



Best Spots for Outdoor and Patio Dining in Austin

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As the Spring weather becomes even more beautiful and the springtime vibes are flowing, locals and visitors are looking for the best place to relax outside, while enjoying a meal or sipping on a few luscious libations on those warm spring nights. Austin is home to some of the finest patios made perfect for al fresco drinking and dining and nearly everyone wants to take advantage of the excellent weather before the infamous Texas heat wave hits the region.

Here are some of Austin's best patios and outdoor dining locations from North, West, East and South.

Central



Contigo

Opened in 2011, Contigo is an outdoor restaurant in East Austin at 2027 Anchor Lane co-owned by Ben Edgerton and Chef Andrew Wiseheart. The restaurant offers ranch-inspired dining in a comfortable atmosphere with picnic table seating, yard games, and more. The menu changes weekly, and includes charcuterie, bar snacks, and small plates, and includes game-inspired dishes like rabbit and dumplings. The restaurant has become known for their burger and fries, daily happy hour specials, special events such as pig roasts, and creative cocktails. Contigo is open for dinner nightly starting at 5 p.m., Monday – Saturday, and serves Sunday Brunch from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.



Olamaie

Olamaie is a modern Southern restaurant helmed by one of 2018 James Beard Awards “Best Chef: Southwest” finalists and FOOD & WINE’s “Best New Chefs,” Michael Fojtasek. Olamaie, Austin American-Statesman’s 2015 and 2017 ‘Best Restaurant in Austin’ and a James Beard Award “Best New Restaurant” Semi-Finalist, features a menu that focuses on farm-to-table freshness and a dining experience that combines classic Southern hospitality with modern restaurant craftsmanship. Located in the heart of central Austin at 1610 San Antonio Street, Austin, TX 78701, Olamaie is open for dinner every night of the week from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Downtown



P6

P6 recently debuted their brand-new rooftop space at The LINE Austin downtown. The rooftop bar offers panoramic views of Lady Bird Lake and serves as one of the best new

hangouts for dining, drinks, and games. The menu features Mediterranean shared plates by Executive Chef Justin Ermini and cocktails shaken (or stirred) by Beverage Director Brian Floyd.



Stephen F's Bar

Located in the heart of Downtown, the Intercontinental Stephen F. Austin Hotel has one of the best patios in town, complete with refreshing cocktails and the most incredible view of Congress Avenue, the State Capitol, and the historic Paramount Theatre. In addition to the wonderful view, you can enjoy Stephen F. Austin's great happy hour deals from the terrace every Sun – Thurs from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The menu features a 5-6-7 special that includes \$5 local Texas drafts, \$6 wines by the glass, and \$7 speciality cocktails including mojitos, palomas, whiskey sours and more.



Ciclo

Ciclo (the restaurant on the bottom floor of Four Seasons) just launched a bomb happy hour with free valet parking. Details below! They also have a seriously dreamy patio. The Happy Hour at the latin-infused Texas kitchen is available seven days a week from 5-7 p.m. at the bar, on the outdoor covered terrace and the back lawn. Guests visiting during happy hour can utilize the hotel's valet parking for FREE from 5-8 p.m. The menu includes rotating wine selection available for \$5 a glass and \$20 a bottle, draft beer for \$5 a glass, rotating house cocktail for \$5 each; as well as Boquitas tacos for \$4 and Postres (dessert) for \$3.

East



Il Brutto

Il Brutto is the perfect spot to break bread (literally) with friends & family, offering multiple options for small and large parties – including the beautiful oak-shaded patio. Groups can choose from a variety of family-style chef's menus featuring Italian faves such as lasagna alla bolognese, margherita pizza & tiramisù.



Domo Alley-Gato Tatsu-Ya

Domo Alley-Gato Tatsu-Ya is a patio bar and outdoor space produced by the same team at Ramen Tatsu-Ya and Kemuri Tatsu-Ya. Domo is located next door to Ramen Tatsu-Ya's East 6th St location is inspired by Japanese standing bars and small alleyway bars which have a newfound popularity in the past several years. Domo Alley-Gato's food truck menu focuses on a variety of Japanese inspired cocktails, highballs, Chu-Hi cocktails via house tonics, frozen beer foam boiler-makers, and one cup sakes.



Lou's Bodega

Lou's Bodega offers an expansive back patio perfect for afternoons of ping pong and live music all while cooling off under the warm Texas sun with a crisp cocktail. A menu from beverage director Alex Holder includes bodega horchatas and agua fresca along with a selection of wine, beer and refreshing non-alcoholic drinks.

North



Second Bar + Kitchen | Domain Northside

Guests can enjoy Reverse Happy Hour every Friday & Saturday from 11 p.m. – 2 a.m. The happy hour menu will feature select wines, beers and a rotating craft cocktail at \$5; half off select bottles of wine; and unbeatable \$5-\$10 specials on snacks, starters, small plates, large plates and pizzas. New happy hour menu items include Roasted Red Beet Hummus, Guacamole, Salmon Ceviche, Jumbo Lump Crab Cake, and Fried Fish Sandwich. The Reverse Happy Hour will complement Second Bar + Kitchen Domain NORTHSIDE's existing Happy Hour (daily from 3-6 p.m.) and will be available in the dining area, outdoor patio, and Lobby Lounge within the Archer Hotel Austin. See Second Bar + Kitchen Domain NORTHSIDE's new Happy Hour menu [HERE](#).



The Water Trough

The Water Trough at Lone Star Court is a go-to watering hole where guests can enjoy bites and sips, only just a few steps away from the hustle and bustle of The Domain. The Water Trough overlooks Lone Star Court's courtyard, pool and outdoor fire pits. Signature cocktails include The Chill Cowboy and the new refreshing spring sip, the Wimberley made with Dripping Springs Gin, elderflower and grapefruit liqueurs, lemon, and topped with Richard's Rainwater.

In addition to the boozy concoctions and daily happy hour from 4-7 p.m., the Southern-inspired eatery is home to free live music from some of Austin's top local artists. Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening, guests can enjoy everything from slow rock to jazzy blues. The Water Trough is not only for hotel guests, but also Austinites that are looking for something different and relaxing that is still within the action of The Domain.

South



District Kitchen + Cocktails

District is one of the city's top neighborhood gems located in Southwest Austin just off of Loop 1. A New American-style concept by Amir and Ali Hajimaleki, the restaurant promises fresh, chef-inspired dishes, creative cocktails and a relaxing indoor space with a massive patio. The happy hour is unbeatable with \$5-6 craft cocktails and appetizers, along with \$3 domestic beers (included Austin Beerworks Pearl Snap) and \$5 glasses of wine with a daily featured half-priced bottle.