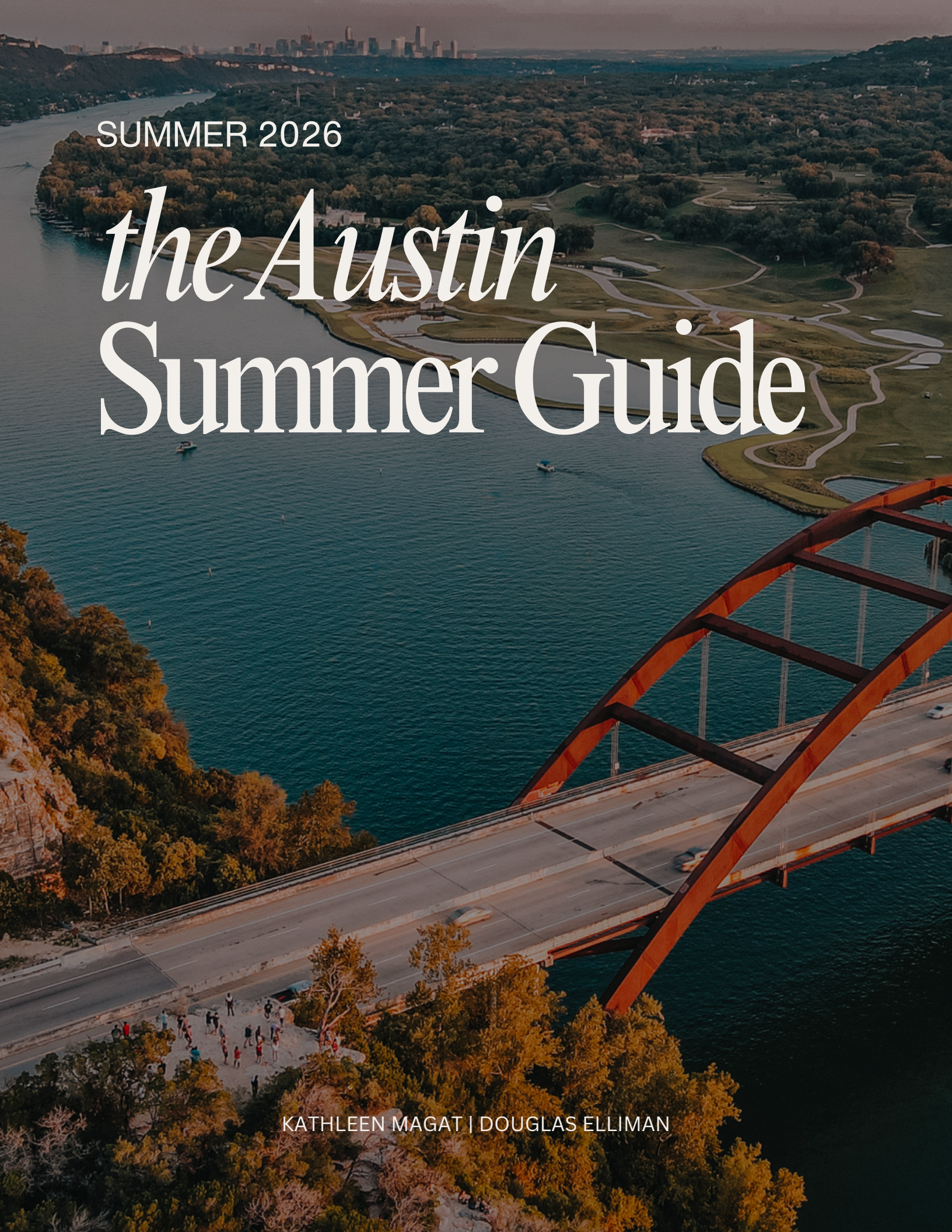


SUMMER 2026

the Austin Summer Guide

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Hey there, I'm Kathleen

I'm an Austin REALTOR® with Douglas Elliman, specializing in luxury, divorce, and life-transition real estate in Dripping Springs and Austin.

I've helped families navigate some of life's most complex moves, and I've grown even more fond of this city along the way. This guide is my way of sharing my favorite local spots with you this summer!

Kathleen

...a few things I love about summer in Austin



Boat rides on Lake Austin



strolling around downtown



trying different restaurants

SUMMER 2026 EDIT

SUMMER *bucket* LIST



- [ ] Pick up pastries from Quack's 43rd Street Bakery
- [ ] You-Pick peaches at Sweet Berry Farm in Marble Falls
- [ ] Catch a show at ACL Live at the Moody Theater
- [ ] Buy local at SFC Farmers' Market Downtown
- [ ] Try a summer brew from Jester King Brewery
- [ ] Explore Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
- [ ] Pack a picnic at Barton Creek Greenbelt
- [ ] Eat on the patio at Perla's Seafood & Oyster Bar
- [ ] Hike or bike the Butler Trail around Lady Bird Lake
- [ ] Wine tasting at Fall Creek Vineyards
- [ ] Volunteer at the Austin Food Bank
- [ ] Museum day at Blanton Museum of Art
- [ ] Attend Hot Summer Nights at Red River District
- [ ] Catch a Round Rock Express baseball game

CONCERTS *and* EVENTS

JULY

Hot Summer Nights
July 16-18 | ACL Live

Blues on the Green
July Wed. | Zilker Park

Round Rock Express
July | Dell Diamond

Austin FC Home Game
July | Q2 Stadium

Free Outdoor Movies
July | Various venues

Barton Springs Night Swim
July evenings | Zilker

Live Music at Stubb's
July | Red River District

Congress Ave Bat Colony
Nightly | Congress Bridge

AUGUST

Austin Restaurant Week
Aug 1-14 | Citywide

Blues on the Green
Aug Wed. | Zilker Park

UT Longhorns Opener
Late Aug | DKR Stadium

Austin FC Home Game
Aug | Q2 Stadium

Barton Creek Farmers Mkt
Aug Sat. | Barton Creek

Live Music on Red River
Aug weekends | Downtown

Bat Colony Watching
Nightly | Congress Bridge

Stubb's Outdoor Shows
Aug | Red River District

SEPT.

Pecan Street Festival
Sept 6-7 | East 6th Street

Fantastic Fest Film Fest
Late Sept | Alamo Drafthouse

UT Longhorns Home Game
Sept | DKR Stadium

Austin FC Playoffs Push
Sept | Q2 Stadium

ACL Live Taping Season
Sept | Moody Center

Dia de los Muertos Events
Late Sept | Various venues

East Austin Studio Tour
Sept preview | E. Austin

Live Music at Waterloo Park
Sept | Waterloo Greenway

LABOR DAY

Pecan Street Festival
Sept 6-7 | East 6th Street

Barton Springs Pool
Sept 5-7 | Zilker Park

Hamilton Pool Preserve
Sept 5-7 | Bee Cave

Lake Travis Boating
Sept 5-7 | Various marinas

New Braunfels Tubing
Sept 5-7 | Comal River

Fredericksburg Day Trip
Sept 5-7 | Hill Country

Wimberley Day Trip
Sept 5-7 | Blanco County

Live Music on 6th Street
Sept 5-7 | Downtown Austin

CONCERTS *and* EVENTS

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Live Music on 6th
Aug weekends | Downtown

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Austin Pride Events
Sept | Waterloo Park

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Congress Ave Bat Colony
Nightly | Congress Bridge

Lake Travis Swimming
Sept 5-7 | Volente Beach

Hamilton Pool Preserve
Sept 5-7 | Bee Cave

Barton Creek Greenbelt
Sept 5-7 | West Austin

New Braunfels Tubing
Sept 5-7 | Comal River

Fredericksburg Wine Trail
Sept 5-7 | Hill Country

Wimberley Day Trip
Sept 5-7 | Blanco County

SUMMER *eats* *and* DRINKS

COFFEE

- Summer Moon Coffee
- Houndstooth Coffee
- Greater Goods Coffee Co.
- Cosmic Coffee + Beer Garden

RESTAURANTS

- Perla's Seafood & Oyster Bar
- Kitsu Nori
- Lenoir
- Uchiko

DRINKS

- Jester King Brewery
- Austin Beerworks
- Cosmic Coffee + Beer Garden
- Panther Island Brewing

SWEETS

- Amy's Ice Creams
- Lick Honest Ice Creams
- Quack's 43rd Street Bakery
- Colleen's Cakes



NEW *and coming* SOON

Big Al's Pizza – New York-style slices and whole pies from the Hank's Austin team at 5811 Berkman Drive
Baldinucci Pizza Romana – Roman-style pizza al taglio with imported Italian flour at 11501 Rock Rose Ave.
Roya Austin – Upscale Middle Eastern shareable plates and refined cocktails at 7858 Shoal Creek Blvd.
The Driskill Grill – Historic 1929 dining room reopening under Chef April Bloomfield at 604 Brazos St.
The Butcher's Daughter – Fully plant-based all-day café with creative vegetarian dishes at 1600 S. Congress Ave.

Austin Sports Club – Kevin Durant's elevated sports bar with globally inspired cuisine at 205 E. 3rd St.
Alteño Austin – Michelin-recognized fire-driven Mexican with mezcal focus at 96 Red River St.
Foodie & Tina – Made-to-order hand roll sushi with responsibly sourced seafood at 2153 S. Lamar Blvd.
Howdy's Pizza & Pasta – Italian-inspired neighborhood spot with fresh pasta and Texas wines at 1701 E. MLK Jr. Blvd.
Only The Wild Ones – Wine and spirits bar pairing small-production bottles with curated vinyl at 1600 S. Congress Ave.



SUMMER *vacations*

STAYCATIONS

Hamilton Pool Preserve
Stunning turquoise waterfall and grotto 30 min west

Barton Springs Pool
Spring-fed 68°F swimming hole inside Zilker Park

Lady Bird Lake
Kayak or paddleboard with downtown skyline views

KID-FRIENDLY

San Antonio
River Walk, Alamo, and SeaWorld, just 1.5 hrs south

New Braunfels
Schlitterbahn Waterpark + Comal River tubing

Enchanted Rock State Natural Area
Pink granite dome hikes in the Hill Country

BEACHES

Port Aransas
Laid-back Gulf Coast beach town, 3.5 hrs south

Padre Island National Seashore
Longest undeveloped barrier island in the US

Corpus Christi
Breezy coastal city with Texas State Aquarium

UNDER 4 HR DRIVE

San Marcos
Year-round 72°F river tubing, just 35 min south

Wimberley
Blue Hole swimming + charming Hill Country shops

Fredericksburg
Hill Country wine trail, peaches, and wildflowers



FARMERS *markets*

TEXAS FARMERS' MARKET AT MUELLER

2006 Philomena St.
Sun 10am–2pm

BARTON CREEK FARMERS MARKET

2901 S Capital of Texas Hwy
Sat 9am–1pm

SFC FARMERS' MARKET SUNSET VALLEY

3200 Jones Rd.
Sat 9am–1pm

SFC FARMERS' MARKET DOWNTOWN

Republic Square, 422 Guadalupe St.
Sat 9am–1pm

BEE CAVE FARMERS MARKET

12700 Hill Country Blvd., Bee Cave
Sun 10am–2pm

LONE STAR FARMERS MARKET

1023 Springdale Rd.
Sun 10am–2pm



FOR the KIDS



CAMPS

Kidventure
Steve & Kate's Camp
Creator Camp
Camp Champions

ADVENTURES

Barton Springs Pool
Austin Aquarium
Lake Travis Zipline Adventures
Congress Ave. Bat Colony

KID-FRIENDLY EATS

Amy's Ice Creams
Kerbey Lane Cafe
The Thinkery
Torchy's Tacos

LABOR DAY weekend

September 5-7, 2026



EATS & DRINKS

la Barbecue
Odd Duck
Fresa's Chicken al
Carbon
Contigo Austin

THINGS TO DO

Swim at Barton Springs Pool
Kayak on Lady Bird Lake
Watch bats at Congress Bridge
Sunset hike at Mount Bonnell

DAY TRIPS

New Braunfels (Comal River tubing)
Fredericksburg (wineries + food)
Wimberley (swimming hole + shops)
Hamilton Pool Preserve

EXPLORE the HILL country

Labor Day Weekend Day Trips from Austin



RESTAURANTS

Cooper's Old Time Pit BBQ
Gaspard Wine Bar
Fredericksburg Brewing Co.
Friesenhaus Restaurant

ADVENTURES

Wine tasting on Hwy 290
Tube the Comal River
Swim at Blue Hole, Wimberley
Hike at Enchanted Rock

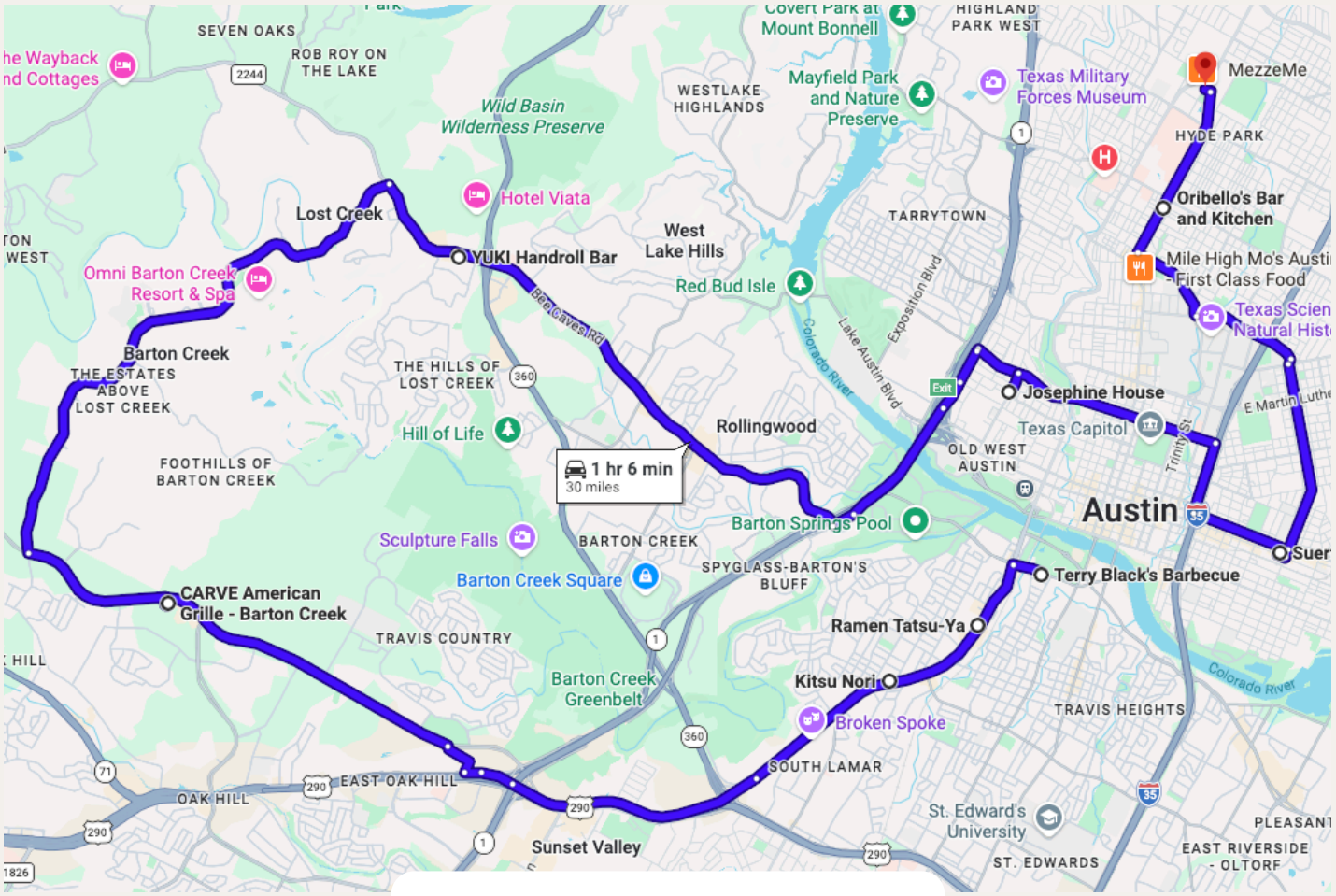
LOCAL FINDS

Texas wine from local vineyards
Artisan goods at Wildseed Farms
Handcrafted items at Luckenbach
Local honey from farm stands

ACCESS *the* LIVE MAP

The best places to eat in an interactive Google Map.

I have personally tried every single restaurant on this list and you will not be disappointed.



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Wishing you a great Summer inAustin

I hope this guide inspires you to get out and enjoy everythingAustin has to offer this season.

And if you need help buying, selling, or relocating, I'm **here to be a resource.**

Kathleen

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REACH OUT!

Have questions about real estate inAustin? You don't have to be ready to buy or sell to get in touch! Send me an email or schedule a call below.

SCHEDULE A CALL