



AUSTIN 2015-2016

Austin is a 24-hour town populated by an upstart mix of musicians, tech experts, film pros, athletes and foodies – and our yearly events calendar shows it. For a more comprehensive event list of the variety of things happening in Austin, visit www.austintexas.org/visit/events

SEPTEMBER 2015

9/24/15-10/1/15

[Fantastic Fest](#)

Various venues

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9/26/15-9/27/15

[The Old Pecan Street Festival](#)

Sixth Street Austin

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OCTOBER 2015

10/2/15- 10/4/15; 10/9/15- 10/11/15

[Austin City Limits Music Festival](#)

Zilker Park

One of the country's largest celebrations of music, this six-day festival brings the magic of the famed public TV series Austin City Limits outside the studio and into Austin's most beloved park with more than 130 musical acts on eight stages over two weekends.

10/17/15-10/18/15

[Texas Book Festival](#)

Downtown, Various Locations

The Texas Book Festival has evolved into one of the premier literary events in the country and hosts about 250 authors each year. More than 40,000 book lovers of all ages attend the Festival annually, enjoying readings, panel discussions, signings, cooking demonstrations, live music, local food, YA authors, children's activities and exhibiting vendors from across the state.

10/17/15

[Oktoberfest](#)

Various Locations

Live Music, food, a biergarten, kid's activities and more at the German Free School.

10/23/15 - 10/25/15

[Formula 1 United States Grand Prix](#)

Circuit of The Americas™

Drivers will be in Austin competing in the Formula 1 United States Grand Prix in November. Built around a state-of-the-art 3.4-mile circuit track with capacity for 120,000 fans and an elevation change of 133 feet, the facility is designed for any and all classes of racing – from motor power to human power.

10/29/15-11/5/2015

[Austin Film Festival](#)

Paramount Theatre and various locations

Recognized as one of the top film festivals in the country, this cinematic event shines the spotlight on top-billed films and Indies alike.

10/30/15-10/31/15

[Wizard World](#)

Austin Convention Center

Wizard World Comic Con produces pop culture conventions across North America to celebrate the entertainment industry.

10/31/15

[Texas Fireworks Dia de los Muertos Celebration](#)

Kreig Baseball Field

Light up your Halloween night with pyrotechnics at Kreig Softball Fields, presented by Planet K.

NOVEMBER 2015

11/1/15

[Texas Monthly BBQ Festival](#)

City Terrace at The Long Center

Now in its third year, this weekend festival only has four rules: muster as many of Texas' best BBQ joints as possible; have them serve up their specialties, side-by-side; let smoke and sauce fly for five intoxicating hours; and finally, let The People decide who made the best goods.

11/1/15

[Lone Star Vegetarian Chili Cook-Off](#)

Old Settlers Park Harrell Parkway

Proving for more than 25 years that "regular" foods are just as tasty when prepared vegetarian.

11/5/15 – 11/12/15

[Christmas at the Caswell House](#)

Caswell House Austin

Christmas at the Caswell House has been an Austin community tradition since 1983. The Austin Junior Forum transforms this historic home into a winter wonderland. Now in its 32nd year, Christmas at Caswell raises funds that are distributed to local charities and non-profits through our grants program.

11/6/15-11/8/15

[Fun Fun Fun Fest](#)

Auditorium Shores

One of the most relaxed, creative, and pioneering festivals in music today, Fun Fun Fun Fest is custom booked for the most passionate, underground and progressive musicians, comedians and fans around the world.

11/6/15- 11/15/15

[Wurstfest](#)

Here you'll enjoy good food, music, dancing, exciting carnival rides and games, German, Texan and domestic beer, special events and the finest in Alpine and Bavarian Style Entertainment. It all happens at Wurstfest, The best ten days in sausage history.

11/7/15-11/8/15

[Austin Celtic Festival](#)

Fiesta Gardens

The largest gathering of Celts in Central Texas is returning for their 14th annual celebration. Four stages of Irish, Scottish and Breton music, dance, storytelling, workshops and more.

11/7/15

[Austin Powwow](#)

Toney Burger Activity Center and Stadium

The largest of its kind in Texas, this festival features American Indian dancing, singing, arts & crafts and food.

11/8/15

[Ironman 70.3 Austin](#)

Toney Burger Activity Center and Stadium

Race in Texas's capital of cool with one of the only indoor finishes on the Ironman circuit. The swim will begin on Decker Lake, the bike ride will loop through rolling Texas farmlands, and final run will end indoors at the Travis Country Expo Center.

11/14/15-11/15/15, 11/21/15-11/22/15

[East Austin Studio Tour](#)

Various Locations

More than 70 Eastside studios open their doors for the public's viewing and purchasing pleasure.

11/14/15-11/15/15

[Fossil Fest](#)

Old Settler's Heritage Association (inside)

Check out the specimens from around the world, and participate in fossil workshops.

11/18/15-11/22/15

[A Christmas Affair](#)

Palmer Event Center

A Christmas Affair hosts approximately 200-vendors in a themed shopping extravaganza which includes parties, children's events, a private shopping brunch, and the season's biggest celebrity, Santa.

11/26/15

[Turkey Trot](#)

ThunderCloud Subs' 5-mile run/1-mile walk is a good way to work up a Thanksgiving appetite.

11/28/15

[Chuy's Christmas Parade](#)

Congress Avenue

A procession of giant balloons, marching bands, vintage cars, celebrities and floats usher in the season of giving.

11/27/15-12/24/15

[Blue Genie Art Bazaar](#)

The Marchesa Hall & Theatre

The Blue Genie Art Bazaar is a unique holiday art show held in Austin, Texas. The Bazaar features handmade artwork & gifts from over 200 local & regional artists – with a portion of proceeds going to Make-A-Wish® Foundation.

DECEMBER 2015

11/27/15-12/24/15

[Blue Genie Art Bazaar](#)

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The Blue Genie Art Bazaar is a unique holiday art show held in Austin, Texas. Open again for it's 15th year this Nov. 27th – Dec. 24th at the Marchesa Hall & Theatre. The Bazaar features handmade artwork & gifts from over 200 local & regional artists – with a portion of proceeds going to Make-A-Wish® Foundation.

12/4/15

[Lights of Love 5K](#)

Mueller Lake Park

Kick off the holiday season with snow, Santa, Ronald McDonald and hot chocolate.

12/5/15

[Holiday Sing-Along & Downtown Stroll](#)

Downtown Austin

Ring in the season with KUT & KUTX's Annual Holiday Sing-Along, the lighting of the Christmas Tree, and the Downtown Stroll.

12/5/15

[German-Texan Heritage Society Christmas Market](#)

German Free School of Austin

The German-Texan Heritage Society offers shoppers hand-made, imported crafts including plenty of Christmas themed decorations such as nutcrackers and ornaments. It is a festival atmosphere with traditional German Christmas music, tables full of handcrafted items direct from the Erzgebirge region of Germany, a visit by both our historic American Santa Claus and the traditional German Sankt Nikolas with gifts for the children, a hospitality serving of Glühwein (hot spiced wine), coffee, apple cider/juice and gingerbread cookies and plenty of German style baked goodies for purchase.

12/5/15-12/6/15

[Art From the Streets Show & Sale](#)

Austin Convention Center

Homeless and formerly homeless people produce works of art that are sold at this annual show. All proceeds go to the artists.

12/8/15-12/22/15

[Trail of Lights](#)

Zilker Park

The Austin Trail of Lights is part of the Austin experience, lighting up the season with a celebration of community, memories and fun. With a beautiful array of lights the tree is lit following a 5k run, which allows the Trail of Lights to be lit and showcased.

12/12/15-12/13/15

[Cherrywood Art Fair](#)

Maplewood Elementary

This neighborhood fundraiser benefits the Eastside arts scene.

12/12/15-12/13/15

[Luminations at the Wildflower Center](#)

Wildflower Center Grounds

Thousands of luminaries and twinkling lights turn the center into a holiday wonderland during Luminations, an Austin holiday tradition.

12/15/15-12/24/15

[Armadillo Christmas Bazaar](#)

Palmer Events Center

Shades of old Austin are reflected at this market with eclectic gift and local entertainment from more than 130 artist and merchants.

12/31/15

[Austin's New Year](#)

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.

JANUARY 2016

January 2016

[Martin Luther King Festival](#)

Huston-Tillotson University

Join the march from the University of Texas to Huston-Tillotson to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in multicultural Austin.

FEBRUARY 2016

2/1/16-2/29/16

Black History Month

Various Venues

To commemorate Black History Month there will be events throughout the city celebrating important people and moments in time in African-American history.

TBA

[Black History Month Concert](#)

Bates Recital Hall

The University of Texas Jazz Orchestra will perform in Bates Recital Hall as part of the annual Black History Month Concert. Featuring excerpts from Duke Ellington's opera Queenie Pie and Adolphus Hailstork's "Strong" with baritone Donnie Ray Albert and male chorus.

2/14/16

[Austin Marathon & Half Marathon](#)

Downtown Austin

Event speakers, live music from more than 40 local bands and a course that winds through Austin's most scenic neighborhoods make this popular 13.1 and 26.2-mile race a must-hit for runners and spectators.

2/28/16

[African-American Community Heritage Festival](#)

Huston-Tillotson College

State Representative Dawnna Dukes, Austin Area Urban League and Women In Jazz invite you to attend the 16th Annual African American Community Heritage Festival. There will be arts and crafts, artisan vendors, and games with a purposeful objective to raise scholarship funds for-Huston-Tillotson University.

2/28/16

[Carnaval Brasileiro](#)

Palmer Events Center

Carnaval in Austin is one of the biggest Brazilian Carnival celebrations outside Brazil. Brasileiro style samba, costumes and wild abandon can all be seen in the heart of Texas.

MARCH 2016

3/6/16

[Zilker Park Kite Festival](#)

Zilker Park

The nation's oldest kite festival features hundreds of kites in the air and is free to attend for people of all ages; complete with kite flying contests, food, games and more.

3/11/16 – 3/20/16

[SXSW® Music, Film and Interactive Conference and Festival](#)

Various Locations

Austin Convention Center and more than 50 venues host noted filmmakers, musicians and multimedia artists from around the world converge to showcase music, film and interactive media during this internationally-recognized event.

3/12/16 – 3/26/16

[Rodeo Austin](#)

Travis County Expo Center

Over the years, the star of Texas fair and rodeo has grown from a show featuring 16 animals into one of Austin's premier events, featuring Pro rodeo events, daily concerts, livestock show and more.

3/17/16

[St. Patrick's Day Festival](#)

Various Locations

A family-friendly St. Patrick's Day where families can come out and enjoy the culture of Ireland including music, dance and language.

3/30/16 – 4/02/16

[Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays](#)

Mike A. Myers Stadium

The premier track & field event brings together the best high school, college and professional athletes from Texas, the U.S. and the world.

TBA

[Austin Urban Music Festival](#)

Auditorium Shores

More than 15,000 music revelers annually converge on Auditorium Shores to enjoy Austin's only music festival focused on R&B, neo-soul and hip hop music. The festival has consistently provided a venue for local performers as well as presented top national R&B acts that provide family-friendly entertainment.

TBA

[Zilker Garden Festival](#)

Zilker Gardens

For over 50 years, the annual Zilker Garden Festival has been a one-stop, garden shopping destination when spring arrives in Austin and Central Texas. A family-friendly event, the garden festival offers something for everyone, including the annual flower show, live music, gardening talks, a kid's corner and food court.

APRIL 2016

TBA

[West Austin Studio Tour](#)

Across West Austin

The West Austin Studio Tour is a free, self-guided tour that celebrates Austin's talented and wildly diverse creative community. The public is invited to discover new artistic talent; see working studios; learn about artists' tools, techniques and inspirations; explore galleries and a variety of exhibitions; and immerse themselves in the arts and local business communities.

4/08/16 – 4/10/16

[MOTOGP™ Grand Prix of the Americas](#)

Circuit of the Americas™

MotoGP™, the pinnacle of all motorcycle World Championships, joins the roster of racing events at the Circuit of the Americas™ track with a three-day series at the purpose built Grand Prix venue. With the addition of this race, the new circuit will be the first North American racing venue to host both two- and four-wheeled World Championship events in one year's time.

4/10/16

[Capitol 10,000](#)

Congress Avenue to Auditorium Shores

Texas' largest 10K race and one of the nation's top runs draws some 10,000 serious and not-so-serious runners.

4/14/16 – 4/17/16

[Old Settler's Music Festival](#)

Salt Lick BBQ Pavilion

Central Texas' signature music event featuring Grammy-winning Americana, arts and crafts, camping, food and libations. Acoustic jazz, blues and bluegrass are all performed by old-time local faves and award-winning artists from around the world.

4/29/16 – 5/01/16

[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.

4/15/16 – 4/17/16

[Austin Reggae Fest](#)

Auditorium Shores

A fundraiser for the Capital Area Food Bank, Reggae Fest features three days of reggae, world and dub talent, along with more than 50 vendors selling food and arts & crafts.

4/20/16 – 4/23/16

[Moontower Comedy Festival](#)

The Paramount Theatre and other locations

Moontower Comedy & Oddity Festival presented by the Paramount Theatre brings to Austin, TX some of the funniest, wittiest and oddest world-class comics from around the globe. National headliners, up-and-comer and local Austin-based comedians ensure a hilarious night of fun.

4/15/16 – 4/23/16

[Austin Fashion Week](#)

Locations around Austin

Austin Fashion Week showcases the work of fashion designers, photographers, hair stylists, makeup artists and models from around the state of Texas with over a hundred including runway shows, designer meet-and-greets, themed parties and benefits for Austin non-profits.

4/24/16 - 4/26/16

[Austin Food + Wine Festival](#)

Auditorium Shores

Now in its sixth year, the Austin Food + Wine Festival, produced by C3 Presents, will welcome top chefs from across the nation.

4/30/16

[Eeyore's Annual Birthday Party](#)

Pease Park

Live music, beer, food, acrobats and costume contests surround this annual gathering of Austin's most eclectic locals. Eeyore's Birthday serves as fundraiser to benefit many local, Austin nonprofits.

TBA

[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 also features zydeco, brass band, funk, blues and rock music.

MAY 2016

All Month

[Latino Music Month](#)

Various Venues

The many Latino music genres are showcased during performances on the Plaza at Austin City Hall each Friday at noon. Other special events throughout the month are presented as well.

TBA

[Old Pecan Street Spring Arts Festival](#)

East Sixth Street

A free, family event, the Pecan Street Festival is the oldest and largest art festival in Central Texas. Musicians, food vendors, artists and crafts people turn Sixth Street – historically called Pecan Street – into a lively street fair where there is something for people of all ages.

TBA

[Levitation Fest](#)

Carson Creek Ranch

Mark your calendars, Levitation Fest, formerly known as Austin Psych Fest, will return to Carson Creek Ranch. There will be on-site camping and three stages with music- the main stage and river stage with psychedelic light shows in the evening, and a tent stage featuring psychedelic light shows all day long.

5/24/16

[Austin Jazz Festival](#)

The Backyard at Bee Cave

Austin proudly hangs its collective hat on being the Live Music Capital of the World® - with several music festivals to match. Jazz is a uniquely cultural phenomenon that unites people across the divides of race, age, nationality and socio-economic status.

TBA

[Pachanga Latino Music Festival](#)

Fiesta Gardens

Pachanga is a Latin-themed music, cultural arts and food festival dedicated to showcasing the vibrant blend of Latino-created music and art and the impact it has on American culture today. The Pachanga lineup includes rock, alternative, tejano, mariachi, cumbia, salsa, electronic, funk, hip-hop and indie rock.

TBA

[Lifetime Capital of Texas Triathlon](#)

Lady Bird Lake, Downtown Austin

Lifetime Capital of Texas Triathlon attracts all levels of athletes from top ranked professionals to first-time triathletes. The event includes the USA Paratriathlon National Championship, sprint and international distances, First Tri distance and sprint and international distance relays.

JUNE 2016

6/4/16 – 6/7/16

[X Games Austin](#)

Circuit of the Americas

A festival that highlights the intersection of sports and lifestyle that exists in action sports, with more than 250 of the best action sports athletes competing for the most coveted medals in Skateboard, BMX Freestyle, Moto X and more.

6/9/16 – 6/12/16

[ATX Television Festival](#)

Downtown Austin

ATX Festival is the first festival devoted to Television's history and future. It functions like a traditional film festival with premieres of new series, current hits & cult favorites. ATX Festival also offers access to the industry's leading professionals with cast and creator Q&A's and panels focusing on innovation in both production and content delivery.

6/6/16 – 6/12/16

[Republic of Texas Biker Rally](#)

Travis County Exposition Center and Sixth Street

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

TBA

[Central Texas Juneteenth Celebration](#)

MLK Blvd. and other locations

Juneteenth, also known as "Freedom Day" or "Emancipation Day," is the oldest known African American celebration commemorating the end of slavery.

TBA

[Keep Austin Weird Fest & 5K](#)

701 W. Riverside Dr.

Anything is possible at this decade-old Austin extravaganza! Run, skip or race through the streets of downtown Austin wearing the wackiest costume. Unofficially known as "the slowest 5K you will ever run," this race is designed for amusement and fun.

JULY 2016

7/04/16

[Fourth of July Fireworks and Symphony](#)

Auditorium Shores

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

7/04/16

[Hill Country Galleria Independence Day Festival](#)

Hill Country Galleria

The Hill Country Galleria Independence Day Festival... a FREE celebration of Independence with fabulous art, Live Entertainment, and FIREWORKS all in the area's most beautiful place for shopping and leisure.

7/16/16 – 7/17/16

[Forest Creek Central Texas Amateur](#)

Forest Creek

Some of the best Central Texas amateur golfers will head to Round Rock to tee off in this 17th annual golf tournament.

7/23/16 – 7/24/16

[Body Mind Spirit Expo](#)

Palmer Events Center

This holistic expo focuses on advancements in spiritual and planetary awakening with like-minded souls.

TBA

[Go Texan Restaurant Round Up](#)

Various Restaurants

Our annual GO TEXAN Restaurant Round-Up happens at the end of July every year. Make your plans to dine out in 2015, featuring the flavors of Texas as GO TEXAN restaurants highlight the finest Lone Star food and wine and also making donations to food banks across the state.

7/30/16 – 7/31/16

[Classic Game Fest](#)

Palmer Events Center

Come celebrate the biggest retro video game convention in Texas during 2 days of exciting classic video games, retro game tournaments, costume contests, live video game music, and more.

7/30/16 – 7/31/16

[Austin Pet Expo](#)

Palmer Events Center

The expo will be packed with an abundance of local and nationally recognized veterinarians, groomers, trainers, retailers and organizations primarily geared towards pet lovers. Whether you'd like to learn, shop, play, or adopt, this is an event you won't want to miss!

AUGUST 2016

TBA

[Austin Ice Cream Festival](#)

Fiesta Gardens

The Annual Austin Ice Cream Festival is fun for the whole family. Games, activities, contests, live entertainment and of course, ice cream, will keep you cool and happy.

TBA

[Lake Austin Hot Air Balloon Flyover](#)

Lake Austin

Watch dozens of hot air balloons float over Lake Travis in the early morning.

TBA

[Dry Comal Creek Grape Stomp](#)

Dry Comal Creek Vineyards

For two weekends, head to New Braunfels for this competitive stomping event and your name will be printed on the label of Dry Comal Creek's 2015 "Foot Pressed" red table wine.

TBA

[Barton Springs Fest](#)

Barton Springs

Get educated about Barton Springs and the Edwards Aquifer and its contributing watersheds, while enjoying tours, workshops, music, and a driving competition. This year's event celebrates Barton Springs and sustainable living. It also commemorates the August 8, 1992 vote by two-thirds of Austin voters in favor of the citizen-initiated Save Our Springs Ordinance.

TBA

[Anime Overload](#)

Holiday Inn Austin Midtown

Partake in events, panels and workshops during this Japanese animation and pop-culture convention.

TBA

[Bat Fest](#)

Congress Avenue Bridge

Celebrate this batty event as the world's largest urban bat colony (two million Mexican Free Tail Bats which take up seasonal residence beneath the Ann Richard's Congress Street Bridge) take to the skies for their nightly flight. Enjoy live music, children activities and costume contest.

TBA

[Austin Chronicle Hot Sauce Festival](#)

Fiesta Gardens

If you wanna beat the heat this summer then you gotta eat the heat! Join the Austin Chronicle for one of the world's largest hot sauce festivals.

TBA

[Austin Pride Festival & 5K](#)

Fiesta Gardens along the shores of Lady Bird Lake

The PRIDE Festival is the LARGEST annual LGBTQ advocacy and fundraising event in Central Texas! Dozens of non-profit organizations and social clubs use the Festival as a platform to inform and interact with the thousands of attendees. Each year, countless people find new organizations to join, causes to support, and opportunities to volunteer.

SEPTEMBER 2016

TBA

[Out of Bounds Comedy Festival](#)

Various Locations

Comedians from around the country show Austinites their comedy chops and throw down in a mini-golf tourney.

TBA

[Tri-Rock Austin Triathlon](#)

Palmer Events Center

The urban setting provides a swim start at the Stevie Ray Vaughn statue, a swim course in Lady Bird Lake, a bike course over the Congress Street Bridge and a run along Auditorium Shores. This event has a triathlon scene that rocks like no other!

TBA

[Free Day of Yoga](#)

Across Austin

All day long, participating studios across the Austin area offer free classes as an opportunity for every age and fitness level.

TBA

[Zilker Relays](#)

Zilker Park

The Zilker Relays is a 10-mile race with teams comprised of 4 runners. Each participant runs a 2.5 mile loop from one central festival/transition area. The team concept of the Zilker Relays is not unique, but the combination of a relay, festival home base, drinks and music, make this experience a favorite for runners of all calibers and ages.

TBA

[Austin Museum Day](#)

Across Austin

Organized by the Austin Museum Partnership, this special day features free exhibitions and activities at participating Austin-area museums and cultural sites.

TBA

[Fantastic Fest](#)

Various venues

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TBA

[Texas Craft Brewers Festival](#)

Fiesta Gardens

This is the only beer festival for and by Texas Brewers. Features the best of Texas craft brewers and displays the beer community.

TBA

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