

Austin TX.



F1 United States Grand Prix Travel Guide

Austin Texas is home to one of the world's best Formula One Grand Prix. With its vibrant track, exciting entertainment, and relaxed atmosphere, the United States Grand Prix is a favorite amongst F1 fans all over the world.

Let this be a helpful grand prix guide for anyone interested in attending to help you plan your next Formula One trip.

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The Event

The United States Grand Prix is one of the most talked about Formula One events held each season. With its iconic views, spectacular fan stages, and showstopping concerts it is a Formula One event like no other.

The Grand Prix is held at the Circuit of the Americas racetrack, located just outside the city of Austin. The track has hosted F1 races since 2012 which take place in mid-October.

The event is known for its sunny weather, vibrant atmosphere, and incredible fan activities.

THE 2024 USGP WILL FEATURE

- F1 Sprint Race Weekend Format
- Unique Grandstand Ticket Options
- Concerts on Friday and Saturday Evening
- Fan Stages + Driver Interviews

LOCATION

Circuit of The Americas
9201 Circuit of The Americas Blvd,
Austin, TX.

DATES

18-20 October 2024



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Track Information

The United States Grand Prix is held at the famous Circuit of the Americas racetrack. Nestled on 1,500 acres of land, the track is known for its stars & stripes track design, steep first turn, and rolling hills. It's a truly beautiful F1 destination.

Around the track, fans will find a variety of F1 activations, art installations, performance stages, a massive main Amphitheater, and much more.

When you first arrive take some time to explore the grounds and be prepared to walk a lot! The track is huge.

NAVIGATION

The best way to navigate the track is by picking up a physical map at the entry gates. It's lightweight and incredibly detailed. The official COTA App is also helpful for managing tickets, quickly navigating the grounds, and staying updated on the race weekend schedule.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Water stations will be located around the grounds at the following locations:

- Turn 1 (near restrooms)
- Turn 6
- Main Grandstand
- Grand Plaza (near restrooms)

THE GROUNDS

The best part about the Circuit of the Americas track is the grounds, that are open for all F1 ticket holders to explore. Fans can climb the iconic COTA Tower, watch practice from the Amphitheater, enjoy the food stalls, and wander into the bar tents.

The biggest flaw of the track is its lack of shade and water stations, so prepare to sweat a bit. Bring a large water bottle, wear sunscreen, and don't forget to rest.

Remember that the COTA track and its crowds are MASSIVE. It will take a long time to get around, but all the main walkways are paved and easy to navigate.



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Williams Fan Zone

What to Do

The United States Grand Prix weekend offers an incredible amount of excitement for fans on and off track.

AT THE TRACK

Fans have the opportunity to experience:

- Concerts on Friday and Saturday,
- Driver Interviews at the Amphitheater
- Amusement Park Rides
- Fan Activations

OFF TRACK

Fans have the opportunity to experience:

- Williams Racing F1 Fan Zone
- F1 Pop-ups in Downtown Austin
- Special F1 Team events
- Fan Get Togethers
- Driver Meet and Greets

Where to Eat

The track offers a wide variety of food from local vendors around the clock. Whether you are exploring the concession stands or hanging out in one of the many food tents, the United States Grand Prix has options for everybody.

When you first get to track to explore your options and plan where you might like to eat before the mid-day rush.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

On Friday and Saturday evenings of the F1 weekend fans with Friday and Saturday tickets get general admission access to see music icons STING and Eminem live on the Super Stage.



The Grand Plaza

Where to Watch

For fans with general admission tickets, some of the best viewing locations can be found at Turn 1, Turn 6, and Turn 17. In particular, the views from the Turn 1 hill and Turn 19 are a personal favorite of mine. Don't forget to arrive early before the crowds and bring a blanket or jacket, the morning dew makes the ground slippery and damp!

For guests looking to purchase grandstand seats, you are in luck; there are no bad views at COTA. The only factors you will want to consider are shade coverage and prices.

If you want shade cover throughout the day, get tickets for the upper grandstand rows and double-check the ticket descriptions on the website. Most grandstand tickets will indicate if they provide shade.

Where to Stay

Given the track's location, guests attending the United States Grand Prix have a variety of places to consider for local accommodation in Austin.

For this Grand Prix specifically, I will always suggest staying in the downtown Austin area. Many of the F1 pop-ups and special events take place in downtown Austin during the weekend and staying downtown is a great way to be close to the action off track.

If you would like a quieter stay, finding accommodations on the outskirts of Austin is also a great option. Like any Grand Prix, I recommend staying in the closest location to downtown that your budget will allow.

Here are some of my favorite places to stay:

- Hilton Garden Inn University District \$
- Hyatt Place Downtown \$\$
- The Driskill Hotel \$\$\$



Tickets

The United States Grand Prix is one of the biggest F1 races of the season and offers a wide range of tickets for fans at a variety of price points.

Fans can experience everything from a new grandstand each day with the Flex Pass, premium hospitality with a Terrace pass, or soak up the sunshine around the grounds with a Grounds General Admission ticket.

Keep an eye on the COTA social media pages for the most up-to-date tickets, new experience opportunities, and special sales.

2024 USGP TICKET TYPES

- 3-Day General Admission Ticket (389+)
- 3-Day Grandstand ticket (625+)
- 3-Day Flex Pass (750+)
- Single Day Tickets (89+)
- Terrace Hospitality Pass (3k+)
- VIP/Hospitality Passes (4k+)

COTA TICKET SALES TEAM

You can discuss ticket options and purchase tickets directly through the COTA track by reaching out to the ticket sales team.

CONTACT INFO:

tickets@thecircuit.com

(512) 301-6600



Transportation

One of the biggest challenges of any F1 Grand Prix is figuring out how you will get to the racetrack. Luckily F1 fans attending the United States Grand Prix have several transportation options to consider.

The three most popular forms of transportation are Shuttles, Rideshares, and personal vehicles. All three options have pros and cons, but are the best options for fans attending the Austin F1 race.

Keep in mind that like any large event, traffic will be present and it will take a while to travel to and from the track.



SHUTTLES

The Circuit of the Americas racetrack offers a shuttle pass for fans who do not want to wait for Uber or drive themselves.

Ranging from \$76-\$140 for a three-day pass fans will be picked up and dropped off at the same primary location every day. With shuttles departing from Waterloo Park, Barton, and the Travis Country Expo Centre.

This option is wonderful for fans of all ages who want to arrive when the gates open and stay late for the evening concerts.

RIDESHARE & PARKING

Fans can purchase a weekend parking pass to one of the many COTA parking lots and walk a short distance to the entry gates. Parking passes will start at \$275 and can be bought directly on the Circuit of the Americas website.

F1 Fans can also take a rideshare to the Grand Prix but will need to be dropped off at the designated rideshare lot off sight. Fans will then need to board the free shuttle to get to the main gates.

Be aware that demand for rideshares will be high during the F1 weekend and the prices will surge during peak travel times.

Bag Policy

Unlike other Formula 1 races in the United States the USGP has a very generous bag policy! Fans are allowed to bring the following types of items.

- Bags that do not exceed 12" x 12" x 20"
- Blankets
- Portable, collapsible chairs
- Diaper & Medical Bags are allowed but will be searched
- Empty water bottles
- Empty Camelback backpack

Super Stage Concert Floor Seating and Super Stage Loge Boxes may have different bag policies. Bag check locations will be available on-site.



See You In Austin!

Away We Go!

Any Formula One event is bound to be fun and action-packed, but remember to take care of yourself. The weekend can feel overwhelming if you are not prepared.

Stay hydrated, bring sunscreen, wear good soled shoes, and ensure your phone always has a charge.

Enjoy Your time in Austin at the Formula One United States Grand Prix!