

# Off the Beaten Path in Austin

## **Austin, 3 Days**

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# **Guide Description**



AUTHOR NOTE: Here's the local's guide to Austin, a list of regular haunts for those of reside in the great green city.



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### Taco Shack

Lots of food for a small price



### Jack S. Blanton Museum of Art

Modern and contemporary art housed on the UT campus



### **Second Street District**

Fun-filled shopping in bustling downtown Austin



### **Foodheads**

Sandwiches like Mom used to make



### **Boggy Creek Farm**

Buy it fresh off the farm



### **Texas Chili Parlor**

Hot, hot, hot!



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Historic downtown beauty

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### Maudie's Cafe

Traditional Tex-Mex



## Salt Lick (The)

Finger lickin' good!



### Mean Eyed Cat

Johnny Cash tribute bar



### **Donn's Depot**

Country, classic, romantic



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## Dan's Hamburgers

Junk food galore



### Canyon Lake

Go-to spot for floating the Guadalupe River



### **Quality Seafood**

Get hands-on with fresh seafood



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### contact:

tel: +512 300 2112 fax: +512 300 2113 http://www.tacoshack.com

#### location:

4412 Medical Parkway Austin TX 78756

#### hours

M-F 6:30a-2:30p, Sa 7a-1p



## Taco Shack

**DESCRIPTION**: A favorite of the locals on Saturday mornings, this tiny family-owned business is bursting with people willing to wait in a line that extends out the front door for a simple breakfast taco. But their food is anything but simple. The Taco Shack breakfast specialty, the Shack Taco, is filled with eggs, potatoes, cheese and chorizo. Although they can certainly prepare a basic breakfast taco with your choice of fillings, try the Burnet Road Burrito if you are extra hungry and want something to fill you up. For lunch, try the Shack Lunch Special. No matter what you order, you will not be disappointed. Other locations: 8201-B1 Crosspark Drive Austin, TX (+1 512 928 3534,) 4002 N Lamar Blvd Austin, TX (+1 512 467 8533,) 2825 Guadalupe St Austin, TX (+1 512 320 8889,) 3901-C Spicewood Springs Rd Austin, TX (+1 512 418 8900,) 12439 Metric Blvd Austin, TX (+1 512 873 7977) and 402 Brazos St Austin, TX (+1 512 473 0101.) © wcities.com



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### contact:

tel: 512-471-7324 fax: +1 512 471 7023 http://www.blantonmuseum.o rg/

### location:

23rd and San Jacinto Austin TX 78712



## Jack S. Blanton Museum of Art

DESCRIPTION: As the principal art museum in the Austin metropolitan area, the Jack S. Blanton Museum of Art has a massive collection featuring more than 17,000 works, including modern and contemporary American and Latin American art, as well as 15th century to contemporary prints and drawings. Situated on the southeastern corner of the University of Texas campus, adjacent to the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum and within walking distance of the Texas State Capitol, the Blanton building itself embodies the clean lines of modern art with its simple granite and limestone facade, white walls and crisp interior angles. Plan a multi-day visit, if possible. With 124,000 square feet of space, the museum can't be fully explored in one day. Along with the established collections and touring exhibits, the museum also organizes lectures, gallery talks, concerts, workshops and the ever popular B Scene, a monthly evening of mingling, cocktails and musical entertainment among the art. © NileGuide



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### contact:

http://www.2ndstreetdistrict.c

### location:

200 W. Second Street Austin TX 78701



## Second Street District

DESCRIPTION: Austin's city center holds more than commercial high-rises and government offices -- urban lofts, sidewalk eateries and local boutiques abound, particularly in the Second Street District. Running from the Austin Children's Museum west to the Ballet Austin headquarters, the three-block area provides an alternative shopping experience to the standard indoor mall. Trendy clothing, home decor and one-of-a-kind jewelry stores are interspersed among health food cafes, coffee shops, wine bars such as Cru and Malaga, and gourmet restaurants like Cantina Laredo and Three Forks. Many of the shops and some of the restaurants are locally owned and operated. City officials and local businesspeople invested heavily in Second Street as a way of encouraging people to live, play and work downtown. Austin's City Hall complex adds a funky element to the Second Street District (the building has an armadillo tail), while another popular shopping area, South Congress Avenue, is just a few blocks south. © NileGuide

### contact:

tel: +1 512 420 8400 fax: +1 512 420 8401 http://www.foodheads.com/

### location:

616 West 34th Street Austin TX 78705

### hours:

M-F 8a-4p, Sa 8:30a-4p



### **Foodheads**

DESCRIPTION: Foodheads began in 1992 as a boxed lunch catering company. The recent addition of a public café in a creaky old house near the UT Drag has attracted quite a crowd. Students and Central Austinites flock to this popular lunch spot on the weekend to enjoy made-from-scratch sandwiches on Foodheads' sunny patio. The casual eatery has a favorable reputation for fresh food, homemade soups, and giant sandwiches like mom used to prepare. Try one of their award-winning specialties with a cold iced tea (herb roasted leg of lamb, tuna nicoise or grilled portabella bleu). Go on an empty stomach - Foodheads doesn't scrimp on the fixins. © wcities.com



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### contact:

tel: +1 512 926 4650 http://www.boggycreekfarm.c

### location:

3414 Lyons Road Austin TX 78702

### hours:

W, Sa 9a-2p



## **Boggy Creek Farm**

DESCRIPTION: This fully functional organic farm has won many awards for its urban farming techniques. Purchase fantastic fresh vegetables on Wednesday and Saturday mornings (9am-2pm). Or, let your kids experience real farm life right in the heart of the city—animals and tractors are some of the biggest attractions for the little ones on market day. While shopping for produce, take a peek at the historic farmhouse, noted as one of the oldest existing buildings in Austin (built in 1838). © wcities.com



Boggy Creek Farm

### contact:

tel: +1 512 472 2828 http://www.cactushill.com/TC P/home.htm

### location:

1409 Lavaca St Austin TX 78701

### hours:



## **Texas Chili Parlor**

DESCRIPTION: The Texas Chili Parlor serves up X (mild) chili, XX (spicy) chili, XXX (hot) chili, black bean and sausage chili and vegetarian chili. On the weekends, the special is habanero chile! Despite the name, the Chili Parlor also serves Mexican food, burgers and sandwiches and has a popular bar area. Live music can be heard several nights a week. © wcities.com



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M-Su 11 a.m. - 2 a.m.

### contact:

tel: +1 512 474 5911 / +1 800 252 9367 (Toll Free) fax: +1 512 474 2214 http://www.driskillhotel.com/

### location:

604 Brazos Street Austin TX 78701



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Hotels.com

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### contact:

tel: +1 512 473 3740 http://www.maudies.com

### location:

2608 West 7th Street Austin TX 78703

### hours:

Su-W 8a-9:30p, Th-Sa 8a-10p



### Maudie's Cafe

DESCRIPTION: This restaurant offers traditional Tex-Mex fare all day long. Located in a mall, you generally wouldn't expect the food to be this good or the restaurant to be so popular. Other locations: 1212 S Lamar Blvd Austin, TX 78704 (+1 512 440 8088,) 10205 N Lamar Blvd Austin, TX 78753 (+1 512 832 0900,) 9911 W Brodie Ln Austin, TX 78748 (+1 512 280 8700) and 3801 N Capital of Texas Hwy Austin, TX 78746 (+1 512 306 8080.) © wcities.com



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### contact:

tel: +1 512 858 4959 fax: +1 512 858 5473 http://www.saltlickbbq.com/

### location:

18001 FM 1826 Driftwood TX 78619

### hours:

M-Su 11a-10p

## Salt Lick (The)

DESCRIPTION: For a mouthful of real Texas barbecue, head make the drive to the legendary Salt Lick. The scenery and the rustic restaurant buildings all add to that perfect Southern experience. Try the mammoth-sized sandwiches or the family style meals (inclusive of pork ribs, brisket, sausage, potato salad, cole slaw, beans, pickles, onions, and bread.) Dig into the delicious smoky sausages or the moist briskets all made with special Salt Lick sauces. You have to leave room for the irresistible homemade desserts. It must be noted though that the restaurant is located in a dry precinct so you have to bring your own alcohol. Great barbeque, melt in your mouth desserts and a drink of your choice, mmmm! © wcities.com



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### contact:

tel: +1 512 472 6326 http://www.themeaneyedcat.c om/

### location:

1621 West 5th Street Austin TX 78703

### hours:

Sa-Th 5p-2a; F 2p-2a



## Mean Eyed Cat

DESCRIPTION: If city parking is like rain on your downtown drinking parade, look no further than the Mean Eyed Cat on West 5th Street. The one-room, no-cover dive bar has an urban feel, but boasts a parking lot that would put Costco to shame. Built to honor the late great Johnny Cash, the Mean Eyed Cat has a crowded back patio and plenty of man-in-black collectibles. The Mean Eyed stage, featuring live music almost every night of the week, is popular with patrons of all ages.



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Order a shot at the bar to go down, down, down into a burning ring of fire. © wcities.com

### contact:

tel: 512 478 0336 fax: 512 420 0551

http://donnar.home.texas.net/

### location:

1600 West Fifth Street Austin TX 78703

### hours:

M-F 2p-2a, Sa 6p-2a



## **Donn's Depot**

DESCRIPTION: Come enjoy country western music in a railroad relic. This venue, although slightly outside of downtown, provides an excellent opportunity to dance and watch older country western pros strut their stuff. The old Texas feel and the relaxing atmosphere make a great team with cold beer and great music. © wcities.com



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#### contact:

tel: +1 512 459 3239 http://austin.citysearch.com/pr ofile/10232243/austin\_tx/dan\_ s\_hamburgers\_inc.html

### location:

5602 North Lamar Boulevard Austin TX 78751-1058

#### hours:

Su-Th 6a-10p, F-Sa 6a-11p

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## **Dan's Hamburgers**

DESCRIPTION: Do you feel like forgetting about your diet and just feasting on junk food for a change? Then Dan's the place for you. Cheese omelets, hamburgers, fries, onion rings, tacos, and chocolate shakes are what you can expect to eat here. The staff is professional and warm and the service is very quick. Only cash payments are accepted and there is ample parking space. Don't forget about the south location at 4308 Manchaca Rd Austin, TX 78704 (+1 512 443 6131.) © wcities.com



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### contact:

tel: 830-964-3341 http://www.canyonlakechamb er.com/

### location:

601 C.O.E. ROAD Canyon Lake TX 78133-4112



## Canyon Lake

**DESCRIPTION**: This lake is a favorite starting point for tubers who laze the day away by floating the Guadalupe River. This is an area settled by early German immigrants. From New Braunfels, travel 15 miles northwest along FM 306.

### contact:

tel: +1 512 454 5827 http://www.qualityseafoodmar ket.com/

### location:

5621 Airport Boulevard Austin TX 78751

### hours:

M-Sa 10:30a-9p



## **Quality Seafood**

DESCRIPTION: This restaurant is part of the owner's retail and wholesale market, so you are sure that the fish is fresh. While buying fish to cook at home, grab some delicious fried shrimp and oyster poboys, which come with the essential French fries and cole slaw. You can bring your whole family here, as the rates are moderate. Make sure you pick up a free copy of recipes on your way out. © wcities.com



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### contact:

tel: 512 458 1813 http://www.ginnyslittlelonghor

n.com/

### location:

5434 Burnet Road Austin TX 78756

### hours:

M-Sa 9p-1a, Su 4p-8p



## **Ginny's Little Longhorn Saloon**

DESCRIPTION: Operational for over a decade, Ginny's Little Longhorn Saloon has earned the reputation for being the city's country-music stop. It's not your usual nightclub with thumping music; but is a great place for drinks and good music. It hosts live musical performances every Thursday - Billy Dee & Redd Volkaert, Justin Treviño and Dale Watson have kept this place alive on several occasions. So stop by for a memorable night at this simple place, which not surprisingly, has a cult following. © wcities.com



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# **Austin Snapshot**

### **Local Info**

With its perfect proportions of adventurous spirit and laid-back atmosphere, Austin wins visitors over time and time again. Nestled in the southern portion of the Lone Star State, the capital city doubles as the hub of serious government affairs and the supreme getaway for outdoor recreation and cultural escape.

#### Downtown

The heart of Austin lays downtown, among the busy streets and inner workings of the state government. The Texas State Capitol--built of pink granite and native limestone and standing 14 feet taller than the nation's Capitol in Washington, D.C.--anchors the area's main thoroughfare, Congress Avenue. The street that once paved the way for horses and carriages now houses some of Austin's tallest buildings, including the futuristic-looking Frost Bank Tower--the first high-rise to be constructed in the U.S. following the September 11, 2001 attacks.

The downtown area juggles work and play with a handful of areas organized especially for after-hours fun. Comparable to New Orleans' famous Bourbon Street, Austin's East Sixth Street is often the first place rowdy tourists visit for a memorable night out. Within an eight-block stretch, more than 100 shot bars, live music venues, dance clubs, restaurants and souvenir shops line the street, which is cordoned off from vehicular traffic most nights of the week.

The post-collegiate crowd heads a few blocks west to one of three nearby areas: the Warehouse District, West Sixth Street or the Second Street District. Each neighborhood offers an array of trendy eateries alongside classy pubs, bars and clubs and is only a pedicab ride away from one another.

As the self-described"Live Music Capital of the World," Austin touts a constant schedule of bands and musicians throughout the city, though most performances are concentrated in the downtown area. The Red River District, located one block west of IH-35 between Sixth and 10th Streets, attracts a mixture of punk, heavy metal and indie rock acts at venues like Emo's, Mohawk and Red-Eyed Fly, while Stubb's regularly schedules

big-time touring acts of all genres at the barbecue joint's outdoor amphitheater.

Other popular downtown music venues include Antone's, Austin Music Hall, La Zona Rosa, the Elephant Room and Cedar Street Courtyard, among others. All of these locations and hundreds of other venues host musicians, film premieres and interactive parties during the South by Southwest Music, Film and Interactive Conference held each March.

### University of Texas/ The Drag

Part of Austin's draw is the highly ranked and centrally located University of Texas at Austin. The 40-acre campus sits right in the midst of the city's action, with more than 50,000 students enrolled each semester. The grounds also holds some of Austin's finest museums, including the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum, the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center and the Jack S. Blanton Museum of Art. The campus' western border--Guadalupe Street--is known as the Drag, a mile-long section of coffee shops, cafes and Longhorn-centric stores like the University Co-Op. The open-air Renaissance Market houses local artisans peddling their wares under shady tents, while the nearby Toy Joy stocks the largest array of random baubles fit for all ages.

### South Austin

Lady Bird Lake, formerly known as Town Lake, intersects the city just south of downtown, creating the unofficial divide between Central and South Austin. The Lady Bird Lake Hike and Bike Trail keeps Austinites and travelers alike in shape with nearly 10 miles of landscaped trails amid the hustle and bustle of downtown. Zilker Park, a 400-acre park along the southern shores of the lake, provides wide open space for kite-flying, Frisbee and other outdoor activities, including dancing at the Austin City Limits Music Festival each October. Kayak and canoe rentals let people enjoy a view of the skyline from the water, while Barton Springs Pool, a natural spring-fed swimming hole, offers up a cool and refreshing respite from the infamous Texas heat. A handful of quirky restaurants--namely Chuy's, Shady Grove, Romeo's, Austin Java Co. and Uncle Billy's Brew& Que--line Barton Springs Road, offering quick and easy meal options for

those enjoying the beautiful weather yearround.

Along with university students, musicians and outdoorsy-types, Austin also hosts the largest urban colony of Mexican freetail bats in North America, which take up residence under the Ann Richards Congress Avenue Bridge from March to November. Their nightly flight for food occurs around dusk and attracts hundreds of visitors eager to see the throngs of insect-eating bats take to the skies.

Just a couple blocks south of the bat haven sits the hip and trendy South Congress Avenue, referred to locally as SoCo. This strip, only a mile or so away from St. Edward's University, houses some of the city's most unique shops(Uncommon Objects, Parts& Labour, Lucy in Disguise) alongside hip hotels(Hotel San Jose, Austin Motel, Hotel Saint Cecilia) and locally owned eateries(Zen Japanese Food Fast, Home Slice Pizza, Guero's Taco Bar). On the first Thursday of each month, area businesses keep late hours while hundreds mingle along the street, shopping and enjoying live music during the free event appropriately dubbed First Thursday. Another SoCo highlight: Airstream trailersturned-food vendors, and not just of the sno-cone variety. From cupcakes to chicken cones(you have to try one to understand), the block of food trailers draws guite a crowd every night of the week. © NileGuide

### **Restaurants Insights**

Spread out over roughly 300 square miles, Austin offers a limitless supply of dining options, ranging from festival-style handheld bites to indulgent, multi-course meals that last hours. Tex-Mex restaurants like Chuy's, Maudie's and Matt's El Rancho and barbecue joints such as Stubb's, Ironworks and Salt Lick might have put Austin on the map for their tried-and-true ways, but some of the city's most daring spots are the most popular. Uchi, a hip sushi restaurant along South Lamar, is the mastermind of nationally recognized chef Tyson Cole, serving innovative dishes to a capacity crowd. Flip Happy Crepes, an Airstream trailer-turned-creperie, has wooed patrons with their sweet and savory French delicacies, including celebrity chef Bobby Flay who challenged the owners



## Austin Snapshot continued

on a Season 3 episode of his Food TV competition, "Throwdown with Bobby Flay." (Spoiler: Flip Happy Crepes won!) Another local favorite, Baby Greens, brings healthy to the drive-thru with fresh salads and house-made dressings. With options like these, it can be difficult to make a decision on an empty stomach.

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## **Nightlife Insights**

Austin provides something for everyone when it comes to nighttime entertainment. The title of "Live Music Capital of the World" is well deserved, as live music bellows from not just bars and clubs, but restaurants, coffee shops, museums and more on a nightly basis. For some of the city's best up-and-coming acts, check out Antone's, the Mohawk or Hole in the Wall, while bigname touring groups stop by Stubb's, La Zona Rosa or Austin Music Hall. Couples(or courageous singles) can get their two-steppin' on with the help of house bands at Donn's Depot and Broken Spoke.

The bar scene in the capital city is varied-the collegiate crowd heads to the infamous East Sixth Street, where shot bars and dance clubs share the street with souvenir shops and tourist-driven restaurants. The Warehouse District and West Sixth Street areas attract more sophisticated clientele. Hotspots like the Belmont, Union Park and the Ranch couple breezy rooftop patios with swanky cocktails and skyline views. Casual spots like Opal Divine's, the Key Bar and Ginger Man serve pints and more to a laid-back crowd.

## **Things to Do Insights**

Part of Austin's appeal stems from the array of outdoor activities the area offers. From hiking and biking to window-shopping and bat-watching, there's something for every level of physical activity. Tourist hot spots are scattered throughout the city--Mount Bonnell offers a short 100-step trek to a sweeping view overlooking Lake Austin; Zilker Park provides hundreds of acres of wide open space for sports and the like right in the city center. Bicyclists take to the Hike and Bike Trail around Lady Bird Lake, while others opt for the Veloway, a paved closed course for bikes and rollerbladers only.

Cultural opportunities also abound in Austin, with a combination of museums, music and special events. The Jack S. Blanton Museum of Art--the latest addition to the University of Texas campus--spans centuries and genres of painting and sculpture, while the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum encompasses the pride of the Lone Star State with its larger-than-life exhibits and state-of-the-art technology that makes taking a step back in time fun for all ages. Smaller museums and galleries make way for the local artisans--Wally Workman Gallery exhibits oils, watercolors and other media from area artists, as does Women& Their Work, Yard Dog, Flatbed Press and a handful of other galleries. © NileGuide

**Travel Tips Getting There** 

Air

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport(ABIA)+1 512 530 ABIAhttp:// www.abia.org/

ABIA is located eight miles from Austin and is serviced by the following airlines:

American Airline(+1 800 433 7300/http://www.aa.com) America West(+1 800 235 9292/http://www.americawest.com) British Airways(+1 800 247 9297/http://www.british-airways.com) Continental(+1 800 525 0280/http://www.continental.com) Delta(+1 800 221 1212/http://www.delta.com) Frontier Airlines(+1 1 800 432 1359/http://www.frontierairlines.com) Southwest(+1 800 435 9792/http://www.southwest.com) Northwest(+1 800 225 2525/http://www.nwa.com) United(+1 800 241 6522/http://www.ual.com)

Car Rental: Alamo( +1 800 327 9633/ http://www.alamo.com) Avis( +1 800 831 2847/http://www.avis.com) Budget( +1 800 527 0700/http://www.budget.com) Dollar( +1 800 4000/http://www.dollar.com) Enterprise( +1 800 325 8007/http:// www.enterprise.com) Hertz( +1 800 654 3131/http://www.hertz.com National( +1 800227 7368/http://www.nationalcar.com) Thrifty( +1 800 367 2277/http:// www.thrifty.com)

Shuttles: SuperShuttle( +1 800 BLUE VAN(258 3826)/+1 512 258 3826) Carey

Austin( +1 512 929 5009/http://www.carey-austin.com)

Train Amtrak services Austin daily from nationwide locations( +1 800 872 7245/ http://www.amtrak.com).

Bus Greyhound( +1 800 231 2222;+1 512 458 4463/http://www.greyhound.com) accesses Austin daily.

**Highway** The I-35, I-10, and the US-290 will take you into Austin from any direction.

### **Getting Around**

### **Train**

Take the historic Austin Steam
Train( +1 512 477 8468/http://
www.austinsteamtrain.org) through Austin.
Open year-round on weekends only.

### Bus

The Capitol Metro Bus( +1 512 474 1200/ http://www.capmetro.org) serves the airport as well as all areas of the city.

### **Taxi**

Ace Taxi( +1 888 582 8646) American Yellow( +1 452 9999;+1 800 874 0278) Austin Cab( +1 478 2222;+1 800 TAXICAB) Roy's Taxi Inc.( +1 482 0175;+1 800 845 ROYS)

### **Traffic Information**

To find out city traffic information go to:http://www.traffic.com/

If traveling overseas, take the safety precaution of registering your trip athttps://travelregistration.state.gov and for helpful, practical advice about traveling technicalities and safety standards check out:http://travel.state.gov/

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### **Fun Facts**

**Austin** 

**State:** Texas

Country: United States Austin by the

Numbers:

Population: 710,000 Elevation: 597 feet

Average Annual Rainfall: 32 inches Average Annual Snowfall: 9 inches



## Austin Snapshot continued

Average January Temperature: 50 degrees

F

Average July Temperature: 85 degrees F

**Quick Facts:** 

Major Industries: Oil, Electronics, Computers, Automobile Manufacturing, Aerospace Industries, Agriculture, Telecommunications, Higher Education

Ethnic Mix: Caucasian(65%), African American(10%), of some Latino descent(30%), Asian(4%)

Electricity: 110 volts, 60Hz, standard two

pin plugs

Time Zone: GMT- 6 Country Dialing Code: 1 Area Code: 361& 512

**Did You Know?** 

Austin is not only the state capital of Texas, it is also home to the University of Texas,

Austin. On further note, Austin is the site of the President Lyndon B. Johnson Library and Center.

### **Orientation:**

Austin is located deep in the heart of Texas, about 160 miles west of Houston, 80 miles northeast of San Antonio, and 200 miles south of Dallas.

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