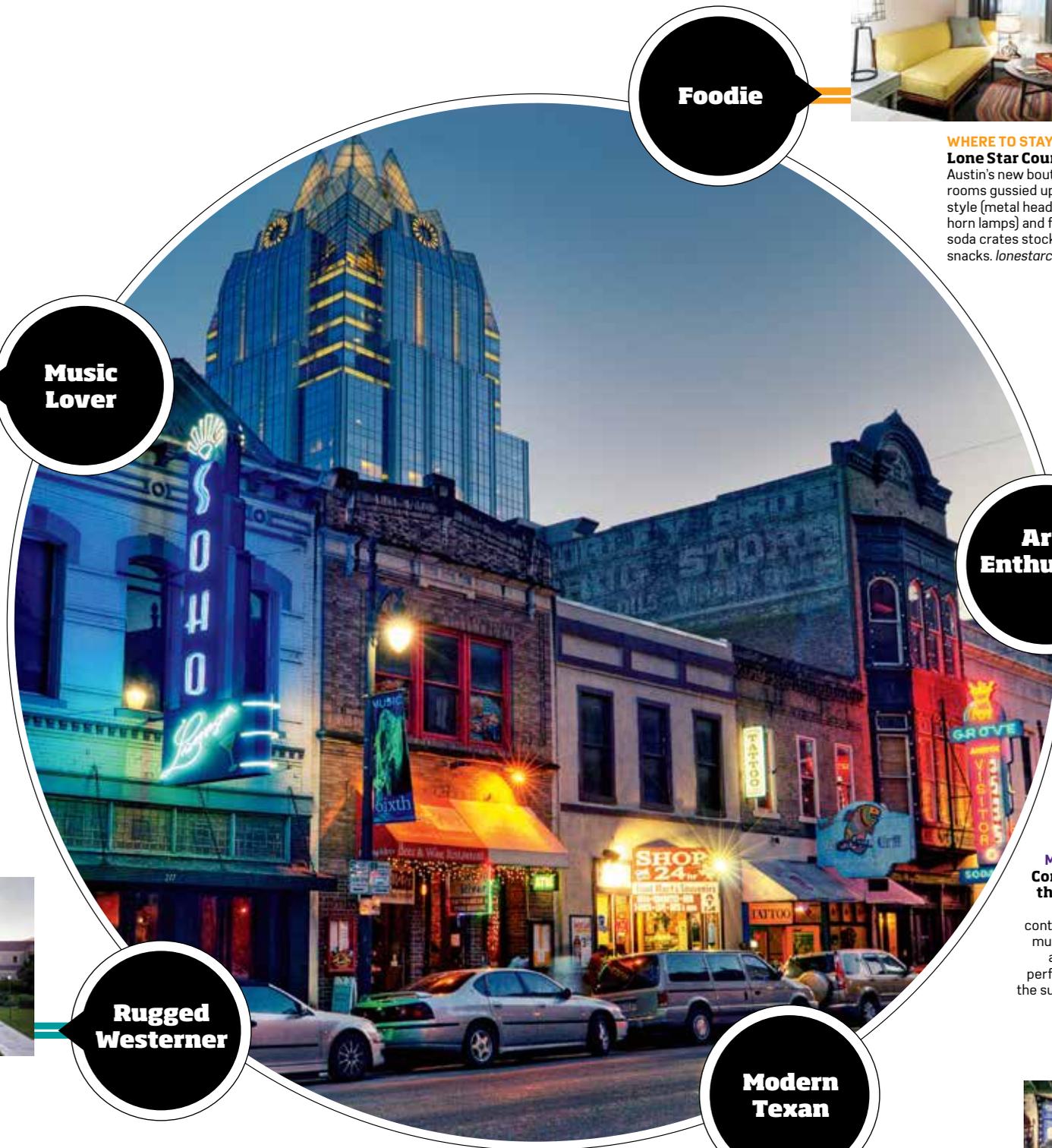


Austin

There's more than one way to discover a destination.

By Paula Disbrowe



Foodie



Stop by the Lone Star's food truck for breakfast burritos and fried chicken and waffles.

WHERE TO STAY // Lone Star Court

Austin's new boutique hotel offers rooms gussied up in a retro ranch style (metal headboards and deer horn lamps) and featuring vintage soda crates stocked with regional snacks. lonestarcourt.com

MORNING // Easy Tiger

With loaves of miche and rye, crusty baguettes, chewy pretzels and flaky croissants, baker David Norman has created a bread culture in tortilla town. easytigeraustin.com

LUNCH // Franklin Barbecue

Many consider Aaron Franklin's slow-cooked smoked brisket to be the best in Texas—hence the long lines. franklinbarbecue.com



Arts Enthusiast



WHERE TO STAY // Four Seasons Hotel Austin

The luxurious Four Seasons is perched on the banks of Lady Bird Lake. Sip a fresh Mexican martini in the lobby lounge before dinner at Trio. fourseasons.com/austin



BREAKFAST // Houndstooth Coffee

Calling all coffee geeks: Houndstooth knows its beans. This hipster spot serves the world's finest coffee in a mod setting.

MORNING // The Contemporary at the Jones Center

In addition to its contemporary art, the museum's Roof Deck at The Jones is the perfect spot to watch the sun set over Austin. thecontemporary.austin.org

AFTERNOON // Blanton Museum of Art

Tucked inside the leafy campus of the University of Texas at Austin, the collection here includes European masters, Latin American art and paintings of the American West. blantonmuseum.org



Modern Texan



WHERE TO STAY // Hotel Saint Cecilia

Named for the patron saint of music and poetry, this luxurious property is tucked just off South Congress. Don't miss the pool, with its illuminated pink neon "soul" sign. hotelsaintcecilia.com

MORNING // Stag

A one-stop shop for any modern dude, with a quirky mix of modern and traditional clothing, antiques, gifts and body care. stagaustin.com



AFTERNOON // Helm Boots

Helm offers cool urban styles designed in Austin since 2009—and popular with rock stars and chefs such as Paul Qui. helmboots.com

DINNER // Lenoir

At this stylish boîte, the menu features seasonal plates with local ingredients—think roasted antelope with turnip cake. Start with bubbly in the pretty garden. lenoirrestaurant.com

Music Lover



WHERE TO STAY // W Austin

The swanky hotel is an ideal home base for a music binge, as several clubs are nearby on Sixth Street. The hotel offers its own live music series and a "Records Room" that showcases vintage LPs. whotelAustin.com

BRUNCH // Lucy's Fried Chicken

James Holmes is one of a wave of top chefs devoted to perfectly fried bird. The laid-back vibe is perfect for buckets of chicken served with pickled vegetables, grilled oysters and Southern sides. lucysfriedchicken.com



EVENING // ACL Live

ACL Live at The Moody Theater is a state-of-the-art venue that doubles as home for the *Austin City Limits* TV show. The 2,750-seat, three-level venue hosts megastars ranging from Willie Nelson to Coldplay. acl-live.com



LATE NIGHT // Continental Club

In the middle of hopping South Congress, this club has been rocking South Austin since 1957. Icy longnecks and nightly live music make it an essential, time-honored venue. www.continentalclub.com



WHERE TO STAY // Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort & Spa

Just outside of Austin, this resort offers 18 miles of hiking trails plus horseback riding, rafting and kayaking on the lovely Colorado River. lostpines.hyatt.com

Rugged Westerner

AFTERNOON // Allens Boots

From colorful, embroidered "steppin'" out styles to traditional work boots, Allens will get you ready for the ranch in no time. allensboots.com



EVENING // Broken Spoke

This remains a definitive, toe-tapping honky tonk and beloved Austin institution. Its well-scuffed dance floor, cheap beer and burgers, and calendar of local troubadours still do its history proud. brokenspokeaustintx.com



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