



AUSTIN

In 1839, the settlement under the name of “Waterloo” was built, but it was changed shortly after to “Austin” in honor of Stephen F. Austin who was the Republic of Texas’ first secretary of state, also known as the “Father of Texas.” Today, Austin is the capital of Texas and is known as a center for business and technology companies such as Google, Apple Inc., Amazon, IBM, and Intel. Join Eric as he tours through Austin, listening to musicians play live and finds what “Keeps Austin Weird” in this folk art painting!

1. University of Texas Tower was finished in 1937.
2. Littlefield Fountain is a WWI memorial.
3. The Ashton Apartments opened in 2009.
4. The Austonian is the tallest building in the city.
5. One American Center is the 11th tallest building in Austin.
6. Texas Governor’s Mansion was built in 1854.
7. Frost Bank Tower is the 3rd tallest building in Austin.
8. Darrell K Royal Texas Memorial Stadium is home to the Austin Longhorns football team in 1924.
9. There is at least 100,000 + Texas Longhorn Fans standing here.
10. The Wells Fargo Pyramid is a cool building to look at from afar.
11. Texas State Capitol was built from 1882- 1888.
12. One Congress Plaza was built in 1987.
13. Chase Bank Tower holds 21 floors.
14. W Austin Hotel & Spa is a Marriott franchise and began in the early 1900’s.
15. “Hook ‘Em Horns!” is the football cheer for the University of Texas at Austin.
16. First Street Bridge was built in 1951.
17. The Austin Police Department’s motto is “Keeping you, your family, and out community safe.”
18. The Austin City Hall was finished in 2004.
19. Buford Tower was once a drill tower for firefighters, now it’s a bell tower.
20. Look! It’s the Dowdle Folk Art Van!
21. The city of Austin Flag colors blue and white connect with Stephen F. Austin’s Scottish heritage. See 36
22. Look! It’s the Peace Wagon, an icon in Eric’s paintings.
23. The city’s slogan “Keep Austin Weird” has helped businesses thrive.
24. Albert “Leslie” Cochran is believed to have personified the motto “Keep Austin Weird.” See 23
25. Lance Armstrong—the 6 Mile Bike Way through downtown Austin is named after him.
26. Wendy the Goose and her 3 sons.
27. Willie Nelson, a famous singer, author, actor, poet, and musician in the country music world.
28. Radisson Hotel & Suite has over 900 locations in 73 different countries.
29. The Willie Nelson Tour Bus appeared in the 1980’s.
30. Congress Bridge is where the largest urban bat colony in the US lives. Yes, bats.
31. Shoal Beach is a relaxing spot.
32. Bevo, a Texas Longhorn and the mascot for the University of Texas at Austin.
33. State Flag of Texas depicts the state’s name: The Lone Star State.
34. Austin became the “Live Music Capital of the World” in 1991.
35. Lone Star Riverboat is the largest all electric paddle wheeler in the US.
36. Stephen F. Austin is known as the “Father of Texas” because he founded it.
37. The Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail is the thriving spot of Austin.
38. The Duffy boat first launched in 1968.
39. ATX—Short for Austin, Texas.
40. The Colorado River is 862 miles long.
41. Matthew McConaughey, an American actor.
42. Waterloo—What Austin was originally called.
43. Canoe, kayak, paddle boarding, or pedal a Swan Boat on the Colorado River.
44. Fishbow—Like a rainbow but with fish.