FESTIVAL GUIDE

CENTRAL TEXAS

Your Guide to Annual Festivals & Events
in the Greater Austin Area

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JANUARY

Free Week
Austin | freeweek.do512.com
Hundreds of Austin bands participate in this annual event that encompasses multiple venues.

Martin Luther King, Jr Celebration
Austin | mlkcelebration.com
A march from UT to Huston-Tillotson to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

FEBRUARY

Austin Oyster Festival
Austin | austinoysterfestival.com
Try every style of oyster at this annual food fest, while enjoying live Cajun and “newgrass” music.

Austin Marathon
Austin | youraustinmarathon.com
Tour the city while testing your marathon mettle!

Carnaval Brasileiro
Austin | sambaparty.com
A Brazilian-style Mardi Gras in Central Texas!

MARCH

ABC Zilker Kite Festival
Austin | abckitefestival.org
Enjoy the sight of kites filling the air as spring kicks off!

Rodeo Austin
Austin | rodeoaustin.com
Get your cowboy on with rodeo events and live music.

South by Southwest
Austin | sxsw.com
South by Southwest proves why Austin is an international hotbed of innovation, with giants of the music, film, and tech industries converging in one place!

The SXSW Music and Media Conference, the world's leading music industry event, offers attendees the opportunity to explore the future of the music industry by day at panels, talks, the Trade Show, Music Gear Expo and other conference activities at the Austin Convention Center. At night, the absolute best mix of musical performances from regional, national and international acts takes place at the SXSW Music Festival.

The evening networking events that make up the SXSW Interactive Festival range from parties to award presentations.

The SXSW Film Conference & Festival champions the vitality, innovation and opportunity that drive entertainment and media, and boldly tackles the evolution of all aspects of “film” today, down to its very definition.

Zilker Garden Festival
Austin | zilkergarden.org
Plants, music, food and vendors to help you get ready for spring.

APRIL

Austin Food + Wine Festival
Austin | austinfoodandwinefestival.com
Join some of the country's top chefs, restaurateurs, wine and spirit personalities to learn, share, eat, and drink!

Austin Reggae Fest
Austin | austinreggaefest.com
A Bob Marley inspired weekend festival!

Dragon Boat Festival
Austin | atxdragonboat.com
Boat races, cultural dances, food, games and more!

Eeyore's Birthday Party
Austin | eeyores.org
A multitude of Austin subcultures gather for a day of festivities.

Euphoria Fest
Austin | euphoriafest.com
A "euphoric" experience featuring world-class music.

Moontower Comedy Festival
Austin | austintheatre.org
A weekend with some of the best names in comedy.

Buda Wiener Dog Races
Buda | budalions.com
The Buda Lions Club reminds us why Buda is the Wiener Dog Capital of Texas with their annual Wiener Dog Race.

Dripping Springs Founders Day
Dripping Springs | foundersdayfestival.com
This annual festival celebrates the founding of Dripping Springs.

Red Poppy Festival
Georgetown | poppy.georgetown.org
Enjoy family and friends, music, food, and fun.

Hutto Crawfish Festival
Hutto | huttochamber.com
Enjoy mountains of crawfish and other Cajun cuisine, live entertainment, raffles and more!

Old Settlers Music Festival
Tilmon | oldsettlersmusicfest.org
Kick back with the bluebonnets for four days of music and fun!

MAY

Austin Boat & Travel Trailer Show
Austin | austinboatshow.com
Fun activities and great boating deals under one roof!

Lone Star Jam
Austin | lonestarjam.com
Austin's Lone Star Jam is a country music extravaganza!

O. Henry Pun-Off
Austin | punpunpun.com
Contestants compete to see who can come up with the most groan-inducing puns!

Red, White and Blues on the Falls
Wimberley | rwbonthefalls.com
Swim, float, eat and drink on the banks of Cypress Creek while listening to some knee-slapping live music!

JUNE

ROT Rally
Austin | rotrally.com
One of the most highly anticipated motorcycle events in the U.S.

Soul to Sole Festival
Austin | tapestry.org
Celebrate a truly American art form with jazz and dancing!

Chisholm Trail Roundup
Lockhart | chisholmtrailroundup.com
The entire family can enjoy activities including a Cowboy Breakfast, a petting zoo, an Old West gun fighter show, and more!

JULY

Austin 4th of July Symphony and Fireworks
Austin | austinsymphony.org
Patriotic tunes and colorful booms abound in this celebration of our nation's independence.

Bastille Day Festival
Austin | afaustin.org
Celebrate Bastille Day with live music, dancing, silent auctions, food and more!

Willie Nelson's 4th of July Picnic
Del Valle | circuitoftheamericas.com/events
Texas' most famous 4th of July celebration, hosted by our own Willie Nelson, along with some of the biggest names in music.

Summerfest
San Marcos | summerfestsmtx.com
Celebrate Independence Day with live music and family fun! The evening ends with a dazzling fireworks display!

AUGUST

The Austin Chronicle Hot Sauce Festival
Austin | austinchronicle.com/hot-sauce
Fiery sauces, live music, and more!

Austin Pride Festival
Austin | austinpride.org
The largest annual LGBTQ event in Central Texas!

Bat Fest ATX
Austin | roadwayevents.com
Watch 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats take flight to the sound of live music while enjoying great food, vendors, and activities for the kids!

Capital City Black Film Festival
Austin | capcitybff.com
The Capital City Black Film Festival promotes films with topics pertaining to the Black Community, films created by African-American filmmakers and films featuring African-American actors. Along with screenings, the multi-day festival includes networking opportunities, special events, educational workshops and more.

SEPTEMBER

Fantastic Fest
Austin | fantasticfest.com
The largest genre film festival in the country.

Old Pecan Street Festival
Austin | pecanstreetfestival.org
One of the largest arts & crafts/music festivals in the nation!

Texas Craft Brewers Festival
Austin | texascraftbrewersfestival.org
The state's largest craft beer event focused exclusively on Texas-produced craft beer.

Diez y Seis
Lockhart | lockhartchamber.com
A celebration held the third weekend in September or closest to the 16th of September with arts & crafts, food booths, and beverages with a dance each night.

Western Swing & BBQ Festival
Lockhart | lockhartfest.com
A festival celebrating Texas Western Swing Music and Barbeque. As part of the celebration, musicians will be inducted into the Texas Western Swing Hall of Fame at the Gathering and Hall of Fame Show.

OCTOBER

Austin Film Festival
Austin | austinfilmfestival.com
An eight-day celebration of the writer as the core of the creative process in filmmaking.

Dia de los Muertos Festival
Austin | austindiadelosmuertos.com
A dynamic blend of music and Dia de los Muertos tradition!

Austin City Limits Music Festival
Austin | aclfestival.com
ACL Fest is an annual music festival held in Zilker Park in Austin, Texas on two consecutive three-day weekends. Inspired by the PBS concert series of the same name, the festival is produced by Austin-based company C3 Presents, which also produces Lollapalooza.

The ACL Music Festival has eight stages where musical groups from genres including rock, indie, country, folk, electronic and hip hop perform for fans. In addition to the music performances, there are food and drinks, an art market, a kids area for families, and other activities for attendees.

Evening With the Authors
Lockhart | eveningwiththeauthors.com
An unforgettable evening of conversation with locally and nationally renowned authors, gourmet food and wine in a lovely outdoor setting.

Speaking of the Dead
Lockhart | lockhartchamber.com
An annual tour of the Lockhart City Cemetery. Each year promises to be a must-attend production with new "spirits" portrayed by stellar actors. This event is sponsored by the Caldwell County Historical Commission and the City of Lockhart. The proceeds from the tours benefit the Caldwell Co. Jail Museum.

Texas Book Festival
Austin | txbookfest.wpengine.com
One of the largest and most prestigious literary festivals in the U.S.

Deutschen Pfest
Pflugerville | deutschenpfest.com
Activities, booths and more await you at this family-friendly event!

NOVEMBER

Austin Celtic Festival
Austin | austincelticfestival.com
World class music, dance and fun for the whole family.

Holiday Trail of Lights and Tree Decoration
Wimberley | visitwimberley.com
Kick off the holiday season with the Emily Ann Theatre's Tree Lighting Ceremony, then hit the Trail of Lights!

DECEMBER

Armadillo Christmas Bazaar
Austin | armadillobazaar.com
With nearly four decades of bringing holiday cheer to Austin, this event features the most dazzling selection of distinctive gifts, fine art and artisan crafts; running the gamut from statement-making collectible fine art to distinctive and modestly-priced stocking stuffers.

Zilker Park Trail of Lights
Austin | austintrailoflights.org
Visiting the Trail of Lights is an Austin holiday tradition! Walk through a Bethlehem Village, enjoy live entertainment, or just spin around under the giant Christmas Tree until you get dizzy!

Lost Pines Christmas
Bastrop | lostpineschristmas.com
A unique celebration of Christmas and the historic Bastrop community. Guests are invited to participate in a variety of family activities over the four-day weekend, including ice skating at the Winter Wonderland, food and wine tastings in the Culinary District, carriage rides, stargazing and a Historic Homes Tour.

Budafest
Buda | budafest.org
Fun, food and games abound at this annual event celebrating Buda and its community!

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