

Texas: Austin – San Antonio Trip Report

21-27 March 2018

BASICS:

Three adult travellers. A trip for pleasure and business, we sandwiched in as much as we could with the limited time we had.

Flights: Delta Air r/t SEA to AUS: ~\$177USD/tkt

Such a bummer that Delta now charges to book seats at check-in. ☹

Rental car March 21-27: Avis 512-356-3510, Austin Bergstrom Intl Airport, 3819 Presidential Blvd (Main Term) Austin, TX 78719 \$207USD. Got a nice little silver Nissan with a trunk. Opened the trunk and lying next to the rubber trunk gasket was a big ole cockroach. Olé! Welcome to Texas! The Avis computers were down when we were exiting the airport so the clerks were checking out cars the old fashion way, with pen and paper. It was slow going... The next morning we found lots of broken glass inside the car from a previous window break. We cleaned up what we could but glass continued to appear while we had the car.

Accommodation:

1st night: Arrived late so thought near the airport would be easiest. Quality Inn: (512) 385-1000, 2751 TX Hwy 71 East, Austin, TX, US, 78617 3 adults, 2 queen beds: \$133.85 for one night.

<https://www.choicehotels.com/texas/austin/quality-inn-hotels/txc73>

2nd night: The Fairmount Hotel (210) 224-8800 401 South Alamo, San Antonio, TX. Booked it online and showed a total of \$161. I called the hotel since it showed zero for tax. They waffled a bit and said, "it should be correct, but there is tax." Huh? At check-in enquired again and was told there would be tax. New total was \$187.97. Would not stay at this hotel again. www.thefairmounthotel-sanantonio.com/

3rd-5th nights: Chose this cute little casita: www.flipkey.com/properties/6730218 Total: \$480.90 Did not meet the host, but communication was easy and the place was clean and comfy.

6th night: Quality Inn: With Early A.M. flight thought this would be easier. (512) 385-1000, 2751 TX Hwy 71 East, Austin, TX, US, 78617, 2 adults, 1 king bed: \$87.39

Clothing: Mostly packed summery type clothes and a light jacket for evenings and overcast mornings, day temps were mid 70's to mid 80's. We wore low hikers on the plane for scrambling around the couple of parks we were going to visit, but found Teva/Chaco type sandals and 'Toms'/Converse sneaks were comfier in the warm temps. Brimmed hat, sunglasses with croakie, sunscreen all came in handy. Packed a rain jacket but were fortunate it wasn't needed.

TRAVEL BOOKS:

'Lonely Planet: Pocket Austin': very useful.

'Moon: Austin, San Antonio & the Hill Country': very useful.

We also used our Garmin GPS a lot for navigation and to search for things.

DAY ONE, Wednesday, 21 March. Travel day.

Had TSA pre-check so getting through security was easy-peasy. Only bummer was we were stuck with middle seats since Delta now charges to choose your own seat and we're too cheap to pay. Flight was uneventful, just the way we like it...

We landed a little before midnight so grabbed the car and headed out. One person in our group was hungry (there's always one! ;-)) so tried to use Google maps to find a nearby place to eat but everything seemed to be closed, even grocery stores, since it was now after midnight. I called the hotel for a suggestion and struck out, but the Avis gal who checked our car out recommended The Waffle House (www.wafflehouse.com), open 24hrs and nearby (to airport and our hotel). We headed directly there and had a very early morning breakfast of eggs, waffles and toast. The waitress was friendly and it was super cheap, about \$20 for the three of us including tax and tip.

Advance booked/paid ahead to stay at the Quality Inn near the airport since we were getting in so late. The beds were comfy and the room was clean.

A note about the freeway ramps: Many of the exit ramps had an inner left lane so you could kind of whip a 'U' to either get back on the freeway or access businesses along the right side of the freeway, sometimes via a service type road, so you need to pay attention to which lane you're in. After our late night waffles we whiffed on the U turn and had to back track/repeat a bit and had to pay a \$4.14 toll. All the tolls are electronic with a transponder attached to the windshield.

DAY TWO, Thursday, 22 March:

We wanted to get on the road to have maximum time so didn't sleep in much since our destination was San Antonio. It was SO nice to wake up to blue skies and temps in the mid 70's! Did not explore the Quality Inn's free breakfast, instead our first stop was the Starbucks kind of near the Waffle House for some java and breakfast egg muffins.

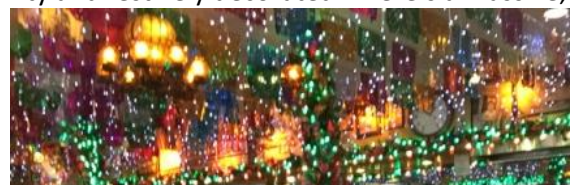
It was an easy 1.5 hour drive without much traffic to San Antonio. We stopped at the Costco outside of San Antonio to pick up some sunscreen then headed straight to the hotel to drop our bags and stow the car since it's a very walk-able city. Parking was expensive, \$39+tx/24hrs, so we went right next door to



the Marriot and parked there for \$25+tx/24hrs. Exiting the Marriot lot there was another parking lot next to it that advertised \$15+tx/24hrs with in/out privileges, so I guess we should have scouted the area a little more thoroughly.

In search of lunch we walked to the Historic Market Square/Mercado area to Mi Tierra Café y Panaderia (www.mitierracafe.com). It was a nice 20 min or so stroll from the Fairmount through La Villita Historic Arts Village (a few crafty shops and cafes), before dropping down to the River Walk for part of the way.

Mi Tierra was a hive of activity and festively decorated. There's a massive, enticing looking bakery case in the lobby. After checking in and receiving our pager we cruised the bakery case, bar and small gift shop areas. Our wait was minimal and we were summoned in about 5 minutes. The ceiling of the restaurant area had many



shimmering and colorful streamers and decorations hanging and the servers all wore Mexican clothing. We ordered soft drinks/iced tea/lemonade, enchiladas and a taco salad (\$54.49 inc tax/tip). Everything



arrived within 10 minutes or so and was very good, with portions larger than we could finish. They seemed to know how to turn a table and get folks in/out without feeling rushed. On our way out we picked up a couple of cookies from the fabulous looking bakery case but they were dry and not as tasty as they looked.

The fast service was nice for us as we had advance booked a 3p tour of the Alamo and needed to be on our way. It would have been nice to have had a little more time to explore the many shops in the Mercado plaza, but we chose instead to

walk to the Alamo (about 20 min away) instead of using Uber/Lyft. As we walked through downtown San Antonio we felt it had a run down, sad feeling, a city that had seen better times. It appeared there was some beautification attempted, but there was also a lot of trash and debris along the sidewalks.

We arrived at the Alamo (www.thealamo.org) with 10 min to spare before our history tour began. We were directed to our excellent guide, Shirley, in the adjacent park and given a headset. The headset was really nice to have, every tour should have them. It made it easy for the guide to speak without yelling and participants could adjust the volume as desired. The \$15, hour long tour was very good. The tour moved around the park area then into the church. The museum had some interesting artifacts as well. We spent just under two hours there, but could see where some could easily have spent more time.



After the tour we nipped into the Menger Hotel next door to check out the famous painting in the lobby then walked along some of the tacky shops across from The Alamo. The Five & Dime General Store was offering ice cream and margaritas to go so we *had* to try an 'on the go' frozen margarita with a splash of sangria for \$7.77. It was tasty and we were surprised it could be taken out, but when in Texas...

After our late night, drive and tour we were a bit tired so headed back to the hotel via the River Walk to freshen up and grab a jacket. We made a reservation at Boudros (www.boudros.com), a place mentioned in the Moon book that sounded good. To get to Boudros we walked the last stretch of the River Walk we hadn't seen, the city has done a great job making it a fun place to stroll.

We scored a table along the river, it was pretty noisy and bustling, but that added to the fun. The menu was pricey (entrees were \$20-48), but things looked good. We ordered a couple steaks, the quail, a local beer and a couple of their fun cocktails. Unfortunately it took just shy of an hour for our food to arrive and it was room temp, not hot. After waiting so long we just ate and left rather than send it back as we would have normally. It seemed the staff was putting a lot more effort into setting up and serving the boat dinner cruise that docked in front of the restaurant than folks at the restaurant. Total: \$178 for

three people. Hmm, at that price, guess I should have complained...would not eat there again. However, the boat dinner-cruise did look fun and was not overly priced for dinner and a boat ride, ~\$65/person.

A note about the hotel: The hotel pulled a slight bait-n-switch and did not honor the price on my receipt printed out from our online reservation; they charged an extra \$20+, and this is after I called them, left my number and requested to be updated on the total cost in advance. If I would have had more energy or would have been staying there longer I would have dickered with them over the price disparity. It was only one night so I let it go. For what we paid for a night at The Fairmount, we should have stayed at the Marriot or somewhere else, but thought we'd give the local historic place a chance. The balcony/walkway to our room was super dusty and had trash strewn about. The room was done up in Victorian type décor and had a dirty feel with cloth headboards and draperies and a used bath towel crumpled on the floor behind a chair. The bed was not that comfy for a 5 star, had an old springy feel. When we arrived there was noisy construction in the courtyard but was told it was to be finished that afternoon and the elevator would be working later that day. No one offered to tote our bags up the steep flights of stairs. The noise should have been a non-issue since we were out most of the day, but there was construction banging for a half hour, 9.30-10p, and the elevator remained inoperable the entire time. There are many hotels to choose from in San Antonio, while it was walking distance to downtown attractions, give this one a miss.

DAY THREE, Friday, 23 March:

Roused ourselves, grabbed the car and made our way to the stately Guenther House for breakfast (www.guentherhouse.com), it would only have been a 15 min walk along the River Walk to get there, but we wanted to get there soon-ish to avoid a long wait and to hit the road right after. We found parking out front, put our names in at ~9.50am and received our pager. We had about 20-25 min to wander the gift shop/museum/grounds before we were summoned. We opted for 'first available' table and ended up outside, it was overcast and windy so not really ideal but the wait was shorter. Blankets were provided upon request and eventually they turned on the patio heaters. Service was friendly and professional. We started off with a fantastic, moist, pecan cinnamon bun which was huge and perfect for sharing. We had waffles, breakfast tacos and eggs. The food was all really good, but the cool temp was a distraction. We'd definitely eat here again! 3 breakfast entrees, cinnamon bun, coffees: \$58



We wanted to break up the drive back to Austin so thought we'd hit up a couple 'roadside attractions.' First stop: Texas State University Aquarena Park in San Marcos (<http://www.meadowscenter.txstate.edu/Education/Glass-BottomBoats.html>) . This was a simple, yet neat place. We bought our tickets (\$9.75/adult) and were given timed tickets for the boat, paid \$3 at a ticket machine to park (credit cards accepted) then headed to the aquarium that housed local fish/river creatures (like the blind albino cave salamander!). We moved the car to the further lot, nearer the boat launch then strolled the boardwalk where we saw a couple cardinals and a very large ground hawk. The glass bottom boat ride was interesting; we saw many fish and

turtles and learned about the aquifer. There were many young school children having a picnic lunch, but they had separate tour arrangements from the public.

Second stop: McKinney Falls State Park (<https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/mckinney-falls>): We stopped here on the recommendation of a friend. Entrance fee: \$6/adult. The ranger gave us a map and some recs on what to visit. We drove to the first place and enjoyed taking pics of the field of bluebonnets and walked out over the falls (there wasn't much water flow). There were a few folks fishing and picnicking. We drove to the second area and walked out a bit but after watching two people slip and fall into the water (one of them was wearing a baby in a front pack, it was actually pretty frightening and amazing the baby did not hit its head) decided that we were not up for a hike.



After sitting through some pretty thick Friday afternoon traffic we checked into our Flip Key Casita to freshen up and drop our bags. Traffic was slightly lighter as we made our way to South Congress Street. We found a great parking spot and meandered in and out of the quirky shops. Even tried on some real (expensive!) 'shit kickers' at Allen's Boots.



Dinner: Hop Diddy on S. Congress: \$68 (www.hopdiddy.com) We queued up for about 20 min, conveniently the line went along the bar but we were snubbed by the bartendress so didn't get to order a drink. As the line chugged along we were met by another, friendlier staff member who took our order, answered questions and tried to up-sell a bit. At the end of the line there was a cashier and we were escorted to a table. The food was brought out. We started with some yummy French fries and each had one of their very large and tasty burgers. It was worth the wait.

One in our group was burning to hear some real Texas country music (when in Rome...) so we went to the Broken Spoke. Cover: \$12 cash per person, optional dance class before the band started: \$8 cash (www.brokenspokeaustintx.net). The western style ranch



building was sandwiched between two modern high-rise condos, an odd juxtaposition; we were lucky and found parking right next to the building. The inside was a bit run down with lots of photos and memorabilia on the walls; we did not go into the 'Tourist Trap.' We got a table in front of the sound guy, along the dance floor. It was fun to watch the dance class, see the excellent band up close and watch folks doin' the two-step. When the male in our group left to pay the tab (Drinks: \$27, credit cards accepted), a gentleman (who is a regular there, 'been goin' there every Friday night for 40 yrs!') came up and asked one of the gals in our group to dance, so that was fun to watch too! They

have a restaurant, but we did not order anything, with so many enticing restaurants in Austin we did not feel the need to eat there.

DAY FOUR, Saturday, 24 March:

Lunch at New World Deli: \$37 (www.newworldeli.com) The two sandwiches and chocolate cake were very good. Clerk was a bit grouchy.

Late afternoon dinner at Torchy's Tacos: 5 people and couple beers: \$75 inc tax & tip (torchystacos.com) A semi-fast food joint with a good selection of tacos. Order inside then put your number on the table and they bring it out. Tacos were very good and service was quick.



We timed things so we could be at the South Congress Bridge for sunset in the hopes of seeing 'the bats' (www.batsinaustin.com). We got a spot to park on the south side in a parking lot right next to the



bridge (there were ticket pay machines that took credit cards but only a couple of them worked). We plonked down on the grass with everyone else and waited with fingers crossed, hoping the bats would take flight. After about a 10 min. wait they started to flutter out and over the river, first just a few in spurts then it became a steady stream of bats. We moved down closer to bridge so we could see them better, it was really interesting.

After all that bat watching we enjoyed a nice walk to Amy's Ice Cream on Congress St. (amysicecreams.com). 4 cones: \$16. It was very good, we'd definitely go again. :-P

DAY FIVE, Sunday, 25 March:

Grocery Store: We really liked the Central Market (<https://centralmarket.com>), it was on par with Whole Foods, but had a slightly different feel. The baked goods were very good.

Lunch at Haymaker (www.haymakeraustin.com): Service was friendly but pretty bad, took ages before the one waitress made it over to take our order. Food arrived and only one of us had received their drink, the others never showed up and we had to flag the server to get the bill. The food, however, was good (2 Fried Egg Sammies with Tomato and a burger: \$32 inc tax & tip), and if we lived nearby we might give the place another try. They have an extensive beer list with both indoor and outdoor seating.

LBJ Presidential Library \$10/adult, free parking nearby, read signs carefully (www.lbjlibrary.org). The



concierge gave us a map and a few suggestions so we took the advice and started on the 3rd floor with the short movie about LBJ's life then walked up the grand staircase, the red bound books made an impressive backdrop. We strolled through the memorabilia then made our way up to the 10th floor that had mock-ups

of the Oval and Lady Bird's Offices. There was more interesting memorabilia and a short film about Lady Bird. We spent about an hour or so total in the library.

We attempted to go to the boardwalk for a stroll of Ladybird Lake but somehow ended up at a different section of the river park with no boardwalk. We walked for a bit, but decided to head to dinner. The park would be a nice place for a picnic.

Dinner reservations: The Shady Grove (theshadygrove.com), free on-site parking. We checked in, were given a pager and got frozen margaritas at the outdoor bar = yum (regular, watermelon or a swirl of the two, \$6.25/ea)! We were seated within 10-15 min at a table under the big pecan trees. The place is quirky cute with colorful metal 1950's style outdoor chairs and a refurbished and impeccably clean silver bullet camper that was converted into a restroom. We



had fried chicken, tri tip steak and the Hippie Chick plate. All was very good, portions were robust, service friendly and timely; it's a place that looks like it could get busy so folks are moved through but not rushed. 4 entrees: \$73 inc tax & tip

DAY SIX, Monday, 26 March:

We'd heard Snooze Eatery was good and that was a true fact, no fake news there! There were many yummy things on the menu to choose from and what we ordered was very tasty, it's a place we'd return to again and again, I think. 5 adult entrees (Snooze Classic, Breakfast Tacos, Ham Benedict, Blueberry Danish Pancakes, Sweet Potato Pancakes), a couple juices, a couple very tasty Bhakti Spicy Chais, drip coffees: \$75 inc tax & tip (snoozeeatery.com)



After breakfast we headed to Mt. Bonnell for a view of the river, city and fancy houses. Free parking:

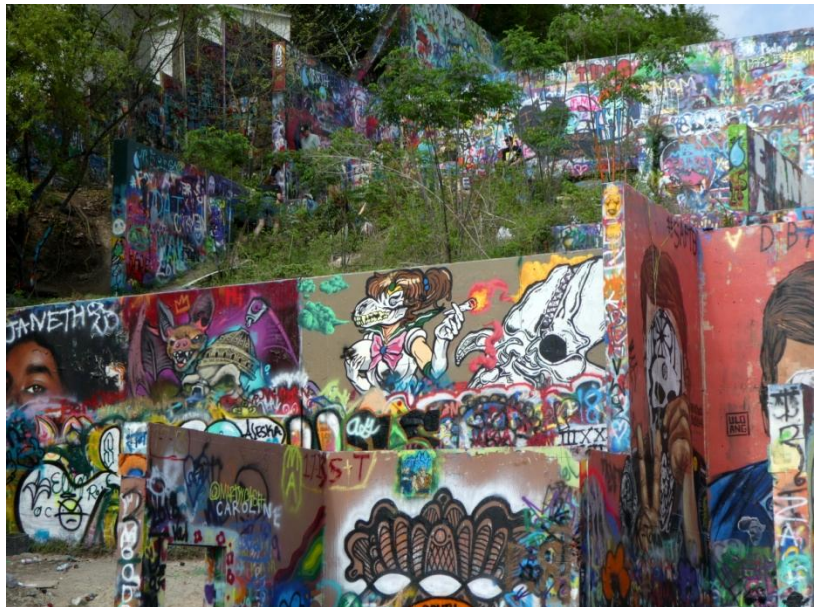


park in the middle of the lot then head to the south entrance (towards downtown Austin) and up some steps. That way you'll be walking downhill along the river cliff path back to your car. It's not much of an incline either way, but in hot sun it might make the short loop trek more pleasant. Hiking shoes are not necessary, although shoes with a little tread

might be nice as the sandy soil and smooth limestone rocks were a bit slippery in spots.

Next we headed to the "Hope Outdoor Gallery"/Graffiti Park. We got lucky and found parking right in front. We wandered around a bit and took a couple pics, but did not climb up to the top. I think it would be a fun spot for a photo shoot.

There was lots of broken glass and debris around, along with a homeless encampment across the street. The area seems to be developing with lots of new buildings, there was a For Sale sign nearby listing brand new condo's for \$800k – a million. My guess is the Graffiti Park will be sold to the highest bidder at some point... There's an overpriced Goodwill Boutique about a block away if thrift shopping is your thing. There were some nice spray paintings on the outside of building.



About a five minute drive away is the first/original Whole Foods (and a Starbucks across from it). We had to go in since it was 'the first one' and, well, it is just like all the other Whole Foods stores, a little larger in size, perhaps. There were lots of fancy/upscale shops in the neighborhood, not a surprise since Whole Foods is an upscale grocery store.

Three in our group were heading to the airport for early evening flights so we hit up Vespaio on S. Congress for some take-out paninis, a sandwich and chocolate pudding. All was very good, but the plastic boxes were cumbersome and the oil for the sandwich leaked out. If you're taking their food for air travel, maybe ask for things to be foil wrapped and the dressings put in Ziploc bags. Inc tax and tip: \$58 (austinvespoio.com/vespaio)

Since we were near the airport, we checked into the hotel, Quality Inn again, to leave bags before heading back into town.

We had the time so decided to make the trek out to The Salt Lick for some 'real' Texas BBQ! On the way there we saw signs for the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center (www.wildflower.org), it was on our list



of things to do, but BOTH guidebooks listed it as closed on Mondays. For fun we decided to take the exit and head over, thinking we might be able to see some flowers from the road or parking lot. We got there at 4.40p and it was OPEN! But closing in 20 min. :-/ We chatted with the gate agent, telling him our guidebooks said it was closed and he kindly let us in for free to roam around a little. It was a relaxing kind of park/venue, neat stone work, cobbled paths, fountains, a turret to climb up for a 360° view AND a nesting owl (she apparently comes back every year). It's a shame we did not have more time! Lesson learned: always cross check with the website to

confirm opening times/details. The website clearly states its open daily year round, only closing on a few major holidays. We chatted with one of the volunteers on the way out who said it's been open year round for a few years...



After viewing a few pretty wildflowers, we continued on to The Salt Lick in Driftwood, TX (saltlickbbq.com). There was lots of freeway construction on Rte 1 but we did not have to sit in any traffic since it was slightly before rush hour. We passed lots of 'planned housing communities/track homes' so the area will be booming in no time as a suburb of Austin. Without stops, it's about a half hour from downtown Austin and a very pretty drive through the countryside with lots of trees, flowers, farms, a winery or two and a few manicured estates.



Salt Lick is a cash only place so arrive prepared, they do have cash machines, but I bet the fees are steep. FYI: at their t-shirt counter/stand their BBQ rub costs about a \$1.50 more than at Whole Foods. You can also bring your own alcohol/drinks (which I had forgotten about) so we hit up the adjacent bottle/wine shop which does take credit cards: 2 local beers were \$8 and they have some free wine tasting in

the shop. If you're buying in the shop, go there first so you can have a wine tasting.

One of us ordered the Turkey Plate (\$14) and the other ordered Thurman's Choice: Brisket, Pork Ribs, sausage (\$17). With the brisket they ask if you want 'fattier' or 'burnt ends,' went with fattier but the burnt ends were also highly recommended. After sampling the meats, next time might choose the brisket plate with a combo of fattier and burnt ends. White bread rolls and dill pickles were also provided; entrees came with coleslaw, baked beans and rustic potato salad. Portion sizes were on the large side so did not try any of the desserts. Average/lighter eaters could probably share one



of the plates. It was the type of place that wanted you in and wanted you out quickly, they were all about moving folks through, the food arrived lightening quick and before we made it back from their bottle shop. The somewhat young, surly waiter basically told us too bad, you should have returned sooner. There were empty tables when we were there, but you could see they could get mobbed and/or have tour buses. It was fun to see the wood fired meats being cooked. Restroom was not very clean. Total for two entrees: \$40 cash inc tax/tip.

The 'night was young' so one area we hadn't been was the East 6th St. bar/music strip so off we went back into town! It was a Monday AND about 7pm so we did not have high expectations, but were pleasantly surprised. Drove around the block a few times and found some free on street parking then decided to do a loop walking up and down each side of the street. Make sure to leave nothing of value in display in the car, the area seemed like a car thief's dream with so many tourists passing through. We heard some good tunes coming out of Maggie Mae's (www.maggiemaesaustin.com) so wandered in and ordered a couple drinks (\$18.24, The Still Whiskey drink was tasty!) to listen to the young man clad with a cowboy hat and guitar. He was very good and sang some Tom Petty covers along with a few country hits. He finished up about 8p so we continued on down the street.



We went through a few very overpriced souvenir type shops (T-shirt: \$25!). Many of the bars had doors and windows wide open with frigid cold air billowing out and an employee trying to lure passersby into their empty, or mostly empty, establishment. Further down and on the opposite side of the street from Maggie's we heard some cool blues tunes so ventured into the Bat Bar (www.batbaraustin.com). Besides one other patron and a couple bar tenders we had the place to ourselves. We ordered up a Shiner and sat for a while enjoying the music. As it got later more folks came in.



As we headed back to the car we bought a big slice of pizza for breakfast noshing. We wished we would have booked out last night's hotel near 6th St., it would have been nice to be able to walk back to our hotel rather than drive.

DAY SEVEN, Tuesday, 27 March: Travel day

Hotel posted that there would be grab-n-go fruit and yogurt for early departures but there were only sad looking mini muffins and Quaker Oats sugar, I mean, granola bars so we gave it a miss. Arrived at the airport about 5.30am, returned the rental car and enjoyed that it was warm at that horrible hour to walk to the terminal. Made it through security, although the jars of spice rubs we were taking home did not scan so our bags had to be scrutinized by hand. There is no Starbucks at the airport (!) so had to 'make do'

with average airport lattes and overpriced baked goods, we didn't plan very well, should have hit up the Central Market and bought some foods beforehand. We had aisle seats for the flight home which was more comfortable.

Things we didn't do:

- Visit any missions, other than the Alamo. If we had more time, that would have been fun.
- Go to the San Antonio Museum of Art. Apparently it has some critically acclaimed collections of pre-Colombian art and Catholic relics, along with portraits of local figures.
- Cook a meal or make coffee in our Austin Flip Key Casita.
- Go to the Austin Continental Club, I think this would have been fun.
- Buy food from an Austin food truck. There were many scattered throughout the city, several set themselves up in a circle on empty city blocks with picnic tables. We've eaten at food trucks before, with so many interesting brick and mortar restaurants we didn't feel the need to eat at a food truck.
- Visit the State Capitol, Zilker Park, Barton Pool, George WA Carver Museum or the TX State Cemetery.



Austin & San Antonio, TX Itinerary/Notes: 21 – 27 March 2018

Wed. 21st	Pick up rental car	Check-in Quality Inn
Thur 22nd	Drive > San Antonio 1hr20min	River Walk (lunch or dinner along water) El Mercado: Mexican items (handicrafts, serapes, blankets, etc.)
	3p Alamo tour	The Alamo; 9a-5.30p, book tour min 24hr ahead,\$15 http://www.thealamo.org/
	Check-in Fairmount Park Marriott \$25/24hrs	S.A. Museum of Art critically acclaimed collection of pre-Columbian art. Large exhibit Catholic relics, portraits of important local figures.
		Lunch: Mi Tierra near Mercado, always one of our favorites growing up.
		Dinner: Boudro's
Fri. 23rd	Drive > Austin	B'fast: Guenther House: 205 E Guenther, San Antonio
		San Marcos: TX State U Aquarium & glass bottom boat tour
	Check-in Casita frm 12p	McKinney Falls State Park - nice place to spend 3-4 hrs
		Wander S. Congress Ave neighborhood, great restaurants, shops
	The Broken Spoke?	Dinner: Hop Doddy \$60
Sat. 24th		LBJ Presidential Library, on UT campus http://www.lbjlibrary.org/ 9a-5p daily, free parking Lot 38; adults \$10 students \$3 w/ ID
	~5-7p bats fly	Bats under Congress Ave Bridge over Colorado River, watch from small park south end of bridge http://www.batsinaustin.com/
	The Continental Club?	Dinner: Torchy's Tacos
Sun. 25th		Lovely boardwalk along Ladybird Lake (formerly Town Lake), the stretch of Colorado River that runs thru downtown Austin. Walk stretch on south side of river for views of downtown Austin
	5.15p check-in Delta	Dinner: Shady Grove Restaurant
Mon 26th	7.30a check-in Delta	B'fast: Snoozer's
		"Hope Outdoor Gallery"/Graffiti Park
	3p > airport	Wildflower Museum Park?
	Check-in Quality Inn	Dinner: Salt Lick
		Walk 6 th Ave music venues/bars?
Tues 27th	7.30a dep AUS Delta	

Fab music scene: get tickets to a show at Broken Spoke or Continental Club (we keep saying we're going to see Toni Price at the Continental Club, but never have. I think she sings there every Wednesday.) If you can find a show with Bob Schneider or Monte Montgomery you'll have hit the jackpot.

Lots of bars and nightlife on 6th Avenue.

FOOD!

Vinaigrette [2201 College Ave, Austin, TX 78704](http://www.vinaigrette.com/)

Food truck culture is big, hit one of food truck courts for lunch. <https://www.thrillist.com/eat/austin/best-austin-food-trucks-parks>