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## AUSTIN, TEXAS

Austin is the state capital of Texas, an inland city bordering the Hill Country region. Home to the University of Texas flagship campus, Austin is known for its eclectic live-music scene centered around country, blues and rock. Its many parks and lakes are popular for hiking, biking, swimming and boating. South of the city, Formula One's Circuit of the Americas raceway has hosted the United States Grand Prix, per Google.

### DAY ONE

Early Afternoon travel to Austin

Drive downtown to gaze upon the Capital

Check-in with friends or at hotel

Dinner: [Launderette](#) (\$\$, American)

- Make a reservation in advance
- Try and split: fried oyster Florentine, the burger, birthday cake ice cream sandwich

Drinks on [Rainey Street](#)

### DAY TWO

Start with coffee

Head over to Castle Hill Graffiti Park, also called [HOPE Outdoor Gallery](#)

- Parking is terrible, don't park in a tow-away zone because it will happen
- 11 AM Lunch: [Salt Lick BBQ](#) in Driftwood (\$\$, Barbecue)
- You must get BBQ in Austin. Not sure what to order? Fatty and lean brisket with extra bark, sausage, baked beans and potato salad
- Personally, [Franklin Barbecue](#) (\$\$, Barbecue) is the best (Voted #1 in Texas) but the wait starts at 6:30 AM and lasts 6+ hours. Yes, it's worth it but not if this is your first trip to Austin.

1 PM - Now that you're full, take an easy hike up [Mount Bonnell](#) for 360 views of the entire city; time spent is 1 hour, free

2:30 PM - Cozy up outside at [Jester King Brewery](#) (\$\$, Brewery); time spent is 2-3 hours

- Check out the tour times then coordinate so someone can get in line for a pizza from [Stanley's Farmhouse Pizza](#) (\$\$, Pizza)
- Other options: [Hops and Grain](#) (\$, Brewery); [El Gaucho Winery](#) (\$\$, Wineries); [Bent Oak Winery](#) (\$\$, Wineries)

Or go shopping along [East Austin](#) for the hippest stores in town - check out Juniper, Olive, and East Austin Succulents

6 PM Dinner: [Lucy's Fried Chicken](#) (\$\$, Chicken Wings)

8:15 - 8:40 PM - Get to Congress Avenue Bridge to see the [bat colony](#); time spent is less than an hour, free

- Check the [calendar](#) before going

Drinks on [West 6th](#) or get in some two-stepping at [Continental Club](#) (\$, Dive Bar & Music)

If you have time for a show before drinks - [Esther's Follies](#) (\$\$, Comedy Club)

- Love this! And after the show, walk outside and you're on 6th Street.

### DAY THREE

7 AM - Head to the native Whole Foods Market for some picnic materials and snacks or Central Market

8 AM - Morning hike at [Hamilton Pool Preserve](#); time spent is 3 hours, \$15 USD, cash only

- Must have a RESERVATION
- Wear your bathing suit under your hiking clothes
- Other option if Hamilton is crowded - [Zilker Park](#) and go to Lady Bird Lake or Barton Springs Pool

If you're not in the mood for a hike, check out [Blanton Museum of Art](#) (\$9 USD), [Harry Ransom Center](#) (free), [Tour the Capitol](#) (30 minutes, free), [Mexic-Arte Museum](#) (\$5 USD) or the [Bullock Texas State History Museum](#) (\$13 USD)

Goodbye Austin. Head home.