

10 Perfect Road Trips When You Need to Escape Austin

Easy getaways under the Texas sun.

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The cool season is finally here—a time when the weather in Texas really allows us to enjoy the great outdoors. It's time to hike without passing out, barbecue when you don't mind going up to the grill, and stroll around farmer's markets on foot without looking like you stepped straight out of a sauna. In other words, this is the sweet spot in Texas (unless you're a victim of our infamous Cedar Fever). And knowing that many of us save our miles to escape the state in summer, it's only fitting that we bring you the best vacay options within a 100-mile radius. From Waco's newest family attraction to the Hill Country's boozy estates, here's how to have a blast on your early 2023 getaway from Austin.



San Antonio

Distance from Austin: 80 miles southwest; 1.25-hour drive

San Antonio has always been buzzing, but over the last decade the city has undergone a seriously stylish glow-up. Spend a weekend exploring its offerings with a stay at one of the riverwalk hotels. Check out two awesome exhibits starting with the San Antonio Museum of Art and followed by the funky immersive experience at Hopscotch. Then head to Pearl, a massive mixed-use space built using the historic bones of the former Pearl Brewery, for shopping, eating, or just hanging out and enjoying one of the spot's green spaces. Standout stops include Best Quality Daughter for char-siu served family-style, Cured for a wide selection of juicy meat, and The Bottling Department food hall's Caribbean specialist Mi Roti. Need a lie-down? Book a pamper session at La Cantera Resort and Spa.