

Things to Do Around APMS 2027

OMNI Austin Hotel Downtown | 700 San Jacinto at 8th Street | Austin, Texas

Key

WALK Walkable from OMNI	RIDE Short rideshare	FAMILY Family friendly	WATER Water activity
NIGHT Nightlife	21+ Adults only	MUSIC Live music	BEST BET Top Austin pick

Walkable from OMNI

Historic Sixth Street | WALK | NIGHT

~2 Min Walk (0.1 mi)

Bars, live music, restaurants, and classic downtown Austin people-watching. The entertainment district begins roughly a block from the hotel.

[Website](#)

Comedy Mothership | WALK | NIGHT | 21+

~4 Min Walk (0.2 mi)

A major stand-up comedy destination at 320 E. 6th Street with two performance rooms and a rotating lineup of comedians. Recommended to book well in advance.

[Website](#)

Texas State Capitol | WALK | FAMILY

~10 Min Walk (0.4 mi)

A strong daytime option with historic grounds, architecture, exhibits, and free public tours.

[Website](#)

Elephant Room | WALK | NIGHT | MUSIC | 21+

~10 Min Walk (0.4 mi)

An underground jazz club on Congress Avenue with live music seven nights a week.

[Website](#)

The Roosevelt Room | WALK | NIGHT

~12 Min Walk (0.6 mi)

A polished cocktail bar in the Warehouse District with an extensive menu organized around the history of cocktails, plus zero-proof options.

[Website](#)

Congress Avenue Bridge Bats | WALK | FAMILY | BEST BET

~15 Min Walk (0.7 mi)

The famous Mexican free-tailed bat colony is active during summer. Sunset viewing from the bridge or nearby waterfront is one of Austin's signature experiences.

[Website](#)

Water Activities & Outdoor Austin

Capital Cruises Bat-Watching Cruise | WATER | FAMILY | BEST BET

A sunset cruise on Lady Bird Lake timed around the Congress Avenue Bridge bat emergence. Departure times are subject to change depending on the bat emergence and sunset times. Booking is required in advance.

[Website](#)

Guided Kayak Bat Tour | WATER | BEST BET

Paddle Lady Bird Lake at sunset and watch the bats emerge from the water. A more active alternative to the sightseeing cruise. Tours have varying departure times and booking is required in advance.

[Website](#)

Kayak, Canoe or Paddleboard Lady Bird Lake | WATER | FAMILY

Rent a kayak, canoe, or stand-up paddleboard and explore downtown from the water. Rowing Dock also offers guided outings and group options.

[Website](#)

Barton Springs Pool | RIDE | WATER | FAMILY | BEST BET

A three-acre spring-fed pool in Zilker Park with water that generally stays around 68-70 F. You can purchase tickets online or at the kiosks outside both entrances to the pool.

[Website](#)

River Tubing - San Marcos River | WATER | FAMILY | BEST BET

A half-day or day-trip option about 35 minutes south of Austin. Float the spring-fed, 72 F San Marcos River; multiple outfitters offer tube rentals and shuttles. New Braunfels' Comal and Guadalupe Rivers are another popular option for a longer outing.

[Website](#)

Family-Friendly Options

Bullock Texas State History Museum | RIDE | FAMILY

Three floors of Texas history, interactive exhibits, the La Belle shipwreck story, IMAX, and indoor air-conditioning that becomes increasingly persuasive in July.

[Website](#)

Blanton Museum of Art | RIDE | FAMILY

The University of Texas art museum, including more than 20,000 works and Ellsworth Kelly's Austin. A short rideshare from the hotel.

[Website](#)

Thinkery | RIDE | FAMILY

Austin's hands-on children's museum in Mueller with STEAM-focused exhibits and activities. Best suited for attendees traveling with younger children.

[Website](#)

Zilker Metropolitan Park | RIDE | FAMILY

Austin's major central park and home base for Barton Springs, the Botanical Garden, the Austin Nature & Science Center, and trail access.

[Website](#)

Mozart's Coffee Roasters | RIDE | FAMILY | BEST BET

A longtime Austin coffeehouse on Lake Austin with coffee, desserts, and a large waterfront deck. A relaxed choice for morning coffee, an afternoon break, or an evening by the water.

[Website](#)

Nightlife, Music, & Texas-Only Stops**Lala's Little Nugget | RIDE | NIGHT | 21+ | BEST BET**

The Christmas bar. Lala's has kept its holiday decorations up year-round for decades.

[Website](#)

The White Horse | RIDE | NIGHT | MUSIC | 21+

An East Austin honky-tonk known for live music, dancing, and beginner-friendly Texas two-step lessons on select nights.

[Website](#)

Broken Spoke | RIDE | NIGHT | MUSIC | FAMILY

An old-school Texas dance hall with live country music and two-step lessons.

[Website](#)

South Congress Avenue | RIDE | FAMILY | NIGHT

A lively stretch of shops, restaurants, murals, and people-watching south of the river.

[Website](#)