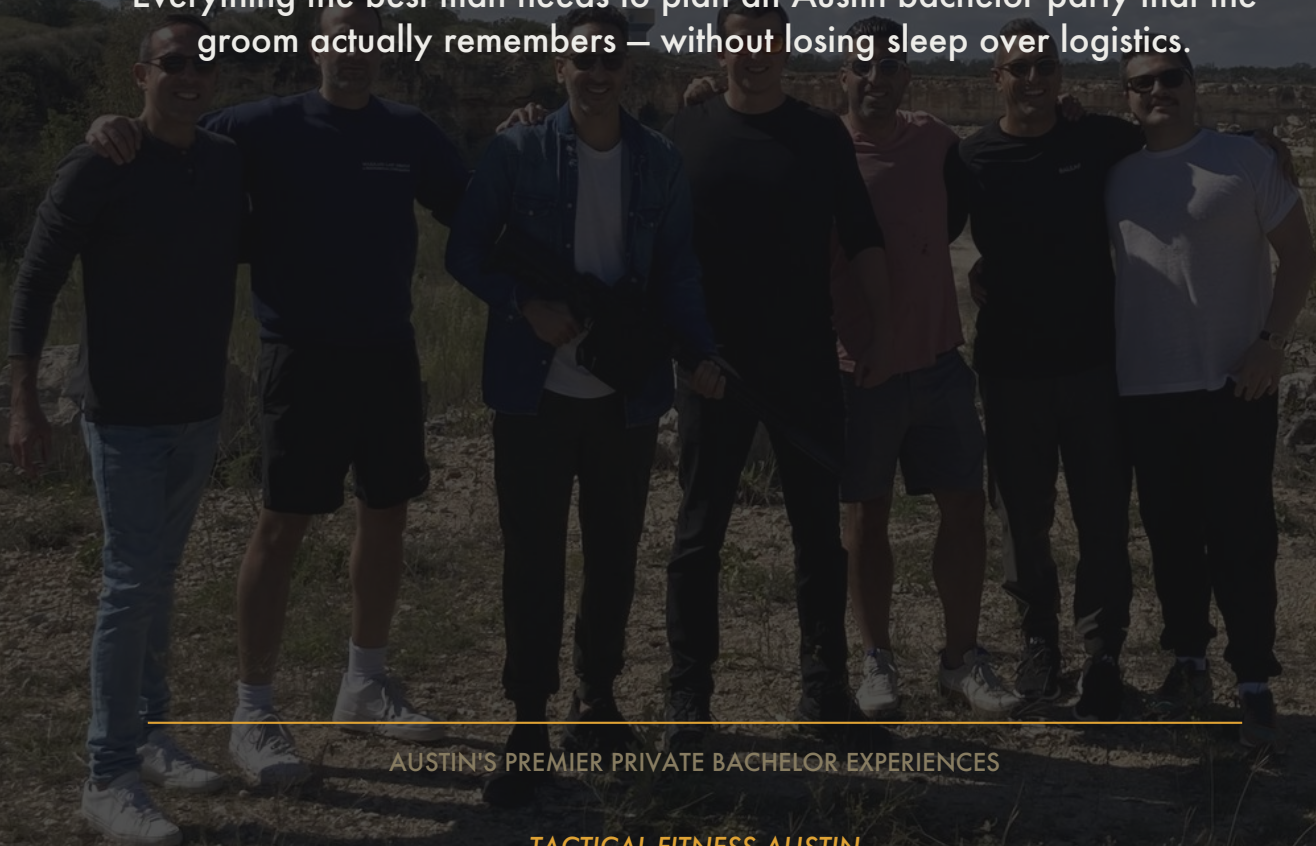




THE AUSTIN BACHELOR PARTY PLANNING PACK

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What's in this pack

- **The Bachelor Party Decision Tree** – pick the right anchor experience in 60 seconds
- **The 90-Day Planning Timeline** – what to lock when, working backward from the wedding
- **The Group Logistics Checklist** – flights, hotels, ground, food, photos
- **The Budget Calculator** – three tiers, real Austin numbers
- **The Best Man's "Don't Drop The Ball" Checklist** – the things that wreck weekends if you forget them
- **The Group Communication Template** – exact words to send the group at each stage

Use everything. Use none. The point is: if you're 30 days from a bachelor weekend and any of this feels overwhelming, you can text us at [\(512\) 815-9101](tel:5128159101) and we'll fill the gaps.

1. The Bachelor Party Decision Tree

Most bachelor planning goes wrong at this step: someone picks an activity before defining what the weekend is FOR.

Answer these three questions first.

Question 1: What kind of weekend does the groom actually want?

Groom personality	What they actually want	Skip
The Adventurer – outdoors, active, talks about wanting to do "something cool"	Tactical experience, helicopter, ranch, lake activities	Don't waste him on a bar crawl
The Connector – values being with the boys, less about activities	Lake day + group dinner + relaxed mornings	Don't over-program. Less is more.

The Local Pro – knows Austin well, has been to all the bars already

Something NEW – tactical, helicopter, ranch – that's not already in his rotation

Skip bar crawls; he's done them

The Reluctant – got pressured into a bachelor, doesn't want a "thing"

One memorable anchor (4 hours max), then free time and group dinner

Don't over-program. Respect the energy.

Question 2: Who's the audience?

Audience makeup	Implication
All close friends, same age, similar incomes	Bigger anchor, premium experiences work
Mixed (work friends + brother + father-in-law)	Anchor needs to be inclusive across fitness/comfort levels
Mostly first-time visitors to Austin	Add 1-2 Austin-specific elements (BBQ, live music) around the anchor
Most are local Austin	Skip the "do all the Austin things" mode – go somewhere they CAN'T usually access

Question 3: What's the budget reality?

Per-person budget	What's realistic
\$300-500	Half-day anchor + dinner + AirBnB. Skip the helicopter.
\$600-1,000	Half-day anchor + Saturday night dinner + AirBnB or 3-star hotel. Solid middle.
\$1,200-2,500	Full-day anchor (machine guns + helicopter possible). Better hotel. Two dinners.
\$3,000+	The "tell your grandkids" tier – Ultimate Texan, downtown hotel, private chef one night.

If you don't know the budget yet, ask the group. **Send the budget question before you propose any activity.** Bachelor parties die in the gap between what the best man thinks people will pay and what people actually have ready.

2. The 90-Day Planning Timeline

Work backwards from the wedding date.

90+ days out – Lock the date

- Confirm with the groom which weekend works
- Send "date hold" to the group (informal poll: "Is [date] open for everyone?")
- Set a budget range with the group: "\$X – \$Y per person depending on what we pick. Are we good?"
- Get a HARD headcount commitment (not "I'll try") for at least the core group of 5-8

60-75 days out – Lock the anchor experience

- Pick the activity / vendor and put down a deposit (most vendors require 21+ days lead time for early-bird pricing)
- Book the hotel block / AirBnB
- Set up a group chat (WhatsApp or text – Telegram if anyone is paranoid)

45 days out – Lock flights and side activities

- Get group flight commitments
- Book Saturday night dinner reservation (Austin's best places need 4-6 weeks ahead)
- Decide on Sunday brunch (optional but high-value for connector audiences)

21 days out – Soft confirm

- Pay any remaining vendor balances (most Austin vendors collect balance 10 days before)
- Confirm hotel block / AirBnB final headcount
- Send group the "weekend agenda" – Friday arrival window, Saturday plan, Sunday departure

10 days out – Hard confirm

- Final headcount to vendors
- Send dietary restrictions to any catered meal
- Confirm transportation (Uber XL? Charter shuttle? Plan it.)
- Collect waiver signatures for any active experiences

48 hours out – Pre-launch

- Final group text: arrival times, address, dress code, what to bring

- Confirm groom doesn't have any anxiety surprises (he might not know about the helicopter yet – make sure that's intentional)

Day-of

- Best man checks in with each vendor 30 min before arrival window
 - Photographer / videographer briefed on the groom's must-capture moments
 - Cash for tips: \$50-100 per vendor staff is appreciated
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3. The Group Logistics Checklist

The non-glamorous stuff that decides whether the weekend feels organized or chaotic.

Flights

- Use a shared Google Doc or Splitwise for "who's coming when"
- Pick ONE arrival window everyone should land inside (Friday 3-8pm works for most weddings)
- For groomsmen flying together, request adjacent seats – sounds small, matters at airport bars

Lodging

- AirBnB for 8+ people is almost always cheaper than hotel rooms
- Pick a place with: 1 bedroom per 2 people, enough living space for the whole group, a parking situation that won't be a disaster
- Avoid: places where the "8 people sleeps comfortably" claim assumes 4 people on inflatable mattresses

Ground transportation

- Uber XL for the group is \$80-150/trip in Austin. Three+ trips per day = \$300-500. Worth knowing before deciding.
- Charter shuttles run \$400-800 for a half-day. Better for groups 10+. Eliminates the "everyone's at different bars after dinner" problem.
- For any tactical / ranch / outdoor experience: the vendor probably offers transport. Ask.

Food

- Sit-down dinner reservation on Saturday is non-negotiable. Most Austin steakhouses + name BBQ require 4-6 weeks lead time for groups 10+.

- Breakfast: hotel breakfast or order pickup. Saving cognitive load matters more than the breakfast itself.
- Snacks at the AirBnB: someone owns the Costco run. Make it someone other than the best man.

Photos

- Hire a photographer for at least the anchor experience day. \$500-1,500 for a half-day shoot in Austin.
 - Make the photographer's job easier: send them the group's faces in advance so they know who the groom is.
 - Iconic shots to make sure they get: full group with groom centered, candid groom with each groomsman individually, the moment the groom does something he's never done before.
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4. The Budget Calculator

Real Austin numbers, per person, for a 3-day bachelor weekend (Friday arrive, Sunday depart).

Lean – \$400-800 per person

Item	Cost / person
Anchor experience (half-day)	\$200-300
Lodging (AirBnB, shared rooms)	\$80-130/night × 2 nights
Group dinner Sat	\$80-120
Ground transport	\$50-80
Sunday brunch	\$40-60

Skips: helicopter, premium experiences, professional video.

Standard – \$900-1,800 per person

Item	Cost / person
Anchor experience (3-4 hours, machine guns)	\$400-1,000
Lodging (better AirBnB or mid hotel)	\$150-200/night × 2 nights
Group dinner Sat + better Friday + Sunday brunch	\$200-300
Ground transport (some charter, some Uber)	\$80-150
Photographer	\$80-150

Premium – \$2,500-4,500 per person

Item	Cost / person
Anchor experience (full day, helicopter, anti-tank cannon)	\$1,200-3,200
Downtown hotel	\$250-400/night × 2
Private chef night + steakhouse Sat	\$400-700

Charter ground transportation	\$200-300
Pro photo + video	\$200-400

Budget Reality Check

Most bachelor parties end up landing closer to the Standard tier than people initially planned. The reason: nobody wants to be the one suggesting "let's not do the helicopter." Pick the tier, lock the activity, and the rest follows.

5. The Best Man's "Don't Drop The Ball" Checklist

The 12 things that wreck bachelor weekends – in order of frequency I see them go wrong:

- 1 **Not collecting payment upfront** – chasing 8 guys for money on Sunday at the airport sucks. Use Splitwise or Venmo for the full per-person amount before anyone arrives.
- 2 **Not confirming dietary restrictions for catered meals** – one guy with severe allergies + no advance notice = his weekend becomes about scrounging
- 3 **Surprising the groom with something he hates** – confirm the activity isn't his nightmare (heights, water, large groups, etc.) BEFORE you book it
- 4 **Booking dinner before flights are locked** – group rolls into restaurant 2 hours late because half the group is still at the airport
- 5 **Underestimating ground transportation** – for 8 people in Austin, plan \$300-500 in Ubers minimum
- 6 **Forgetting waiver signatures** – most active vendors require signed waivers 48 hours ahead. Don't be the guy collecting them at the front door.
- 7 **Not having a backup plan for weather** – confirm the vendor's weather policy. Outdoor activities in Austin: rain is fine if covered, severe weather (tornado, lightning, flooding) is a reschedule.
- 8 **Letting the groom "help plan"** – he doesn't want to, even if he says he does. Make the calls, send him the agenda.
- 9 **Picking a hotel + AirBnB across town from the activities** – Austin traffic is real, especially weekends. Stay near downtown OR near the activity, not the airport.
- 10 **Skipping Sunday brunch** – the weekend's most-loved meal happens when energy is low and the group can debrief. Don't cut it.
- 11 **Not tipping vendor staff** – instructors, photographers, drivers. Cash, \$50-100 each, end of day. Easy and matters.

- 12 **Not having a "if X goes wrong, here's who to call" sheet** – give it to one other groomsman so the best man isn't the only single point of failure.
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6. Group Communication Templates

Copy / paste these into your group chat. Adjust names and dates.

Stage 1: Date hold (60-90 days out)

``` "Group – [GROOM]'s bachelor weekend is locked for [DATE WEEKEND]. We're looking at Austin. Total budget will land somewhere in the \$X-\$Y/person range depending on what we do.

If [DATE WEEKEND] is a hard no, tell me before [DEADLINE]. After that, the date is set.

Hard commit count: who's IN? Just react with ." ```

### Stage 2: Activity reveal (45-60 days out)

``` "OK – here's the plan.

[FRIDAY ARRIVAL – Just hang at the AirBnB / hotel bar. No structured plan] [SATURDAY MORNING – [ANCHOR EXPERIENCE NAME], we leave the AirBnB at [X]am. Bring sunglasses, closed-toe shoes, water. The vendor handles everything else] [SATURDAY EVENING – Dinner at [RESTAURANT], 7pm] [SUNDAY – Brunch at [PLACE] before flights]

Send your flight info to [VENUE GUY] by [DATE]. Send any dietary stuff to me by [DATE].

Total per-person comes to \$X. Venmo me by [DATE]. I'll send a Venmo link in a separate message." ```

Stage 3: Payment ask (60 days out)

``` "Venmo \$X to @[YOU] by [DATE]. This covers: [ACTIVITY] + Saturday dinner + ground transportation + your share of the AirBnB.

Hotel rooms / your flights you pay separately.

Anyone who doesn't Venmo by [DATE] doesn't come. I'm being firm – I've done this too many times where I'm chasing people for money the week of." ```

### Stage 4: Final logistics (T-3 days)

``` "Final check before the weekend:

[AIRBNB ADDRESS] – arrival anytime Friday after 4pm Pickup for Saturday activity: 8:30am from the AirBnB, sharp. Wear closed-toe shoes. Saturday dinner at [RESTAURANT], 7pm. Reservation under [NAME]. Sunday brunch at [PLACE] at 10am. If you're getting in late Friday, take an Uber from the airport – about \$40-50.

If anything's wrong with the AirBnB when you arrive, text me NOT the host." `` `

Stage 5: Day-of group push

`` ` "OK boys. Wheels up at 8:30. [GROOM] doesn't know about [SURPRISE ELEMENT YET]. Keep it tight.

Photographer is meeting us at the activity. Make sure your phones are charged.

Today, all I'm asking from each of you: [GROOM] becomes the loudest person in the group at least once. Help me make that happen.

Let's go." `` `

Need help executing any of this?

If you're 30 days out and want someone who's run hundreds of these to fill the gaps in your plan:

■ **Email:** info@tacticalfitnessaustin.com

■ **Text:** (512) 815-9101

I'll personally read your message. Tell me your group size, the date, and what the groom's vibe is. If we're the right fit for your anchor experience, I'll lay out the options. If we're not, I'll tell you who in Austin is.

— Ron, Tactical Fitness Austin Founder

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