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Festivals & Celebrations

Four Full Seasons of Re-occurring

Central Texas

*Art, Music, Food, and
Cultural Events*

WINTER

JANUARY **Martin Luther King Festival**

March to the historic Huston-Tillotson University, where exciting activities are planned to celebrate Dr. King's legacy.
University of Texas Campus | www.mlkcelebration.com

FEBRUARY **Austin Marathon, Half Marathon, and 5K**

Experience Austin's finest! Race along open roads that pass iconic landmarks like the UT Tower, the "I Love You" mural, and the Austin Power Plant. Cheering crowds surround the finish line in front of the Texas State Capitol on historic Congress Ave.

Downtown Austin | <https://youraustinmarathon.com>

Carnaval Brasileiro

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.

Palmer Events Center | <http://sambaparty.com>

Oyster Festival

Honoring the sea's most delicious offering, serving up a bounty of delectable dishes, drinks and entertainment with a side of philanthropy.

Seaholm Power Plant | www.austinoysterfestival.com

Chinese New Year Celebration

Chinese New Year starts on January 28th and marks the Lunar New Year. Enjoy festival fare such as long noodles, dumplings, sweet rice balls, and more. Don't miss the lion dances and other cultural performances.

Chinatown Center | <http://chinatownaustin.com>

MARCH **Rodeo Austin**

Austin goes cowboy! Enjoy fun for the entire family with games, rides and headline entertainers that perform in concert nightly.

Travis County Exposition Center | www.rodeoaustin.com

South by Southwest

Noted filmmakers, musicians and multimedia artists from around the world converge to showcase music, film and interactive media during this internationally-recognized event. **Various Austin Venues** | www.sxsw.com

Celtic Cultural Center Presents: St. Patrick's Day Austin

An Irish tradition and family-friendly event. Live traditional music, Irish dancing and presentations, games and other cultural activities.

Fiesta Gardens | www.stpatricksdayaustin.com

ABC Kite Fest

Held each year on the first Sunday in March. A day-long schedule of activities for all ages, including the traditional kite flying contest and a children's music concert. **Zilker Park** | www.abckitefest.org

Austin Marathon, Downtown

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SPRING

APRIL Urban Music Festival

A family-centric festival for R&B, jazz, funk and reggae music lovers, where national and local entertainment take center stage.

Auditorium Shores | <http://urbanmusicfest.com>

Founders Day Festival

A festive celebration of heritage and pioneer spirit. The three-day celebration includes a parade free music and entertainment, carnival, food, street dances, cook-off competitions, crafts booths and vendors.

Downtown Dripping Springs | <http://foundersdayfestival.com>

Louisiana Swamp Thing & Crawfish Festival

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.

The Austin American Statesman Parking Lot | www.roadwayevents.com/event/

Buda Weiner Dog Races

See the speediest dachshunds take to the track. This county fair and fundraiser for the Buda Lion's Club includes contests, arts and crafts, games for the kids, and lots of entertainment.

Buda City Park | www.budalions.com

Art City Austin

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

Palmer Events Center | www.artallianceaustin.org

Old Settler's Music Festival

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

Salt Lick Pavilion and Camp Ben McCulloch | <http://oldsettlersmusicfest.org>

Austin Food and Wine Festival

Showcasing some of Texas' most talented and famous chefs and restaurateurs. **Auditorium Shores** | www.austinfoodandwinefestival.com

Austin Reggae Festival

Founded in 1994, this annual festival features three days of live reggae in scenic downtown Austin. **Auditorium Shores** | www.austinreggaefest.com

Red Poppy Festival

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!

Georgetown Square | <https://poppy.georgetown.org>

Moontower Comedy Festival

A laugh out loud lineup of professional comedians entertain the masses.

Various Austin Locations | www.austintheatre.org/moontower-comedy/



Louisiana Swamp Thing & Crawfish Festival



Oyster Festival, Seaholm



Ice Cream Festival, Fiesta Gardens

MAY AUSTIN DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

This cultural-rich festival occurs on the 5th day of the 5th month of the traditional Chinese calendar. The celebration includes performances, local vendors, food carts, and of course, dragon boat races in competitive and corporate divisions.

Festival Beach at Lady Bird lake | www.atxdragonboat.com

Levitation Music Festival

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.

Carson Creek Ranch | <http://levitation-austin.com>

O. Henry Pun Off

"Lend us an ear and we'll give you more corn," was how those who attended the first O. Henry Pun-Off World Championships were welcomed in 1977. Shucks! Now, 41 years later, the Pun-Off continues to a-maize people with wacky wordplay and home "groan" wit from powerful punsters who are "out standing" in their field.

O. Henry Museum | <http://punoff.com>

Spring Pecan Street Festival

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

East Sixth Street | <http://pecanstreetfestival.org>

Lonestar Jam

Musicians and food vendors gather annually for this weekend long country music extravaganza.

Travis County Exposition Center | www.lonestarjam.com

JUNE Republic of Texas Biker Rally (ROT Rally)

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

Travis County Exposition Center | www.rotrally.com

SUMMER

FALL

Luminations,
Ladybird
Wildflower Center

JULY

Willie Nelson's 4th of July Picnic

An iconic Austin tradition! This annual concert hosted by country music singer Willie Nelson is full of music, food, fireworks and fun!

Austin 360 Amphitheater | <http://austin360amphitheater.com/events>

AUGUST

Austin Chronicle Hot Sauce Festival

This event features tastings from local restaurants, culinary demonstrations, sauces for sale, cookbooks, peppers, live music, and more.

Fiesta Gardens | www.austinchronicle.com/hot-sauce/

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. **Downtown Austin** | www.austinpride.org

Ice cream Festival

Frozen treats from local favorites! Bring the gang to help celebrate summer fun in Austin. **Fiesta Gardens** | <https://austinicreamfestival.com>

BatFest

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. Music, arts and crafts, food, children's activities, a "bat" costume contest, and "bat" activities.

Congress Avenue Bridge | www.roadwayevents.com/event/

SEPTEMBER

Fall Pecan Street Festival

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

East Sixth Street | <http://pecanstreetfestival.org>

Fantastic Fest

The largest genre film festival in the US, specializing in horror, fantasy, sci-fi, action and just plain fantastic movies from all around the world.

Various Locations in Austin | <https://fantasticfest.com>

Texas Craft Brewers Festival

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.

Fiesta Gardens | <http://texascraftbrewersfestival.org>

OCTOBER

Día de Los Muertos Festival

Enjoy a full day of events including music, crafts, art displays, a parade and delicious food surrounding Hispanic culture.

Downtown, Austin | www.austindielosmuertos.com

Austin City Limits Music Festival

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. **Zilker Park** | www.aclfestival.com

Oktoberfest

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

Downtown, Fredericksburg | <http://oktoberfestinfbg.com>

NOVEMBER

Texas Book Festival

Features nationally and critically recognized adult and children's authors, exhibitors, live music, local food trucks, family activities, and countless opportunities to meet authors and fellow book lovers.

Various Locations | www.texasbookfestival.org

DECEMBER

Zilker Tree Lighting Ceremony

An Austin tradition since 1967. Enjoy the music and merriment of the ceremony circled around the Moonlight Tower lit with thousands of Christmas lights to create a magical tree. Take a spin underneath that you'll never forget! The tree stays lit throughout the month of December annually. **Zilker Park** | www.austintexas.gov/zilkerholidaytree

Luminations

Each year, the walkways are lined with a beautiful display luminarias. Residents and visitors enjoy hot chocolate and other holiday treats while live music and other entertainment is performed.

Ladybird Wildflower Center | www.wildflower.org

