

# CENTRAL TEXAS ANNUAL FESTIVALS

FESTIVE ART, MUSIC, FOOD AND CULTURAL EVENTS WHERE  
YOU CAN COUNT ON A GOOD TIME YEAR AFTER YEAR



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## FEBRUARY CARNAVAL BRASILEIRO

PALMER EVENTS CENTER

Flamboyant costumes, Brazilian samba music and the uninhibited, spirited atmosphere make Austin's Carnaval one of the biggest and best festivals of its kind outside of Brazil. <http://sambaparty.com/>

## CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

CHINATOWN CENTER

Chinese New Year starts on January 28, marking the Lunar New Year. Enjoy festival fare like long noodles, dumplings, sweet rice balls, and more. Don't miss the lion dances and other cultural performances. <http://chinatownaustin.com/>

## MARCH RODEO AUSTIN

TRAVIS COUNTY EXPOSITION CENTER

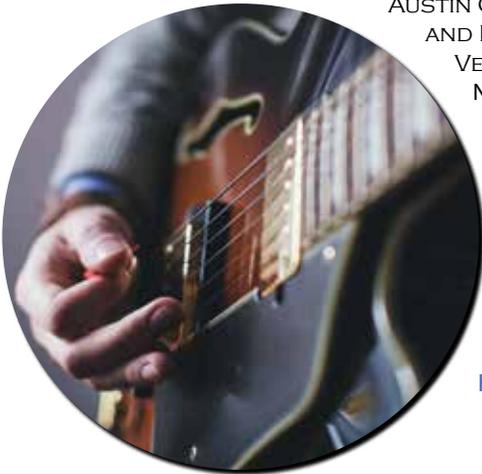
Austin goes cowboy! Enjoy fun for the entire family with games, rides and headline entertainers that perform in concert nightly. <http://www.rodeoaustin.com/>

## SOUTH BY SOUTHWEST

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.

<https://www.sxsw.com/>



## CELTIC CULTURAL CENTER PRESENTS: ST. PATRICK'S DAY AUSTIN

FIESTA GARDENS

A fierce Irish tradition and fun for the whole family. Live traditional music, Irish dancing and presentations, games and other cultural activities. <http://www.stpatricksdayaustin.com/>

## APRIL URBAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

AUDITORIUM SHORES

Urban Music Festival is a family-centric festival for R&B, jazz, funk and reggae music lovers, where national and local entertainment take center stage. <http://urbanmusicfest.com/>

## LOUISIANA SWAMP THING & CRAWFISH FESTIVAL

THE AUSTIN AMERICAN STATESMAN PARKING LOT

It's a Cajun festival in Texas! Loads of crawfish are consumed at this annual event, which features zydeco, brass band, funk, blues and rock music. <http://www.roadwayevents.com/event/>

## ART CITY AUSTIN

PALMER EVENTS CENTER

Nearly 200 national artists, top local restaurants, multiple music stages and hands-on art activities make this one of the city's favorite festivals. <https://www.artallianceaustin.org/>

## OLD SETTLER'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

SALT LICK PAVILION AND CAMP BEN MCCULLOCH

Americana, roots rock, blues and bluegrass are performed at this signature Central Texas music festival. Arts & crafts, camping, food and local libations complete this down-home event.

<http://oldsettlersmusicfest.org/>

## AUSTIN FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL

AUDITORIUM

SHORES

Showcasing some of Texas' most talented and famous chefs and restaurateurs, the Austin FOOD & WINE Festival is presented by FOOD & WINE Magazine and is dedicated to promoting the treasures of the Central Texas food and wine community. <http://www.austinfoodandwinefestival.com>



## AUSTIN REGGAE FESTIVAL

AUDITORIUM SHORES

Founded in 1994, this annual festival features three days of live reggae in scenic downtown Austin.

<http://www.austinreggaefest.com/>



## RED POPPY FESTIVAL

GEORGETOWN SQUARE

Georgetown was certified by local residents and the Texas Legislature as the "Red Poppy Capital of Texas." Each April as the poppies bloom, Georgetown celebrates with the annual Red Poppy Festival that includes food, arts and crafts, live music and more!

<https://poppy.georgetown.org/>

## EUPHORIA

CARSON CREEK RANCH

Euphoria is a progressive live music festival including electronic music, art, workshops, camping and more. <http://www.euphoriafest.com/>

## EEYORE'S BIRTHDAY

PEASE PARK

Celebrated for more than 50 years in Austin. A day-long party to collect money for local non-profit groups. Activities include live music, artists doing face painting and temporary tattoos, costume contests, and even Maypoles for the young or young at heart.

<http://www.eeyores.org>

## MAY

### LEVITATION MUSIC FESTIVAL

CARSON CREEK RANCH

Formerly Psych Fest, this independent festival has grown from a small word-of-mouth event to an internationally acclaimed, full weekend event that attracts attendees from all over the world.

<http://levitation-austin.com/>

### PECAN STREET FESTIVAL

EAST SIXTH STREET

Musicians, food vendors, artists and craftspeople turn Sixth Street, originally named Pecan Street, into a lively, bi-annual street fair.

<http://pecanstreetfestival.org/>

### LAVENDER FESTIVAL

BECKER VINEYARDS

Sip and swirl with live music, artisans and lavender fields in bloom. Plenty of entertainment for everyone, from lavender products to cooking demos, and much more.

<http://www.beckervineyards.com/becker-lavender>



## JUNE

### REPUBLIC OF TEXAS BIKER RALLY (ROT RALLY)

TRAVIS COUNTY EXPOSITION CENTER & CONGRESS AVENUE

The state's largest motorcycle gathering attracts thousands of bikers for rides, live music and a parade down Congress Avenue.

<http://www.rotrally.com/>

## JULY

### BULLOCK MUSEUM'S "MUSIC UNDER THE STAR" SERIES

BULLOCK TEXAS STATE HISTORY MUSEUM

The Bullock Museum hosts an annual, free concert series every Friday in July. This event features performances by local musicians and guests are treated to complimentary tacos and teas.

<http://www.thestoryoftexas.com/>

### FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS & SYMPHONY

AUDITORIUM SHORES

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

<http://www.austinsymphony.org/>



## AUGUST

### ANNUAL AUSTIN PRIDE WEEK

WERKS Fashion Show; PRIDE Festival & Parade; portion of proceeds donated to Austin-area 501(c)3 nonprofits, including the new Austin LGBTQ Community Center.

<http://www.austinpride.org/>

### AUSTIN CHRONICLE HOT SAUCE FESTIVAL

FIESTA GARDENS

An tradition for over 25 years. Hundreds of gallons of hot sauce are consumed and beverages are on hand to cool off the overheated. In addition to the hot sauce competition, this truly Austin food event features tastings from local restaurants, culinary demonstrations, sauces for sale, cookbooks, peppers and more, and of course live music.

<http://www.austinchronicle.com/hot-sauce/>



## ICE CREAM FESTIVAL

FIESTA GARDENS

Enjoy games, contests, and live entertainment. Did we forget anything? Oh yeah, the star of the festival, even more ice cream and other frozen treats from local favorites like Amy's Ice Cream, Austin Scoops, Good Pops, and dairy-free

NadaMoo! And those are just the tip of the ice cream cone! Bring

the gang to Fiesta Gardens and help celebrate summer fun in Austin. <https://austinicreamfestival.com/>

## BATFEST

CONGRESS AVENUE BRIDGE

More than 2-million Mexican free tail bats emerge from under the bridge for their nightly flight that can last at least half an hour. The event also includes live music, arts & crafts displays, food, drinks, children's activities, a "bat" costume contest, and "bat" activities.

<http://www.roadwayevents.com/event/>

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## TEXAS CRAFT BREWERS FESTIVAL

FIESTA GARDENS

The Texas Craft Brewers Festival is the largest celebration of Texas craft beer. Hosted by the Craft Brewers Guild, the festival offers an opportunity to mingle with local brewers while enjoying live music, food and of course beer tastings tapped throughout the day.

<http://texascraftbrewersfestival.org/>

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## OCTOBER AUSTIN CITY LIMITS MUSIC FESTIVAL

ZILKER PARK

ACL Festival is a two-weekend event that brings together more than 130 acts from all over the world to play rock, indie, country, folk, electronic and more on eight stages.

<https://www.aclfestival.com/>



## OKTOBERFEST

DOWNTOWN, FREDERICKSBURG

Celebrating German heritage in Texas! Every October the crowds gather for good food, beer and family friendly festivities.

<http://oktoberfestinfbg.com/>

## NOVEMBER SOUND ON SOUND FESTIVAL

SHERWOOD FOREST

Nationally touring indie rock, hip hop, punk, dance and metal bands converge on Central Texas for three days of music. There are live panel discussions, as well as on-site screen printing, shopping and food.

<http://www.soundonsoundfest.com/>

## TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL

STATE CAPITOL BUILDING GROUNDS

One of the largest and most prestigious literary festivals in the country, the annual Texas Book Festival features 250+ nationally and critically recognized adult and children's authors, 20+ venues including the State Capitol, 80+ exhibitors, live music, local food trucks, family activities, and countless opportunities to meet authors and fellow book lovers.

<http://www.texasbookfestival.org/>

## DECEMBER TRAIL OF LIGHTS

ZILKER PARK

Holiday lights display; free nights open to the public; 50,000/nightly visitors; theme nights; performances; food vendors; proceeds benefit the Trail of Lights Foundation.

<http://austintrailoflights.org/>

## BLUE GENIE ART BAZAAR

NORTH EAST AUSTIN

The Bazaar features the handmade work of more than 200 local artists. You can expect to find paintings, photography, prints, sculptures, jewelry, clothing, accessories, glassworks, ceramics, and more gifts you can't find anywhere else.

<http://www.armadillobazaar.com/>

