

TOP TEN

10 THINGS YOU CAN ONLY DO IN NASHVILLE

1 Hear the Music Where Music Lives: We're proud of the title "Music City" – nowhere else can you hear such diverse sounds as Americana, country, rockabilly, jazz, blues, classical, gospel, and rock n' roll. In fact, there are **more than 250 live music venues** in Nashville.

2 Hit the Hall: Kick off your Nashville experience with a day at the **Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum**. The world's largest popular music museum offers ever-changing exhibits featuring the legends of country music past and today's hottest stars.

3 Ride the Row: Take a tour of Music Row and visit historic **RCA Studio B**, the famous recording studio where Elvis recorded over 200 songs. Roy Orbison, Dolly Parton, The Everly Brothers, Eddy Arnold, and many more recorded classic hits here.

4 Visit the Home of The Greek Gods: In Nashville's **Centennial Park**, you'll find the world's only full-scale reproduction of the ancient **Parthenon** in Athens, Greece.

5 Hear Nashville's Newest Sound: The long-awaited **National Museum of African American Music** is a 56,000-square-foot facility that encourages visitors to discover the central role African Americans have played in shaping and creating all genres of American music, from classical to country to jazz and hip hop.

6 Take in A Songwriters-In-The-Round Show: One of the most unique ways to hear music in Nashville is at a songwriters' show. Several singer/songwriters will play **"in-the-round"** as they sit on stage accompanied only by a microphone, a guitar, and their immense talent.

7 Visit the Ryman Auditorium: The **Ryman Auditorium**, also called the "Mother Church of Country Music," has had artists as diverse as Jon Bon Jovi and Patsy Cline perform on its legendary stage since 1892.

8 Take A Timeless Journey: The stars of the **Grand Ole Opry** take the famous six-foot circle of wood and perform every Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday night. With over 90 years of history, the Opry is the world's longest-running broadcast.

9 Salute: Three U.S. Presidents called Tennessee home: Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, and Andrew Johnson. You can revisit the past at **Andrew Jackson's Hermitage: Home of the People's President**. Polk is buried on the grounds of the historic State Capitol building in downtown Nashville.

10 Visit Nashville's Neon Neighborhood: Tootsie's Orchid Lounge, Legends Corner, The Second Fiddle, The Stage, Layla's Bluegrass Inn, Robert's Western World, and more are all experts at serving up cool longnecks and hot country music. Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson, Dierks Bentley, and others began their careers on **Lower Broadway**.