

## WELCOME TO AUSTIN, TEXAS!

Austin: where everything is bigger and hotter! July is one of the hottest months of the year for this region with temperatures consistently in the 100+ degrees range. Make sure to stay hydrated and covered up (e.g., sunglasses, sunscreen, hats).

This list will give you ideas about what you can do and how you can do it when taking a break from the conference sessions. We hope you take a little time to enjoy the “Live Music Capital of the World.” Welcome to Austin!

### \*Walking distance from campus

### Conference

#### **St. Edward’s University:**

Location: 3001 S. Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78704.

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### Activities

#### **Alamo Drafthouse:**

About: Cold beer, hot movies, and delicious snacks and meals; the Alamo Drafthouse is dinner, drinks, movies and events, all under one roof. Their attention to detail in film presentation and programming has made them a second home to movie fans all over the planet and earned accolades from the likes of Entertainment Weekly (#1 theater in America), Wired.com (Coolest Movie Theater in the World) and Fandango.com (One of the Best Theaters in the Country). No ads before the movie, no talking or cell phone use during the movie (they’ll [kick](#) you out), and always an entertaining time.

Cost: \$7-\$12 (matinee – reserved)

Location: 1120 S Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78704. There are multiple Alamo locations, but the S. Lamar location is closest to St. Edward’s within a 10 minute drive.

More Info: <http://drafthouse.com/austin> or 512-476-1320

**Barton Springs:**

About: Within Zilker Park's 351 acres, lies one of the crown jewels of Austin - Barton Springs Pool. Three acres in size, the pool is fed from underground springs and is, on average, 68 degrees year-round. Over the years, Barton Springs Pool has drawn people from all walks of life, from legislators who have concocted state laws there to free-spirited, topless sunbathers who turned heads in the 1970s. Robert Redford learned to swim at the pool when he was five years old while visiting his mother's relative in Austin. Today, Barton Springs still attracts a diverse crowd of people.

The pool is open from 5 a.m. until 10 p.m. daily. It is closed Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. for maintenance.

Cost: \$1-\$3

Location: 2101 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, TX 78704. About a 7 minute drive from campus.

More info: <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/barton-springs-pool>

**Zilker Park and Lady Bird Lake Hike and Bike Trail:**

About: Zilker Metropolitan Park is considered "Austin's most-loved park." This 351-acre park is home to a variety of recreation opportunities and special events for individuals and families. Connected to Zilker you'll find the Lady Bird Lake hike and bike trail with 3, 5, and 8 mile options. There are also offerings for canoe, kayak, and paddle board activities.

Cost: Free

Location: 2100 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, TX 78704. About a 7 minute drive from campus.

More Info: <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/zilker-metropolitan-park> and <http://www.texasrowingcenter.com/>

**Alcohol:****Beverage Barn\*:**

About: Beer and wine drive-thru

Location: 3612 S. Congress Ave. Within a 10 minute walk.

More Info: 512-440-8283

**Twin Liquors:**

About: Beer, wine, and liquor

Location: 4358 S. Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78745. Just south of campus and about a 5 minute drive. Store name on the outside is "Rueben's."

More Info: <http://www.twinliquors.com/store/twin-liquors-20> or 512-442-6188

## Bars and Music Venues

### **Antone's:**

**About:** Antone's Nightclub, the first club on 6th street, opened its doors in the summer of 1975 with the great Clifton Chenier. The venue, now located at the corner of 5th and Lavaca Street, was founded by legendary promoter Clifford Antone and has hosted many of the blues "greats." The stage at Antone's Nightclub has been graced by everyone from Bono & The Edge of U2, to Billy Gibbons of ZZ Top, to Eric Clapton, to Dwight Yoakam to Bruce Willis and Elvis Costello. This legendary venue has won countless awards, including numerous Austin Music Awards, as well as being named Nightclub of the Year by USA Today and the W.C. Handy Awards.

**Cost:** Ticket prices will vary.

**Location:** 213 W 5th St., Austin, TX 78701. About a 10 minute drive from campus.

**More Info:** <http://www.antones.net/> or (512) 320-8424

### **Broken Spoke:**

**About:** Last of the true Texas dance halls, the Broken Spoke has a musical history that dates back to Bob Wills and The Texas Playboys. Stop by for some traditional country music by some "real" country musicians and enjoy the best chicken fried steak in Texas. Closed Sunday and Monday except for private parties.

**Cost:** \$0-\$10 cover depending. No cover if you eat there.

**Location:** 3201 S. Lamar, Austin, TX 78704. About a 7 minute drive from campus.

**More Info:** <http://www.brokenspokeaustintx.com/> or 512-442-6189

### **Continental Club:**

**About:** The granddaddy of all local music venues, the Continental Club has enjoyed a coast-to-coast reputation as the premiere club for live music in Austin since 1957. Expect nightly shows of Blues, Bluegrass, and Texas Country.

**Cost:** Cover cost varies – \$0 to \$10

**Location:** 1315 S. Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78704. A 7-8 minute drive from campus.

**More Info:** <http://www.continentalclub.com/Austin.html> or 512-441-2444

### **Crow Bar\*:**

**About:** A new dive bar located just across the street from St. Edward's University. A nice front patio and dark, cool interior with a pool table. Double Trouble BBQ trailer available Wednesday - Sunday until 1 a.m. <http://www.doubletroublebbq.com/>. The bar is open 4:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. every day.

Cost: No cover

Location: 3116 S. Congress, Ave., Austin, TX 78704. About a 5 minute walk from campus.

More Info: <http://crowbaraustin.com/> or 512-465-2982

### **Elephant Room:**

About: The Elephant Room will make you feel like you are a rebel in the Prohibition era. Located on Congress Ave. downtown, this cool jazz bar sits underground with a dark, lounge feel.

Cost: Cover on the weekends (about \$10)

Location: 315 Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78701. About a 8-10 minute drive from campus.

More Info: <http://www.elephantroom.com/> or 512-473-2279

### **Stubb's:**

About: In the 1970's, Stubb's restaurant became the heart of an explosive music scene. Stubb's was ground zero for musicians like Joe Ely and Stevie Ray Vaughn. Other famous musicians who would "play for their supper" included Muddy Waters, John Lee Hooker, Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, Robert Cray, George Thorogood, Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, Linda Ronstadt and the Fabulous Thunderbirds. Stubb's continues to be a famous Austin music venue with some darn good BBQ, too.

Cost: Ticket prices will vary. <http://stubbsaustin.com/concert-listings/>

Location: 801 Red River St., Austin, TX 78701. About a 10 minute drive from campus.

More Info: <http://stubbsaustin.com/> or 512-480-8341

## **Restaurants**

### **Curra's Grill\*:**

About: Self-proclaimed as the "Mother of all Tex-Mex" and lives up to the title. Delicious traditional Tex-Mex entrees and surprisingly enjoyable avocado margaritas.

Cost: \$7-\$15 a plate

Location: 14 E. Oltorf St., Austin, TX 78704. Close to campus and within a 15 minute walk. About 5 minutes or less to drive.

More Info: [www.currasgrill.com/](http://www.currasgrill.com/) or 512-444-0012

**El Gallo\*:**

About: Just across the street from St. Edward's, El Gallo is a low-cost option to fulfill your Tex-Mex desires.

Cost: \$7-\$15

Location: 2910 S. Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78704. About a 5 minute walk from campus.

More Info: <http://www.elgallorestaurant.com/> or 512-444-6696

**Güero's Taco Bar:**

About: Offers hand-shaken margaritas made in the original way with fresh-squeezed lime juice. *Muy peligroso!* Just about any Mexican beer you name can be served up icy cold. It is a well-known Austin staple where celebrity sightings tend to occur.

Cost: \$7-\$15 a plate

Location: 1412 S. Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78704. About a 7-8 minute drive from campus.

More info: <http://www.guerostacobar.com/> or 512-447-7688

**Habana\*:**

About: Cuban restaurant and bar very close to campus. Try the Mojito and anything with pork!

Cost: \$10-\$15 a plate

Location: 2728 S. Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78704. Habana is within a 10 minute walking distance from St. Edward's.

More Info: <http://www.habanaaustin.com/> or 512-443-4253

**Hopdoddy Burger Bar:**

About: At Hopdoddy, all ingredients are fresh and natural. The beef comes from never-never happy cows and they grind the meat in-house daily. The buns are made from scratch and baked fresh twice every day and the fries are hand-cut. They recently won the "best burger" by the readers of the Austin Chronicle.

Cost: \$6-\$10 a burger

Location: 1400 S. Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78704. About a 7-8 minute drive.

More Info: <http://www.hopdoddyburgerbar.com/> or 512-243-7505

**Magnolia Cafe:**

About: With a famous tag line of “Sorry, we’re open,” Magnolia is a favorite diner-like restaurant in South Austin. They provide a wide-range of menu items from Tex-Mex to sandwiches and burgers to a 24-hour breakfast menu. You can enjoy Magnolia Café at any hour of the day.

Cost: \$7-\$12

Location: 1920 S. Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78704. About a 5 minute drive from campus.

More Info: <http://themagnoliacafe.com/> or 512-445-0000

**Opal Divine’s\*:**

About: Casual, laid-back atmosphere with a large patio for sipping on the many draft beers and mixed concoctions and tasting the delicious black pepper fries – try the dill ranch, too. Happy Hour specials usually from 4-7 p.m. See <http://www.opaldivines.com/drinks.html>.

Cost: \$7-\$10 a plate

Location: 3601 S. Congress Ave. Ste K, Austin, TX, 78704. Close! Opal’s is a St. Edward’s favorite due to its aforementioned drinks and fries but also because of its close proximity. About a 10 minute walk or 2 minute drive.

More info: <http://www.opaldivines.com/index.html> or 512-707-0237

**South Congress Café:**

About: A hip, local Austin joint with a retro vibe and top-notch cuisine. Brunch is served daily and happy hour from 3-6 p.m. during the week.

Cost: \$15-\$25 a plate

Location: 1600 S. Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78704. About a 7-8 minute drive from campus.

More info: <http://www.southcongresscafe.com/> or 512-447-3905

**Shopping****South Congress (SOCO district):**

About: Best shopping in town! Find unique Austin clothes (vintage, repurposed, and new), jewelry, and gifts. Shops are scattered along South Congress Ave., with several cafes, bars, and food trailers to check out.

Location: South Congress Ave. About 5 minutes north of St. Edward’s.

More info: <http://www.austinchronicle.com/gyrobase/Guides/SoCo/>

**Barton Creek Mall:** 2901 South Capital of Texas Highway

**CVS:** 2301 S. Congress Ave.

**HEB Grocery:** 2400 S. Congress Ave.

**Target:** 2300 West Ben White Boulevard

**Wal-Mart:** 710 East Ben White Boulevard

## Transportation

### **Cabs:**

Yellow Cab of Austin: 512-434-7700

Lonestar Cab: 512-836-4900

Austin Cab Company: 512-478-2222

**Capital Metro:** <http://www.capmetro.org/>

**Cars 2 Go:** <http://www.car2go.com/austin/en/concept/>

You can reserve a car ahead of time, or simply pick one up spontaneously at dozens of convenient locations all over downtown Austin. Walk up to one of the distinctive blue and white smart cars, press and hold your member card to the card reader at the windshield, check it over and go. Your credit/debit card will be billed only for the amount of time you use the car, calculated down to the minute. When you're done, simply park the car back within the operating area and the car2go Austin service team takes care of the rest. Parking, refueling, cleaning, and all other services are all included.

The more time you drive, the cheaper it gets. One hour costs a maximum of \$12.99 plus tax and one day (up to 24 hours) is no more than \$65.99 plus tax. A good bargain would be renting for 24 hours, for example, from noon one day until noon the following day. That's a lot of mobility for not much cost. There are no security deposits, monthly fees or reservation charges.