

Explore Rainey Street

Cambria Austin Downtown Guest Guide

Just steps from the hotel, the Rainey Street District offers some of Austin's best dining, nightlife, live music, and local culture. The district blends historic bungalow-style venues with modern restaurants, cocktail bars, public art, and lakeside experiences.

Must-Try Restaurants

Emmer & Rye

Award-winning, farm-to-table dining featuring seasonal ingredients and innovative small plates. Ideal for date nights and foodie experiences.

Banger's Sausage House & Beer Garden

A Rainey Street staple featuring house-made sausages, one of Austin's largest beer selections, live music, and a spacious outdoor patio.

Geraldine's

Located inside Hotel Van Zandt, offering elevated cuisine, craft cocktails, and live music with Austin flair.

Anthem

Creative "TexAsian" cuisine with a fun, social atmosphere. Great for sharing plates with friends or colleagues.

Tómaló Grill

Modern Mexican cuisine, tacos, agave cocktails, and vibrant energy throughout the day and evening.

Local Favorite Bars & Nightlife

Half Step

Known for expertly crafted cocktails and one of Austin's most respected bar programs.

Lustre Pearl

An iconic Austin hangout featuring outdoor patios, music, and a lively social scene.

Clive Bar

A sophisticated cocktail destination housed in one of Rainey's historic bungalows.

Stay Put Brewery

Rainey's own brewpub serving house-made beers on a welcoming patio.

Electric Shuffle

A modern entertainment venue combining elevated cocktails, social gaming, and group-friendly fun. Great for teams and friends.

Rainey House

A uniquely themed cocktail lounge perfect for evening socializing and nightlife exploration.

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Live Music & Entertainment

Rainey Street is known for its vibrant music scene featuring live bands, DJs, themed events, and outdoor performances throughout the year. Visitors can enjoy everything from intimate patio performances to energetic nightlife venues.

Popular live music spots include:

- Banger's Beer Garden
- Geraldine's
- Half Step
- Various patios and special events throughout the district

Explore Austin Culture

Public Art & Murals

Rainey Street showcases local art installations and murals reflecting Austin's creative spirit. Take a stroll and discover photo-worthy artwork throughout the district.

Mexican American Cultural Center

Located next to Lady Bird Lake, this cultural center features exhibitions, performances, and community programs celebrating Austin's Hispanic heritage.

Beyond Rainey Street

Lady Bird Lake Hike & Bike Trail

One of Austin's most popular outdoor attractions. Walk, jog, bike, or simply enjoy beautiful downtown and waterfront views.

Congress Avenue Bridge Bats

From July through September, witness Austin's famous bat emergence at sunset—the largest urban bat colony in North America.

Downtown Austin

Explore historic Sixth Street, the Texas State Capitol, local museums, shopping, and more—all within a short ride or walk from the hotel.

Getting Around

Best Way to Visit: Walk, rideshare, scooter, or bike. Rainey Street is designed to be explored on foot.