

Out and about in downtown Austin

American

Annie's Cafe	319 Congress	\$	Super good live guitarist Friday and Saturdays. Cafeteria style. No dinner.
Frank	407 Colorado	\$	Sausages and gourmet hot dogs.
Magnolia Café	1920 S. Congress	\$	Austin classic. Regional and funky. Open 24/8.
Moonshine Patio Bar & Grill	303 Red River	\$\$-\$\$\$	Austin classic. Regional food. Happy hour here is the best; so is brunch. Brunch is all you can eat. Make reservations or get there early.
Pêché	208 W. 4th	\$\$\$	They serve absinthe. Amazing cocktails and the best mussels I've ever had. Ambience: rebellious, dark.
South Congress Cafe	1600 S. Congress	\$\$-\$\$\$	Brunch! Carrot cake French toast, migas, brie, veggie omelet. Great lunch/dinner too!
Swift's Attic	315 Congress	\$\$	Small plates. Good date place. "Dinner and a movie" is my favorite dessert of all time.
The Roaring Fork	701 Congress	\$\$\$	Varied, regional. Fish and meat. Upscale. This is where you take your parents or boss for lunch.

Meat

Fogo de Chao	309 E. 3rd	\$\$\$\$	Brazilian. Unlimited filet mignon! ... and other amazing steaks, cut right at your table. Known for service.
Franklin's BBQ	900 E. 11th	\$	Fatty brisket is the best. No dinner.
Hofbrau Steaks	613 W. 6th	\$	Austin classic. Old school, has been on 6th Street a long time. Small and very casual. Not much selection besides what kind of steak you want, but the steaks are sooo good!
Iron Works Barbecue	100 Red River	\$	Austin classic. Best downtown BBQ. Get the cobbler.
Lambert's	401 W. 2nd	\$\$\$	Austin classic. Unique, inventive, fancy BBQ. Also very delicious.

Diners

Counter Cafe	626 N. Lamar	\$	One of my top 3 favorite burgers in town, solid breakfast too. No dinner.
Hopdoddy Burger Bar	1400 S. Congress	\$	Best. Burgers. Ever. Try their caramel sea salt milkshake. Their veggie burger is made out of sesame, not black beans, and that makes it 100x better. Try their "sassy sauce" and The Continental add egg). Ambience: urban.

French

Café Crêpe	200 San Jacinto	\$\$	Crepes. No dinner.
Chez Nous	510 Neches	\$\$\$	Great wine selection. Make reservations as seating is limited.
Wink	1014 N. Lamar	\$\$	Best beef tartare. Delicious authentic French food. Ambience: intimate.

Italian

La Traviata Italian Bistro	314 Congress	\$\$	Really good for Austin Italian food...everything I've had here has been on point. Ambience: elegant.
Rounders	1203 W. 6th	\$	Funky (some tables are arcade games). Amazing pizzas and a cool atmosphere.
Taverna	258 W. 2nd	\$\$\$	I <3 brunch. Really good happy hour, but it's only at the bar.

Southern

Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken	117 San Jacinto	\$	God's fried chicken. The original Gus's is a Tennessee staple and this franchise lives up to that legacy. Listen to me when I tell you that you need to go eat this fried chicken as soon as possible.
Lucy's Fried Chicken	2218 College	\$	Best Fried Chicken Ever. A lot of other great fried food and drinks for a very good price. First place I tried mountain oysters if you know what those are.
Threadgills	301 W. Riverside	\$	Austin institution. Janis Joplin performed at the original. Gospel brunch.

Sushi

Bar Chi	206 Colorado	\$\$-\$\$\$	Reverse happy hour starting 10pm, great flavored sake.
Sushi Zushi	1611 W. 5th	\$\$	The tuna razor appetizer is delicious if you like fresh sashimi and spicy things. The River Walk Roll and Rainbow Roll never disappoint. Great happy hour prices.
Uchi	801 S. Lamar	\$\$\$\$	New Austin classic. In a word, incomparable, eat here and die happy. Happy hour on weekdays is more affordable. Make reservations in advance. Short taxi ride, but worth it. Ambience: modern.

Tex Mex

Güeros Taco Bar	1412 S. Congress	\$	Austin classic. In an old warehouse. Get there early.
Juan in a Million	2300 E. Cesar Chavez	\$	Tacos galore. Featured on food shows more times than I can count. No dinner.
Ranch 616	616 Nueces	\$	Super casual, Austiny and fun.

Other eateries

Blenders & Bowls	206 E. 4th	\$	Health food. Seriously awesome for breakfast. Their bowls are basically like smoothies with added ingredients. The tyra food that makes you feel good about yourself while indulging at the same time.
Cru	238 W. 2nd	\$\$	Delicious mussels. \$7 bottomless mimosas for brunch on Sundays. Great cheese platters.
Mai Thai	207 San Jacinto	\$	BEST yellow curry I've ever had.
Parkside	301 E. 6th Street	\$\$\$	Great quail. Even better oysters.
Sway	1417 S. 1st	\$\$	Really good place for many occasions. Lunch with co-workers or colleagues or even a nice but not too fancy date place. It has some family style elements, basically good for sharing with groups, but you can get individual meals too.
Walton's Fancy & Staple	609 W. 6th	\$	Best steel cut oatmeal EVER. The chocolate croissant and French toast challah are fantastic.

Coffee spots

Austin Java	301 W. 2nd	Dunn Bros Coffee	1611 W. 5th	Juan Pelota Café	400 Nueces
Café Medici	200 Congress	Halcyon	218 W. 4th	Texenza Coffee	401 Congress
Dominican Joe	515 S. Congress	Java Jive	500 E. 4th	The Coffee Cup	305 E. Cesar Chavez

Bars

The entire length of 6th St., from Red River St. to Congress Ave. is a bar and music district.

The Highland Lounge (LGBTQ)	404 Colorado St.
Oilcan Harry's (LGBTQ)	211 W. 4th St.
The Iron Bear (LGBTQ friendly)	121 W. 8th St.

Comedy & improv

Esther's Follies	525 E. 6th St.	https://www.esthersfollies.com
Hideout Theater	617 Congress Ave.	http://www.hideouttheatre.com

Museums

Mexic-Arte Museum	419 Congress Ave.	http://www.mexic-artemuseum.org
The Contemporary Austin Jones Center	700 Congress Ave.	http://www.thecontemporaryaustin.org
Women and Their Work	1710 Lavaca St.	http://www.womenandtheirwork.org

Compiled by the students and faculty in Linguistics at the University of Texas at Austin. All establishments in this list are within walking distance or a short taxi ride from the conference hotel.