

# ALL ABOUT AUSTIN

*If you have a question call Joe at 512-557-5848.*

## Venue

### Zilker Park

Anyone who knows anything about Austin knows about Zilker Park. It's located next to Town Lake and Barton Springs Pool, one of the most popular swimming holes in Texas. Barton Springs is a natural spring fed pool that is 68 degrees year round. You can swim year 'round. The city of Austin has approved the use of their soccer fields for the tournament.

### Zilker Park



## Barton Springs Pool



### ***How to get here***

AUSTIN-BERGSTROM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/austinairport/>

Major airport with service from all major airlines. Airport is 20 minutes from town.

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/austinairport/transportation.htm>

Transportation located at airport includes taxis, rental cars, super shuttle, and city bus that goes into town every forty minutes.

Austin is located on Interstate 35 that dissects Texas from North to South. Easily accessible by car.

### ***Getting Around***

In addition to taxis and rental cars, Austin has an okay public bus system for getting around downtown and the Zilker Park area.

<http://www.capmetro.org/riding/explore.asp>

Also, the Joe Rader family will help with transporting people as needed.

## **Lodging**

WE'VE MADE SUGGESTIONS BELOW – BUT IF YOU HAVE A FAVORITE CHAIN, SEND US AN EMAIL AND TELL US WHICH ONE AND WE'LL SEND YOU THE SCOOP ON THE LOCATIONS. . .SEND YOUR QUESTIONS TO SONOFCHI@SONOFCHI.COM.

Austin is one of the top tourist cities in Texas so it has plenty of accommodations at all price levels. The places listed below are all less than 4 miles from Zilker Park. AND, this is just a sampling – there are many more hotels/motels than what is listed here. All the big chains – Holiday Inn, Marriott, Best Western, Motel 6 – all have places in Austin.

### **Nice, but not Cheap -- \$150 - \$250 a night**

#### **Embassy Suites Austin - Downtown/Town Lake**

300 South Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas, USA 78704

Tel: +1-512-469-9000

<http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/hotels/index.jhtml;jsessionid=BI1ROXUQAKLGGCSGBJBM22Q?ctyhocn=AUSLKES>

#### **Radisson Hotel & Suites Austin-Town Lake**

111 Cesar Chavez at Congress , Austin Texas 78701 , US

Reservations: 888-201-1718 US

<http://www.radisson.com/austintx/>

#### **Hotel San Jose**

Austintatious Local Artsy Hotel

1316 S. Congress, Austin, Tx, 78704

800-574-8897

<http://www.sanjosehotel.com/index.html>

#### **Austin's Inn at Pearl Street**

<http://www.innpearl.com/>

Local Austin Inn

### **Cheaper -- \$75 - \$150 a night**

Austin Motel

<http://www.austinmotel.com/>

Local and Austintatious

Extended Stay

<http://www.extendedstayamerica.com/>

LaQuinta – excellent location, new property, good if you can get in

<http://www.lq.com/lq/properties/propertyProfile.do?ident=LQ907&propId=907>

## **Cheapest, but still close by -- \$50 - \$75 a night**

Rodeway Inn University/Downtown -- this is a good central location

<http://www.choicehotels.com/ires/en-us/html/HotelInfo?hotel=TX191&promo=gglocal>

**Super 8 Motel - Austin Tx** -- this is on the “east” side of the highway, which means the location may be dicey . . .

[http://www.super8.com/Super8/control/Booking/property\\_info?propertyId=08887&brandInfo=SE](http://www.super8.com/Super8/control/Booking/property_info?propertyId=08887&brandInfo=SE)

## **Free**

Joe Rader and family will find accommodations in friends’ homes for whoever needs it.

## ***Entertainment***

You’re kidding, right? In addition to being the self proclaimed “Live Music Capital of the World,” Austin is the Texas state capital, the home of the University of Texas, the center of the Texas Hill Country, the definitively WEIRDEST city in Texas (and proud of it!!) and a city that just doesn’t seem to quit. There is ALWAYS something going on in Austin.

The weekend of April 17 – 20, 2008 has the following things going on.

Bluebonnets in Bloom – Texas State Flower that only blooms in early spring is most prevalent around central Texas.

<http://austin.about.com/cs/outdoorattractions/a/bluebonnets.htm>

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Austin Reggae Festival on Auditorium Shores -- \$10 each -- this is happening just down the river from where we will be throwing – about a half mile walk on the Austin hike and bike trails . . .

<http://www.austinreggaefest.com/>

In addition to those, there are plenty of attractions, museums, restaurants, and live performances going on. Families who accompany throwers can find plenty to do. The following websites provide ideas and info:

[http://www.austintexas.org/visitors/about\\_austin](http://www.austintexas.org/visitors/about_austin)

<http://tourtexas.com/austin/top10.html>

<http://www.cs.utexas.edu/users/csed/Austin-to-do/>

<http://www.mrflip.com/resources/austin/austin.html>

[http://austin.about.com/od/restaurants/Austin\\_Restaurants.htm](http://austin.about.com/od/restaurants/Austin_Restaurants.htm)

<http://www.austinwebpage.com/tourists.htm>

[http://www.10best.com/Austin/Nightlife/Live\\_Music/index.html](http://www.10best.com/Austin/Nightlife/Live_Music/index.html)

[http://dietarynetwork.com/when\\_in\\_austin.htm](http://dietarynetwork.com/when_in_austin.htm)



In fact, you might want to bring an updated resume with you, 'cause after you spend a few days here, you might not want to leave.