

South Austin Expert Guide

We get it! Austin can be overwhelming when trying to pick the best! We've done all the leg work for you, so sit back and enjoy these top spots.

*= Multiple locations

FT= Food Truck

HH= Great happy hour

Bars:

[Gibson's Street Bar](#)- Such a great, local bar. Tvs, cocktails, beers, covered patio & indoor space. Food truck just outside the bar along with a very small parking lot, but there's also street parking. They also decorate BIG time for holidays like Halloween & Christmas. Local pro tip: Don't go too close to those two major holidays to check out the decorations unless you use a ride share and are ok with waiting.

[The Little Darlin](#)- Some of the best "bar" food we've ever had with a rotating menu plus cold draft beers and cocktails. HUGE fenced in backyard with occasional live music and a free parking lot.

[The Golden Goose](#)- Local and just hits the spot with tasty, not too pricey cocktails. Mostly indoors with a tiny side patio. Free parking lot that's never too packed.

Coffee:

[The Salty](#)- On South Congress, a Florida doughnut spot that offers up some tasty coffee, too! Tiny free parking spot. Local pro tip: park across the street in the back-in spots & grab a cinnamon cereal milk latte and Texas chocolate sheet cake donut for the extra shot of sugar!

Cocktails:

[Treaty Oak](#)- Check out one of our favorite distilleries that has tours, plenty of parking, shaded oak trees, cocktails and barbeque. Not all spots on site are open every day, so check their website before your adventure. Local pro tip: make a day of it and check out other breweries and distilleries along Fitzhugh road.

Brewery:

[Pinthouse Brewing](#) *- There are numerous locations around Austin, but this is our favorite due to the much larger capacity, parking and extended menu. Try the Electric Jellyfish if you're into IPAs- one of our favorites!

Restaurants:

\$ [Fresa's](#) *- Chicken al-carbon served up right! Happy hour is M-F 3pm-6pm with a small, free parking lot. Local pro tip: Their South 1st location has an outstanding patio + all day happy hour M-W at the bar!

\$\$ [Elizabeth Street Café](#)- Exquisite French/Vietnamese food & pastries. M-F 3pm-5pm Happy hour that includes \$3 off specialty cocktails and ½ priced appetizers. A VERY tiny parking lot and limited street parking. Reservations are highly recommended. Don't sleep on their brunch.

\$\$\$ [Uchi](#)- Ask just about anyone and they will tell you this is THE Austin spot for sushi. Happy hour ends at 6pm, they do take a few walk-ins, but reservations are highly recommended and valet is available.

Activity:

[Bouldin Acres](#)- Their original location on South Lamar is a great spot to join friends for pickleball. Dog & kiddo friendly with an foodtruck, beer and cocktails.

Attraction:

South Congress Avenue - From Oltorf to Riverside, this section of South Congress is a fun & quirky area just south of the state capitol with shopping, bars, live music and restaurants. Local pro tip: Park across

from The Salty in the back-in parking spots. Walk north towards the capitol stopping in spots along the way then come back up the street doing the same.

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