years): \$13 Senior (age 65+), Military, College Student: \$11 Youth (4-17 years): \$9

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs Sunday: 12:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.12. Austin Aquarium

The Austin Aquarium welcomes families to enjoy an immersive interactive experience! Sea to Believe as we connect children and families to the planet, ranging from our rainforests and deserts to the exotic species of ocean. Family activities in Austin include hand feeding sharks, stingrays, birds, and tropical animals. Fun children activities include feeding and touching crocodiles, holding slithering snakes, or even taking a selfie with one of our exotic large breed birds. The Austin Aquarium opens eyes of discovery in a family friendly environment, creating fun things to do in Austin. We provide Austin's children and families fun access to the excitement and learning of the planet without a long trip to the coast. Watch jellyfish gently float and glow, admire families of seahorses playing, or our Giant Pacific Octopus snack on crawfish – fed by guests! The Austin Aquarium offers multiple educational programs and activities for kids in Austin. A favorite children's activity is our Morning Rounds for aspiring aquarists, or those who just love animals.

Address : 13530 US-183 #101, Austin, TX 78750, USA

Zipcode : 78750

Location : 30.449711, -97.792684

Contact : +1 512-222-5586

Website : <http://www.austinaquarium.com/>

Entry Fee : Monday-Thursday: Adults (age 12 years & above): \$ 13.95 Children (age 2-11 years): \$8.95 Seniors (age 55 years & above), Military men & College Students: \$11.95 Free for Children under 2 years; Friday-Sunday: Adults (age 12 years & above): \$15.95 Children (age 2-11 years): \$10.95 Seniors (age 55 years & above), Military men & College Students: \$13.95 Free for Children under 2 years  
Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.13. Texas Memorial Museum

Texas Memorial Museum works to create awareness, understanding and appreciation of the past, present and future of biological diversity, especially that of the state of Texas. Our mission is to inspire a life-long interest in science. Texas Memorial Museum is located on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin and is open to the public for self-guided tours. An audio tour is available via mobile phone or via podcasts that can be downloaded from the museum's website. Permanent exhibits include fossils and prehistoric life; gems, minerals and meteorites; and native Texas wildlife. Spotlighted in the museum are spectacular specimens found in Texas, including the largest flying creature ever found—the Texas Pterosaur, with a wingspan of nearly 40 feet, and a 30-foot mosasaur that swam the shallow sea that once covered most of the state.

Address : 2400 Trinity St, Austin, TX 78705, USA

Zipcode : 78705

Location : 30.286998, -97.73246

Entry Fee : Adults (age 13 years & above): \$4, Children (age 2-12 years): \$3, College Students (with ID): \$2, US Military (with ID): \$1, Free for children under 2 years & University of Texas students.

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Saturday 09:00hrs– 17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

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### 7.2. Free

#### 7.2.1. Texas Capitol

The Texas State Capitol is designated as a National Historic Landmark of the country. Completed in 1888, the Capitol contains the office of the Governor and Texas Legislature. It is the 6th tallest state capitol, with the height of 308 feet. The building is built with magnificent interiors and exteriors and contains a plethora of information on the Texan history.

Address : 1100 Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78701, United States

Zipcode : 78701

Location : 30.2746652, -97.740350499999

Contact : +1 512-463-0063

Website : <http://www.tspb.texas.gov/prop/tc/tc/capitol.html>

Nearest Public Transport : San Jacinto Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Tour Timings Monday to Friday: 08:30hrs-16:30hrs

Saturday: 09:30hrs-15:30hrs Sunday: 12:00hrs-15:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.2. The Long Center for the Performing Arts

The Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long Center is Austin's only live entertainment venue and a premier performing arts center, which encourages local talent and art. Built by and for the community, the center is home to the Austin Symphony Orchestra, Austin Lyric Opera and Ballet Austin. Beneath the iconic "Terrace Ring," visitors can enjoy the magnificent views of the Lady Bird Lake and Austin's skyline.

Address : 701 W Riverside Dr, Austin, TX 78704, United States

Zipcode : 78704

Location : 30.260252, -97.7510921

Contact : +1 512-474-5664

Website : <http://thelongcenter.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Auditorium shores Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Free Public Tours are available every Wednesday at

12:00hrs.

Time Required : 0.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.3. Austin Fire Museum

Located in Austin's Central Fire Station No. 1, the Austin Fire Museum features relics dating back to the 1870s. The artefacts include uniform pieces from the turn of the century, memorabilia from Texas' first African American firefighters, and many other items of historical eminence. The Austin Fire Museum has been preserving the history and traditions of their Fire Department.

Address : 401 E 5th St, Austin, TX 78701, United States

Zipcode : 78701

Location : 30.2657639, -97.7394228

Website : <http://www.austinfiremuseum.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Downtown light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday to Saturday, and Sunday: 12:00hrs-17:00hrs

Monday and Tuesday: Closed

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.4. St. David's Episcopal Church

One of the oldest standing buildings in the city, St. David's Episcopal Church is a remarkable church, which aims at being a "light on the hill" in Austin and bringing healing, joy and fullness of life to all the people. Built in a Gothic style, St David's is a beautiful church where you can meditate and unwind in the tranquility, away from the chaos of the city life.

Address : 301 E 8th St, Austin, TX 78701, United States

Zipcode : 78701

Location : 30.2684584, -97.739393599999

Contact : +1 512-610-3500

Website : <http://www.stdave.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : 411 8th/Trinity Bus Station

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.5. The Domain

Located at the Century Oaks Terrace, The Domain is a sprawling commercial, shopping and residential center, anchored by many upscale outlets, dining and entertainment options including major brands like Dillard's, Nieman Marcus, Nordstrom, Zara, Dick's Sporting Goods, Tiffany & Co., and Whole Foods. The mall is quite spacious with ample of walking and parking space, and its vibrancy lies in its live music and events that are held year-round.

Address : 11410 Century Oaks Terrace, Austin, TX 78758, USA

Zipcode : 78758

Location : 30.4020649, -97.7258828999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.6. Hill Country Galleria

Zipcode : 0

Location : 30.309292, -97.9394969999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.7. Barton Creek Square

Situated north of Barton Hills, Barton Creek Square shopping mall is a bi-level shopping hub that has over 170 retail stores, a 14-screen movie theater and restaurants. Along with clothing and accessories stores, the mall also has a good food court and beauty salons.

Address : 2901 S Capital of Texas Hwy, Austin, TX 78746, USA

Zipcode : 78746

Location : 30.2577142, -97.8069769999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.8. Lakeline Mall

A one-stop shopping destination, Lakeline Mall is a magnificent climate-controlled shopping center that features over 150 upscale stores. The mall also includes lavish dining and entertainment options like Inflatable Wonderland, USA Bungee and Regal Cinemas that ensures a fun-filled family time.

Address : 11200 Lakeline Mall Dr, Cedar Park, TX 78613, USA

Zipcode : 78613

Location : 30.4703784, -97.806959099999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.9. Southpark Meadows

Zipcode : 0

Location : 30.1617459, -97.7925222

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.10. Round Rock Premium Outlets

Zipcode : 0

Location : 30.5664089, -97.6897003

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.11. Hancock Center

Zipcode : 0

Location : 30.2994841, -97.719266599999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.12. Lady Bird Lake

Created in 1960 to provide Austin with a reliable source of water, Lady Bird Lake



- named after the wife of President Lyndon Johnson - covers 416 acres and has become one of the city's key recreational areas. Although lined with hotels and residential complexes, the majority of its shoreline has been kept open to the public and is lined with excellent trails, including the Austin Hike and Bike Trail. In addition to being a popular place for people-powered boating activities like canoes and kayaks, it's also home to Auditorium Shores, a venue used for major events such as the South by Southwest (SXSW) film and music festivals, along with concerts by many of the world's top performers. If you're a night owl, come dusk, head to the Ann W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge, which crosses over Lady Bird Lake. There, you'll be rewarded with the remarkable sight of the world's largest urban bat colony in flight. It's estimated that a million or more migratory Mexican free-tailed bats live under the bridge in summer, and seeing them take off en masse is an especially impressive sight when viewed as part of a boat cruise across the lake. On a sunny morning in the spring, Lady Bird Lake looks like the world's most active playground. Kayakers skim across the still water, swimmers swim laps in Barton Springs pool, frisbees whirl across a lush disc golf course and joggers and cyclists burn calories on lakeside trails.

Address : Austin, TX, USA

Zipcode : 78741

Location : 30.267153, -97.743060799999

Website : <https://austintexas.gov/page/lady-bird-lake>

Nearest Public Transport : 1000 East Riverside/Travis Heights Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 05:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.13. Mount Bonnell

COVERT PARK: Mount Bonnell (elevation 785 ft above sea level) is the name given in the 1830s to a peak on the ridge line overlooking the Colorado River in Austin Texas. A hundred years later, that land was deeded to Travis County by the Covert family of Austin as a gift for use as a public park, resulting in the establishment of COVERT PARK AT MOUNT BONNELL. In 1972, management of COVERT PARK AT MOUNT BONNELL was transferred to the City of Austin. Whether you're here for the day or plan on sticking around for a



while, Mount Bonnell is a great place to get your outdoor adventures started and witness some of the incredible views the city has to offer. Actually located in Covert Park, Mount Bonnell is generally considered the highest point in Austin at 775 feet! The peak is named for George Bonnell, who served as Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the Texas Republic. The overlook of downtown and the 360 Bridge is actually more of a tourist destination than a workout, and is a great hot-spot for picture-taking and those on an adventurous date. When you reach the top of the 102-stair climb, you can rest at the view deck and pavilion before making your way back down. Covert Park at Mount Bonnell is 5.1 acre historic linear park with a prominent overlook that is one of the most visited sites in Austin. Mount Bonnell is a 775-foot-high outcrop along the eastern shore of Lake Austin. The peak of the overlook is a craggy limestone outcropping surrounded by a forested area of live oak, ash juniper, persimmon and mountain laurel that spans the slope between Mount Bonnell Road and the trails at the top of the park.

Address : Mt Bonnell, Austin, TX 78731, USA

Zipcode : 78731

Location : 30.3207616, -97.7733402

Nearest Public Transport : Exposition/35th Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

#### **7.2.14. Auditorium Shores at Town Lake Metropolitan Park**

Along the south bank of Lady Bird Lake, this city park has open space to picnic, play and hit the Hike-and-Bike Trail—so long as there's not a concert or festival underway. Auditorium Shores is often the locale for outdoor concerts, festivals and other events. Other times, it is a great open space for a game of frisbee, flying a kite or letting your dog roam freely. The Stevie Ray Vaughan Memorial statue is located at Auditorium Shores, along the south bank of Lady Bird Lake on the Hike-and-Bike Trail.

Address : 900 W Riverside Dr, Austin, TX 78704, USA

Zipcode : 78704

Location : 30.2627167, -97.7515303



Contact : +1 512-974-6700

Nearest Public Transport : 400 S 1st/Riverside Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 05:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.15. Austin 360 Bridge

If you have never visited Austin, its likely you've seen a photo or two promoting the insanely beautiful sunset overlooking the Austin 360 Bridge (otherwise known as Pennybacker Bridge) and thought to yourself, is that real? Let me be the first to tell you that if my tired little smart phone can capture views like this, seeing it in-the-flesh is a different experience entirely. If you'd like a gorgeous view of downtown and the scenic hills to brag about when you get home, do what the locals do - hike to the top! Bridge with a weathered steel arch that provides scenic views for drivers, bikers & pedestrians. There is not much else to do once you reach the highest point of this climb but take in all of the beautiful scenery of Austin. To your north you will see the hill country, just west of the bridge an overlook of the downtown skyline, and of course the beautiful bridge overlooking the Colorado River.

Address : 5300 N Capital of Texas Hwy, Austin, TX 78730, USA

Zipcode : 78730

Location : 30.3519716, -97.7966465

Contact : +1 512-474-5171

Nearest Public Transport : 7503 Mesa/Greystone Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.16. Mueller Lake Park

A large lake anchors this park featuring an amphitheater, loop Mueller's parks, trails and open space weave through the community, establishing a native, local ecosystem and bringing outdoor recreation and education options to Mueller residents, employees and neighbors. With 20 percent of the neighborhood

dedicated to parkland and open space, every resident will live less than 600 feet away from a community greenspace. Mueller parks are open to the public and are host to several community events annually. trail & picnic area. Centrally located in Mueller, a mixed-use development in north central Austin, Lake Park is an ideal spot for kids of all ages as the park offers a multitude of options for playing and exploring. The park is situated just across the street from the popular Thinkery Children's Museum and has a dedicated parking lot for attendees, ensuring a parking spot on the busiest of days. With art installations, a 6.5-acre lake complete with ducks, a walking/ jogging trail, picnic tables and lots of green space, young and old alike will be satisfied with the many different options offered in this community park. Whether you have an hour or an entire day, there is so much to do within the area to ensure that not only will the kids be entertained but so will mom and dad!

Address : 4550 Mueller Blvd, Austin, TX 78723, USA

Zipcode : 78723

Location : 30.2967705999999, -97.7058523

Contact : +1 512-703-9202

Nearest Public Transport : 4300 Airport/Wilshire Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 05:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.17. Republic Square

This public square located downtown is host to events such as outdoor movies & farmer's markets. This historic square has been a gathering place since Austin began. It is home to Austin Parks Foundation's Movies in the Park series and Yoga in the Park. Located at the convergence of Guadalupe St, West 5th St, San Antonio St and West 4th St, adjacent to the new Federal Courthouse, Republic Square is one of three remaining Downtown Historical Squares. Grab your friends, neighbors, family, and four-legged friends and head downtown to Republic Square for a relaxing evening under the beautiful Austin night sky

Address : 422 Guadalupe St, Austin, TX 78701, USA

Zipcode : 78701

Location : 30.2679131, -97.7472722999999

Nearest Public Transport : 5th/Guadalupe Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No



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### 8. Key sites sports & adventure

Quench your thirst for adventure in the city of Austin. From scuba diving to kayaking on lake Travis in the sunset, Austin has everything that makes one experience the taste of thrill and adventure.

- **Scuba Diving -**

Address : 1001 W Anderson Ln, Austin, TX 78757, USA

Location : 30.348364,-97.7155442

Contact No : +1 512-323-6999

Website : <http://scubaland.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Greyhound Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fees : \$90 per person

Time Required : 4

Wait Time : 25 minutes

- **Kayaking on Lake Travis -**

Address : 2418 Stratford Dr, Austin, TX 78746, USA

Location : 30.2745229999999,-97.7744569999999

Contact No : +1 512-459-0999

Website : <http://www.rowingdock.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Mopac/Nature Center Bus Station

Entry Fees : Kayak Single- \$35 Double- \$45 Canoe: \$55 SUP: \$45

Open / Close Time : Daily: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Wait Time : 20 minutes

- **Stand Up Paddle Boarding -**

Address : 720 Bastrop Hwy #201, Austin, TX 78741, USA

Location : 30.2334439,-97.686167599999

Contact No : +1 512-595-1410

Website : <http://www.austinpaddlesports.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : 603 Vargas/Ponca Bus Station

Entry Fees : \$125 per lesson

Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday: By Appointment Friday:

12:00hrs-17:00hrs Saturday: 10:00hrs-16:00hrs Sunday: By Appointment

Time Required : 3

Wait Time : 15 minutes

- **Tandem Skydiving -**

Address : 1055 PR 7022, Rt 696, Lexington, TX 78947, USA

Location : 30.4168696,-96.967885099999

Contact No : <http://www.texasskydiving.com/>

Website : <http://www.texasskydiving.com/>

Entry Fees : Tandem: \$199 Solo Free Fall: \$285

Open / Close Time : Daily: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 5

Wait Time : 25 minutes

- **Zipline Adventures -**

Address : 1223 Paleface Ranch Rd, Spicewood, TX 78669, USA

Location : 30.4206499999999,-98.105448

Contact No : +1 512-264-8880

Website : <http://www.cypressvalleycanopytours.com/>

Entry Fees : Tour Price: \$75 per person

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Saturday, and Sunday: 09:00hrs-17:30hrs

Monday: Closed (Tentative Timing)

Time Required : 4

Wait Time : 20 minutes

- **Jet Packing -**

Address : Fly Lake Austin, On Lake Austin, Austin, Texas

Location : 30.3516196999999,-97.8062054999999

Contact No : +1 512-775-9060

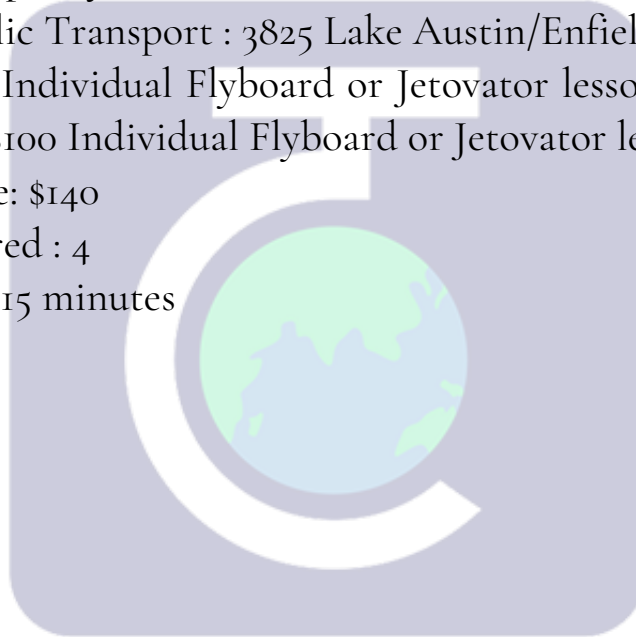
Website : <http://flylakeaustin.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : 3825 Lake Austin/Enfield Bus Station

Entry Fees : Individual Flyboard or Jetovator lesson with 20 minutes of flight time: \$100 Individual Flyboard or Jetovator lesson with 30 minutes of flight time: \$140

Time Required : 4

Wait Time : 15 minutes



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### 9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

If you love college football, then you must not miss the match of the Texas Longhorns in Austin. The Texas Longhorns is the intercollegiate team representing the University of Texas at Austin. This is a great team and it is coached to football perfection by their coach Charlie Strong.

- **Darrell K. Royal–Texas Memorial Stadium:**

Address : 405 E 23rd St, Austin, TX 78712, USA

Location : 30.2836813,-97.73253449999999

Contact No : +1 512-471-3434

- **House Park:**

Address : 1301 Shoal Creek Blvd, Austin, TX 78701, USA

Location : 30.2787591,-97.74998010000002

Contact No : +1 512-414-0019

- **Kelly Reeves Stadium:**

Address : 10211 W Parmer Ln, Austin, TX 78717, USA

Location : 30.49250089999999,-97.77518659999998

Contact No : +1 512-464-5480

## 10. Spas and relaxation

If you are feel stressed and exhausted from the hectic tour schedule, visit a spa or a massage center in the city which can help you relax and relieve stress.

- **Lake Austin Spa Resort:**

Address : 1705 S Quinlan Park Rd, Austin, TX 78732, USA

Location : 30.3276562,-97.926640099999

Contact No : +1 512-372-7300

Website : <http://lakeaustin.com/>

- **Viva Day Spa Lamar:**

Address : 215 S Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78704, USA

Location : 30.2637406,-97.7570991

Contact No : +1 512-300-2256

Website : <https://www.vivadayspa.com/>

- **AWAY Spa:**

Address : W Austin, 200 Lavaca St, Austin, TX 78701, USA

Location : 30.2654139,-97.746758099999

Contact No : +1 512-542-3626

Website : <http://www.austinawayspa.com/>



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### 11. Key local guides and tours

AO Tours of Austin is a great tour, the drivers are really helpful and nice as well as informative about current and past insights of the city. The tour guides sure do know how to make everyone feel comfortable in their van as well as entertain you throughout the whole tour. Following are some of the tours that take place in Austin, Texas.

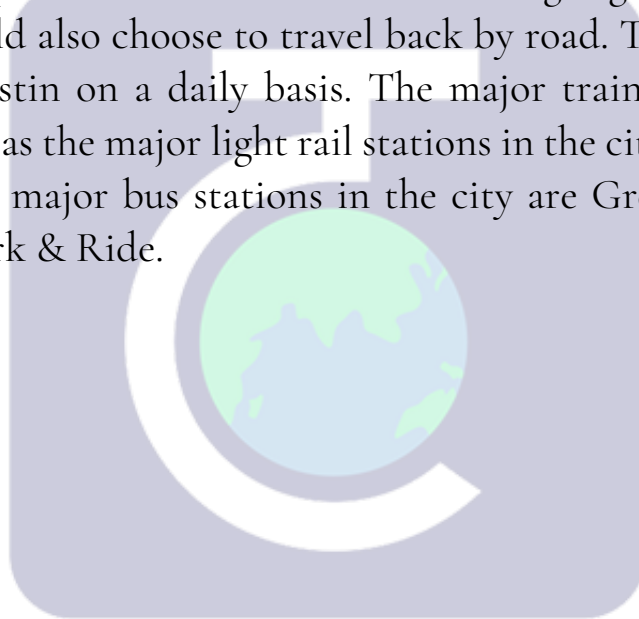
- **Austin Brewery Tour:** Next to vineyards in Austin there are also breweries if you're more of a beer person. The professional guide is going to lead you through all the breweries while explaining the brewing process to you as well as guide you through all the tastings. It is also an all-inclusive tour and considered to be perfect for couples.
- **Street Art Segway Tour:** The experienced guide will take you to see the famous graffiti and murals while driving a Segway.
- **Historic Walking Tour:** Even if you live in Austin you can pretend you're a tourist and learn something that you didn't know about your city. This is an excellent way to gain some knowledge of the history of this town, and we highly recommend you take this tour. And of course, it is entirely free!

Few of the local guides in the city are Stephnie C. whose expertise is in the creation of truly personalized tour that reflects the interests of the clients satisfying their curiosity, and George S. is the other local guide in the city who specializes in tours including Lake Travis and the surrounding areas.

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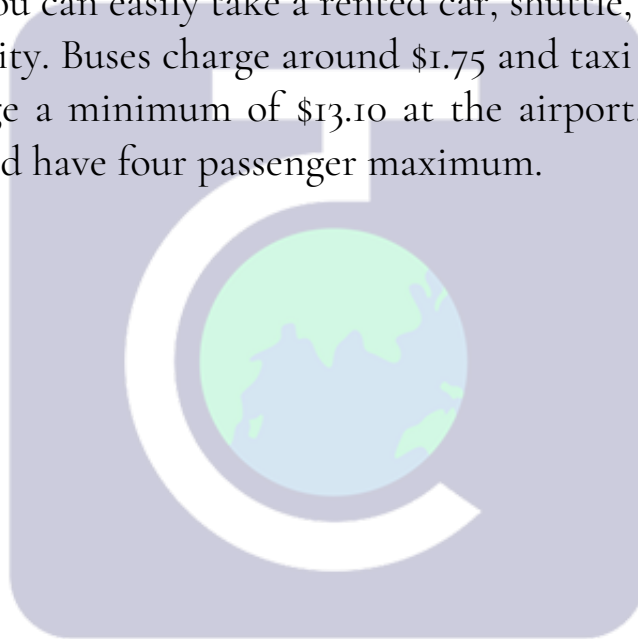
### 12. Transportation hubs

The Austin-Bergstrom International Airport is the main international airport in Austin. This airport is roughly around 17.22 kilometers (15 minutes) away from the city and is the place where all major flights land. In case you can't get a flight to this airport you can always choose other airports that are close to Austin. These include the San Antonio International Airport and the George Bush Intercontinental Airport. You can choose a connecting flight from these airports to Austin or you could also choose to travel back by road. There are a number of trains that go to Austin on a daily basis. The major train station in Austin is Austin Station whereas the major light rail stations in the city are Downtown and Kramer Station. The major bus stations in the city are Greyhound and Capital Metro Northwest Park & Ride.



**Index****13. Transportation cost**

Transportation in Austin, Texas can be by bus, train, Taxi, or bicycle. Buses run until almost 11.00 pm. The buses are usually cheap (50 cents) and could be considered as the main local transportation facility with \$2.50 for a 24-hour pass and \$1.25 for one trip. The bus transportation in Austin takes through the downtown as a central hub with nearly all routes emanating from this point, in various directions. You can easily take a rented car, shuttle, taxi or a bus to reach to the center of the city. Buses charge around \$1.75 and taxi fare is approximately \$30. Taxi rates charge a minimum of \$13.10 at the airport. All the taxis accept major credit cards and have four passenger maximum.



**Index****14. Baggage allowance**

Austin Express Cab Service earned their title for being on time and fast. The drivers are hip and cool, and they put a smile on your face. Their one and only popular motto “We are all humans, and we should help each other” comes a long way, these people are like family, and will make you feel the same way about them. Checked baggage and carry-on items are free of charge for this express cab service and as long as it can fit with you in the cab or in the trunk you're good to go.



**Index****15. Must try food and local savouries**

While in the Clean Air City of Texas, one must definitely try the dishes like Squash and fresh mozzarella sandwich and Sapporo ramen.



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### 16. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **Uchi:**

Address : 801 South Lamar  Boulevard, Austin, TX 78704, USA

Location : 30.2575138,-97.759771300000

Contact No : +1 512-916-4808

Website : <http://www.uchiaustin.com/>

Open / Close Time : Sunday to Thursday: 17:00hrs-22:00hrs Friday and Saturday: 17:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Eddie V's Prime Seafood:**

Address : 9400 B Arboretum Boulevard, Austin, TX 78759, USA

Location : 30.389596,-97.752956999999

Contact No : +1 512-342-2642

Website : <http://www.eddiev.com/locations/tx/austin/arboretum-austin/8502>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday: 16:00hrs-22:00hrs Friday and Saturday: 16:00hrs- 23:00hrs Sunday: 16:00hrs-21:00hrs

- **Banger's:**

Address : 79 Rainey St, Austin, TX 78701, USA

Location : 30.258905,-97.738412999999

Contact No : +1 512-386-1656

Website : <https://www.bangersaustin.com/#home>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Wednesday: 11:00hrs-23:00hrs Thursday to Saturday: 11:00hrs-00:00hrs Sunday: 10:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Yellow Jacket Social Club:**

Address : 1704 E 5th St, Austin, TX 78702, USA

Location : 30.2617422,-97.724760800000

Contact No : +1 512-480-9572

Website : <http://www.yellowjacketsocialclub.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily: 11:00hrs-02:00hrs

- **Barbarella:**

Address : 615 Red River St, Austin, TX 78701, USA

Location : 30.2671528999999,-97.736647699999

Contact No : +1 512-476-7766

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Saturday: 22:00hrs-02:30hrs Sunday and Monday: Closed

- **Elephant Room:**

Address : 315 Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78701, USA

Location : 30.2655977999999,-97.743249399999

Contact No : +1 512-473-2279

Website : <http://www.elephantroom.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday: 16:00hrs-02:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 20:00hrs-02:00hrs

- **FoodHeads:**

Address : 616 W 34th St, Austin, TX 78705, USA

Location : 30.3008876999999,-97.7403009999999

Contact No : +1 512-420-8400

Website : <http://foodheads.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday: 07:00hrs-16:00hrs Saturday: 08:00hrs-16:00hrs Sunday: Closed

- **Michi Ramen:**

Address : 6519 N Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78752, USA

Location : 30.3333532,-97.7214134999999

Contact No : +1 512-386-1908

Website : <http://mirchiramen.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily: 11:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Matt's Famous El Rancho:**

Address : 2613 S Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78704, USA

Location : 30.2451353999999,-97.7792394

Contact No : +1 512-462-9333

Website : <http://mattselrancho.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday: 11:00hrs-22:00hrs Tuesday: Closed Friday and Saturday: 11:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Perla's:**



Address : 1400 S Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78704, USA

Location : 30.2499584999999,-97.750091300000

Contact No : +1 512-291-7300

Website : <http://www.perlasaustin.com/>

Open / Close Time : Lunch, Monday to Friday: 11:30hrs-15:00hrs Brunch,  
Saturday and Sunday: 10:30hrs-14:30hrs Dinner, Daily: 17:30hrs-Close Bar,  
Daily: 15:00hrs-Close



**Index****17. Average meal cost**

In Austin, Texas, cost of a lunch meal in the business district is \$13 while the cost of domestic beer in the supermarket is \$2.79. Quality red table wine costs \$12. If you buy a three course meal in a middle class restaurant for a couple it will cost \$50.00.



**Index****18. Shopping**

Depending on what you want to shop, here in Austin, you will definitely be spoiled for choice. At Hill Country Galleria, you will get sporting goods in plenty. Everything you are looking for under one roof is found at Barton Creek Square Mall. If you are elderly, then Arboretum at Great Hills is the shopping mall you must pay a visit.



**Index****19. Tourist benefits**

There are no tourist benefits for tax refund in the city of Austin. As a tourist, you are expected to pay all the applicable taxes such as VAT and service fees wherever required. Most restaurants will charge you a service fee for their services provided and there is no refund on that. If you're looking to buy some items without tax, you can check out various duty free stores at the airports.



**Index****20. Essential local apps**

Travel Apps have become an essential part of travel. Use of travel apps goes a long way in making travel problem free. Among the variety of apps available on Android and iOS platforms, Uber helps you to book a cab anywhere in the city. Flavour is an app that has more than 300 restaurants filtered by neighborhood & cuisine. You can order your favorite food sitting on your couch.



## 21. Driving

Driving in Austin would not be possible with foreign driver's license or international license. If you are interested in renting a car for self-driving, you would need to apply for a temporary driver's license. You will be asked to submit copies of your immigration and naturalization documents. The license granted after due consideration of these documents will have the words "Temporary Visitor" printed on it along with date of expiry of immigration documents.



**Index****22. Travel essentials**

As is the case with many states in the U.S., power sockets are of Standard Type A or Type B. They may be two pins or three pins. The voltage level is typically set at 110V at 60Hz. You could check if your electrical devices accommodate the voltage levels and frequency by checking the information provided at the bottom of the devices. If the voltage level varies considerably, it's best to take a power converter.



**Index****23. Essential clothes**

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## 24. Local currency

The currency used in Austin, Texas is the US dollar.



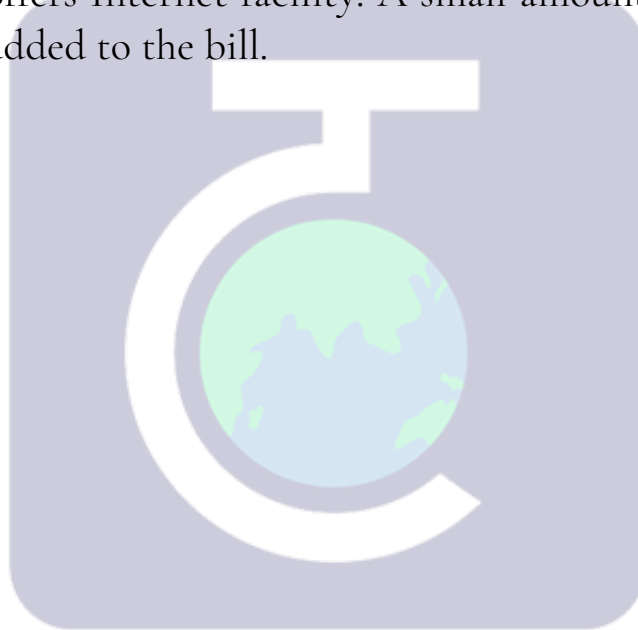
## 25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

Carrying large amounts of cash would not be a hassle that you would be faced with in Austin as there are plenty of banks, ATMs and currency exchange centers. Further, majority of the hotel, cafe and restaurant in Austin accepts credit cards and debit cards. You can use the card for shopping, eating out and other entertainment activity. However, you may need to carry small amount of cash for use in public transport, for shopping at small outlets and road side stalls.



**Index****26. Staying connected**

As is the case in most cities in the U.S. AT&T is the most recommended network. It offers great reception and international calling plans. Other service providers include the T Mobile network. However, considering that calling rates in the Unites States are extremely high, if your period of stay is short, it is recommended to buy a cheap prepaid phone. Further, almost every hotel, restaurant and cafe offers Internet facility. A small amount pertaining to use of such facility may be added to the bill.



## 27. Time Zone

Austin Texas follows the time zone- Central Time Zone UTC- 06:00.



**Index****28. Languages**

Approximately 50 percent of Austin residents speak English and 35 percent speak Spanish. Other languages include Asian, Korean, Vietnamese, Chinese, Filipino and Indian.



**Index****29. Political Scenario**

Austin has a manager-council system of municipal governance. The city council consists of 11 members. The council along with a hired city manager carried out the cities administration. Austin has a liberal approach to politics. Central Austin has generally favored the Democrats while the suburbs are the stronghold of the Republicans. The Austin Police Department provides law enforcement in the city of Austin.



### 30. Economic Scenario

The major industries in Austin are technology and defense. Pharmaceuticals and biotechnology are upcoming sectors in this city. Fortune 500 companies like IBM, Dell, and semiconductor manufacturers like Freescale have operations in the state. Due to the focus on technology this city is also referred to as the “Silicon Hills”. Apart from the major corporations Austin also has a network of locally owned companies.



**Index****31. Religious belief**

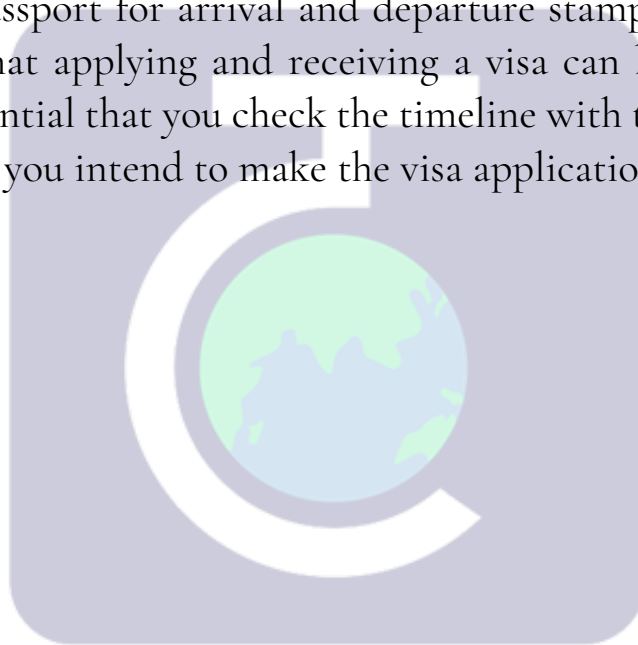
In Austin, 46.22% of the population is religious. Out of this, 17.45% is Catholic, 0.92% are LDS, 5.51% another Christian faith, 0.45% Jewish, 1.36% eastern faith, and 1.24% affiliated to the Islamic faith.





## 32. Visa requirements

If you have been planning a visit to Austin, you need to get a visa approval to do so. Depending on the reason for your visit, there are different visas issued by the embassy. You need to be clear about the reason for your visit, and the number of days you plan of staying in the city. A visa process takes around 15 days, so apply for one in advance to avoid delays in your travel plans. It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application.



**Index****33. Essential vaccination**

No vaccinations are required for entry to the states but you may want get a tetanus booster just to be safe.



**Index****34. Theft and Safety**

Although Austin is reasonably safe to live in, the highest concentration of crime is in the downtown area. You need to be aware of violent attacks by homeless people. Also petty crimes like car break-ins and party crimes are also on the rise. You also can stay clear of North Austin, which has a lot of low income neighborhoods. These people are not very pedestrian friendly.



**Index****35. Embassy/Consulate**

Every city has various embassy offices located in different parts of the world. In order to get a visa to visit Austin you need to get all your documents approved at the embassy or the consulate office. Make sure you check the list of documents required for you to get your visa approved. For more information, please visit <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-of/united-states>.



## 36. Accessibility

Austin is a wheelchair accessible city. The airport too is very convenient for people who are restricted to the wheelchair. You will also find a number of public and private transport services that cater to people on the wheelchair in this city.



**Index****37. Emergencies**

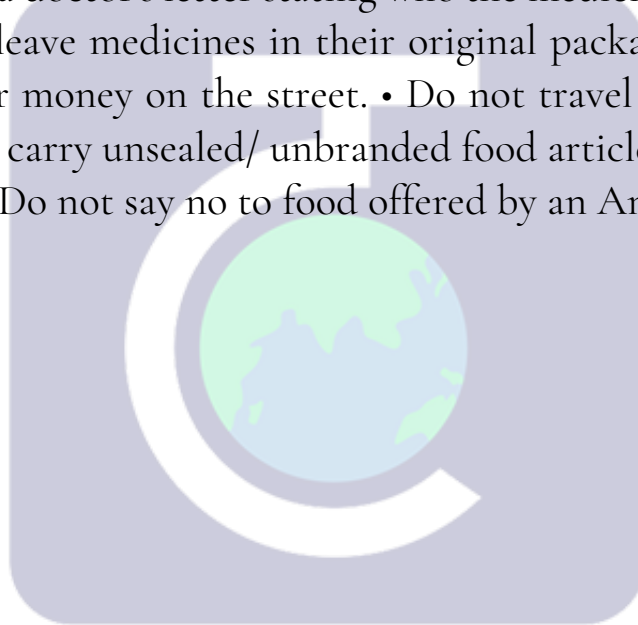
Medical support is vastly available in Austin. You will never be too far away from a hospital or a medical center when you're in Austin. Few of the major hospitals and medical centers in Austin, Texas are University Medical Center Brackenridge, Heart Hospital of Austin, and Austin state hospital. For any SOS Services, please call 911.



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### 38. Do's and Don'ts

Do's: • Exchange greetings with everyone you meet. It lasts at least a minute or two. • Ask permission before clicking someone's photograph • Do bargain at all shopping areas and carry change with you at all times. • Arrange for sufficient medicines to meet your personal medical needs. Check with the embassy of the country you are visiting to ensure your medicine is legal in the countries you are travelling to. Obtain a doctor's letter stating who the medicines are for, what they are, the dosage, and leave medicines in their original packaging. Don'ts: • Never count/ exchange your money on the street. • Do not travel alone at night. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. • Do not say no to food offered by an American.



**Index****39.Tipping basics**

Tipping is not something that is common in restaurants in Austin. Most restaurants include the tip in the total bill and they do not expect customers to pay an additional tip to the waiters. You may however choose to tip the waiter in case the service was exceptional.





**Index****40.Pet info**

Austin is known to be a pet friendly city. You will find a number of hotels that are pet friendly here however; you may want to check the terms of the hotel in advance. Restaurants too allow pet owners to come in with their pets. Although people may not find it comfortable to have a pet in a restaurant, you can always request people and check if it is fine.



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### Conclusion – Why to select this destination

*Austin has many nicknames like, 'Silicon Hills', 'The Live Music Capital of the World', 'Violet Crown', and 'Clean air city'. Austin is located on Colorado River and has three artificial lakes, Lake Austin, Lake Travis, and Lady Bird Lake. If you want some inspiration climb up the 775 foot high Mt. Bonnell, sit there for a while and view the Austin Lake and the rugged beauty surrounding it. It became a center of education and government with the establishment of the University of Texas and the Texas State Capitol in Austin. It is a center for business and technology too and the regional offices or headquarters of many of the Fortune 500 companies are located here. Dell's headquarters are situated in Round Rock which is a suburb of Austin. You can enjoy the Austin Double Decker Hop On - Hop off Tours wherein you can learn about the rich history of Austin, get an awesome view from the bus and get down and explore the places. On Fridays and Saturdays you can go for the Austin Ghost Tours which consist of walking tours at night in downtown. You can take a kayak tour too. If you want to have some outdoor and indoor fun, go to Austin's Park where you will find bumper boats, batting cages, go karts, mini golf, kiddie play area, game pavilion, rock climbing and much more. To learn about the majestic animals who ruled the earth for more than hundred and fifty million years, you can visit the Dinosaur Park.*

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