

Coming Soon to Austin: Cultural, Sports and Music Events

The Live Music Capital of the World® comes alive in 2010 with unique festivals and events. Rev up your engines for the state's largest motorcycle gathering at the Republic of Texas Biker Rally. Jog alongside nearly 15,000 other participants in the Austin Marathon or rock out to more than 120 bands at the Austin City Limits Music Festival at Zilker Park.

Contact the Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau at 866-GO-AUSTIN or www.austintexas.org for more information. All listed events are subject to change.

JANUARY

1/18

Martin Luther King Jr. March and Festival

Huston-Tillotson University

The outdoor festival celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with performances by some of the city's finest jazz, blues and gospel musicians.

512-505-3006, www.mlkcelebration.com

FEBRUARY

2/14

Austin Marathon

Downtown Austin

One of the country's premier races attracts nearly 11,000 participants from around the world.

512-560-4802, www.youraustinmarathon.com

2/20

Carnaval Brasileiro

Palmer Events Center

Flamboyant costumes, Brazilian samba music, and the uninhibited, spirited atmosphere make Austin's Carnaval one of the biggest such festivals outside of Brazil.

512-452-6832, www.sambaparty.com

MARCH

3/12 – 3/27

Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo

Travis County Exposition Center

Austin goes cowboy as PCRA competitors hit the arena and area-students exhibit prize livestock. Headline entertainers perform in concert nightly.

512-919-3000, www.rodeoaustin.com

3/12 – 3/21

SXSW

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.

512-467-7979, www.sxsw.com

3/31 – 4/3

Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays

Mike A. Myers Stadium, UT campus

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

800-687-8379, www.texassports.com

APRIL

4/3

Urban Music Festival

Auditorium Shores

This outdoor event features live music and social activities along the banks of Lady Bird Lake.

512-314-5433, www.urbanmusicfest.com

4/10

Swamp Thing & Austin Crawfish Festival

18th and Congress

Enjoy 6,000 pounds of crawfish, live Cajun music and plenty of juju mamas, beads and tokens at this popular Louisiana-themed food and music festival.

512-302-9889, www.roadwayevents.com

4/11

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.

512-472-3254, www.statesman.com

4/11

Brew-B-Que

Waterloo Park

Live music, beer sampling and barbeque make this annual festival one that cannot be missed. Festivities include Chihuahua races, keg toss and an assortment of beer-related games.

512-441-9015, www.roadwayevents.com

4/15 – 4/18

Texas Hill Country Wine & Food Festival

Hilton Austin, Hill Country wineries and other venues

The best Texas chefs and wineries pair their culinary creations and fruits of the vine at a variety of venues, ranging from an exotic game ranch to a family festival in the park.

512-249-6300, www.texaswineandfood.org

4/24 – 4/25

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.

512-458-6073, www.artallianceaustin.org

MAY

5/1 – 5/31

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 as well as other special events throughout the month.

www.austinlatinomusic.com

5/1 – 5/2

Old Pecan Street Spring Arts Festival

East Sixth Street

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

512-469-6060, www.oldpecanstreetfestival.com

JUNE

6/10 – 6/13

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.

214-904-8456, www.rotrally.com

6/19

Central Texas Juneteenth Celebration

Various locations around Austin

Juneteenth celebrates the emancipation of slaves in Texas following the end of the Civil War. Festivities include pageants, parades, a carnival and a battle of the bands.

512-542-9823, www.juneteenthcentraltexas.com

JULY

7/4

Fourth of July Fireworks & Symphony

Auditorium Shores

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

512-476-6064, www.austinsymphony.org

7/30 – 8/1 (tentative)

Lights. Camera. Help. Film Festival

Various Venues

Lights. Camera. Help. launched in 2009 as a premier film festival for non-profit and cause-driven organizations. The festival helps to spread the word about organizations that are making a difference every day.

www.lightscamerahelp.com

AUGUST

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Bat Fest

Congress Avenue Bridge

Austin Bat Fest celebrates all things “batty” with food, drink and entertainment. Activities include bat education, carnival rides and, of course, a special viewing of the nightly flight of the Congress Avenue Bridge bats.

512-441-9015, www.roadwayevents.com

8/29

Austin Chronicle Hot Sauce Festival

Waterloo Park

Join amateurs and pros alike as they compete their hottest sauces in a taste-off.

512-454-5766, www.austinchronicle.com

SEPTEMBER

9/7 – 9/12

Austin Gay & Lesbian International Film Festival

Alamo Drafthouse South Lamar

Austin Gay & Lesbian International Film Festival (aGLIFF) celebrates 22 years as the oldest and largest GLBTQI film festival in the southwest.

512-302-9889, www.agliff.org

TBD

Fantastic Fest

Alamo Drafthouse South Lamar and various venues

The nation’s premier genre film festival showcases the best in anime, horror, sci-fi and adventure movies.

www.fantasticfest.com

OCTOBER

TBD

Texas Wine & Song Festival

Copper Tank Events Center

Join in the celebration of Texas food and wine with a side of live music. Proceeds benefit The Sims Foundation and Texas Wine & Song Foundation.

www.texaswineandsong.com

TBD

Austin City Limits Music Festival

Zilker Park

One of the country's largest celebrations of music, the three-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 8 stages.

877-FEST-ACL, www.aclfestival.com

10/16 – 10/17

Texas Book Festival

Texas State Capitol

Hear readings and attend signings with some of your favorite authors, visit the children's chapter tent, and enjoy live music and poetry readings.

512-477-4055, www.texasbookfestival.org

10/21 – 10/28

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.

512-478-4795, www.austinfilmfestival.com

10/31

Halloween on Sixth Street

East Sixth Street

More than 60,000 costumed revelers make this one of the country's largest Halloween celebrations.

NOVEMBER

11/22

Austin Sports Commission Golf Classic

University of Texas at Austin Golf Club

Teams are invited to participate in a day of golf, live music and great food while helping to promote the region as a prime sports destination.

512-474-5171, www.austinsports.org

11/27

Chuy's Christmas Parade

Congress Avenue

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

888-439-2489, www.chuysparade.com

TBD

Zilker Tree Holiday Festival

Zilker Park

This free, family-friendly event runs from 6-10 p.m. nightly. The highlight is the 153-foot-tall Zilker Tree; the festival also offers a glittering, lighted footpath display, holiday concerts, concessions and holiday fare. <http://www.cityofaustin.org/tol>

DECEMBER

12/10 – 12/24

Armadillo Christmas Bazaar

Austin Convention Center

Shades of old Austin are reflected at this market of eclectic gift items and local entertainment.

512-447-1605, www.armadillobazaar.com

12/31

First Night Austin

Downtown

A public celebration of the arts, the evening includes street performances, a parade and other family-friendly activities.

512-391-1551, www.firstnighaustin.org

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