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Plan a Long Weekend in Austin Texas by [William Hauselberg](#)

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Travelers who plan a long weekend in Austin will find a variety of accommodations, restaurants and attractions.

## Where To Stay And Where To Eat

Austin hotel packages are available at hotels in the downtown area close to museums, theaters, parks, restaurants and shops. Travelers who want to stay at the Hilton in downtown Austin can take advantage of Austin Hilton discounts. One of the Austin Hilton discounts is a Bed & Breakfast package. This package includes complimentary breakfasts for two. Austin hotel packages with complimentary breakfasts are also available at the Holiday Inn and the Hyatt Regency in downtown Austin.

Austin visitors are quite likely to find a restaurant that serves their favorite cuisine. Barbecue is served at the Iron Works BBQ. Those who are craving Italian food will find it at the Quattro Gatti Ristorante. The Boiling Pot has seafood on the menu. People who want coffee and breakfast can visit the 1886 Caf   & Bakery.

## What To Do And See

There are plenty of things to do during a long weekend in Austin. Visitors can spend time in museums. Austin's theaters offer a variety of performances. People can enjoy the outdoors in the city's parks. Shoppers will find plenty of places to spend their time and money.

Three floors of exhibits at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum focus on different aspects of the state's history. Visitors can learn about the first European explorers in Texas, the history of the missions and the Texas Revolution. The Austin Museum of Art displays contemporary art. European art from the Italian Renaissance and American art from the late 19th century are displayed at the Blanton Museum of Art. Children will enjoy the interactive exhibits at the Austin Children's Museum. Visitors can attend concerts, ballets and operas at the theaters in Austin.

Austin parks give visitors a chance to spend time outdoors. Town Lake is in the center of the downtown area. There is a hiking trail near the lake. Zilker Park has the Barton Springs Pool and the Austin Botanical Gardens.

Shops in downtown Austin offer a variety of merchandise. Downtown shops include Tears of Joy Hot Sauce Shop, 12th Street Books and Dreyfus Antiques. Other shops in the area sell clothes, jewelry and gifts.

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