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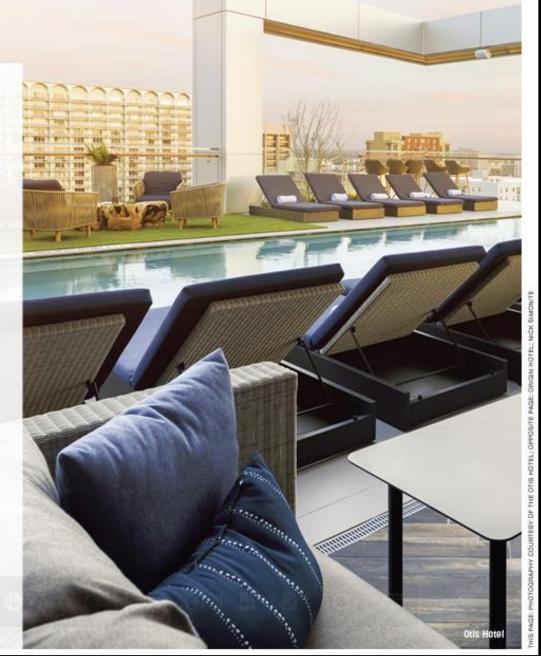
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DREAMY LOCAL HOTELS OFFER STAYCATIONS
WITHOUT THE TRAVEL HASSLES

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Antsy to get out of
the house? Want to go
somewhere to recharge
for a bit? If you answered a wholehearted
"yes" to both questions
but felt like saying a big
"no thanks" to planning
a big trip, a staycation
may be just what the
conclerge ordered. All
you have to do is take
your pick from the many
hotels across Austin.

From a luxurious
five-star stay to a more
casual escape in the
heart of downtown, here
are some choice options
for your in-town "getaway." These hotels are
also recommended for
any visiting friends or
family who prefer lodging with a little more
character than your
standard chain hotel.









THE OTIS HOTEL

Adjacent to the UT campus, The Otis Hotel is for those who love a bit of luxury without the pretentiousness. The comfortable, tastefully decorated rooms are the perfect place to rest your body, and each one has a vinyl record player. It's not just a gimmick, either, as the hotel has its own "vinyl ambassador" who can help you pick out a selection of records to enjoy during your stay, whether you want to bliss out or rock out.

Another big plus of being a guest here: easy access to the 21+ rooftop pool and lounge. One of the best times to visit is during the Golden Hour happy hour, extending from one hour before to one hour after sunset Monday through Thursday.

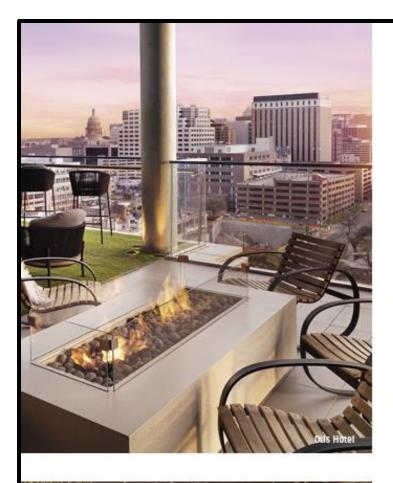
1901 San Antonio St. | otishotel.com

LONE STAR COURT

At Lone Star Court, a retro aesthetic meets modern comforts and convenience. You may be in the middle of The Domain, but it feels like you've left the city entirely thanks to the resort-style courtyard, dipping pool and fire pits. In true Austin fashion, you'll be treated to some live music every weekend, and there are even food trucks on the property. >>





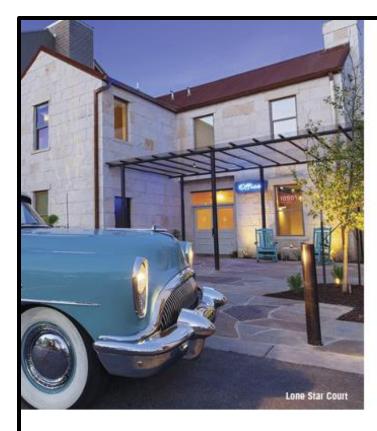














Depending on which of the funky, colorful rooms you choose, you can expect some fun touches such as a SMEG retro refrigerator, clawfoot soaking tub and wraparound porch with rocking chairs. It's pet-friendly, too.

10901 Domain Dr. | Ionestarcourt.com

THOMPSON AUSTIN

Situated in the center of downtown, Thompson Austin opened its doors in January, beckoning those who love their staycations with a healthy dose of refinement. The rooms are chic with their sumptuous interior design, and the food is enticing with culinary experiences driven by James Beard Award-winning chef Mashama Bailey and business partner Johno Morisano.

You'll be set for fitness, too. An expansive wellness center has a golf simulator and private workout rooms. And after workouts, you can settle into a private cabana with a refreshing cocktail in hand at the fourth-floor pool area. 506 San Jacinto Bivd.

thompsonhotels.com/hotels/texas/austin/thompson-austin

TOMMIE AUSTIN

Not to be confused with Thompson Austin, tommle Austin is located right next door. It's part of the same Hyatt hotel group but offers an entirely different experience. At the tommle, the rooms are smaller and more minimalist but also more affordable. You'll still get access to the amenities of Thompson Austin, including the pool, and enjoy the benefits of the prime downtown location.

If you're traveling alone or you like to spend most of your time exploring the area, the tommle is worth considering.

506 San Jacinto Blvd.

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