

# Buda

FOUNDED IN 1881, BUDA IS KNOWN FOR QUALITY SCHOOLS, A QUAIN  
DOWNTOWN, AND CLOSE PROXIMITY TO FESTIVALS, WALKING TRAILS,  
AND FAMILY FUN!



## OVERVIEW

Originally known as Du Pre, Buda got its name in the late 1800's, but the origin remains a mystery. One legend says it comes from Budapest, Hungary, while another claims it evolved from the Spanish word for widow, viuda, honoring the women who cooked in a local hotel. Today, the close-knit community retains small-town charm, particularly in the historic downtown district on Main Street. Because of Buda's laid-back feel, city leaders have adopted the motto "Breathe Easy Here."

In the past two decades, Buda has seen tremendous residential, commercial, and industrial growth as it becomes one of the premier locations to live, work and play in Central Texas. Close proximity to Downtown Austin, Austin Bergstrom International Airport, Interstate 35 and SH-45 have allowed Buda to undergo a rapid transformation from a small rural community to a thriving community. Buda has been fortunate and had the foresight to plan for growth while maintaining its history charm and small-town feeling.

## THE WIENER DOG CAPITAL OF TEXAS

This annual event and country fair has become so popular in recent years the Buda Wiener Dog Races now attract around 400 racers each year. The races are held in Buda's City Park where you can also enjoy food, arts and crafts vendors, live entertainment or compete in a Barbeque Cook-Off.

## Downtown Buda

Downtown Buda is a short six blocks of preserved history

packed with shopping, dining and evening entertainment. It has a unique retail mix that visitors will love and want to visit again and again.

Downtown Buda also hosts First Thursday, a monthly event where downtown businesses are "Alive After Five" and offers deals to those shopping. Whether it is getting donuts or having drinks a night, there is always something to do.

## HAYS CISD - DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

Located in North Central Hays County, the Hays Consolidated Independent School District covers more than 221 square miles. The district serves more than 25,000 students in three counties at 28 campuses.

Founded in 1967, Hays CISD now incorporates in its consolidation what used to be the Buda and Kyle school districts. When it opened, the district served fewer than 1,200 students. Now serving more than 20 times that number, Hays CISD is the largest of the four school districts in Hays County.

The district offers dynamic, rigorous instruction with a commitment to serve the unique needs of every child. Its modern, energy-efficient schools are ideal learning environments, staffed with highly-qualified, caring teachers and other educational professionals. Students are offered many specialized programs, hands-on career and technical education opportunities, a robust menu of extracurricular ventures, participation on winning athletics teams, and the finest fine arts program imaginable.

## **BUDA WINS GOLD**

The City of Buda received a gold certification from the Scenic City Certification Program of Scenic Texas. 1,200 Texas cities and towns applied for certification and 16 were chosen.

Buda received a gold certification for its parking lot landscaping; five special districts, including the historic district; strict dark sky regulations; and for meeting national standards of 10 acres of parkland for every 1,000 residents.

Buda's motto is "breathe easy here," and the city provides the places to do just that. If antiquing is your thing, there are a handful of shops downtown with all kinds of rare collectibles at bargain prices.

Taste locally made wine on an outdoor patio, listen to talented musicians from Texas and beyond at one-of-a-kind venues, and play classic arcade games until your thumbs fall off. These kinds of awesome experiences are just a taste of what awaits in Buda, a quaint charmer that punches above its weight in terms of unique things to see and do. Entertainment, live music, karaoke, arcade games, and world-class racing can all be found in and around town. If you just want to enjoy some good food and drink, Buda has you covered. The following are some of the top attractions in Buda.

## **SHOP, DINE AND RELAX IN DOWNTOWN BUDA**

This shopping and dining district is the heart and soul of Buda. Ranging from unique shops or restaurants that will satisfy your inner foodie, all the way to a spa to get you rejuvenated after a long week.

## **EXPLORE BUDA MILL & GRAIN CO.**

A former cotton gin dating back to 1914, Buda Mill & Grain Co. is now a beautifully restored shopping and dining area where you can hang out all day. Stroll in the shade of historic silos, browse for the latest in women's fashion at Ellipsis Boutique, and work up a refreshing sweat at Willow Gardens Hot Yoga. Want to treat yourself? Get a slice of German chocolate cake or a red velvet cupcake at Sweet Cakes 4 U and a cup of coffee at Nate's Coffee & Cocktails. Once the sun sets, get a glass of wine or a cocktail and admire the view of downtown Buda from the patio.

## **THE OUTDOOR CAPITAL OF TEXAS**

Situated at the junction of the Edwards Plateau and the southern Backland Prairie, Buda has long offered citizens and visitors alike a strong sense of connection to the natural world. Native Americans once hunted buffalo, bear, deer, and wild turkey in the environs of Buda. The presence of wild game continues to draw modern professionals and weekend hunters; moreover, fishing, camping, canoeing, and hiking can be enjoyed in the area year-round.

## **GET ARTSY**

There are souvenirs, and then there's what you'll find at the art galleries in Buda. Assemblage Contemporary Craftsman Gallery, located in the Buda Mill & Grain Co., and Inspired Minds Art Center in the heart of downtown is a showcase of the works of living American artists, many of which live here in town or are born and raised in Buda. Check out the whimsical pottery of Buda's own Fraser Harris alongside an array of vibrant paintings, photographs, distinctive jewelry, and furniture. See something you like? Much of the collection at each gallery is available for sale, and the prices are as affordable as the art is eye-catching. Want to get your hands dirty? Inspired Minds Art Center offers an array of art class nights perfect for your visit to Buda.

## **PARKS & OUTDOOR SPACES**

Buda was named the "Outdoor Capital of Texas" by the State of Texas Legislature due to its high percentage of parkland. Enjoy nature as you go "off the beaten path" and explore Buda's hike and bike trails in one of our 13 scenic parks and natural areas, including the 54-acre Historic Stagecoach Park. Choose from ADA accessible trails with benches or trails that have beautiful wildflower meadows. Enjoy the benefits of our parks with a range of amenities. Picnic areas, ball fields, basketball courts, playground equipment and many other recreational venues are offered at the park sites. See you on the trail!

## **RACING**

Start your engines in Buda. Race fans attending events at Circuit of the Americas in Austin need to consider Buda for their lodging destination. Buda hotels are 15 minutes from the track and are a more affordable option. For FORMULA ONE, Buda offers transportation from your hotel to the track and back and to other Buda destinations.

## **BUSINESS**

Businesses from across the State of Texas and nation are discovering that business is better in Buda. Buda is proud of the wide variety and diversity of our major employers. From cost advantages, proximity to talented employees, incentives, and the ease of doing business are just a few reasons businesses have located in Buda. Buda is positioned for success and growth by locating in Buda, your business will be in very good company.