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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We're thrilled to invite you to the 2025 SCG Legal Annual Meeting, happening September 18–19 in Austin, Texas!

We can't wait to gather with all of you in one of the most energetic and creative cities in the U.S. Known for its live music, food, and laid-back charm, Austin offers a unique experience for all who visit.

If your schedule allows, we hope you'll take some time before or after the meeting to explore the city.

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Attractions

From Texas heritage sites to vibrant art scenes and famous streets, there's something here for everyone to enjoy.

Texas Capitol Tour: This historic building features beautiful architecture, fascinating exhibits, and a glimpse into Texas politics. Guided tours provide an insider's look at the state's legislative history and grandeur.

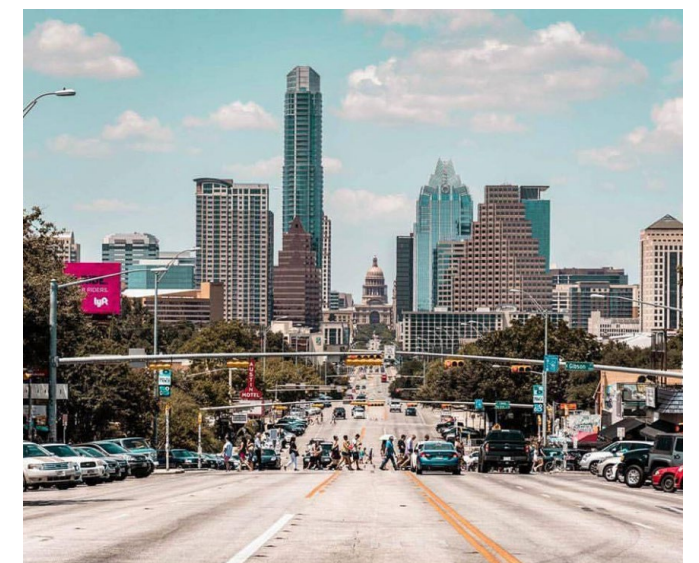
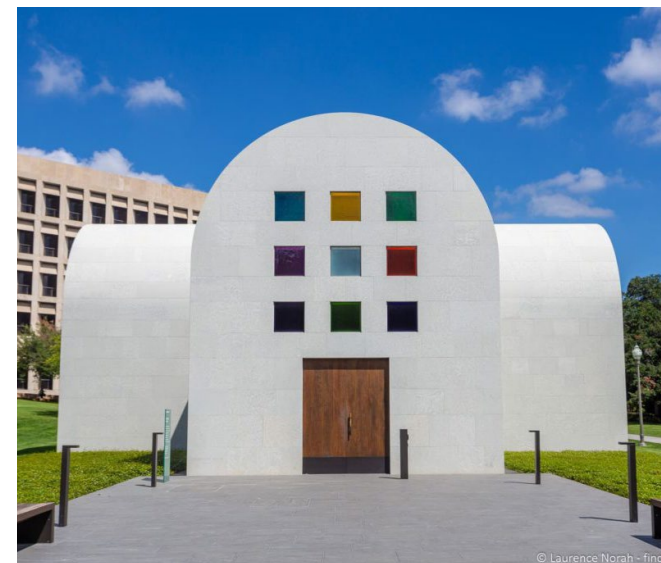
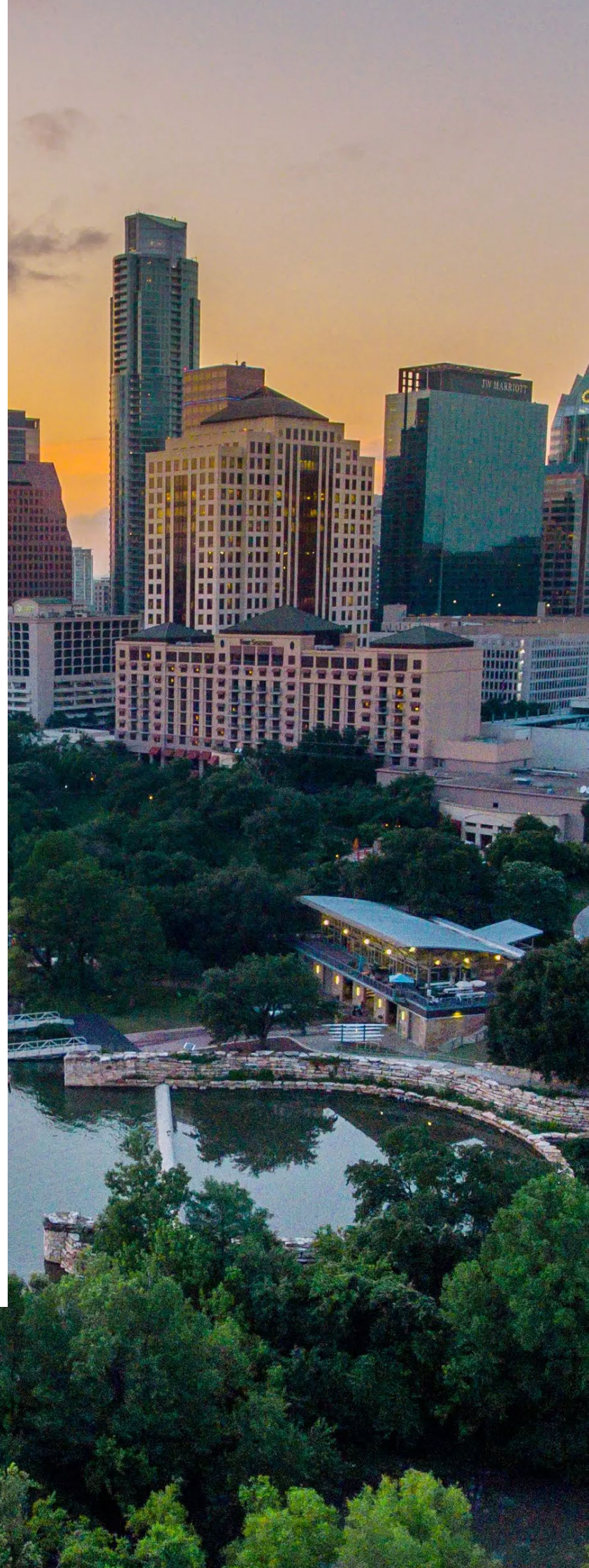
The Contemporary Austin Museum: Dive into Austin's vibrant arts scene with rotating exhibitions featuring contemporary artists from around the world.

Blanton Museum of Art: Located on the University of Texas campus, the Blanton houses an exceptional collection ranging from Renaissance classics to modern masterpieces.

ACL Moody Theatre Tour: Go behind the scenes at the iconic venue that's home to Austin City Limits, the longest-running music series on TV.

LBJ Museum: A fascinating look at the life and legacy of President Lyndon B. Johnson, featuring exhibits on his presidency, civil rights work, and Texas roots.

South Congress Avenue: One of Austin's most iconic streets, South Congress is packed with boutiques, local eateries, street art, and live music.





Performing Arts

Austin's performing arts scene offers world-class theater, dance, and music performances that inspire and entertain. These iconic venues showcase the city's creative spirit and commitment to the arts.

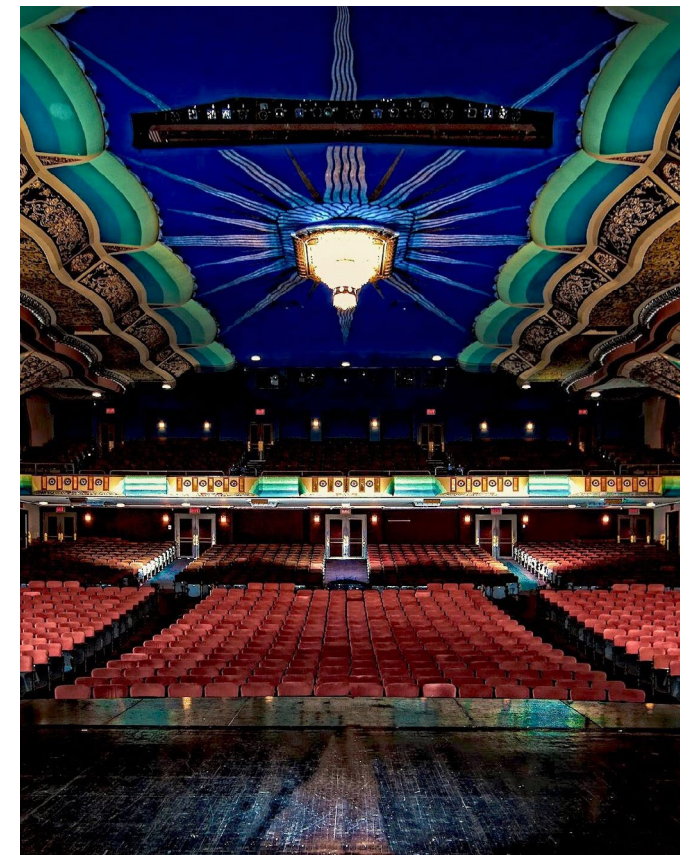
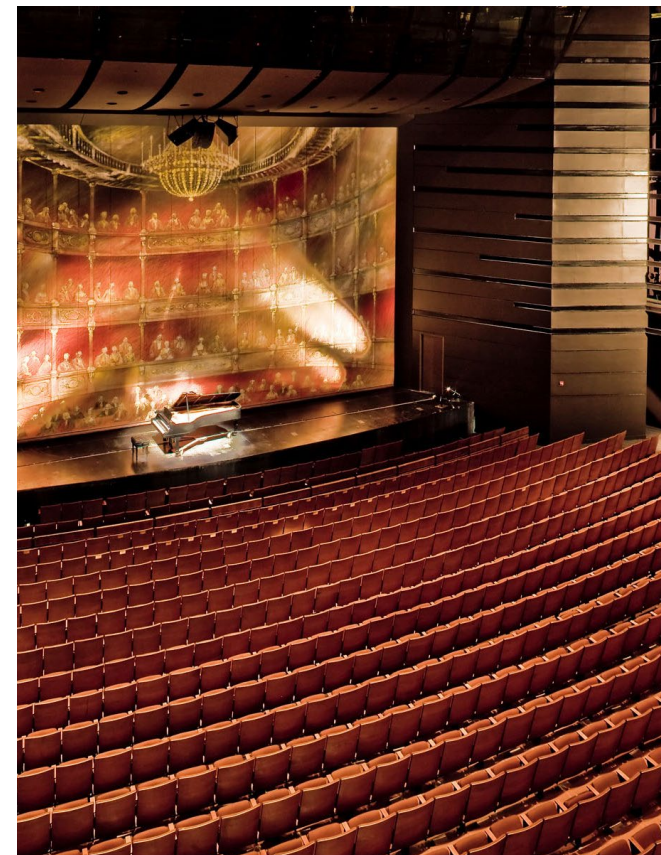
The Long Center for Performing Arts:

A stunning riverside venue hosting Broadway shows, ballet, symphonies, and local performances with breathtaking views of downtown Austin.

Zach Theater: Austin's oldest professional theater company, known for compelling plays and musicals that highlight diverse stories and voices.

Bass Concert Hall: A grand, historic venue on the University of Texas campus presenting opera, ballet, symphony concerts, and touring productions.

Paramount Theatre: A beautifully restored 1915 vaudeville house, now a premier spot for films, live theater, comedy, and concerts.



Outdoor Activities

Experience the natural beauty of Austin with these must-visit outdoor destinations:

Lady Bird Lake Sightseeing Tour: See Austin from a unique perspective with a daytime sightseeing cruise on Lady Bird Lake.

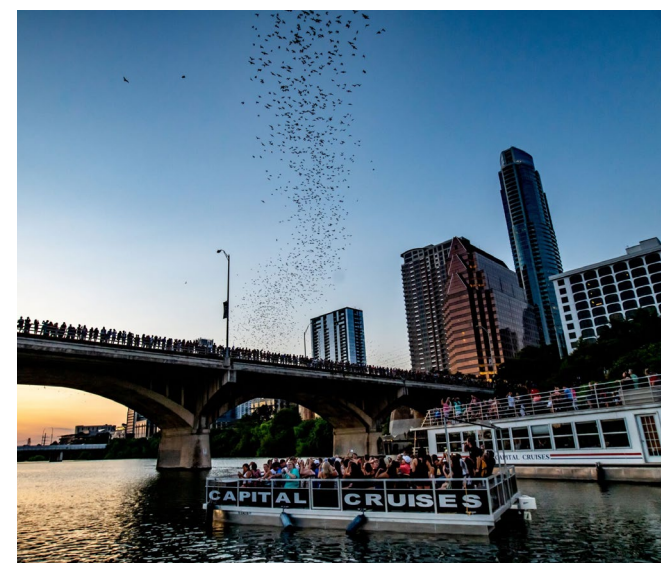
Kayak, Canoe & SUP Rentals: Paddle through the heart of downtown Austin on Lady Bird Lake!

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center: Stroll through gardens filled with native Texas wildflowers and plants. This botanical garden, named after the former First Lady, is a great spot for a quiet walk, photos, and learning about local ecology.

Zilker Park Hike & Bike Trail: Follow this scenic trail along Lady Bird Lake for shaded paths, skyline views, and access to some of Austin's favorite parks and attractions.

Bat Watching Tour: At sunset, watch as thousands of bats take flight from beneath the Congress Avenue Bridge. It's one of Austin's most unique sights. Watch it from the bridge or hop on a boat tour for the best view.

Mount Bonnell: One of the best viewpoints in the city. A short stair climb leads to views of the Colorado River and Austin's hills.



Music Venues

Austin's legendary music scene offers everything from classic country to indie rock. These venues capture the heart of the city's sound.

The Continental Club: An Austin icon since the 1950s, The Continental Club has welcomed legendary musicians for generations. With its retro atmosphere and intimate stage, it's a cornerstone of the city's live music scene.

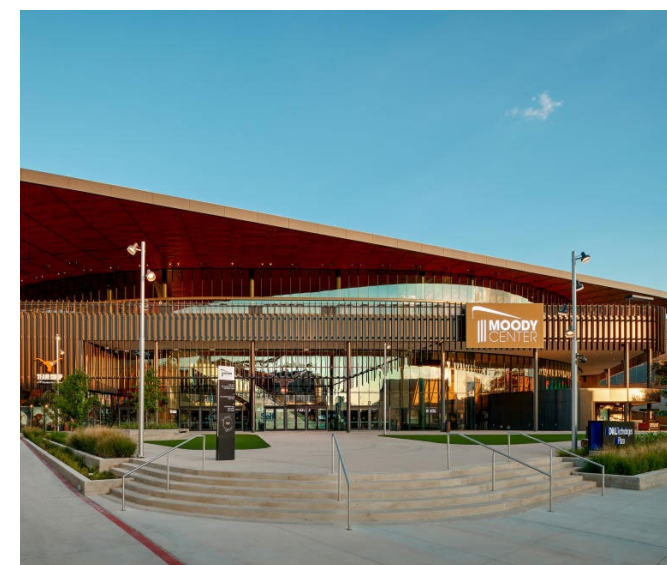
Elephant Room: A cozy underground jazz bar where soulful tunes and local talent come together in an intimate setting.

Emo's: A beloved hotspot for alternative and indie rock, Emo's showcases cutting-edge local and national artists.

Saxon Pub: Known for its welcoming atmosphere and top-notch singer-songwriters, Saxon Pub is a go-to for authentic Austin live music.

Moody Amphitheater: An open-air venue with stunning views and a diverse lineup, perfect for enjoying live music outdoors.

Moody Center: A state-of-the-art arena, attracting major national and international acts for large-scale concerts and events.



Honky-Tonks

These lively venues celebrate the city's deep country roots with live music and dance floors full of two-steppers.

Donn's Depot: Housed in an old train depot, this cozy spot is beloved for its piano tunes, dance floor, and old-school Austin vibes.

Mean Eyed Cat: A Johnny Cash-themed bar with backyard space, cold drinks, and live music that keeps the outlaw spirit alive.

Broken Spoke: One of the last true Texas dance halls, Broken Spoke is the place for two-stepping and classic country music.

White Horse: A honky-tonk with a modern twist, White Horse brings together country, bluegrass, and Americana.

Sagebrush: One of Austin's newer venues offers an outdoor patio, indoor stage, and diverse lineup. Sagebrush is quickly becoming a favorite spot for live music.

Scout Inn: One of Austin's oldest venues, Scout Inn's outdoor stage hosts top local and national acts.



" Fine Dining

From elevated coastal cuisine to up-scale takes on Tex-Mex and Southern classics, these standout restaurants deliver unforgettable experiences in taste, atmosphere, and hospitality.

Este: A stylish East Austin gem serving fresh, coastal Mexican seafood with a modern twist.

Perla's: A South Congress favorite known for its oysters, seafood towers, and breezy patio under the oak trees.

Uchi/Uchiko/Uchiba: Chef Tyson Cole's trio of Japanese-inspired restaurants blend bold flavors, seasonal ingredients, and artful presentation.

Mattie's at Green Pastures: Historic charm meets Southern sophistication at this beautifully restored home-turned-restaurant, complete with roaming peacocks.

Fonda San Miguel: A longtime Austin institution offering refined interior Mexican cuisine in a colorful, art-filled space.

Aba: Set in a lush, Mediterranean-inspired setting, Aba serves vibrant dishes and cocktails perfect for a special night out or weekend brunch.



Casual Dining

Whether you're craving barbecue, tacos, or globally inspired plates, these local favorites deliver comfort and creativity in every bite.

Moonshine Comfort & Cocktails:

Classic Southern comfort food and craft cocktails served in a cozy, historic downtown setting.

La Barbecue: A no-frills, big-flavor favorite serving up legendary Central Texas barbecue with melt-in-your-mouth brisket.

Justine's: A moody, French-inspired bistro perfect for late-night bites and cocktails.

Suerte: Modern Mexican fare meets farm-to-table flair at this East Austin hot spot known for its house-made masa.

El Alma: Colorful rooftop views and vibrant Mexican dishes make this a go-to for margaritas and casual bites.

Loro Asian Smokehouse: Where Southeast Asian flavors meet Texas barbecue—this laid-back fusion spot is perfect for sharing and sipping on the patio.



Day Trips

These day trips offer the perfect change of pace. From hill country wineries and natural wonders to tubing adventures and smoky barbecue towns, each spot promises a unique Texas experience—just a short drive away.

Fredericksburg Wineries: Sip your way through scenic vineyards and tasting rooms in Texas Hill Country's premier wine destination.

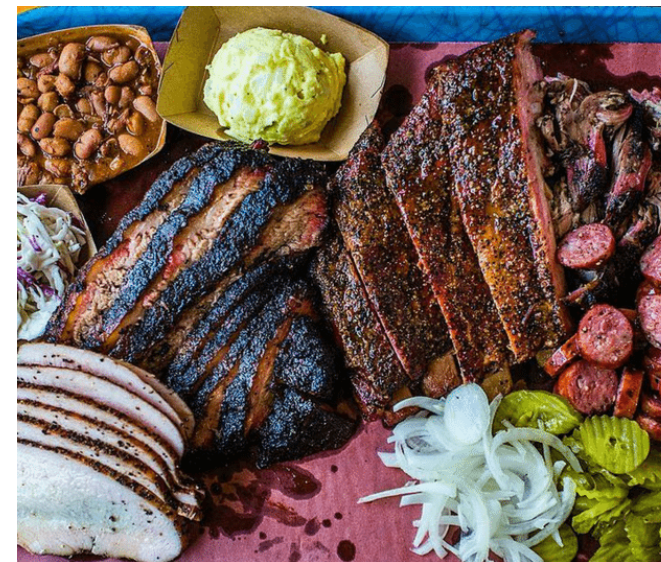
Enchanted Rock: Hike, climb, and take in views atop this massive pink granite dome and state natural area.

Lockhart - BBQ Capital of Texas: Taste legendary smoked meats in a town that's synonymous with authentic Texas barbecue.

Lockhart - Art Galleries: Explore Lockhart's growing arts scene with eclectic galleries and local creatives.

Visit San Antonio: From the historic Alamo to the lively River Walk, San Antonio blends culture and history.

New Braunfels Tubing: Float the Guadalupe or Comal Rivers for a refreshing, laid-back day under the Texas sun.



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