

GREATER AUSTIN

Things to Do

DECEMBER
2025

Holiday shopping

Make sure you complete your shopping early this year keeping in mind shipping might take longer than usual. Many retailers will be offering an order online, pick-up and curbside service to help you safely check off the gifts on your list.

Support local artists

Hit up the Blue Genie Art Bazaar event. Shop for gifts from 200+ talented artists. In addition, you can buy unique gifts!
bluegenieartbazaar.com

Perfect your gift-wrapping skills

Teach your children or even yourself some new gift-wrapping techniques. Every year brings new gift-wrapping trends to try.
goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/gift-ideas

Trans-Siberian Orchestra

On December 18, the Trans-Siberian Orchestra will return to the Moody Center and transform your favorite holiday songs into rock epics.
moodycenteratx.com

See a ballet

Tis the season for the Nutcracker Ballet. Ballet Austin will be performing from December 5th- December 23rd.
balletaustin.org

Make s'mores

Temperatures should be dropping soon, and there is no better way to enjoy a fire than by making some tasty s'mores. So, try one of these unique s'more recipes!
sharedappetite.com/recipes/15-creative-smores-recipes

Make glass candy

Create beautiful, sweet holiday treats by making red and green glass candy for everyone to enjoy.
inthekitchenwithmatt.com/edible-sugar-glass

Wimberley Trail of Lights

Bring friends and family to stroll through six acres of trails; all dressed up for the holidays!
visitwimberley.com/articles/emilyAnnLights.shtml

Give back to the community

Meals on Wheels is a wonderful organization that would benefit from extra holiday support. Let's make sure no one goes without a meal over the holidays.
mealsonwheelscentraltexas.org

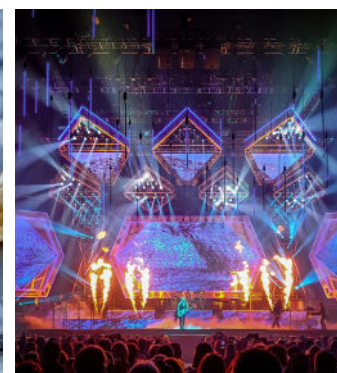


Austin Trail of Lights at Zilker Park

December 10-23, 2025

The Trail of Lights returns to Zilker Park with dazzling light displays, festive activities, local food favorites and holiday magic for all ages.

austintrailoflights.org



Movie night

Get the family together and rewatch that favorite holiday movie that makes everyone smile.
goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/christmas-ideas

Mix up holiday cocktails

Try out some festive cocktails that you only get to enjoy once a year.
delish.com/search/?q=holiday+cocktails

Miracle on 5th Street

Miracle is a Christmas-themed pop-up cocktail bar that serves holiday cocktails in the most festive and nostalgic setting in the city. Featuring wall-to-wall Christmas decor, multiple bars, cheery social experiences and a whole lot of Christmas spirits.
miracleon5thst.com

Get your 2026 calendar set up

Get a jumpstart on the new year and add those important dates to your 2026 calendar early. Consider setting up a digital family calendar easily accessed by the whole family.
Calendar.google.com

Ring in the New Year at Auditorium Shores

This alcohol-free, family-friendly event celebrates the diversity and creativity of the city with visual art installations, jugglers, storytellers, fire dancers, and other festive performances.
austintexas.org/events/new-years-eve

