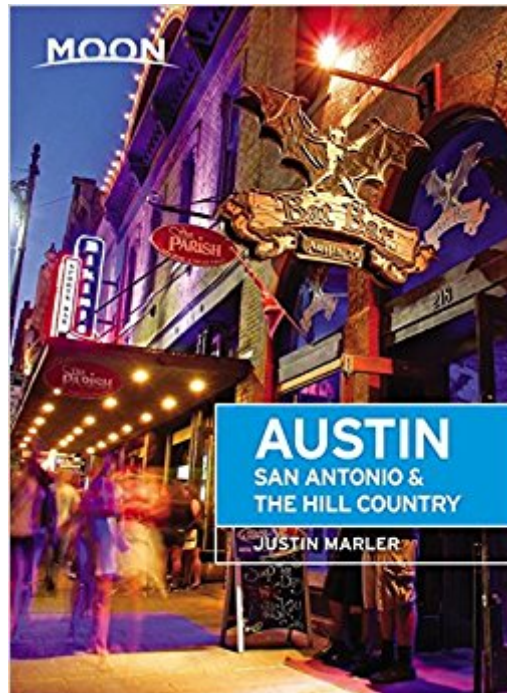




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Make Your Escape with Moon Travel Guides! Fall in love with Austin's eclectic music and arts scene, go hiking or biking through Hill Country, or embrace your inner cowboy: discover the heart of the Lone Star State with Moon Austin, San Antonio & the Hill Country. What You'll Discover in Moon Austin, San Antonio & the Hill Country: Firsthand, unique perspective from Austin local Justin Marler Full-color photos and detailed, easy-to-use maps for navigating the region independently Strategic itineraries for every trip and budget, including: Austin in a Long Weekend, Hill Country Road Trip, Austin's Music Scene, Texas Pride, and Family Fun Honest advice on finding the right accommodations, using public transportation, and navigating by car Activities and ideas for every traveler: Two-step with old folks and hipsters alike at a local honky-tonk, or explore the folk and contemporary art scenes. Catch a live show in one of Austin's countless famed venues, or a UT Longhorn game in a jam-packed stadium. Hike or bike around the many trails, lakes, and streams of Hill Country, or spot roaming bison and antelope on your way to a local winery. Explore the rich Latino heritage of San Antonio, and visit the historic Alamo or the Spanish missions Detailed and thorough information, including crucial background on culture and history, geography, and regional vernacular With Moon Austin, San Antonio & the Hill Country's practical tips, myriad activities, and local insight on the best things to do and see, you can plan your trip your way. Looking to explore more of the Lone Star State? Try Moon Dallas & Fort Worth, or Moon Texas.

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Customer Reviews

Justin Marler first encountered Austin while on tour with his band, where they performed at the famed alternative rock venue Emo's. After writing and traveling in the San Francisco Bay Area in the early 1990s, he joined a prominent alternative rock band, traveled extensively, and landed his first publishing deal writing fiction. Before finishing his manuscript, he left conventional life and entered an Eastern Orthodox monastery in northern California. As a monk, Justin worked in the publishing arm of the monastery, traveling the world over while penning spiritual texts and travelogues for magazines. After seven years, Justin left the monastery and returned to "the world," where he entered both the music and publishing professions. He fronted an alternative rock band by night and by day worked as an illustrator and occasional travel writer. Today, Justin lives in Austin with his wife and two daughters.

As always, the Moon books take you off the ever-so-worn AAA/tourist path and onto some very interesting detours. I especially liked the Willow City Loop drive which took us to the Texas Range country - saw real working farms and pastures, not to mention some amazing rock faces off the hills put there by the God Almighty for us to enjoy.

Excellent overview of Austin. Great overview of things to do and see. As a bonus, it also has great coverage of San Antonio. Just the right amount of history about the Alamo. Good recommendations for other historic sites around San Antonio. It was also excellent for recommendation of small towns around Hill Country. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**

I bought this book for a trip to Austin. It provides a good description of most of the things you might want to do in Austin, as well as some useful maps, but it is organized poorly, which may not be the fault of the author. Also, the food recommendations aren't always the greatest. We did better using online review sites like Yelp. A useful book, but supplement it with online sources. Two updates to the book (3/2010): the 'Dillo, Austin's downtown public transportation, no longer runs (sad face emoticon). There's still the bus, though. Also, the Governor's mansion is currently under renovation, so you can't go there.

I haven't had the chance to "use" the book yet, but I am pleased it has some detailed maps appears fairly comprehensive.

Great guide, although as a newcomer, I should say that I'm not the expert on how comprehensive it

is.

Bought as gift

I had this shipped to another address so i'm not sure about the delivery, but i bet it was wonderful as usual. I had gone to austin this summer and visited a place in the book...where they play "chicken shit bingo" swear to God! And the owner didn't know she was in the book....so I bought her a copy and had it sent to her. thanks.

Whenever I have guests in town (Austin that is...), I give them Moon's "Austin / San Antonio & The Hill Country Handbook". The book contains everything you need to know about Austin and its surroundings. Maps are helpful, stories illuminating, pictures well chosen, and restaurant/music tips quite accurate in terms of where locals go. I really enjoy the suggested drives in the Hill Country and how to explore Austin in a few days. The book is easy to carry and has got a decent index. In sum, a great guide for all visitors to Texas' capital.

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