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Austin

1. Watch [1.5 Million Bats take Flight](#)

Make your way over to the South Congress Bridge between 5-7pm to view the spectacular, nightly show put on by Mexico free-tailed bats as they take flight for 45-60 minutes before returning back to their home under the bridge. Arrive early enough to take advantage of first serve free parking and grab a prime spot on the bridge sidewalk.

2. Visit the [LBJ Presidential Library](#)

The LBJ Presidential Library is located on University of Texas at Austin's campus. Visitors will experience the life and times of Lyndon B. Johnson, one of our nation's most fascinating presidents, and the era of his administration—the turbulent 1960s. The library is open daily from 9am-5pm and admission is \$10 for adults/\$7 seniors/\$5 military.

3. Learn to Dance the Two Step at [Broken Spoke](#)

Dust off your old boots and head down to South Lamar street Wednesday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and learn how to two-step. Stick around and try out your new moves to a live band.

4. Grub on Austin's Favorite BBQ

[Franklin BBQ](#) is known to be the best and has followers like Barack Obama and Anthony Bourdain, but you better get in line early (like 8:00 a.m.) to get your share of the day's feast. Not an early bird? Check out [La Barbecue](#) or [Micklethwait Craft Meats](#). Both are known for their delicious BBQ but with a shorter wait time.

5. Stroll the Bungalow Bars of [Rainey Street](#)

Located in the southeast corner of downtown near Lady Bird Lake, you will find historic Rainey Street, which boasts quaint bungalow homes renovated into lively bars, restaurants and food trucks with spacious backyards and porches. A favorite for locals, Rainey Street offers a slower paced social scene compared to busier Sixth Street.

6. Visit the Three Sections of Sixth Street

Sixth Street is bustling with an array of restaurants, bars and entertainment venues in what is known as the epicenter that made Austin the “Live Music Capital of the World”. [Learn more about the three areas on Sixth](#) to see which suits your interests best; no doubt you will find a great spot to experience the vibrancy of the city.

7. Get Active at [Zilker Park](#)

This metropolitan park bordering Lady Bird Lake is the best way to enjoy your time outside with the locals, soaking up the sun and taking a break from the conference hustle and bustle. Host to a wide variety of music festivals and events, this 351 acre park provides the perfect opportunity to walk through botanical gardens, run, bike, play volleyball or enjoy a refreshing swim.

8. By Land or Water - [Lady Bird Lake](#)

With temperatures in the high 80s in May, take advantage of the gorgeous Lady Bird Lake and all it has to offer, including kayaking, paddle boarding, boating and more. Not interested in being on the water? Just a short walk from downtown, hop on the 10 mile Lady Bird Hike and Bike Trail to enjoy the scenic gardens and peaceful lakes.

9. Take a Dip in [Barton Springs Pool](#)

Located within Zilker Park, go for a swim in the Barton Springs Pool that is fed by underground springs (avg. water temperature is 68-70 degrees) and ranges from 0' to 18' deep. Or relax in the sun from one of the many grassy areas near the pool. The pool is open for swim between 5am - 10pm, and is closed Thursdays for cleaning.

Entry fees: Adult \$8/Child (depending on age) \$3-4/Senior \$4

10. Visit the Birthplace of Pinballz

Get ready for a fun time with games and food at the [Original Pinballz Arcade](#). A quick drive north of downtown, the arcade hosts a wide variety of classic and new arcade gameplay.

Hours of operation: Mon – Thurs 10 am – 12 am; Fri – Sat 10 am – 2 am; Sun 10 am – 11 pm

11. Catch a Movie at [Alamo Drafthouse](#)

Sit back, relax and enjoy a film, drink and food all from your seat at Alamo Drafthouse. With the moviegoer in mind, these theaters remove all ads, and instead create custom preshows with content themed to the features they present. They also pay special attention to food and beverage, with servers delivering fine wine, specialty cocktails and delicious food to your theater table, without disturbing your movie experience.