

Relocating to Austin, Made Easier.

A FAMILY-FORWARD GUIDE TO FINDING YOUR PLACE



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Begin with the life you want to build



A new city is more than a new address. It's the beginning of a new rhythm.

Before you compare listings, get a clear picture of the life you want your home to support. The right neighborhood becomes much easier to recognize once you know what matters most.

Setting & rhythm

Central streets, waterfront pockets, Hill Country views, suburban room — begin with the atmosphere you want to wake up in.

Family priorities

Which routines matter most: schools, activities, outdoor time, support systems, or space.

Access

A daily route can matter more than a map pin — school, work, airport, groceries, weekend habits.

Your Austin priorities

Try this before your first serious search: each decision-maker names three non-negotiables and three nice-to-haves. It gives every showing and neighborhood conversation a useful filter.

- The setting: central, waterfront, Hill Country, suburban, or urban
- The daily experience: walkability, privacy, dining, recreation, and convenience
- The home itself: lot size, layout, age, finish level, and room to grow
- The financial picture: purchase range, property taxes, and ongoing costs

Find your Austin fit



YOUR STRONGEST FIRST QUESTION

What do we want a Tuesday evening — and a Saturday morning — to feel like?

These are starting points, not labels — neighborhood character shifts block by block, and a tailored conversation narrows things fastest.

Central & walkable

Neighborhood restaurants, culture, parks, and easy access to downtown.

Hill Country & private

Views, larger lots, a quieter pace, a tucked-away feel.

Waterfront & outdoors

Lake access, trail time, an outdoor lifestyle built into every day.

Schools & routine

Daily logistics, community, and close-in convenience.

A few areas to explore

Westlake Hills

Hill Country scenery and privacy, with easy access to central Austin.

Tarrytown

A central, established setting with tree-lined streets and close-in convenience.

Barton Creek

Golf, greenbelt surroundings, and a resort-like sense of space.

South Congress

Creative energy, dining, and boutiques for those who want to be close to the action.

Lake Austin

Waterfront living and a rare sense of retreat.

Downtown Austin

A polished, lock-and-leave option with views and proximity to major employers.

Tip: A virtual neighborhood tour is a smart first filter before planning an in-person visit.

Make it work for your family



A home choice is often a daily-life choice. Leave room in your search for the routines that will make the transition feel easier once the boxes are unpacked.

SCHOOL-AREA RESEARCH

School considerations are personal — verify current boundaries, admissions requirements, and program details directly with the school or district. Start with what matters most to your family, then evaluate individual options with current information.

Morning logistics

How does the school or activity routine work with your drive, work schedule, and support system?

Community feel

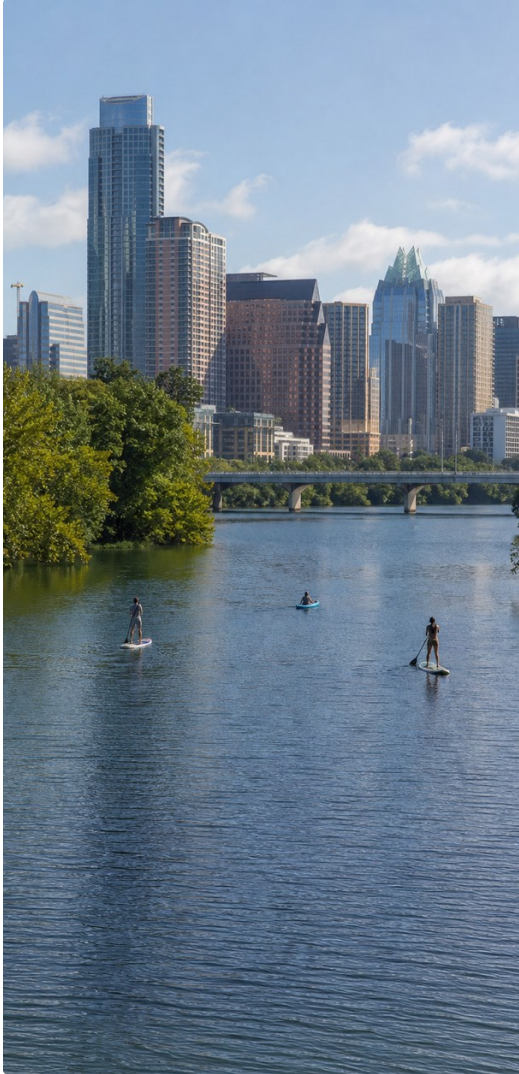
What kind of neighborhood life and local connections do you hope to build?

Room to evolve

Will the home and location still work if your routines or family situation change?

The best search leaves room for the family you're becoming, not just the one you are today.

Plan a visit that tells you something



Choose a few priority areas rather than trying to see the whole city in a day. A good visit isn't about the most homes — it's about discovering which places make your family's routines and future feel clear.

Outside first

Take a morning walk near the water, a trail, or a park. Notice how the setting changes your pace.

Gather well

Pick one neighborhood restaurant, coffee stop, or market per area — small routines are often the clearest signal.

Make room for culture

Live music, a museum, or an unplanned walk through a district worth returning to.

Test the ordinary

Drive the route you'd actually use — school, office, groceries, weekend errands — at different times of day.

We can tailor a private weekend itinerary around the homes, neighborhoods, and experiences that matter most to you.

Settling in, and buying from afar

A move happens in two threads at once: the practical steps that get you here, and the small routines that make it feel like home once you've arrived.

YOUR FIRST 30 DAYS

Before the move

Timeline, school or childcare research, insurance, utilities, and the home details that must be ready at arrival.

Your first week

Groceries, pharmacy, school or work routes, a nearby park, one place that feels easy to return to.

Weeks two to four

Address changes, local registrations, healthcare, activities, and the home projects that make the space yours.

Belonging tends to grow through repetition — leave room for simple wins, not a race to know it all at once.

BUYING FROM ANOTHER CITY

1

Build the brief. Timing, budget, priorities, areas worth a closer look.

2

Explore virtually. Video, neighborhood context, live conversation.

3

Plan the right visit. Focus on the best-fit areas, not everything.

4

Prepare the full cost picture. Financing, taxes, insurance, inspections.

5

Make an informed offer. Local context, condition, timing, priorities.

6

Coordinate the details. Inspections, negotiations, closing, move.

This guide is educational and is not legal, tax, lending, or school-placement advice. Use qualified professionals and official sources for decisions specific to your circumstances.

Let's make your Austin move feel more manageable

There's no one-size-fits-all route to Austin. A quick conversation turns broad possibilities into a practical neighborhood and home-search plan.

Tell us your timing

Whether your move is months away or already underway, the right first step depends on your timeline.

Share what matters

We'll listen for the details that shape a good fit: lifestyle, priorities, routines, and goals.

Get a clear next step

Leave with a better sense of which areas to explore and how to approach the process.

Start the conversation

Jason Hastings and Henriett Novak offer thoughtful Austin relocation guidance — neighborhood matching, private virtual tours, local market context, and support through closing.

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Austin home starts with a conversation.