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Where To Stay In Austin



The Austin skyline. GETTY

Austin is a city with infinite possibilities—there are so many things to do, foods to eat, cultural experiences to have and places to see that there's no way to fit it all into one trip. Simplify your planning by checking out these hotels in the Texas capital, and free up your time to strategize about how to make it to every barbecue restaurant in town.

Hyatt Regency Austin



Hyatt Regency Austin courtesy of HYATT

On the shore of Lady Bird Lake, this downtown Austin hotel just underwent a nearly \$50 million renovation. It's a five-minute walk to the city's famous Bat Bridge, and to the entertainment on 6th Street. The pet-friendly hotel offers spectacular views of the Austin skyline, from the pool with its Sipping Springs poolside snack bar, from on-site restaurant SWB, which serves Southwestern cuisine, and from Marker 10 Spirits & Cuisine, known for its handcrafted cocktails.

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The Driskill



The Driskill courtesy of HYATT

This historic hotel in downtown Austin has been hosting guests for more than 100 years, and has the art, architecture and entertainment to prove that it's an integral part of the city's heritage. The Driskill Bar hosts live music every night, and Antone's is a must-see for its iconic Sunday Blues Happy Hour. The pet-friendly hotel also hosts monthly craft beer dinners and high tea service.

Hotel Saint Cecilia



Hotel Saint Cecilia NICK SIMONITE

This chic boutique hotel is an homage to the unique spirit of Austin, and is named after the patron saint of music and poetry. The lobby even has a turntable and an extensive record collection, and there is inspiration from famous thinkers and writers (including Jack Kerouac) all around. There are only five suites, six poolside bungalows and three studios on the property, which is only open to hotel guests.

Austin Motel



Austin Motel NICK SIMONITE

If you've ever walked South Congress Street in the hippest part of Austin, you've seen the glowing neon sign, with always-changing classic rock lyrics below it. Austin Motel is a part of the city's iconography, and has been open since 1938. The on-site restaurant, Joann's, is known for Tex-Mex favorites, and there's a cabana bar beside the retro, kidney-shaped pool. Best of all: The motel is across the street from the iconic Continental Club, which hosts live rock, blues and country music every night.

Miraval Austin



Miraval Austin Courtesy of Miraval Austin

An Austin resort that puts well-being first, Miraval incorporates mindfulness, health and relaxation in a luxurious combination.

Activities include beekeeping workshops, horseback riding, hiking and a challenge course—but if you're looking for something more mellow, the hotel also offers Ayurvedic treatments, full-moon rituals, yoga classes under the stars and energy work at the spa.