

CIRCUIT GUIDE

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The Circuit Guide contains information for your trip to Austin, Texas for the United States Grand Prix.

It provides essential information and insights for visitors attending a Grand Prix, offering details about the access points, food and drinks stand, prohibited items and more of the racing circuit.

Enjoy reading and have a good trip on behalf of Race Experience!



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Circuit information

CIRCUIT OF THE AMERICAS

The Circuit of the Americas has a challenging layout. The circuit is 5.513 kilometers long and consists of 20 bends, including tight hairpin bends, sharp turns and elevation changes. It is known for its combination of fast straights and technical sections, making it a favorite among drivers and fans.

One of the unique features of COTA is the large elevation changes. The circuit has steep inclines and descents that make the driving experience more complex and visually striking for spectators.

The first corner is a sharp hairpin, preceded by a long, fast straight. It is one of the most famous corners in Formula 1 and offers excellent overtaking opportunities at the start of the race and throughout the Grand Prix.



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How To Get There

The track is located about 16 miles southeast of downtown Austin. Most people choose to buy tickets for the shuttle bus.

The shuttle bus will pick you up from Waterloo Park, Travis County Expo Center or the Barton Creek Square Mall. Tickets can be purchased via the [official website](#).

Taxis and ride-sharing services such as Uber and Lyft are also worth considering. Please note that Uber and Lyft will drive to the Del Valle High School parking lot. From there there are free shuttle buses to the circuit.

Opening hours

The circuit opens its doors to all visitors during the weekend at the following times:

- Friday at 08:00
- Saturday at 09:00
- Sunday at 07:25



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Food & Drinks

A variety of food and drinks are available at the Circuit of The Americas. Options range from pizza to BBQ, Tex-Mex, Thai and more. The prices are quite high. A beer costs around \$10 and food costs between \$15 and \$25.

Free water points can be found at the following locations: Turn 1 (near the toilets), Turn 4/5 (near the entrance gate), Main Stand, Grand Plaza (near the toilets).

Walking Distance

A visit to a Grand Prix often involves covering many miles/kilometres. Make sure you wear comfortable shoes for any walking that is required of you, and wear comfortable clothing.

Taking Pictures

Taking photos is allowed, but only with a simple camera. Attention is also paid to any interference with the view of other spectators. The enjoyment of other spectators should not be hindered by anyone and therefore we recommend that spectators always pay attention to others.

Video cameras or other professional recording equipment are not allowed on the Circuit of the Americas during Formula 1.

Climate

Late October in Austin marks the transition season from fall to winter. Average maximum temperatures are often in the range of 23–28°C, while minimum temperatures at night can drop to 10–15°C. It can still feel quite warm during the day, but the evenings can be cooler.

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Entertainment

American rock band The Killers will take to the stage on Friday, October 20, while rock royalty Queen + Adam Lambert will headline the Super Stage after qualifying on Saturday, October 21. DJ Tiësto will also perform as part of the Post-Race Celebration after the race on Sunday, October 22.

Check out the full line-up on the [official website](#).

COTA App

You can also download the Circuit of the Americas app in advance. This includes more information about the facilities at the circuit, the extensive schedule of the weekend and frequently asked questions.

Payment Options

The Grand Prix weekend is a cashless event. You can only pay with American Express, Discover, Mastercard and VISA.

Tram

There are trams on site to help visitors get from one location to another. The locations of the tram stops are indicated on the COTA App.

Each stop has a tram flag and a COTA representative to help visitors find the correct transportation route.

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Recommended to take with you to the circuit

- ID and entrance ticket;
- Sun protection (sunscreen should only come from a plastic bottle);
- Sturdy walking shoes;
- Hearing protection;
- Photo camera incl. extra battery and memory card;
- Your printed ticket.

Entrance Criteria for the Circuit

If you are wondering whether or not something is allowed, please consult the list below. All unauthorized items must be surrendered at the circuit entrance gates. The circuit staff have the right to add other items to the list.

- (Pets;
- Alcoholic drinks and drugs;
- Barbecues or (electric) cooking appliances;
- Cans, metal and glass bottles;
- Drones;
- Food and drinks (except a 20 oz/590 ml plastic bottle of water);
- Dangerous objects;
- Glass packaging and/or objects;
- Harmful and flammable substances;
- Aerosols (deodorant, mosquito repellent, etc.)
- Tents and sleeping bags;
- Flagpoles and parasols;
- Vehicles (bicycles, scooters, etc.)
- Fireworks, smoke bombs, rockets, laser pointers, stadium horns.

Check the full list of prohibited items [here](#) under the heading 'Prohibited Items'.

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