



NASHVILLE SETS THE TONE

Whether you're interested in music, art, history, food, sports or fashion, Music City will give everyone something to sing about. Nashville is accessible, friendly and authentic, with diverse neighborhoods, a unique musical heritage, and a creative culture throughout the city.

Proudly called Music City, Nashville is home to more than **250 live music venues**, each offering a unique experience that will leave you a new fan of many artists from every genre.

Visit the historic **Ryman Auditorium**, once home to the Grand Ole Opry. The auditorium has hosted artists from Charlie Chaplin and Hank Williams to Jack White and Taylor Swift.

Just steps away, **honky tonks** line Lower Broadway and showcase live music seven days a week with no cover charge.

Outside of downtown, the Grand Ole Opry is celebrating its 100th anniversary as the world's longest-running radio show. The Grand Ole Opry honors its rich history with a mix of country music legends and contemporary chart toppers.

Nashville draws in a wide range of musical genres in addition to country. Americana, rock, hip hop, bluegrass and more pour out of venues like **Ascend Amphitheater**, the **Station Inn**, **Rudy's Jazz Room**, **The Basement East** and **Marathon Music Works**, while the GRAMMY® Award-winning Nashville Symphony fills the **Schermerhorn Symphony Center** with classical sounds.

Nashville's creativity doesn't just end with music. Local eats range from traditional southern "meat-and-threes" to chef-driven dining with new offerings always coming to town, like **Assembly Food Hall** at **Fifth + Broadway** shopping and retail development. Starting on 5th Ave., Upper Broadway is also home to international fine art featured at the **Frist Art Museum** and more musical history at the **National Museum of African American Music**. Home to more music museums than anywhere in the world—there's an abundance of history to explore.

A very walkable city, Nashville is home to many open-air green spaces. Dubbed the Athens of the South in the 1800s for its commitment to art and education, Nashville's **Centennial Park** claims a full-size replica of the **Parthenon** complete with the 42-ft high statue Athena, the tallest indoor sculpture in the western world.

Getting to and from Nashville International Airport (BNA) has never been easier with the launch of Gray Line Tennessee's airLINE Nashville airport shuttle. The new service will be offered every day from 8am to 8pm with drop offs in Nashville. Round trip tickets start at \$25/person.

2026 ANNUAL EVENTS

Dine Nashville:
The Music City Way (Feb)

SEC Men's Basketball
Tournament (March)

Tin Pan South Songwriters Festival
(March)

St. Jude Rock 'n' Roll
Running Series (April)

Nashville Comedy Festival (April)

Musician's Corner
(May - June, Aug - Sept)

Bonnaroo Music &
Arts Festival (June)

Nashville Pride
Festival (June)

Music City Freedom Festival (June)

CMA Fest (June)

The Cracker Barrel 400 NASCAR Cup
Series Race Weekend (June)

Let Freedom Sing!
Music City July 4th (July 3 & 4)

Jefferson Street Jazz and Blues
Festival (July)

Music City Grand Prix (Sept)

Americana Music Festival (Sept)

Pilgrimage Music & Cultural Festival
(Sept)

CMA Awards (Nov)

Liberty Mutual
Music City Bowl (Dec)

Jack Daniel's® New Year's Eve Live:
Nashville's Big Bash (Dec 31)

MUSIC CITY FAST FACTS

- Estimated population:
2,197,416 (MSA, 2025)
- **12 million people** live within
a 2.5 hour drive of Nashville
- **75%** of the U.S. market
is within a 2 hour flight
- Nashville International Airport:
Over 300 daily departures and
114 non-stop markets



HISTORIC ATTRACTIONS

Nashville has a rich history preserved at multiple attractions around the city. Ranging from music, to politics, to unique Southern heritage, Music City has a multitude of stories to tell.

- Andrew Jackson's Hermitage: Home of The People's President
- Belle Meade Historic Site & Winery
- Belmont Mansion
- Cheekwood Estate & Gardens
- Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum
- Grand Ole Opry
- Hatch Show Print
- Historic RCA Studio B
- Museum of Christian & Gospel Music
- Musicians Hall of Fame & Museum
- National Museum of African American Music
- Ryman Auditorium
- Tennessee State Museum
- Travellers Rest Historic House and Museum



ARTS & CULTURE

Nashville's creative community has transformed Music City into an artistically diverse destination. Below are some of the art and culture offerings throughout the city.

- 13 Art Galleries Downtown
- Belcourt Theatre
- First Saturday Art Crawls
- Frist Art Museum
- Nashville Ballet
- Nashville Children's Theatre
- OZ Arts Nashville
- Schermerhorn Symphony Center
- Tennessee Performing Arts Center
- The Parthenon at Centennial Park

MICHELIN GUIDE AWARDED RESTAURANTS

21 Nashville restaurants were recently recognized in the first-ever **MICHELIN Guide American South**, marking a milestone moment for the city's culinary scene. See below for the full list:

MICHELIN STAR RESTAURANTS

- Bastion
- Locust
- The Catbird Seat

BIB GOURMAND RESTAURANTS

- Kisser
- Peninsula
- Redheaded Stranger
- Sho Pizza Bar
- SS Gai
- St. Vito Focacceria
- Uzbegim

RECOMMENDED RESTAURANTS

- Arnold's Country Kitchen
- Audrey
- Bad Idea
- Cafe Roze
- Folk
- Hattie B's Hot Chicken
- Iggy's
- International Market
- Rolf and Daughters
- Shotgun Willie's BBQ
- Tailor

NEW RESTAURANTS & BARS

Nashville's culinary scene is hotter than ever. In the last three years, the city's rise in dining options has not slowed down. Nashville now has a number of award-winning chefs and restaurants that are making their mark on the local, elevated scene and continue to push Nashville as a culinary destination.

Southern staples such as hot chicken, meat-and-three, and pulled pork barbecue are deeply embedded in the city's food culture and remain a favorite for both the adventurous and the sophisticated palate. Below are a few noteworthy openings within the last year.

- Aba
- Alligator Bar
- Babychan
- Bacco
- Bar Mar
- Cledis Burgers & Beer (The Gulch)
- Close Company
- Craig's
- Indaco
- Ingrassia and Sons
- Junior
- Lona
- Maiz De La Vida Restaurant
- Mama Bread
- Mama Yang and Daughter
- Moto Moda
- NADC Burger
- Noôsh
- Ofelia
- Party Fowl East Nashville
- Pastis Nashville
- Perenn Bakery
- Perfectly Fine
- Persian Cuisine
- Philippe Chow
- Sho Pizza Bar
- Show Pony
- Sift Bakery
- Sushi Row
- Sushi San
- The Sicilian Butcher
- Urban Cowboy Public House
- Verna

NEW HOTEL PROPERTIES

As of Spring 2026 Nashville has **3,275 new hotel rooms** and **14 hotel rooms** under construction

- Avid Nashville East
- Cambria Nashville Midtown
- Drift Nashville
- Four Seasons Hotel
- Hilton BNA
- Homewood Suites by Hilton Nashville Downtown the Gulch
- Hyatt Caption Hotel
- Motif on Music Row
- Pendry (2027)
- Radisson RED by Choice Nashville
- Residence Inn Nashville Metrocenter
- Songteller Hotel (2026)
- Sports Illustrated Resorts Nashville (2026)
- St. Regis (2026)
- Tempo by Hilton Downtown
- Tempo Nashville Midtown
- The Chloe
- The Edition Nashville Downtown (2026)
- The Gilmore
- The Printing House

"NO. 1 MOST FAVORABLY VIEWED LARGE CITY IN AMERICA" — YOUGOV

"10 DESTINATIONS TO PUT ON YOUR TRAVEL BUCKET LIST IN 2025" — AAA

"TOP 25 TRAVEL DESTINATIONS OF 2025" — DAILY MAIL (UK)

"BEST LEISURE DESTINATION IN THE US 2024" — GLOBAL TRAVELER

"THE BEST FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS ACROSS THE U.S. 2024" — TRAVEL + LEISURE