



Austin After-Hours Guide

Eat | Drink | Reset | Explore

Local picks for ASHRAE attendees staying near JW Marriott Austin.

ASHRAE Conference

Austin Activity Map

FAST DECISION PICKS - 6th Street | SoCo | 24 Diner | Terry Black's | Edge Rooftop

Walkable

Speakeasies, cocktails and downtown bites

Nightlife

Bars, comedy, piano bar and jazz

Rooftops

Skyline views and sunset stops

Reset

Trails, library, springs and parks

Explore

SoCo, East 6th, Domain and day trips

BBQ

Michelin-starred and locally recognized spots



WALKABLE

Walkable from JW Marriott: Speakeasies & Cocktail Bars

Midnight Cowboy

Reservation

Hidden on Dirty 6th; intimate, high-end cocktails ideal for client outings.

Address: 313 E 6th St, Austin, TX 78701

[Website / Details](#)

Here Nor There

Reservation

Exclusive, curated cocktail experience; one of Austin's best beverage programs.

Address: 612 Brazos St, Austin, TX 78701

[Website / Details](#)

Garage Bar

Upscale lounge tucked inside a downtown parking garage.

Address: 503 Colorado St, Austin, TX 78701

[Website / Details](#)

Firehouse Lounge

Bookshelf entrance; slightly higher energy while still unique.

Address: 605 Brazos St, Austin, TX 78701

[Website / Details](#)

FOOD

Food: Casual to Elevated

Taqueria de Diez

Hidden Trinity alley taco stand; fast, authentic and late-night friendly.

Address: 206 Trinity St Unit 110, Austin, TX 78701

[Website / Details](#)

Casino El Camino

Iconic Dirty 6th burger bar — gritty, memorable and very Austin.

Address: 517 E 6th St, Austin, TX 78701

[Website / Details](#)

Moonshine Patio Bar & Grill

Elevated Southern comfort food; strong option for organized dinners.

Address: 303 Red River St, Austin, TX 78701

[Website / Details](#)

De Nada Cantina

Local Tex-Mex favorite with great margaritas.

Address: 4715 E Cesar Chavez St, Austin, TX 78702

[Website / Details](#)

Hula Hut

Tex-Mex on the water with a relaxed lake vibe; Uber recommended.

Address: 3825 Lake Austin Blvd, Austin, TX 78703

[Website / Details](#)

Sugar Wolf Bakery

Well-known bakery for sweet and savory pastries.

Address: 2400 E Cesar Chavez St, Austin, TX 78702

[Website / Details](#)



BARS

Bars & Social Spots

The Roosevelt Room

Top-tier cocktails organized by historical eras; polished setting.

Address: 307 W 5th St, Austin, TX 78701

[Website / Details](#)

The Driskill Bar

Classic Texas ambiance; best for early evening or formal meetups.

Address: 604 Brazos St, Austin, TX 78701

[Website / Details](#)

Powder Room

Smaller, intimate cocktail lounge downtown.

Address: 301 W 5th St, Austin, TX 78701

[Website / Details](#)

Copper Tank

Casual bar with pool tables and easy group energy.

Address: 504 Trinity St, Austin, TX 78701

[Website / Details](#)

Touche

High-energy quick stop known for Flaming Dr Pepper shots.

Address: 417 E 6th St, Austin, TX 78701

[Website / Details](#)

BBQ

BBQ: Must-Do Austin Experience

Terry Black's BBQ

Michelin Rec.

Classic Central Texas barbecue near Zilker / Barton Springs.

Address: 1003 Barton Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78704

[Website / Details](#)

La Barbecue

Michelin Star

Michelin-starred Austin barbecue on East Cesar Chavez.

Address: 2401 E Cesar Chavez St, Austin, TX 78702

[Website / Details](#)

KG BBQ

Bib Gourmand

Egyptian-Texas barbecue with Michelin Bib Gourmand distinction.

Address: 3108 Manor Rd, Austin, TX 78723

[Website / Details](#)

InterStellar BBQ

Michelin Star

Michelin-starred modern Texas barbecue in Northwest Austin.

Address: 12233 RR 620 N, Suite 105, Austin, TX 78750

[Website / Details](#)

Parish BBQ

Bib Gourmand

Louisiana-influenced barbecue in East Austin.

Address: 10300 Springdale Rd, Austin, TX 78754

[Website / Details](#)

Michelin note: La Barbecue and InterStellar are Michelin-starred; KG BBQ and Parish BBQ are Bib Gourmand; Terry Black's is Michelin Recommended.



NIGHTLIFE

Entertainment

6th Street

Iconic Austin nightlife strip right outside the downtown conference zone.
Address: Historic 6th St District, Austin, TX 78701

[Website / Details](#)

Comedy Mothership

National comedians; book tickets early.
Address: 320 E 6th St, Austin, TX 78701

[Website / Details](#)

Esther's Follies

Comedy, magic and satire; a true Austin staple.
Address: 525 E 6th St, Austin, TX 78701

[Website / Details](#)

Pete's Dueling Piano Bar

High-energy and group friendly.
Address: 421 E 6th St, Austin, TX 78701

[Website / Details](#)

Elephant Room

Underground jazz bar; low-key with great music.
Address: 315 Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78701

[Website / Details](#)

VIEWS

Rooftops

Edge Rooftop

Easy, upscale option at JW Marriott with skyline views.
Address: 110 E 2nd St, Austin, TX 78701

[Website / Details](#)

P6 at The LINE

Design-forward rooftop overlooking Lady Bird Lake; best at sunset.
Address: 111 E Cesar Chavez St, Austin, TX 78701

[Website / Details](#)

Zanzibar

Tropical rooftop atmosphere in downtown Austin.
Address: 304 E Cesar Chavez St, Unit 700, Austin, TX 78701

[Website / Details](#)

Iron Cactus Patio

Casual drinks with views over 6th Street.
Address: 606 Trinity St, Austin, TX 78701

[Website / Details](#)



RESET

Daytime / Reset

Lady Bird Lake Trail

Directly behind JW; great for morning walks.
Address: Ann and Roy Butler Hike-and-Bike Trail,
Austin, TX

[Website / Details](#)

Austin Central Library

Architecturally impressive with rooftop views.
Address: 710 W Cesar Chavez St, Austin, TX 78701

[Website / Details](#)

Barton Springs Pool

68°F spring-fed pool, open year-round.
Address: 2131 William Barton Dr, Austin, TX 78746

[Website / Details](#)

Zilker Park

Central green space for a quick Austin reset.
Address: 2207 Lou Neff Rd, Austin, TX 78746

[Website / Details](#)

Lake Austin / Lake Travis

Boating, scenic relaxation and water-side views.
Address: Austin, TX / Travis County, TX

[Website / Details](#)

EXPLORE

Uber + Scooter: 5–20 Minutes

East 6th

Best mix of energy and quality bars; more local feel.
Address: East 6th St, Austin, TX 78702

[Website / Details](#)

South Congress

Iconic Austin strip with shopping, food, live music and murals.
Address: 1300 S Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78704

[Website / Details](#)

The Domain

Higher-end district with nightlife, dining and shopping.
Address: 11410 Century Oaks Terrace, Austin, TX 78758

[Website / Details](#)



LATE NIGHT

Late-Night Food

24 Diner

Late-night comfort food staple near downtown.
Address: 600 N Lamar Blvd #200, Austin, TX 78703

[Website / Details](#)

Via 313

Detroit-style pizza; heavy but excellent.
Address: 1802 E 6th St, Austin, TX 78702

[Website / Details](#)

Food Trucks

Core Austin food culture; options are citywide.
Address: Citywide Austin, TX

[Website / Details](#)

DAY TRIP

Destination Experiences: Half / Full Day

Dripping Springs

Wineries, breweries and distilleries; about 30–45 minutes.
Address: Dripping Springs, TX

[Website / Details](#)

Fredericksburg

Premier Texas wine destination; about 1.5 hours.
Address: Fredericksburg, TX

[Website / Details](#)

New Braunfels

German heritage, beer gardens and river access; about 1 hour.
Address: New Braunfels, TX

[Website / Details](#)