

CHECK IN! 12 Hotels Perfect for Relaxing Staycations

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The holiday season and the start of the New Year calls for a much-needed respite from real life. But instead of planning a vacation filled with expensive travel, layovers and jet lag, consider a tranquil retreat right here in town. These 12 local hotels offer fine dining, luxurious spa treatments and oodles of amenities to let you take a **staycation in style.**

A guest swims in the Junior Olympic-size indoor pool at the Lake Austin Spa Resort



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Lake Austin Spa Resort

Driving up to Lake Austin Spa Resort is like entering a secluded, peaceful kingdom of wellness. Within minutes of strolling the gorgeous

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1705 S. Quinlan
Park Road,
(512) 372-7300,
lakeaustin.com

Rooms start at \$1,720
per person for three
nights (double occu-
pancy), and day spa
rates start at \$395.

grounds along the banks of Lake Austin, you'll likely forget you're only about 45 minutes from bustling downtown. The large yet intimate resort, which consistently tops lists of best resorts and spas in the world from *Condé Nast Traveler*, *Fodor's Travel*, *Travel + Leisure* and more, has only 40 rooms, with gourmet meals, fitness activities and classes included. But it's the spa (oh, the spa) that is the real draw. Day and overnight guests, who must be 14 and up, can access the 25,000-square-foot LakeHouse spa and choose from a Texas-size list of more than 100 treatments and three pools. After a muscle tension melt massage or eucalyptus uplift body treatment, you'll feel recharged and ready to start the New Year off right.

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