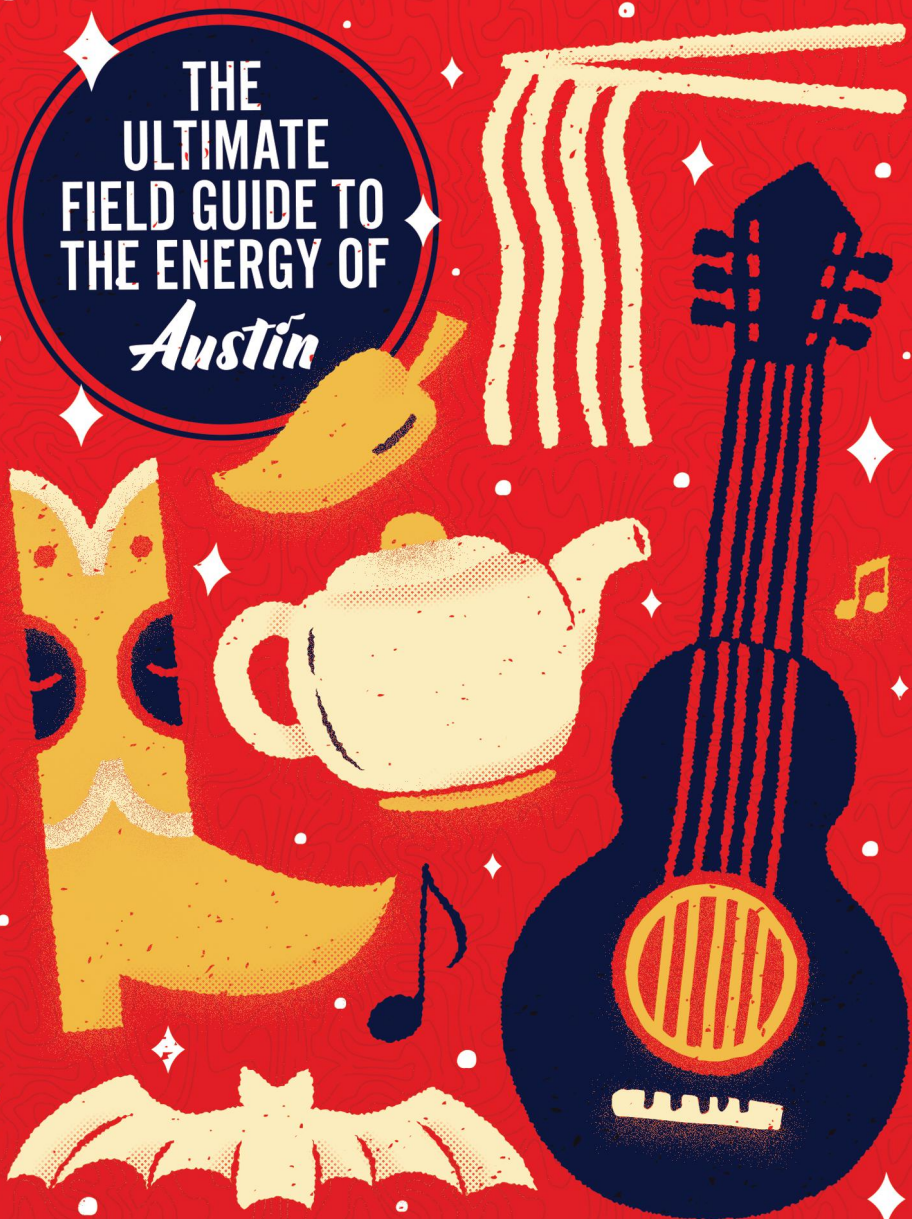


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ULTIMATE
FIELD GUIDE TO
THE ENERGY OF
Austin



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WELCOME TO AUSTIN

Just like the hippies and cosmic cowboys who made Austin weird, our Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community brings a distinct and irreplaceable energy to this city. Whether it's trying Tex-Asian barbecue or visiting Ai Weiwei's latest piece, you'll find how deeply ingrained the AAPI community is in every aspect of the Austin experience.



MARINA BHARGAVA

PRESIDENT & CEO

Greater Austin Asian Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Austin Asian Chamber of Commerce welcomes you to Austin, where the fastest growing demographic in the fastest growing big city in Texas is Asian

American! We are eight percent of its residents and our businesses are expected to number 22,000 in 2022. Along with the technology brains who power Austin's economy, you'll also find folks who are creating Asian American art not found elsewhere; check out comedy troupes like Hot Pot and Y'all We Asian, live theater by Lucky Chaos and Color Arc, and not one but two film festivals. We boast the top ramen in the U.S. and if you're visiting in November, don't miss our Asian Eats Night Market, with dance parties both nights. Have fun and channel your inner TexAsian!

大オースティンアジア商業会議所—プレジデント兼CEO、マリーナ・バルガバ
大オースティンアジア商業会議所はあなたをオースティンに歓迎申し上げます、テキサスでもっとも急速に発展中の大都市でもっとも急速に増加している人口はアジア系アメリカ人です！私たちは住民の8パーセントを構成し事業者数2022年には22,000に達する見通しです。オースティン経済の原動力である高度の技術者とともに、他の場所では見出せないアジア的アメリカ芸術を創造している人々がいます；ホットポットやヨールウィーエイジャンのようなコメディ劇団、ラッキーケイオスとカラーアークのライブ劇場、一つではなく二つもある映画祭をお調べください。当地は最高のラーメンが自慢で、ご来訪時期が11月に当たるときはダンスパーティーが二晩ある夜のアジア料理マーケットを見逃さないでください。テキサスアジア人の心を發揮して楽しみましょう！

그레이트 오스틴 아시아 상공 회의소 - Marina Bhargava, 사장 겸 CEO
그레이트 오스틴 아시아 상공 회의소는 텍사스에서 가장 빠르게 성장하는 대도시이고, 인구 통계학적으로 아시아계 미국인이 가장 빠르게 성장하는 오스틴에 오신 여러분을 환영합니다! 오스틴의 경제를 이끄는 기술 두뇌와 함께, 여러분께서는 다른 곳에서는 찾을 수 없는 아시아계 미국 예술을 만드는 사람들을 찾을 수 있습니다; Hot Pot & Y'all 과 같은 코미디 극단들을 확인해 보십시오. 우리는 미국에서의 최고 라면을 자랑하며, 여러분들이 11 월에 방문하시는 경우에는, 양 일간 댄스타터와 함께하는 아시아 음식 야시장을 놓치지 마세요. 즐겁게 즐기시고 가슴 속에 TexAsian 재능을 만드세요!

大奥斯汀亚洲商会 (Greater Austin Asian Chamber of Commerce) — 大奥斯汀亚洲商会总裁兼首席执行官Marina Bhargava欢迎您来到奥斯汀。在德克萨斯州发展最快的大城市中、增长最快的人口就是美籍亚裔！我们占其居民总数的8%，在2022年我们的商务人口预计将达到22,000人。美籍亚裔除为奥斯汀经济提供技术大脑这样的动力之外，您还可以在此发掘独一无二的美籍亚裔美国艺术创作；别忘了喜剧剧团Hot Pot与Y'all We Asian独具亚洲风味的脱口秀表演，还有Lucky Chaos与Color Arc的现场戏剧演出，以及我们别于一年一度的两大电影节庆。我们在美国拥有顶级的美味拉面，如果您在11月来访问的话，则万勿错过附加两晚舞会的亚洲美食夜市。愿您玩得开心，这就引导您内心的德州亚裔魂、深度体验大奥斯汀的独家魅力！



TOM NOONAN

PRESIDENT & CEO

Visit Austin

Welcome! At Visit Austin, we invite you to experience Austin like a local - stroll through our vibrant neighborhoods, catch a show at one of more than 250 live music

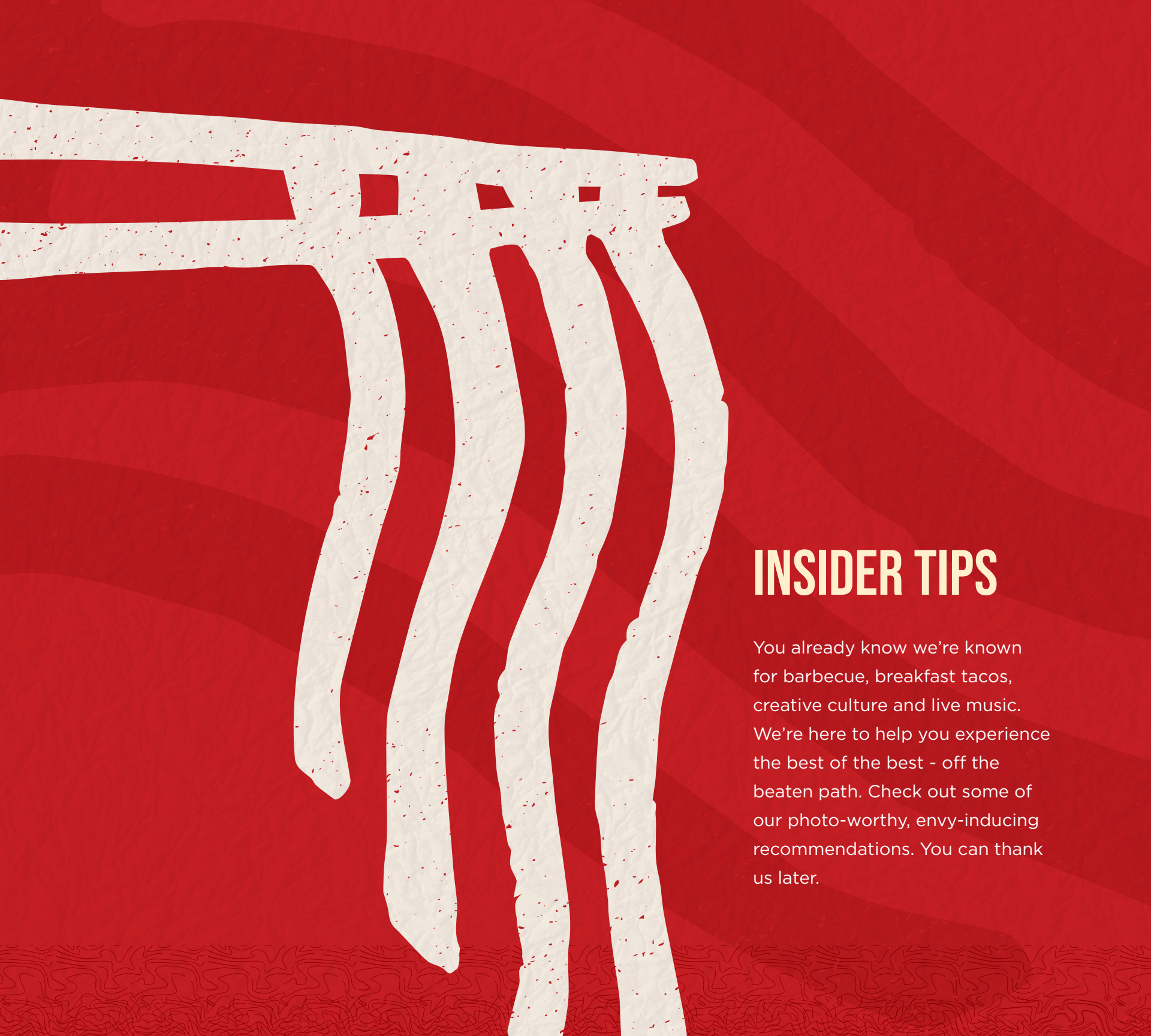
venues and take in the scenes on water or land. Visit the many locally owned markets and restaurants with Asian and Austonian fusion flavors or visit a museum and learn about local trailblazers. If we can be of assistance during your stay, please stop by the Austin Visitor Center, connect with us on social media @VisitAustinTX or just tap a friendly Austinite on the shoulder. We're happy you're here and wish you an enjoyable stay.

ヴィジットオースティン—トム・ヌーナン、プレジデント兼CEO
ヴィジットオースティンによろこそ！当市の生き生きとした地域を歩き回り、250個所を超えるライブミュージックハウスの一つでショーをご覧になり、水上あるいは陸上の場面に心に残すなどオースティンで楽しい体験をしてください。地元オーナーの多数のマーケット、オースティンとアジアのフュージョンレストランを訪れ博物館で当地の開拓者について学んでください。ご滞在中に何かお役に立てることがあったら、オースティンビジターセンターに立ち寄られるか、ソーシャルメディア@VisitAustinTXでご連絡されるか、あるいは気さくなオースティン住民の肩を叩いてください。

오스틴을 방문하세요 - Tom Noonan, 사장 겸 CEO가 환영합니다! Visit Austin에서, 활기 넘치는지역을 현지인처럼 산책하며 오스틴을 경험하고, 250 개 이상의 라이브 음악 공연 중 하나에서쇼를 관람하고, 수중 또는 육지의 장관들을 사진에 담도록 귀하를 초대합니다. 아시아 및 오스틴사람들의 퓨전 풍미가 있는 많은 현지 소유 시장과 레스토랑을 방문하거나 박물관을 방문하여현지 선구자들에 대해 알아보십시오. 여러분들이 머무는 동안 도움이 될 수 있다면, 오스틴 방문자센터에 들르거나, 소셜 미디어 @VisitAustinTX에 연결하거나, 오스틴 사람들의 어깨를 친근하게두드리십시오. 우리는 당신이 여기에 머물러서 행복하며 귀하의 즐거운 방문이 되기를기원합니다.

来访奥斯汀 — 总裁兼首席执行官Tom Noonan欢迎您！当您来访奥斯汀，我们邀请您如同当地人般地体验奥斯汀，请到充满活力的社区漫步，在250多个现场音乐表演场地中观看各式表演，无论是水上陆地场景任君选。还有许多融合了亚洲与奥斯汀风味的本地市场及餐厅供您探索，或到本地博物馆参观浏览、了解拓荒者们曾历经过的筚路蓝缕。在此逗留期间，如有我们可以效劳之处，务请来到奥斯汀游客中心查询、透过社交媒体@VisitAustinTX与我们联系，或者，还可以随处拍拍我们友好的德州路人的肩膀求助。我们欢迎您的来访，愿您在此度过愉快的时光。





INSIDER TIPS

You already know we're known for barbecue, breakfast tacos, creative culture and live music. We're here to help you experience the best of the best - off the beaten path. Check out some of our photo-worthy, envy-inducing recommendations. You can thank us later.

ARTS & CULTURE

See the sites, old and new, that make Austin unique.

ASIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER (AACC)

Founded in 2000 and designed to provide a unique space for sharing culture between the East and the West in the Austin experience, the AACC provides childcare, health and immigration resources, cultural activities, senior services and recreational activities. It also created the Dragon Boat Festival and Races, a traditional event taking place downtown on Lady Bird Lake each year.

AI WEIWEI INSTALLATIONS

Born in 1957 in Beijing, Ai Weiwei, a political activist whose prolific art breathes life into our city, has become a household name in Austin. His art is featured in two places within the city; in collaboration with Waller Creek Conservancy and The Contemporary Austin's Museum Without Walls program.

INSIDER TIP — TAKE A PHOTO AT FOREVER BICYCLES, AN INSTALLATION THAT FEATURES OVER A THOUSAND BIKES (LOCATED AT 74 TRINITY ST.) AND LOOK FOR DEEPER MEANING AT IRON TREE TRUNK, HIS FIFTEEN-FOOT-HIGH REPLICA OF A DEAD TREE TRUNK (LOCATED AT THE CONTEMPORARY AUSTIN - LAGUNA GLORIA).

ASIAN AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER

Opened October 1, 2013 off of Cameron Road, this city facility was a long-awaited dream for many community members. Designed by members of the local AAPI community, the center houses art exhibits as well as community meeting rooms, a kitchen, ballroom, ping-pong tables, resource library and a zen garden.

AUSTIN ASIAN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL

A showcase aimed at telling Asian and Asian American stories through cinema. The AAAFF works with AAPI filmmakers to explore new opportunities in film.

LUNG FAMILY HOUSE HISTORICAL LANDMARK

Visit the home of one of the first Chinese families to settle in Austin. The Lungs opened Lung's Chinese Kitchen, one of the first Chinese restaurants in the city. Their daughter, Inez Lung Lee, was a teacher and Chinese missionary in Austin.

SING FAMILY HOUSE HISTORICAL LANDMARK

Stop by the house where the Sing family, who first settled in Austin in the early 1900s, lived. Joe Sing was a great contributor to the economic growth of Travis County. He started Hong Lee Laundry and provided service to many state legislators and Austinites.

FACES OF AUSTIN

AMY WONG MOK

Founder & CEO of the Asian American Cultural Center and President of the Asian American Community Partnership

Born in Hong Kong, educated in Boston and a community builder in Austin for the last 35 years, Amy has been deeply involved in serving Austin. She has championed social issues like child education, cultural diversity and women's health. She recommends enjoying an authentic Cantonese family dinner at Din Ho Chinese BBQ and listening to jazz at Elephant Room. She also recommends watching the bats under the Congress Avenue Bridge (March-October). They are a good omen in Chinese culture, as "bat" sounds the same as "blessings" in Chinese.



MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Whether it's grabbing a new record, catching a live show, getting your groove on or taking center stage, Austin has music everywhere for everyone.

ANTONE'S

Open since 1975, Antone's has hosted everyone from Stevie Ray Vaughan and James Brown to Lady Gaga. Buy tickets online or at the door and get ready to dance the night away.

CONTINENTAL CLUB

Rock, country, jazz or blues could be playing on any given day at this legendary venue. Head over early as it fills up fast.

HI TUNES

Karaoke that's almost too good to be true. Get the party started by renting out a room. Hi Tunes lets you bring your own food and drink and sing your heart out until the morning hours.

SKY CANDY STUDIO

The sky's the limit in this East Austin studio space. Test your performance skills and attend an aerial or circus arts class.

WATERLOO RECORDS

Stop in to grab a record, listen to some tunes or catch an in-store performance.

INSIDER TIP — CHECK THEIR WEBSITE FOR A SCHEDULE OF FREE PERFORMANCES.



MIGGY MILLA

Singer-songwriter, Guitarist and Vocal Producer

As a Filipino-American, Miggy tries his best to represent and share the culture that he was raised with through his music. His perfect day is jumping into Barton Springs Pool, checking out live music at Half Step and grabbing something sweet at Amy's Ice Creams. If you're looking for a place to eat, Miggy suggests going out for a seafood boil at TLC or La Barbecue for barbecue.



ANURADHA NAIMPALLY

Performer, Educator and Social Practitioner

Anuradha grew up in Canada and has lived all over the world, but she's been in Austin for the last 30 years where her rich, bi-cultural background has helped her become an integral part of the Indian and Western dance scene. Anu has been the Artistic Director of Austin Dance India (austindanceindia.com) for the past 25 years and is considered an icon in the local art and dance scene. For vegetarians like herself, she recommends Swad Restaurant on North Lamar for Indian food and Koriente on East Seventh Street for Pan-Asian cuisine.



OLIVER RAJAMANI

Eclectic Musician, Singer and Storyteller

While most artists are masters of one style of music, Rajamani is completely comfortable with Indian, Middle Eastern, Roma/Gypsy and American musical styles. From percussion to strings and voice, music flows naturally out of him. Having spent over two decades in Austin, Rajamani loves connecting with and playing for people from all walks of life.



GARY CLARK JR. PERFORMING AT ANTONE'S | CREDIT: ARNOLD WELLS

COMEDY, FILM & ENTERTAINMENT

Austin is home to AAPI artists across all media. From film festivals like SXSW® to acclaimed theaters like Alamo Drafthouse, Austin's heart beats to the rhythm of its entertainment scene.

COLOR ARC PRODUCTIONS

A melting pot of creative talent shines light on diverse stories through theatre, film and music. Check out their website for upcoming shows.

FALLOUT THEATER

Co-owned by Y'all We Asian and Hot Pot Comedy troupe members, Fallout Theater is a live comedy venue and training center offering improv, sketch and stand-up comedy seven nights a week.

HOT POT COMEDY

Austin's only all-Asian sketch comedy group is composed of some of the city's best comics. BYOB and catch one of their shows at ColdTowne Theater.

INDIE MEME

Offering screenings of carefully curated independent films, Indie Meme's mission is to promote socially relevant independent cinema from South Asia. Look for upcoming events on their website to dive into South Asian culture.

LUCKY CHAOS

Since their founding in 2012, Lucky Chaos has produced more than 60 live performances, films and digital events created by Asian Americans. Visit their website to see one of their current productions.

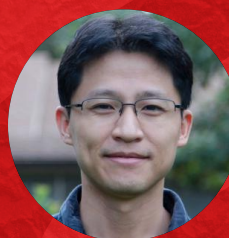
FACES OF AUSTIN



YOLA LU

Comedian

Upon noticing a lack of Asian American performers, Yola was driven to add diversity to the stage. After she moved to Austin from Seattle, where she was already performing comedy, she took to the Austin comedy scene quickly. In an effort to create spaces and opportunities for other Asian American performers, she helped co-found Disoriented Comedy and Y'all We Asian. Yola recommends that you eat at Madras Pavilion for great vegetarian Indian food or Ramen Tatsu-Ya for their vegan ramen.



TIM TSAI

Executive Director at Austin Asian American Film Festival, Filmmaker and Editor

As a second generation Taiwanese American, and now the proud parent of two young native Texans, Tim believes in an inclusive America that not just tolerates but embraces diversity in all its forms. This has been a conviction that has shaped his work as a filmmaker and his involvement with the Austin Asian American Film Festival. He suggests trying to spot peacocks at Mayfield Park or grabbing a taco at Tacodeli.

OUTDOORS & FAMILY-FRIENDLY

Aside from Austin's magical music scene and cocktail culture, there's a plethora of entertainment options that are family-friendly.

AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY (CENTRAL)

Spanning 200,000 total square feet, the Central Library isn't your typical library. Outfitted with a bar, cafe and the largest solar installation in downtown Austin, it proves that it's anything but old fashioned.

BARTON SPRINGS POOL

With an average temperature of 68-70 degrees year-round, Barton Springs Pool is ideal for swimming in all seasons. Relax in the grass, jump off the diving board or watch locals do their laps.

FACES OF AUSTIN



KEITO ST. JAMES

Founder of Tropical Productions

A proud Austinite and founder of Tropical Productions, Keito St. James has been dedicated to sharing the Spirit of Aloha with Austin for the past 30 years. From summer camps for children and Hula for Health programs for seniors to traditional Hawaiian dance lessons for more than 150 students, Tropical Productions (hulasanantonio.com) is a people-focused business dedicated to giving back to the community.

UMLAUF SCULPTURE GARDEN

The UMLAUF Sculpture Garden & Museum features beautiful art in a casual setting. Stroll the shady greens and immerse yourself in the endless stories the UMLAUF has to share.

ISAMU TANIGUCHI JAPANESE GARDEN IN ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN

Opened to the public in 1969, Mr. Taniguchi, then 70 years old, worked without salary or contract to transform three acres of rugged hillside into a peaceful garden. Be sure to check out the ponds in the first half of the garden that spell out "AUSTIN," reflecting that these gardens were constructed as a gift to the city.

INSIDER TIP — CHECK OUT BARTON SPRINGS POOL, UMLAUF, AND THE BOTANICAL GARDENS IN ONE FELL SWOOP AS THEY'RE ALL LOCATED IN THE ZILKER PARK AREA.

BIG TOP CANDY SHOP

A must-stop for anyone with a sweet tooth, Big Top Candy Shop has a fully functioning old-fashioned soda fountain and ice cream case, more than 400 bulk candies and more than 3,000 wrapped candies.

MOUNT BONNELL

Considered the highest spot in Austin, Mount Bonnell is one of the city's most popular vista points. At 775 feet, the peak provides great views of downtown without requiring too strenuous of a hike.

INSIDER TIP — IT'S PRONOUNCED BUH-NELL.

BULLOCK TEXAS STATE HISTORY MUSEUM

Since it opened in 2001, nearly eight million people have visited the museum. With a mission to tell Texas' story, it features 4,000 years of history.

THINKERY

An innovative children's museum aimed to inspire the next generation of creative problem solvers.

ZILKER PARK

Boasting 351 acres of land bordering 416 acres of water-space, Zilker Park is the perfect outdoor oasis in Austin. It hosts events like Austin City Limits Music Festival, the ABC Kite Festival and the daily activities of active Austinites.



ZILKER BOTANICAL GARDEN, ISAMU TANIGUCHI ORIENTAL GARDENS BRIDGE TO WALK OVER THE MOON
CREDIT: CHRISTINE FELTON

EATING ATX

If you don't leave Austin full, you're doing it wrong. From fine dining to food trucks, Austin has a legendary food scene. Whether it's curried barbecue, kimchi fries or a bánh mì taco, you'll find a taste of Asia on nearly every block.

TRAILERS & TRUCKS

ABO YOUSSEF

A little food truck nestled in a gas station parking lot with great portions and even better prices. Make sure to snag a glass of mint tea and say hi to Samir, the owner who will always greet you with a smile.

BOMBAY DHABA

A staple for Indian cuisine, this roadside truck serves up popular Indian classics and delicacies in new and exciting ways.

DEE DEE THAI

If you're looking for a place to light your mouth on fire, look no further. Dee Dee serves authentic northern Thai dishes like laab moo with spices so hot even the mango sticky rice won't cool it down.

DFG NOODLES

This place doesn't stand for Dang F'in' Good Noodles for nothing. A fusion of Singaporean, Malaysian, Filipino and Indonesian cuisines, these noodles are anything but ordinary. You might even run into owner Cheryl Chin, who was featured in the 2010 movie "Machete" as an uzi-wielding Steven Seagal sidekick. (Yes, *seriously*.)

INSIDER TIP — CHEF CHERYL RECOMMENDS YOU MIX IT UP. ORDER THE SCHOLAR WITH THE CURRY FROM THE EMPRESS.

THAI-KUN

If you're looking for authentic Thai food, this is your place. Known as "OG Thai" around the area for their authentic dishes like waterfall pork, for spice lovers, and black noodles, if you're looking for something a little tamer.

TITO ADOBO

Like hanging out with your cool aunt or uncle, Tito Adobo is the perfect balance of traditional Filipino dishes with an added modern zing. Try the Filipino pork adobo fried rice or the Shanghai lumpia for something that will get your taste buds jumping.

SONG LA

Need a quick bite? This Taiwanese street food vendor has bubble milk tea that will definitely be something to write home about. Add their chicken bites for a perfect on-the-go meal.

FACES OF AUSTIN



JANE KO

Austin Food and Travel Blogger

Jane has been featuring the hottest restaurants and weekend getaways since 2010. Being an Asian American has shaped her personal and professional path by helping set her apart in the Austin community and social media world. She recommends the all-you-can-eat Korean bbq at Charm Korean BBQ and boba at Kung Fu Tea. Reach out to her for food recommendations on Instagram at @atasteofkoko.



PEELANDER-YELLOW A.K.A KENGO HIOKI

Musician, Artist and All Around Fun Guy

Peelandar-Yellow is a member of the self-described Japanese Action Comic Punk band hailing from the Z area of Planet Peelandar. He has painted more than 30 murals in Austin and continues to paint around the U.S. and Japan. His ideal Saturday in Austin is renting bikes, having lunch at Taqueria Arandinas, getting a chai latte at Buzzmill and catching a show at Skylark Lounge.

EATING ATX

OLD SCHOOL

TARBOUCH

A relaxed patio atmosphere outfitted with hookah, this old-school Lebanese joint has incredible kabobs.

TAJ PALACE

Since 1990, Taj Palace has been serving up tandoori, curries and other specialties daily.

INSIDER TIP — CHECK OUT THEIR DAILY LUNCH BUFFET.

JANG'S CHIMAC CAFE

Korean fried chicken and beer - what a glorious combo. Wings ain't your thing? No problem, Jang's offers a wide range of Korean cuisine for everyone to enjoy.

JULIE'S HANDMADE NOODLES

Traditional chinese dishes with handmade noodles. If you've never been, the beef noodle soup and chive dumplings are a must.

NEW FORTUNE CHINESE SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

Located in the Chinatown Center, New Fortune specializes in Hong Kong-style and Hunan-style Chinese dishes. If you're here on a weekend, the lunch dim sum carts on Saturday and Sunday are a must.

NG CAFÉ

Devoted to customer experience, Ng Café couples Texas hospitality with the neighborly feel of the food stands in Vietnam. If it's your first visit, you have to try the bánh mì.

RAMEN TATSU-YA

Ramen Tatsu-Ya is the long-awaited collaboration between local chefs Tatsu Aikawa and Takuya Matsumoto. Nicknamed "the soul food of Japan," their goal is to educate people on true Japanese ramen.

NEW SCHOOL

CHI'LANTRO

French fries, meet kimchi. Burger, meet bulgogi. This food truck-turned-Austin staple fuses Korean barbecue and Mexican cuisine into mouth-watering creations.

FUKUMOTO SUSHI & YAKITORI IZAKAYA

Offering an extensive sake list, skewers, sushi and cooked seafood imported from Japan in a lofty, hip space.

LORO

Asian smokehouse meets Texas barbecue in this rustic spot. Beef may be king in Texas, but the Malaysian bo ssam chicken is a must-order here.

LEROY & LEWIS

Expanding the boundaries of traditional barbecue, LeRoy & Lewis serve alternative cuts of meat and creative sides sourced from local farms and ranches. The menu changes daily so get ready to try something new.

BE MORE PACIFIC

Serving up both classics and old-school dishes with a twist, Be More Pacific offers a wide variety of Filipino options along with craft beer and cocktails.

INSIDER TIP — FOR LARGE GROUPS, REQUEST A UTENSIL-LESS KAMAYAN MEAL SERVED ON BANANA LEAVES.



EATING ATX

NEW SCHOOL (cont'd)

NASHA

A fusion of Indian curries and Austin staples, Nasha is all Indian and a little Tex-Mex. Head east and try a modern dish like chicken tandoori tacos or tikka con queso, or stick to the classics like tikka masala and vindaloo.

KEMURI TATSU-YA

Traditional Japanese izakaya mixed with Texas barbecue, Kemuri features a menu that's as expansive as it is creative.

INSIDER TIP — FEELING ADVENTUROUS? VENTURE OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE WITH THEIR SEASONAL EXOTICS & RARITIES MENU AND BRAG ABOUT IT LATER.

UCHI

Translated from the Japanese word "house," this unique dining experience takes place in a refurbished house in South Austin. Make a reservation, 'cause this place is always bustling.

INSIDER TIP — COME EARLY FOR THEIR VERSION OF HAPPY HOUR, CALLED "SAKE SOCIAL," TO GET A TASTE OF UCHI FAVORITES AT A LOWER PRICE POINT.

FACES OF AUSTIN

YOSHI OKAI

Head Chef of Otoko and Musician

Yoshi Okai started cooking when he was six years old, but found his professional passion working at Uchi. Now, *Food & Wine's* Best New Chef of 2017 is the head chef at Otoko, a 12-seat omakase restaurant located in the South Congress hotel. His favorite part of Austin, besides its flourishing music scene, is that the college population has brought a diverse mix of cultures to Austin, where he feels everyone is accepted.



OCHAZUKE (JAPANESE STEEPED RICE) AT KEMURI TATSU-YA | CREDIT: KIRSTEN KAISER

EATING ATX

AUSTIN ORIGINALS

CHINATOWN RESTAURANT

Austin's oldest-operating Chinese restaurant was opened in 1983 by Ronald Cheng and continues to operate today in three locations around Austin. Some locations offer weekend karaoke and another has more than 200 bottles of vintage wine.

INSIDER TIP — THEIR NORTH LOCATIONS SERVE DIM SUM BRUNCH SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

SAM'S BAR-B-QUE

Open in Austin since 1957, this no-frills OG goes by the mantra "you don't need no teeth to eat my beef."

KERBEY LANE CAFE

Operated out of a small house on Kerbey Lane in north-central Austin since 1980, Kerbey is known for their queso and inventive pancakes.

POLVOS

Open since 1997, this Austin favorite is a go-to spot for margaritas and interior Mexican food.

INSIDER TIP — THE FAJITAS GUAJILLO ARE A LOCAL FAVORITE.

TORCHY'S TACOS

One food truck in Austin started it all. Now, Torchy's is spreading around the U.S. serving everything Austinites love: tacos, green chile and queso.

INSIDER TIP — THE QUESO IS AN ABSOLUTE MUST-DO. NO MATTER HOW FULL YOU ARE, YOU WON'T REGRET IT.

VERACRUZ ALL NATURAL

Rumored to have the best migas breakfast taco in Austin, sisters Reyna and Maritza Vazquez founded Veracruz All Natural in 2008. They're now an Austin staple offering amazing tacos, aguas frescas and smoothies.

MARKETS & EATERIES

ASAHI IMPORTS

Austin's only exclusively Japanese market. Browse around for everyday Japanese food items, specialty ingredients, fun snacks and sweets, unique gifts, sake and beer.

GANDHI BAZAR

Gandhi Bazar is the go-to market for the Indian spices, veggies and fruit you can't get anywhere else.

CHINATOWN CENTER

Located at the intersection of Kramer and North Lamar, and spanning more than 180,000 square feet, Chinatown Center is a mecca for authentic Asian cuisine and retail.

HANA WORLD

A sizable, family-owned Asian market with meat, seafood, packaged goods and an on-site food court. Order the spicy pork cutlet from Papa Donkasu. It comes with pickled veggies and miso soup.

INSIDER TIP — BRING CASH, AS MOST MERCHANTS IN THE FOOD COURT DON'T TAKE CARDS.

WORLD FOOD & HALAL MARKET

World Food & Halal Market is a family-owned market that brings fresh meat, a wide variety of spices, frozen goods and vegetables from all across the world.





NEIGHBORHOODS

Sleepy and shady. Funky and fun. Sophisticated and soulful. Austin's neighborhoods are full of cultural relics and up-and-coming hot spots.

CENTRAL

Austin isn't just known for its barbecue and live music. It's also home to the University of Texas, one of the best and largest public universities in the nation. With 17.8% of its undergraduate population identifying as Asian, no wonder Central Austin is full of fabulous flavors from around the world.

EAT

TEJI'S INDIAN RESTAURANT AND GROCERY

This authentic Indian restaurant serves up classics in no-frills digs until early hours of the morning. Watch their spice level and don't miss out on their freshly baked naan.

DON JAPANESE KITCHEN

Create your own donburi or "rice bowl dish" at this hip food truck-turned-brick-and-mortar eatery. The sauces are creative and the portions are very generous.

K-BOP

A cheery, counter-service Korean spot serving up healthy Korean soups, rolls, bowls and milk tea.

KISMET CAFE

This Middle Eastern/Mediterranean restaurant offers zabihah halal favorites like gyro, shawarma, kafta kabab, mashawi and shish tawook. If you're not eating meat, they offer vegan and vegetarian options as well.

COCO'S CAFE

Originally a popular UT student hangout, Coco's is known for their incredible selection of pearl drinks, milk teas, smoothies and more. Try their Taiwanese fried chicken.

EXPLORE

THE BLANTON MUSEUM OF ART

One of the largest university art museums in the world, the permanent collection boasts 18,000 works from across Europe, America and Latin America.

SHOP

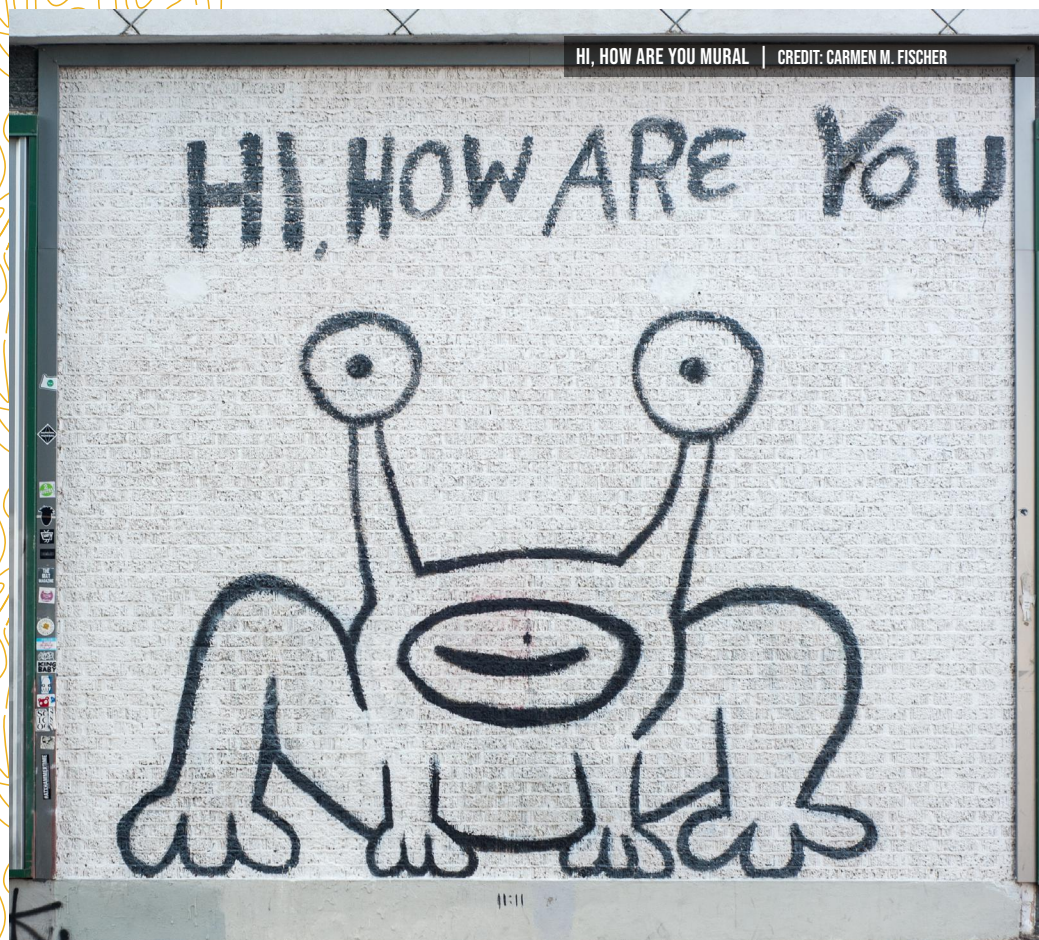
THE DRAG

Located between 21st and 25th Streets on Guadalupe Street, the Drag is packed with fun spots to eat, drink and shop. Step inside one of the many vintage stores located along the street to find an oldie but goodie.

SNAP

HI, HOW ARE YOU MURAL

Painted by Texas artist and musician Daniel Johnston, this polite bug-eyed frog is an iconic Austin figure.



DOWNTOWN

The heritage of the Lone Star State is alive and well downtown. At every corner there's art, business and culture. And the Texas State Capitol, standing at a whopping 14-feet higher than the U.S. Capitol, is a reminder that everything really is bigger in Texas.

EAT

WU CHOW

Offering dishes representative of all eight styles of Chinese cuisine, Wu Chow is an Austin favorite. Enjoy one of their many craft cocktails served in ceramic tiki mugs and do not miss out on their soup dumplings.

INSIDER TIP — IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN THE BEIJING ROAST DUCK, BE SURE TO ORDER 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

FAREGROUND

This marketplace has six premier local vendors and communal seating. With options for breakfast, lunch, happy hour or dinner, Fareground's food hall lets you get a taste of some of Austin's best eateries.



FAREGROUND | CREDIT: RESPLENDENT HOSPITALITY

EXPLORE

THE PARAMOUNT THEATER

Built in 1915, the Paramount Theatre is integral to the community and the cultural landscape in Austin. President Barack Obama, Aziz Ansari, Harry Houdini, Katherine Hepburn, and Bonnie Raitt have all graced its stage, and today it serves 200,000 performing arts lovers a year.

SHOP

LOTUS GALLERY

This gallery specializes in ancient and contemporary Asian art plus antiques and decor.

2ND STREET SHOPPING DISTRICT

Stroll Second Street and pop into chic retail stores, coffee shops and restaurants.

SNAP

WILLIE NELSON STATUE AT MOODY THEATER

This 8-foot tall bronze statue, unveiled on April 20, 2012 at 4:20 p.m., commemorates the 1974 pilot episode of Austin City Limits Live that featured Nelson.

DRINK

GARAGE BAR

This sort-of-secret hip craft cocktail bar is tucked inside a parking garage. Don't let the exterior fool you, order one of their "classic" or "refurbished" cocktails and stay awhile.

FACES OF AUSTIN



ASHLEY CHENG

*Co-Founder of SPUN Ice Cream
and Austin School of Yoga*

Ashley is a foodie through and through. Having grown up in the restaurant business, it's no surprise that she co-founded SPUN Ice Cream, a craft ice cream shop scooping made-to-order liquid nitrogen ice cream with scratch-made Texas toppings. She's also a yoga therapist, co-founder of Austin School of Yoga and a communications consultant for small businesses and progressive causes. She recommends you catch a show from one of our Austin-based, all-Asian-American comedy groups (like Hot Pot Comedy or Y'all We Asian Improv) for a good laugh.

NORTH

North of Research Boulevard is home to the majority of Austin's Asian population. Aside from its many shopping districts like the Domain and the Arboretum, North Austin also boasts a large variety of authentic Asian markets and shopping centers.

EAT

SWAD INDIAN VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT

Specializing in authentic vegetarian dishes from Northern India, Swad is a casual stop for anyone looking to venture outside the Indian classics we all know and love.

INSIDER TIP — TRY THE MASALA DOSA, CHOLE BHATURE OR THE SAMPLER TO GET A TASTE OF EVERYTHING.

CHARM KOREAN BBQ

A contemporary restaurant serving up classics, Charm has all the Korean staples from noodles to soups to bibimbap, but Korean barbecue is the go-to for most.

INSIDER TIP — ARRIVE EARLY AND COME HUNGRY AS THEY OFFER ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT KOREAN BARBECUE.

PEACE BAKERY AND DELI

A counter-serve deli and bakery serving generous portions of Lebanese and Palestinian food. Don't miss out on their fresh-baked baklava.

SHOP

THE DOMAIN

Shop 'til you drop at the Domain and Domain Northside. From well-known designers to local boutiques, this retail and dining center has it all.

EXPLORE

PINBALLZ ARCADE

Retro pinball and video games meet modern attractions like battle robots, zombies and restaurant service.

INSIDER TIP — IF YOU'RE HEADING OUT TO THEIR 183 LOCATION YOU CAN BYOB. THEIR OTHER LOCATIONS HAVE FULL BARS.

VIGILANTE

This board game bar is popular among gamers and nerds. Show up early to ensure you can get a seat at one of their custom gaming tables.

INSIDER TIP — ORDER A HAND-INFUSED SAKE BOMB.

DRINK

101 BY TEAHAUS

A fast-casual pan-Asian eatery equipped with a full bar serving pan-Asian eats, coffee, tea and pastries.

COLLEGE ROADHOUSE

Part karaoke room, part bar, part restaurant, part awesome. This Korean dive bar is exactly what you'd expect it to be.



VIGILANTE | CREDIT: HUA LIU

EAST

Located east of I-35, East Austin is a vibrant enclave populated by working-class Austinites and hip artists. With cocktail bars, cafes, galleries and every type of food under the sun, Asian eats stand out among long-time staples.

EAT

SAIGON LE VENDEUR

This converted shipping container serves up Vietnamese street snacks in true eastside fashion - on picnic tables.

INSIDER TIP — ORDER A GRILLED PORK BÁNH MÌ AND NEVER LOOK BACK. GET THE OG IF YOU'RE FANCY.

SA-TÉN

Calming and cool, this glass-walled cafe is the perfect place to read, meet up with a friend or grab a light lunch.

INSIDER TIP — ORDER ONE OF THE TOAST OPTIONS WITH YOUR LUNCH OR COFFEE TO INDULGE IN SLIGHTLY SWEET, SUPER FEATHERY JAPANESE MILK BREAD.

EXPLORE

THE WHITE HORSE

Live country music, lots of dancing and a delicious food truck in the back. There's not much more we need to say.

HOTEL VEGAS

Among the gold and taxidermy-laden walls, this venue offers a variety of live music and DJs seven nights a week. Stop by for cumbia night and commemorate your evening in their photobooth.

SNAP

YOU'RE MY BUTTER HALF MURAL

Grab your gal, beau, best friend or better half and strike a pose beneath this well-known photo op.

DRINK

AH-SING DEN

This intimate bar is best known for its cocktails, sake selection and intimate setting, but its brunch and small bites are worth mentioning. Order the Marooning #2 to transport yourself far, far away.



CHICKEN KATSU SANDWICH FROM SA-TÉN | CREDIT: JANE KO

SOUTH

Eclectic, cozy and filled with hip coffee shops, boutiques and a plethora of great restaurants, South Austin keeps Austin weird.

EAT

THAI FRESH

Serving local, fresh, sustainable ingredients, Thai Fresh is a neighborhood kitchen with a bakery, and ice cream shop in-house.

INSIDER TIP — SHOP SOME OF THE HARD-TO-FIND THAI PANTRY ITEMS IN THE MARKET SECTION OF THE RESTAURANT.

ASIANA

This unassuming strip mall restaurant serves up authentic Indian eats in a bare-bones environment.

INSIDER TIP — IF YOU WANT A TASTE OF EVERYTHING STOP BY DURING THEIR BUFFET HOURS.

EXPLORE

ALAMO DRAFTHOUSE

Since 1997, Alamo Drafthouse has been known for its strict audience etiquette policy, unparalleled programming, and movie-themed menu items. Catch a show at Alamo Drafthouse for the ultimate dine-in theater experience.

INSIDER TIP — IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO THROW OUT THE AFOREMENTIONED ETIQUETTE, BUY TICKETS ONLINE IN ADVANCE FOR MASTER PANCAKE THEATER, A LIVE MOVIE MOCKERY.

LADY BIRD JOHNSON WILDFLOWER CENTER

Founded by Claudia Alta Johnson, better known as Lady Bird Johnson, the First Lady of the 36th President of the United States, the Wildflower Center's mission is to inspire the conservation of native plants through its internationally recognized sustainable gardens, education programs, research projects and consulting work.

SNAP

MCKINNEY FALLS STATE PARK

Just 13 miles from downtown you can explore the remains of an early Texas homestead, indulge your adventurous side with two 2-mile long hikes and take a swim in The Upper Falls, Lower Falls or both.



WEST

Old Austin charm, laid-back nightlife and natural beauty all around, West Austin reaches from Clarksville to the Hill Country.

EAT

LIN ASIAN BAR + DIM SUM RESTAURANT

Specializing in traditional, healthy Chinese cuisine, Lin offers a variety of items, but chef Ling's soup dumplings shine.

CLARK'S OYSTER BAR

A chic neighborhood spot with an open kitchen, Clark's is a go-to for lobster rolls, oysters and other fresh seafood fare.

INSIDER TIP — STOP IN DURING HAPPY HOUR TO MAKE THE MOST OF THEIR RAW AND REGULAR BARS.

EXPLORE

JESTER KING BREWERY

If you're over the downtown bar scene, head out west to try world-renowned farmhouse ales and barrel-aged wild ales on 165 acres of land.

SNAP

MAYFIELD PARK AND NATURE PRESERVE

Take a walk around the historic cottage, gardens and nature preserve located on a beautiful bluff overlooking Lake Austin.

INSIDER TIP — GET YOUR CAMERA READY! MAYFIELD IS KNOWN FOR THE PEACOCKS THAT ROAM THE GROUNDS FREELY.

DRINK

BETTER HALF COFFEE & COCKTAILS

Coffee, cocktails, wine, neat spirits, draft beer and a full menu from breakfast through dinner. This coffee shop and cocktail bar is known for its good coffee, amazing biscuits and ample parking.



RAINEY STREET

Whether it's day or night, you won't run out of things to do on Rainey Street. Renovated homes-turned-bungalow bars deliver a relaxed feel as Austinites booze the day away.

EAT

G'RAJ MAHAL

Founded as a family run food trailer, G'Raj Mahal is now a go-to spot for innovative Indian comfort food with a great patio, wine list and beer bar.

EMMER & RYE

Take your taste buds on a trip at this seasonal, farm-to-table hot spot serving American cuisine in a dim sum style.

EXPLORE

LUSTRE PEARL

Order a Lustre Lemonade and head upstairs to see the city's skyline or take Sunday funday to a whole new level.

SNAP

I HATE YOU SO MUCH MURAL

Stop by the Bungalow to take a picture with your foe.

DRINK

LUCILLE'S

If you're looking to relax and have a drink, Lucille's is the perfect spot. Try any of their hand-crafted cocktails and have a go at some of their classic lawn games offered in the backyard.

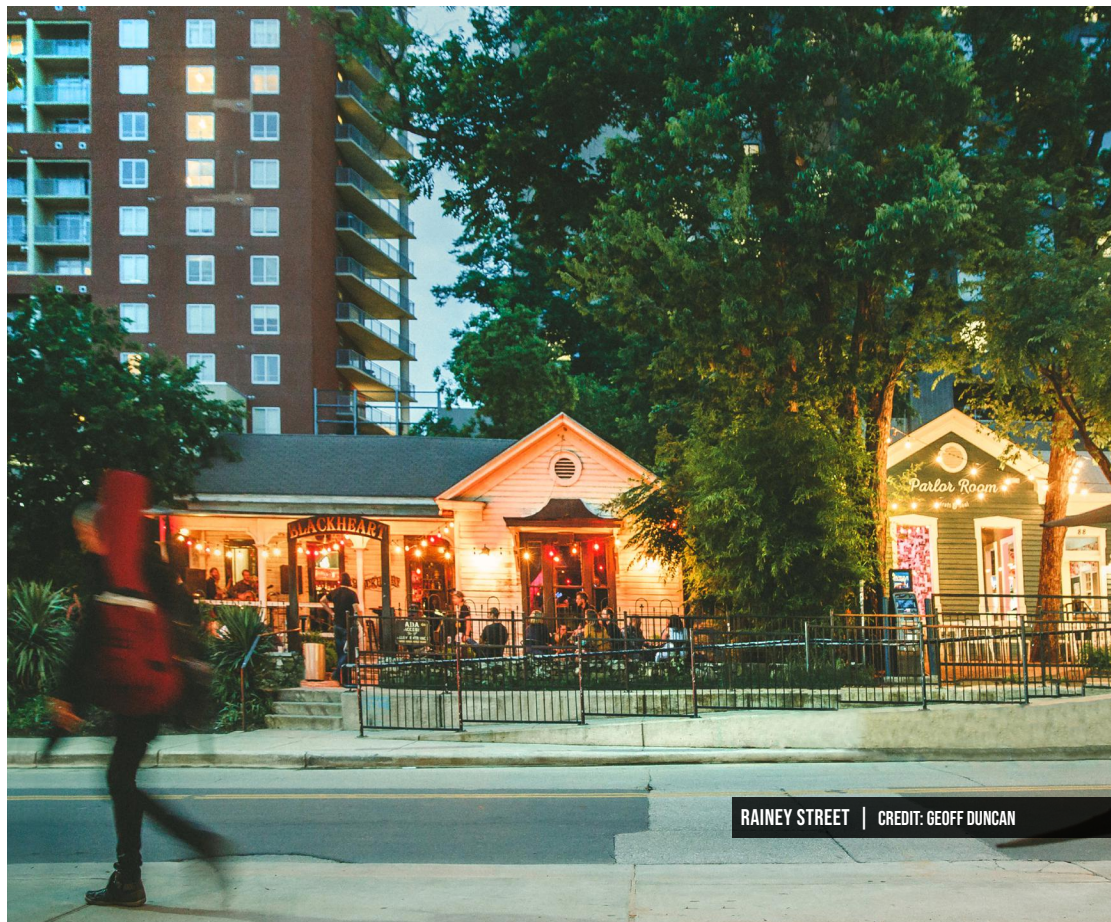
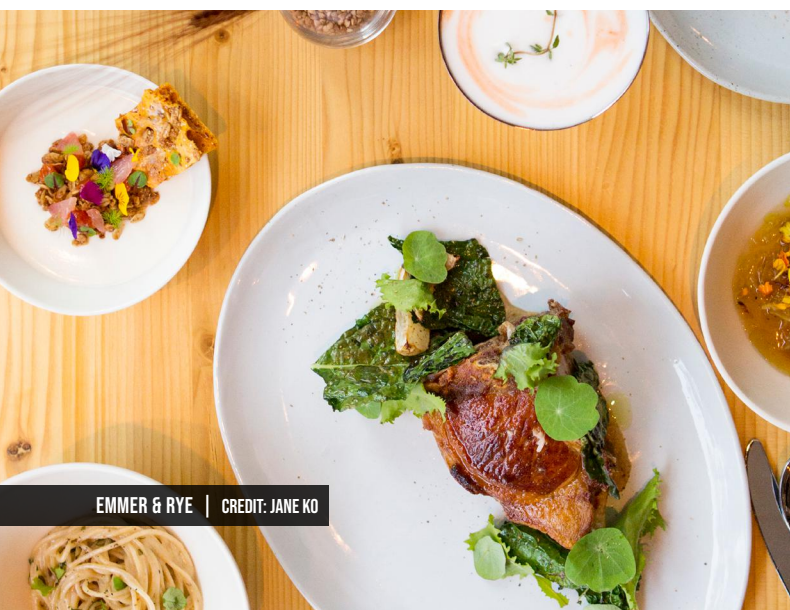
ICENHAUER'S

Stop by any day of the week for drink specials, but stick around on Sundays for mason jar sangria and Super Soul Sunday to watch live bands say goodbye to the weekend.

BANGER'S SAUSAGE HOUSE & BEER GARDEN

Founded on Texas-sized hospitality, Banger's stays true to its promise. With 104 beers on tap, it comes in as the third largest draft system in the state.

INSIDER TIP — ORDER THE MANMOSA, A BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE WITH A SPLASH OF ORANGE JUICE, DURING SUNDAY BRUNCH.



RED RIVER

Stretching three city blocks, Red River Cultural District is a concert seeker's dream. Follow your ears, grab a Lone Star and see for yourself why we were dubbed the Live Music Capital of The World®.

FACES OF AUSTIN



ANNA NGUYEN

*President of PFLAG of Austin,
Communications Director for the
Transgender Education Network of Texas
Capital Region*

Anna is a long-time Austinite and activist for LGBTQ and human rights causes. Anna believes the best way to experience the AAPI culture in Austin is through food. Her recommendations for authentic Vietnamese food are Sunflower Restaurant and Tam Deli. For Chinese food, she recommends Din Ho Chinese BBQ's sister restaurant, Ho Ho Seafood.

🍴 EAT

DARUMA RAMEN

Daruma serves up eggless tapioca-based ramen noodles with whole chicken broth in a cozy ramen shop atmosphere.

KORIENTE

Koriente makes you feel at home and it's not just because of their complimentary salad bar and miso soup station. Their fresh ingredients, vegan and gluten-free options and Pan-Asian fare assures there's something for everyone.

👁 EXPLORE

STUBB'S BAR-B-Q

Stubb's beginnings are legendary and the legacy has continued on Red River Street where its humble restaurant serves up barbecue and its outdoor stage has hosted local musicians and internationally known artists like Willie Nelson, Metallica and Snoop Dogg.

TRUE BLUE TATTOO

Feelin' inspired by Austin's crazy culture? Get a permanent souvenir.

🍷 DRINK

MOHAWK

Offering more than 100 local craft beers and small batch spirits, this bar and venue is a hometown hero for Austinites looking to catch a show any day of the week.

CHEER UP CHARLIES

With kombucha on tap, organic juice cocktails, ample outdoor seating and an LGBTQIA-friendly atmosphere, this place is for everyone.

INSIDER TIP — TRY ARLO'S, THE PLANT-BASED FOOD TRUCK THAT SITS OUTSIDE THE BAR. IF YOU'RE MORE OF A CARNIVORE, PREPARE TO HOP ON BOARD THE VEGGIE TRAIN. IT'S THAT GOOD.



CHEER UP CHARLIES | CREDIT: BRIAN LEDDEN

SIXTH STREET

Whether it's dollar shots, legendary hamburgers, live music or just people watching you're after, Sixth Street has it all.

🍴 EAT

CASINO EL CAMINO

If you don't like washing down a long day in Austin with heavy metal, three-quarters of a pound of Angus beef and the best jukebox in town, this spot is not for you.

INSIDER TIP — THE AMARILLO BURGER IS WORLD FAMOUS, BUT ENOUGH TO FEED TWO. ORDER THAT AND A SIDE OF WINGS FOR THE ULTIMATE BAR EXPERIENCE.

👁️ EXPLORE

ESTHER'S FOLLIES

For the last 40 years, Esther's Follies has been entertaining Austinites with political satire, comedy sketches, magic and hilarious musical numbers.

INSIDER TIP — BUY TICKETS ONLINE IN ADVANCE TO GUARANTEE ADMITTANCE.

PARISH

Check out this live music venue for hip-hop, rock, funk, reggae and Latin music. You can buy tickets in advance or with cash at the door.

📷 SNAP

SIXTH STREET MURAL

Give yourself a warm welcome in front of the mural that celebrates locals, visitors and musicians alike. (Located at 582 N Interstate 35 Frontage Rd.)



🍹 DRINK

IRON CACTUS

Boasting more than 75 tequilas, it's no wonder the Iron Cactus is a Sixth Street hot spot.

THE DRISKILL HOTEL

Originally built in 1886 and rumored to be haunted, The Driskill is one of the oldest and most iconic buildings in Austin. Grab a classic cocktail any day of the week or stop in for Sunday Blues Brunch.





SOUTH CONGRESS

Take a stroll through South Congress and feel the nostalgia of Austin's past. Duck out of the heat and into one of the area's many boutiques, eateries, galleries and music venues.

EAT

OTOKO

Enjoy a multi-course omakase meal at this intimate 12-seat restaurant located in the South Congress Hotel.

INSIDER TIP — GO ONLINE TO BOOK YOUR RESERVATION IN ADVANCE AS THIS DINING EXPERIENCE CAN BE DIFFICULT TO BOOK.

HOME SLICE

An Austin favorite for thin-crust slices and pies. Grab a slice at the window or dine-in; either way, you'll see why Austinites love it!

EXPLORE

FIRST THURSDAY

On every first Thursday of the month, South Congress Hotel hosts live music and serves up specialty drinks at great prices. The event is free and open to the public.

SHOP

PARTS & LABOUR

The ideal place for locally made artwork and one-of-a-kind souvenirs.

LUCY IN DISGUISE WITH DIAMONDS

Serving Austin's weirdos since 1984, this shop boasts vintage clothing, wigs, props, costumes and a variety of other fun items for rent or purchase.

SNAP

AUSTIN MOTEL

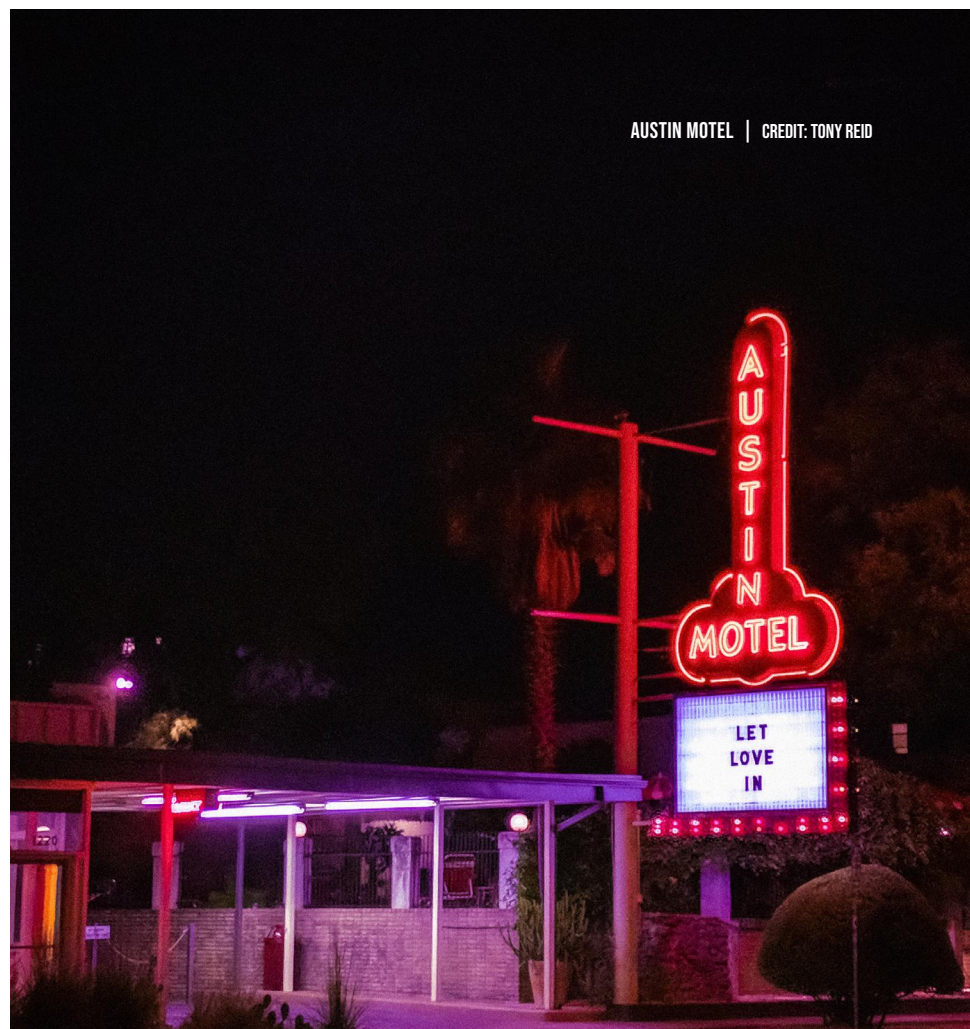
A landmark for locals, the Austin motel provides a perfect photo op that's fomo-inducing for friends scrolling their feeds.

DRINK

EGO'S

Belt out classics or watch your friends make fools of themselves. Ego's is a karaoke bar you'll never forget. It hosts free nightly sessions along with national karaoke tournaments.

AUSTIN MOTEL | CREDIT: TONY REID





TWO-DAY ITINERARY

Austin is famous for always having something to do. If you only have a few days, here's a foolproof plan for packing in the most fun.

For more itinerary ideas, visit:
[VISITAUSTIN.ORG/PLAN-A-TRIP/
ITINERARY-IDEAS](https://www.visitatx.org/plan-a-trip/itinerary-ideas)

DAY ONE

MORNING

Give an Iced Turbo a try at **JO'S COFFEE** on South Congress and snap a pic with the "**I LOVE YOU SO MUCH**" mural, or stop by one of the many restaurants, food trucks or cafes for a bite to eat.

Browse the shops, boutiques and street vendors along South Congress' strip and boot scoot on over to **ALLENS BOOTS**.

AFTERNOON

Explore Austin's natural side. Rent a paddleboard or kayak at the **ROWING DOCK** to explore **AUSTIN'S LADY BIRD LAKE**.

After you've worked up an appetite, head over to **LORO** to get a taste of both Asian smokehouse meats and Texas barbecue.

NIGHT

From March through October, head to the home of nearly one-and-a-half million bats under the **CONGRESS AVENUE BRIDGE** and watch them take flight just as day turns to night.

You can't leave Texas without experiencing a little country music. Grab your dancin' partner or meet a local who will teach you how to two-step at **THE BROKEN SPOKE**.



BARTON SPRINGS POOL | CREDIT: VISIT AUSTIN

DAY TWO

MORNING

Brunch the day away at the **PEACHED TORTILLA**. They're known for their japajam burger and whiskey selection.

If you've got a sweet tooth, you can't miss out on a Texas Chewie Pecan Praline from **LAMMES CANDIES**, serving Austin since 1885.

AFTERNOON

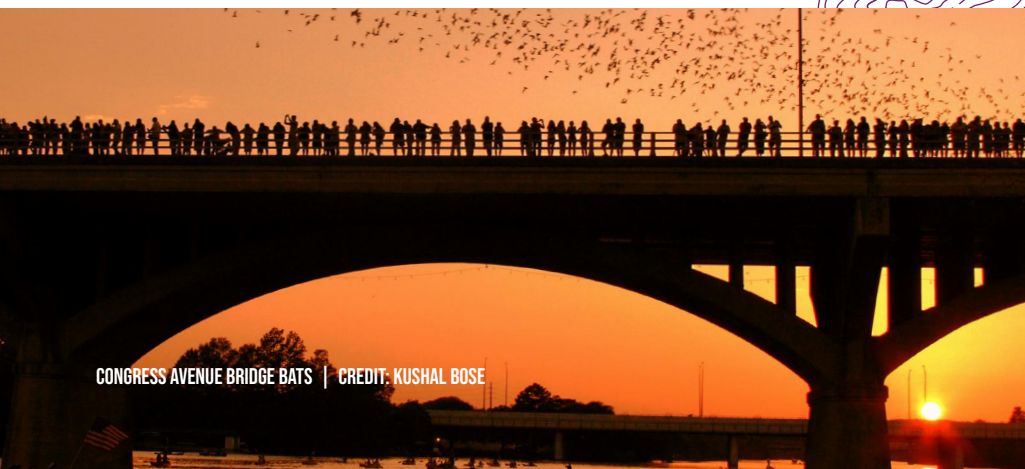
Grab a towel and sunscreen and cool off in the three-acre long, spring-fed water of **BARTON SPRINGS POOL**.

Fuel up for the evening with a dish from **COAT AND THAI** at The Picnic, a local food truck park.

NIGHT

Austin is known for being weird. Walk along **SIXTH STREET** and see why.

Have a beer and a brat at **EASY TIGER BAKE SHOP & BEER GARDEN**. Their motto is "stay awhile" and we're sure you'll want to do just that.



CONGRESS AVENUE BRIDGE BATS | CREDIT: KUSHAL BOSE



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Austin is full of fun. Look for
some of our favorite AAPI
activities and Austin-centric
events throughout the year.
For more Austin events, visit:
[VISITAUSTIN.ORG/EVENTS](https://visitaustin.org/events)

JANUARY

FREE WEEK On the first week of January, hundreds of Austin bands participate in this annual event that encompasses multiple venues around Austin.

INDIAN AMERICAN COALITION REPUBLIC DAY GALA Indian Republic Day celebrations with dinner and entertainment.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. FESTIVAL Join the march from The University of Texas to the Capitol to Huston-Tillotson University to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

FEBRUARY

BLACK HISTORY MONTH A month dedicated to celebrating African Americans and their achievements.

CHINESE SOCIETY OF AUSTIN NEW YEAR CELEBRATION Celebrate Chinese New Year at this annual event.

LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL Chinatown Center's annual Lunar New Year celebration.

OUTSIDER FEST OUTsider unites the LGBTQ+ communities to share in art, ignite conversations and transcend boundaries.

TET FESTIVAL The Vietnamese community's annual Tet Festival.

TRANSFORM FILM FEST Austin's only festival dedicated to films exclusively created by women (cis and trans) based in Texas.

MARCH

ABC KITE FESTIVAL A free kite festival held annually in Zilker Park.

HOLI MELA Held annually at Austin Hindu Temple to celebrate the festival of colors with various food stalls and Indian Bazaar.

RODEO AUSTIN Austin's annual rodeo that includes a fair, live music and stock shows.

SXSW® MUSIC, FILM AND INTERACTIVE CONFERENCE AND FESTIVALS Noted filmmakers, musicians and multimedia artists from around the world converge to showcase music, film and interactive media during this internationally recognized event.



HOLI MELA | CREDIT: ADAM FILIPOWICZ

APRIL

ANNUAL AUSTIN DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL The Dragon Boat Festival, which falls on the fifth day of the fifth month on the Lunar Calendar, has a background rich in cultural history.

AUSTIN FOOD + WINE FESTIVAL A three-day celebration of food, wine and spirits that benefits the nonprofit Austin Food & Wine Alliance.

ART CITY AUSTIN This event transforms the Palmer Event Center pavilion into an al fresco art block party showcasing more than 120 dynamic artists.

BENGALI NEW YEAR FESTIVAL (PAHELA BAISHAKH) Annual gathering to celebrate the Bengali New Year.

INDIE MEME FESTIVAL Four days of curated cinema from South Asia.

MOONTOWER COMEDY FESTIVAL Held at the renowned Paramount Theatre, Moontower is a four day comedy festival showcasing the biggest names in comedy.

MOTOGP™ GRAND PRIX OF THE AMERICAS A weekend of motorcycle racing at the Circuit of The Americas track.

SONGKRAN FESTIVAL Held at Wat Buddhnanachat to celebrate the Thai New Year.

SOUTH ASIAN NEW YEAR FESTIVAL An annual outdoor celebration showcasing the culture and diversity of South Asia.

WORLD TAI CHI AND QIGONG DAY On the last Saturday in April each year, communities practice Tai Chi at the same time in more than 65 countries.

MAY

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH A month paying tribute to the generations of Asian and Pacific Islanders who have enriched America's history and are instrumental in its future success.

AUSTIN DANCE INDIA STUDENT SHOWCASE Students of all ages are featured in colorful costumes and traditional Bharata Natyam repertoire.

CELEBRASIA AUSTIN ANNUAL FOOD AND HERITAGE FESTIVAL Held at the City of Austin's Asian American Resource Center to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

CITY-WIDE IFTAR An event during Ramadan in which the day-long fast is broken with dinner as the sun sets.

KGSR BLUES ON THE GREEN A family and pet-friendly summer music series held outdoors at Zilker Park.

OVATION The Greater Austin Asian Chamber's annual celebration of Asian Pacific Islander American heritage and accomplishments.

WEST AUSTIN STUDIO TOUR A free, annual self-guided art event spanning two weekends in May.

JUNE

AUSTIN ASIAN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL A festival aimed at telling Asian and Asian American stories via media arts and helping Asian Americans explore opportunities in cinema.

CHAAND RAAT FESTIVAL The eve of the Muslim festival of Eid ul-Fitr.

PISTA SA NAYON A Filipino celebration of a good harvest focused on neighbors, families and friends.

JULY

FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS & SYMPHONY

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

HILL COUNTRY GALLERIA INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL

A free celebration in the Hill Country Galleria, featuring art, live entertainment and fireworks.

SOUND AND CINEMA Live and local music combined with classic movies and cult films projected onto the Alamo Drafthouse's giant, inflatable outdoor screen.

AUGUST

THE AUSTIN CHRONICLE HOT SAUCE FEST What began as a small hot sauce contest, has grown into the largest competition of its kind and one of Austin's largest and best-known annual food events.

AUSTIN PRIDE FESTIVAL & PARADE The largest annual LGBTQIA advocacy and fundraising event in Central Texas. Enjoy two stages of live entertainment, games, food, drinks and over 100 vendor booths.

AUSTIN BOLLYWOOD DAY Bollywood Day is a festival that showcases South Asian culture, food, clothing, music, vendors and contests.

OITA JAPAN FESTIVAL Enjoy Japanese food and drinks, kids' activities, tea ceremony, music, dance and taiko.

PRIDE INTERFAITH SERVICE A group of volunteers who support safe spiritual environments host a service where all people can come together to express oneness through love.



CELEBRASIA | CREDIT: ASIAN AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER

SEPTEMBER

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

OUT OF BOUNDS COMEDY FESTIVAL Comedians from around the country show Austinites their comedy chops.

FANTASTIC FEST Fantastic Fest is the largest genre film festival in the U.S. specializing in horror, fantasy, sci-fi and action films.

OCTOBER

AUSTIN CITY LIMITS MUSIC FESTIVAL One of the country's largest celebrations of music, in Zilker Park, with more than 130 musical acts on eight stages.

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

FORMULA 1 UNITED STATES GRAND PRIX An international motor race held at our very own Circuit of The Americas.

NAVARATRI A nine-day Hindu festival that celebrates the triumph of good over evil.

BATHUKAMMA PANDUGA A floral festival held at the Austin Hindu Temple accompanied by South Indian folk dances and beautiful floral arrangements.

DIWALI FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS The biggest Indian Festival celebrated by South Asians around the world, celebrating the Festival of Lights.

TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL One of the largest literary festivals in the country, the annual Texas Book Festival features nationally and critically recognized authors, 20+ venues including the State Capitol, 80+ exhibitors, live music, local food trucks, family activities and countless opportunities to meet authors and fellow book lovers.

NOVEMBER

ASIAN EATS NIGHT MARKET Walk through Central Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia and East Asia and enjoy food from 35+ vendors. Excitement abounds in the form of interactive activities, food demonstrations, performances and two dance parties!

EAST AUSTIN STUDIO TOUR A free, annual self-guided art event spanning two weekends in November.

ANNUAL JAPAN FALL FESTIVAL Enjoy a range of Japanese food and sweets, arts, games and Japanese traditional and contemporary entertainment.

DECEMBER

ARMADILLO CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Shades of old Austin are reflected at this market with eclectic gifts and local entertainment.

AUSTIN'S NEW YEAR This alcohol-free, family-friendly event celebrates the diversity and creativity of the city with festive performances at Auditorium Shores.

TRAIL OF LIGHTS The Austin Trail of Lights at Zilker Park is part of the essential Austin experience, lighting up the season with a celebration of community, memories and fun.





GETTING AROUND AUSTIN

CAPITAL METRO BUS LINE

Austin's public bus system is part of a 500 square-mile Central Texas system of more than 3,000 bus stops and 53 routes. Austin is serviced by multiple local bus routes, limited stop/flyer routes, express routes and The University of Texas shuttle routes. Download the CapMetro app for comprehensive maps and details.

METRO RAIL

MetroRail connects Austin on a 32-mile line that stretches all the way from the city of Leander to downtown Austin next to the Convention Center. Services run Monday through Thursday until around 7 p.m., with extended service until 1:30 a.m. on Friday and 2:30 a.m. on Saturday.

TAXI/RIDESHARE

Austin is tapped into the latest tech-based transit. Check out the current taxi and rideshare options to get on-demand rides any time of day at [VISITAUSTIN.ORG/RIDESHARE](https://www.visitatx.org/rideshare).

SHUTTLE

SuperShuttle is one of the leading airport shuttle services in the U.S., serving over eight million passengers a year. For a VIP experience, try their private black car service ExecuCar. Learn more about additional shuttle, limousine and charter services at [VISITAUSTIN.ORG](https://www.visitatx.org).

RENT A BIKE OR SCOOTER

On-the-go bike rentals from Austin B-cycle are available to use at more than 40 stations located throughout the city. Also available are a number of bike shops and dockless bikes and scooter rental companies that offer hourly and daily rentals.

PEDICAB

These carts pulled by local cyclists can be found all throughout Austin. Each driver is licensed by the City of Austin Ground Transportation Department and works solely on tips, so be generous!

FOR ANY ADDITIONAL MOBILITY QUESTIONS OR NEEDS VISIT [VSATX.ORG](https://www.visitatx.org)

DIRECTORY

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Austin Christian Assembly
Austin Christian Fellowship of India
Austin Hindu Temple
Austin Mosque
Austin Shambhala Center
Austin Taiwanese Presbyterian
Burmese Buddhist Temple
Chinmaya Mission of Austin
Choon Man Han Presbyterian Church
Fo Guang Shan Xiang Yun Temple
Holy Vietnamese Church
Islamic Center of Greater Austin
Japanese Church of Austin
Oriental Mission Church at Austin
Radha Madhav Dham, Hindu temple
Sisters of the Holy Cross
Sitagu Buddhist Vihara
Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Temple of Austin
Sri Venkateswara Temple of Austin
Taiwanese Buddhist Temple
The Austin Chinese Church
The Lord's Church of Austin
The Nueces Mosque
Tibetan Buddhist Temple
Vietnamese Baptist Church
Vietnamese Buddhist Temple
Yerang Presbyterian Church

DINING AND DRINKS

Asia Cafe
Austin Chai Wala
Austin's Habibi
Bao'd Up
Bento Picnic
Biryani & Co
Biryani Pot
Chen's Noodle
Clay Pit
Coat & Thai
Crepeful
Din Ho Chinese BBQ
Dragonbeard Kitchen
Elizabeth Street Cafe
EurAsia
Guan Yin Tea House
H Mart Companies Inc
Halal Corner
Ho Ho Chinese BBQ
Hunan Bistro
Java Noodle
Jenna's Asian Kitchen
Kim Phung Restaurant
Komé Sushi Kitchen
Korea House
Kung Fu Tea
Le Muse Coffee & Wine Bar
Lucky Bakery & Café
Lucky Robot
Madam Mam's
Madras Pavilion
Mama Fu's Asian House
Michi Ramen
Mirchi's
Mom's Taste
Osaka Mansun
Pho Ha Noi

Pho Please
Pho Van
Phonatic
Pinch
Saffron
Sap's Fine Thai Cuisine
Shahi Food
Shandeez Grill
Shanghai Chinese Restaurant
Shu Shu's Asian
SnoMo
Super China
Suzi's China Grill
Tam Deli & Cafe
Tapioca House
Tarka Indian Kitchen
Tea Haus
Teapioca Lounge
Tempura Halal Indo-Pak Grill
The B's Kitchen and Catering
Titaya's
Tous le Jours
Twin Panda
Van's Banh Mi
Veggie Heaven
Xian Sushi & Noodle
YummiJoy

SHOPPING

Asia Market
Austin Books & Comics
Han Yang Market
Hana Market
Hong Kong Market
Man Pasand
Mang Dedoy
Shaman Modifications
Taj Grocers
Toy Joy



MAP



◆ **AUSTIN VISITOR CENTER**
602 E. FOURTH ST.

MEET THE ARTIST



NHI NGUYEN

Nhi Nguyen is a Vietnamese American artist based in Austin, Texas. Known nationally for her work in hand lettering, Nhi's work is recognizable by its organic and playful yet thoughtful aesthetic. For those visiting Austin, Nhi suggests walking the Greenbelt, taking a lettering class on the East Side and eating as much bún bò Huế as possible.

MORE INFORMATION

If you're looking for a certified guide to make your visit to Austin memorable, find the one that's right for you here:

AUSTINTOURGUIDES.ORG

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