

Austin

HYATT REGENCY LOST PINES RESORT AND SPA

Welcome to Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort and Spa, a hideaway nestled on the banks of the beautiful Colorado River. Whether you visit for work or play, the possibilities are endless and memories are custom made. Nature lovers can enjoy a stroll through Hummingbird Garden and Butterfly Meadow, or explore the splendor of this secluded 405-acre retreat on foot or horseback. *Golfweek* named the world-class golf club one of the best resort courses around, and the fitness and spa facilities are state-of-the-art. Throughout the year, exciting events take place at the resort, including the ZOOMA Texas Half Marathon & 5K, a spectacular family-themed New Year's Eve celebration and the Lost Pines Christmas Bird Count. Of course, there is always plenty of tempting food and refreshing beverages, and a place for you by the pool.

A Region to Love

THE AUSTIN/
BASTROP REGION
OFFERS A TEXAS
EXPERIENCE
THAT'S HARD
TO BEAT.

Welcome to Austin, the trendy, eclectic and profoundly musical capital of Texas. Whether you're a cowboy, a hipster or something in between, you're going to find lots to love about the Live Music Capital. Known for being both laid-back and urbane, Austin offers something for everyone. It's not uncommon to walk into a restaurant or bar and see some folks wearing formal attire while others are dressed in jeans and cowboy boots. Electronic dance clubs and honky-tonks are often within walking distance of each other. And the hustle and bustle of booming startups and high-tech enterprises are tempered by lazy lakes, sprawling hills and perpetual parties and festivals. Austin is always looking for a reason to celebrate. On the other hand, you'd be hard pressed to find another city that's as dedicated to education and learning as this one.

Travel about 30 miles southeast to Bastrop and your blood pressure will likely drop a notch or two. Historic homes and charming bed-and-breakfasts decorate the city's quaint landscape, punctuated by lovely shops and delicious eateries. Named a Distinctive Destination in 2010 by The National Trust for Historic Preservation, Bastrop has been charming visitors since 1832. Once you've taken in the nourishing small town experience, head out to one of the many recreational areas for hiking, fishing or a scenic drive. Bastrop State Park, Buescher State Park, Colorado River Refuge and McKinney Roughs Nature Park all offer up outdoor fun and visual splendor.

Regardless of your tastes and preferences, you'll find an experience worth having: barbecue and sushi; flea markets and swank shopping; Formula 1 racing and golf.

Festive Experiences

Austin is widely known for its music festivals, which include Austin City Limits and South by Southwest. But there are several nonmusic-focused festivals that offer a glimpse of what it means to be an Austinite.

Zilker Kite Festival. First Sunday in March, Zilker Park. Thousands of locals turn out for the oldest kite festival in the nation. Contests are held for the Smallest Kite and Most Unusual Kite, and there's also a 50-yard kite dash for kids. Free.

Eeyore's Birthday Party. Last Saturday in April, Pease Park. Locals have been gathering in the spring since 1963 to celebrate the birth of Winnie the Pooh's melancholy friend, Eeyore. While kids are welcome at this event, it caters more to those who want to Keep Austin Weird. Among other things, you'll see maypoles, outlandish costumes and drum/music circles. Free.

Republic of Texas (ROT) Biker Rally. Begins on the second Thursday in June, Travis County Exposition Center. This is one of the largest motorcycle rallies in the nation, drawing a multitude of bikers from all over the world. The event includes a swimsuit competition, heavy metal concerts, a classic car and hot rod show, and a tattoo expo. Tickets are in the \$60 range.

Austin Bat Festival. Late August, under the Ann Richards Congress Avenue Bridge. Austin is home to the largest urban colony of bats in North America. To celebrate the estimated 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed mammals, the city hosts a festival that includes live music, costume contests, tasty food and drinks and a slew of arts and craft vendors. Free.





San Antonio

HYATT REGENCY
HILL COUNTRY
RESORT AND SPA

Welcome to Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa, a retreat made of equal parts luxury and Texas charm. The stunning resort recently had a \$35 million renovation, adding a 20,000-square-foot ballroom, more outdoor meeting space and new recreational opportunities plus a complete interior makeover. Every single area has been designed with your leisure and enjoyment in mind. Immerse yourself in the Texas Hill Country while bird-watching, playing golf or strolling along the nature trail. Water enthusiasts can enjoy the pool or try surfing. Casual and fine dining options abound, with selections available for every palate and pocketbook. Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort and Spa offers a spectacular vacation experience.

The Allure of Alamo City

SAN ANTONIO
IS A UNIQUE
INTERSECTION OF
ART, CULTURE,
RECREATION AND
SPANISH-INFUSED
SOUTHERN FLAIR.

It all comes together in an intoxicating blend that makes the city an immensely popular vacation destination.

There's some dispute over whether The Alamo or the River Walk is Texas' No. 1 tourist attraction, but in the end it doesn't really matter: they're both in San Antonio and are within walking distance of each other. Catch a river taxi and enjoy miles of festive scenery in the heart of downtown, or take in some fascinating Texas history while strolling through the Alamo. It's not uncommon to encounter mariachis along the way, especially during the many festivals and special events that occur throughout the year.

San Antonio also offers two major theme parks (Six Flags Fiesta Texas and SeaWorld San Antonio), a magnificent zoo, acres upon acres of beautiful parks and miles of museums. Sports enthusiasts have a multitude of spectator options, as San Antonio is home to the 2007 NBA champion San Antonio Spurs, the San Antonio Missions AA baseball team and the AHL Rampage hockey team. There are plenty of entertainment options in and around Alamo City.