



# AUSTIN



FESTIVAL

GUIDE TECHNOLOGY  
*Interactive*  
GAMING FILM

FOOD  FIREWORKS  
MOTORCYCLES  
WINE 6TH STREET  
Art  
COSTUMES

BEER  Ice Cream  KITES  
LIVE MUSIC COWBOYS  
PRIDE  
DRAGONS

FOR EVERYONE



# FEBRUARY

## CARNAVAL BRASILEIRO

Palmer Events Center

Flamboyant costumes, Brazilian samba music, and the uninhibited, spirited atmosphere make Austin's Carnaval one of the biggest such festivals outside of Brazil.

[www.sambaparty.com](http://www.sambaparty.com)



# MARCH



## RODEO AUSTIN

Travis County Exposition Center

Austin goes cowboy as PCRA competitors hit the arena. Headline entertainers perform in concert nightly.

[www.rodeoaustin.com](http://www.rodeoaustin.com)

## ZILKER KITE FESTIVAL

Zilker Park

The Zilker Kite Festival and the whole family can have fun looking at various designs of kites. Bring your kites to fly and maybe even enter the contest!

[www.zilkerkitefestival.com](http://www.zilkerkitefestival.com)

## AUSTIN BEER FEST

Travis County Expo Center

The Austin Beer Fest is an amazing one-day, outdoor celebration showcasing more than 500 craft beers from around the world for guests to sample and purchase. In addition to the wide selection of beer, food & activities.

[www.theaustinbeerfest.com](http://www.theaustinbeerfest.com)

## SXSW

Austin Convention Center and more than 50 venues

Noted filmmakers, musicians and multimedia artists from around the world converge to showcase music, film and interactive media during this internationally-recognized event.

[www.sxsw.com](http://www.sxsw.com)

## TEXAS ROCK FEST

War Horse & Infest

Also known as The Heart of Texas Quadruple Bypass Music Festival, it showcases unsigned talents from Austin and nearby Southwest region.

[www.texasrockfest.com](http://www.texasrockfest.com)

## URBAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

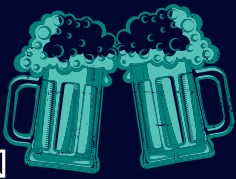
Auditorium Shores

Urban Music Festival is a family-centric festival for the R&B, Jazz and Gospel music lovers.

[www.urbanmusicfest.com](http://www.urbanmusicfest.com)



# APRIL



## LOUISIANA SWAMP THING AND CRAWFISH FESTIVAL

Buda City Park

It's a Cajun festival in Texas. More than 5,000 pounds of crawfish are consumed at this annual event, which features zydeco, brass band, funk, blues and rock music.

[www.roadwayevents.com](http://www.roadwayevents.com)

## EYORE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Pease Park

Eyore's Birthday Party is a fun event for all ages. Be sure to dress in a costume as prizes will be given. This fundraiser benefis nonprofit organizations in Austin.

[www.eeyores.org](http://www.eeyores.org)

## ZILKER GARDEN FESTIVAL

Zilker Botanical Garden

At the Zilker Garden Festival, you can enjoy live music and have access to hundreds of vendors selling various items from jewelry to plants.

[www.zilker garden.org](http://www.zilker garden.org)

## BUDA WIENER DOG RACES

Buda City Park

Come out to the largest wiener dog festival in Texas! Race your Wiener, smooch some of our pooches, shop at all the vendor booths, eat the great food!

[www.budalions.com](http://www.budalions.com)

## RED POPPY FESTIVAL

Georgetown Square

Featuring over 100 artisans from across the nation, the Open Car Show, the Kids Zone, Live Entertainment and the Saturday Night Concert and Street Dance.

[www.poppy.georgetown.org](http://www.poppy.georgetown.org)

## ART CITY AUSTIN

Downtown Austin

Nearly 200 national artists, top local restaurants, two music stages and hands-on art activities make this one of the city's favorite festivals.

[www.artallianceaustin.org](http://www.artallianceaustin.org)

## OLD SETTLERS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Salt Lick BBQ & Camp Ben McCullough

Acoustic jazz & blues, bluegrass are performed at this music event. Arts & crafts, camping, food and libations complete this event.

[www.oldsettlersmusicfest.org](http://www.oldsettlersmusicfest.org)

## MOONTOWER COMEDY FESTIVAL

Paramount Theater

Moontower Comedy and Oddity Festival brings some of the funniest, wittiest and oddest world-class comics from around the globe.

[www.moontowercomedyfestival.com](http://www.moontowercomedyfestival.com)

## DRIPPING SPRINGS FOUNDERS DAY

Auditorium Shores

The annual City of Dripping Springs, Texas Founders Day Festival commemorates and celebrates the founding of our community. The festival promotes cooperation and volunteerism in the community and generates community spirit and recreation.

[www.austinreggaeefest.com](http://www.austinreggaeefest.com)

# MAY



## DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Ladybird Lake

Are you looking for an exciting event unlike no other? Watch the Dragon Boat Festival and Race. Enjoy Chinese food, live music and dance performances.

[www.asianamericancc.com/events.htm](http://www.asianamericancc.com/events.htm)

## O. HENRY PUN-OFF

Brush Square

Looking for great entertainment and live music? Admission to the O. Henry Pun-Off is free, and you will be amazed by the incredible wordplay.

[www.punpunpun.com](http://www.punpunpun.com)

## DEUTSCHEN PFEST

Pfluger Park & Gilleland Creek Park

Pfun with children's games and activites, shopping booths, a parade, live music, and thrilling rides at the carnival! Event proceeds support Pflugerville parks!

[www.pflugervilletx.gov](http://www.pflugervilletx.gov)

## AUSTIN WINE & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Driftwood Estate Winery

At the Austin Wine Festival, you have the option to test and purchase the wine. This event is held in 1 location for a duration of 3 full days and features wine tasting and fun events for the children including face painting! It's a family event!

[www.austinwineandmusicfestival.com](http://www.austinwineandmusicfestival.com)

## LONE STAR JAM

LBJ Lawn UT Campus

Brought to you by The Young Texans Against Cancer and sponsored by Ziegenbock, Lone Star Jam has expanded to a 2 day festival featuring 20 or more country music bands.

[www.lonestarjam.com](http://www.lonestarjam.com)

## REDFEST

COTA

3 Days of music, comedy, reality TV stars, and outdoor fun at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin!

[www.redfest.com](http://www.redfest.com)

# JUNE



## REPUBLIC OF TEXAS BIKER RALLY

Travis County Expo Center and Sixth Street

The state's largest motorcycle gathering attracts thousands of bikers for rides, parades and music.

[www.rotrally.com](http://www.rotrally.com)

## KERRVILLE FOLK FESTIVAL

Kerville, TX

Take your family and enjoy the continuously played music for 18 days and nights.

[www.kerrville-music.com](http://www.kerrville-music.com)

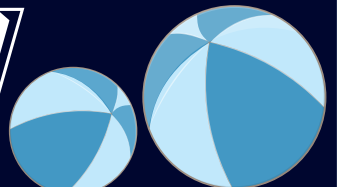
## SOUL TO SOLE FESTIVAL

Rollins Theatre/The Long Center

This one-of-a-kind, Austintatious festival brings swingin' jazz and hundreds of feet keeping time to the pulse of this wonderful and indigenous American art form!

[www.tapestry.org](http://www.tapestry.org)

# JULY



## BOB BULLOCK MUSEUM'S MUSIC UNDER THE STAR

Bob Bullock State History Museum

The Bob Bullock Museum is hosting it's free concert series (every Friday in July) performed by local musicians. Complimentary tacos and teas will be given out also.

[www.thestoryoftexas.com](http://www.thestoryoftexas.com)

## FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS & SYMPHONY

Auditorium Shores

The Austin Symphony hosts an annual concert of patriotic music that culminates in a spectacular fireworks display over Lady Bird Lake.

[www.austinsymphony.org](http://www.austinsymphony.org)

## BASTILLE DAY FESTIVAL

French Legislation Museum

Each year over a 1000 Austinites join the fun to celebrate Bastille Day with live music, dancing, silent auctions, food, face-painting and more!

[www.afaustin.org](http://www.afaustin.org)

# AUGUST

## AUSTIN CHRONICLE HOT SAUCE FESTIVAL

Fiesta Gardens

Get in free by donating 3 cans of nonperishable food items and experience the fun, excellent (and not so excellent) salsa while enjoying great local music!

[www.austinchronicle.com](http://www.austinchronicle.com)

## BAT FEST

Congress Ave. Bridge

Enjoy live music, arts and crafts, food, bat watching, and more at the Bat Fest!

[www.roadwayevents.com](http://www.roadwayevents.com)

## AUSTIN ICE CREAM FESTIVAL

Fiesta Gardens

Entertainment, games, contests, and of course, ICE CREAM! Enjoy this festival for a good cause!

[www.icecreamfestival.org](http://www.icecreamfestival.org)

## AUSTIN PET EXPO

Palmer Event Center

Fabulous Prize Giveaways & Fun for both the Two-Legged AND Four-Legged! Mega-Adoption event, discounted vaccinations, free nail trims, and more!

[www.austinpetsyexpo.com](http://www.austinpetsyexpo.com)





# SEPTEMBER

## OLD PECAN STREET FESTIVAL

6th Street

Musicians, food vendors, artists and craftspeople turn Sixth Street, originally named Pecan Street, into a lively street fair.  
[www.oldpecanstreetfestival.com](http://www.oldpecanstreetfestival.com)

## AUSTIN PRIDE FESTIVAL RAINBOW RUN 5K, & PRIDE PARADE

Downtown Austin

- The PRIDE Festival will feature unlimited carnival themed games and activities, free photo booths, face painting, balloon twisters, drinks, carnival foods, and over 100 booths that support Austin's LGBTQ community!
- The Austin PRIDE Rainbow Run is a 5K race through the streets of downtown Austin.
- The biggest event of Austin PRIDE, the Austin PRIDE Parade returns!

[www.austinpride.org](http://www.austinpride.org)



## FANTASTIC FEST

Alamo Drafthouse

Fantastic Fest is the Alamo Drafthouse's annual genre festival featuring the horror, science fiction, fantasy, action, Asian, and cult films from around the world.  
[www.fantasticfest.com](http://www.fantasticfest.com)

## TEXAS CRAFT BREWERS

Fiesta Gardens

Featuring over 100 different brews from over 40 Texas craft brewers, this event is a must-attend for craft beer fans and members of the Texas craft beer community.  
[www.texascraftbrewersfestival.org](http://www.texascraftbrewersfestival.org)

# OCTOBER

## AUSTIN CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL

Norris Conference Center

At the Austin Chocolate Festival, you can test many different types of chocolate!  
[www.austinchocolatefestival.com](http://www.austinchocolatefestival.com)

## AUSTIN FILM FESTIVAL

Various Locations

The Austin Film Festival is the event to attend if you are looking to meet and speak with top-notch movie executives and producers - even screenwriters and filmmakers!  
[www.austinfilmfestival.com](http://www.austinfilmfestival.com)

## TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL

State Capitol Building

This festival takes place every year in the fall and is a fun event for all ages. Allow your children to be amazed with well-known authors and activities!  
[www.texasbookfestival.org](http://www.texasbookfestival.org)

## AUSTIN CITY LIMITS

Zilker Park

ACL Music Festival has expanded to two weekends to accommodate more fans, a total of 6 days! It is an eight stage event with 100+ bands, local food, and much more.  
[www.aclfestival.com](http://www.aclfestival.com)

## POLARI FILM FESTIVAL

Various Locations

Formally known as aGLIFF (Austin Gay & Lesbian International Film festival), Polari is the oldest and largest gay and lesbian film festival in the Southwest and the largest gay and lesbian cultural event in Austin.  
[www.polarifest.com](http://www.polarifest.com)

# NOVEMBER

## FUN FUN FUN FEST

Auditorium Shores

National touring indie rock, hip hop, punk, electronica and metal bands converge on Austin's urban park for two days of music. There is also a comedy stage, as well as on-site screen printing, shopping and food.  
[www.funfunfunfest.com](http://www.funfunfunfest.com)

# DECEMBER

## ARMADILLO CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Palmer Event Center

Shades of old Austin are reflected at this market of eclectic gift items and local entertainment.  
[www.armadillobazaar.com](http://www.armadillobazaar.com)

## TRAIL OF LIGHTS

Zilker Park

A beautiful array of lights - in December, the tree is lit, following a 5k run, which allows the Trail of Lights to be lit and showcased.  
[www.austintrailoflights.org](http://www.austintrailoflights.org)

## AUSTIN'S NEW YEAR

Auditorium Shores

This alcohol-free, family-friendly event celebrates the diversity and creativity of the city with visual art installations, actors, jugglers, storytellers, dancers, fire dancers, face painters, elaborate costumes, and other festive performances.  
[www.austintexas.gov/departments/austins-new-year](http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/austins-new-year)



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