

What to Do in Nashville

Music and Entertainment

Downtown

- **Ryman Auditorium** - Also called the “Mother Church of Country Music,” the Ryman Auditorium has had artists as diverse as Elvis Costello and Patsy Cline perform on its legendary stage since 1892. You can take a backstage tour and record your own song in the Ryman studio. (116 5th Avenue N.)
- **Grand Ole Opry House** - The stars take the stage every Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday night at the Grand Ole Opry House February-October with guest appearances by the biggest names in music. With 90 years of history, the Opry is the world’s longest-running broadcast and shows no signs of slowing down. (2804 Opryland Drive)
- **Tennessee Performing Arts Center** - Catch a great Broadway play at this cultural center that takes up a whole city block. (505 Deaderick Street)
- **Bridgestone Arena** - See big musical productions, basketball, hockey and more at this all-purpose venue. (501 Broadway)
- **Honky Tonk Highway** — **Tootsie’s Orchid Lounge**, **Legends Corner**, **The Second Fiddle**, **The Stage**, **Layla’s Bluegrass Inn**, and **Robert’s Western World** are all experts at serving up cool longnecks and hot country music. You never know who you’ll see in these bars in the shadow of the Ryman. Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson, Gretchen Wilson, Dierks Bentley, and other stars began their careers on Lower Broadway. (Lower Broadway and 2nd Street)

SoBro ("South of Broadway")

- **Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum** - Tour the world’s most massive collection of country music artifacts, plus the country’s oldest letterpress shop. Grab a bite to eat inside the museum at **2|22 Eatery**, a full-service restaurant serving Southern favorites, or at **Bajo Sexto**, an authentic Mexican taqueria. Then take some time to explore the museum’s two retail stores offering locally-made gifts, clothing, and a comprehensive selection of books and music. (222 5th Avenue South)
- **Johnny Cash Museum** – Located on 3rd Avenue, pay homage to the Man in Black. Featuring the most comprehensive collection of Johnny Cash artifacts and memorabilia in the world, this is THE Cash venue to visit for all ages. (119 3rd Avenue South)
- **Patsy Cline Museum** – located just next door to the Johnny Cash Museum and holding never before seen artifacts from the songstress. (119 3rd Avenue South)
- **George Jones Museum** – located on 2nd Avenue and offering visitors a never-before-seen look into the life and career of the musical icon. (128 2nd Avenue North)
- **Music Center City** - State-of-the-art convention center housing the **Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame** (201 5th Avenue South)
- **Musicians Hall of Fame and Museum** is housed in the **Nashville Municipal Auditorium**. Honoring musicians from stars to studio players that represent all genres of music, the from

Hank Williams, Sr. to the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Motown to Southern Rock – there is truly something of interest to everyone. (401 Gay Street)

Additional Things to do in Nashville

- **Visit Music Row** - (16th and 17th Avenues South) Take a tour of Music Row and visit historic **RCA Studio B**, the famous recording studio where Elvis recorded more than 200 songs. Roy Orbison, Dolly Parton, Chet Atkins, Eddy Arnold, and many more recorded classic hits here. Not surprisingly, the heartbeat of Music City is driven by music — from country to classical. Tours of RCA Studio B depart daily from the Country Music Hall of Fame® and Museum. (RCA Studio B – 1611 Roy Acuff Place)
- **Go Line Dancing** – The **Wildhorse Saloon** is a live music venue that may be the best place in Nashville to go line dancing, even if you are a beginner! (120 Second Avenue North)
- **Visit the Parthenon** — In Nashville’s Centennial Park, you’ll find the world’s only full-scale reproduction of the ancient Parthenon in Athens, Greece. **The Parthenon** houses an art gallery and museum as well as Alan LeQuire’s Athena Parthenos. Standing at almost 42 feet in height, Athena is the tallest indoor sculpture in the Western world. (2600 West End Avenue)
- **Take in a Songwriters-In-The-Round Show** — One of the most unique ways to hear music in Nashville is at a songwriters show. Typically called a “writers night,” songwriters are put somewhere they are not used to being — in the spotlight. Several singer/songwriters will play ‘in-the-round’ as they sit on stage accompanied only by a microphone, a guitar, and their immense talent. These shows can be found in small, intimate clubs all over town, including the famous **The Bluebird Cafe** (4104 Hillsboro Pike) in Green Hills and downtown’s **The Listening Room Cafe** (618 4th Avenue South).
- **Get Artsy** — Nashville’s art scene is booming with art galleries, festivals, art crawls, and more. Be sure to check out these and more:
 - **Frist Center for the Visual Arts** (919 Broadway)
 - Downtown 5th Avenue art galleries
 - **OZ Arts Nashville** (6172 Cockrill Bend Cir)
 - **Cheekwood Botanical Gardens & Museum of Art** (1200 Forrest Park Drive)
 - Wedgewood/Houston galleries – There are art galleries around every corner in this neighborhood just south of SoBro
- **Salute** — Three U.S. Presidents call 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** (4580 Rachels Lane). Polk is buried on the grounds of the historic **State Capitol** building in downtown Nashville. (600 Charlotte Avenue)

Nashville Dining

Dining...Downtown

Pucketts Grocery & Restaurant - This place started simply as a general store with a stage, but now it's turned into one of the best venues in town with live music seven nights a week. They also serve really good food, like shrimp and grits and Cajun chicken and waffles, all of which you can enjoy while catching a show. (500 Church Street)

Martin's Barbecue Joint – With a customized pit, they smoke whole hogs every day, serving up tangles of the sweet, smoky meat and charred bits by the platter. The selection goes wider with wet and dry ribs, an addictively fatty brisket, spicy sausage and smoked turkey, plus an array of the pitmaster's homemade sides, like broccoli salad and baked beans. At the Downtown location, you'll also find a sprawling, landscaped beer garden. (410 4th Avenue South)

Dining... Music Row

The Catbird Seat – consistently named one of the best restaurants in the nation, this is a 32 seat restaurant featuring an ever-changing, nine course menu of seasonally inspired dishes. Reservations recommended/required. (711 Division Street)

The Row - Perfect for a night out with friends, this rustic restaurant and pub serves traditional southern fare. Their brunch and seafood are worth a stop and they have a selection of over 20 beers that are locally sourced. Adding to the casual and friendly atmosphere, every night at 6pm they have live music. (110 Lyle Avenue)

Bound'ry Restaurant – spread over two floors and also offering patio seating. Warm ambience inside and fire pits outside. Diverse global menu with influences from Italian, Chinese and Mexican cuisines. (911 20th Avenue South)

Giovanni's Ristorante – spread over two floors and resembling an Italian villa with many custom touches imported from Italy. Fresh fish flown in from Europe and an extensive menu of traditional Italian cuisine. (909 20th Avenue S.)

Midtown Café – 1% of all sales goes to local community organizations and non-profits. The menu is known for locally grown produce, steaks, seafood and wild game dishes. (102 19th Avenue S.)

Robert's Western World – Known as Nashville's Home of Traditional Country Music and voted Nashville Scene's local favorite honky tonk. Features live music 7 days per week. (416 Broadway, Suite B)

Dining... The Gulch

L.A. Jackson - Southern snacks, a beer program focusing on Southern breweries, refreshing cocktails, and a view of downtown Music City are just some of the reasons to visit L.A. Jackson on the roof of the Thompson Nashville. (401 11th Street South)

Burger Republic - Must visit restaurant for burger fans. (420 11th Avenue South)

Peg Leg Porker – one of Nashville’s best BBQ restaurants, known for their dry ribs and pulled pork. Casual restaurant with large outdoor patio. (903 Gleaves Street)

Arnold’s Country Kitchen – featured on many TV shows and known for southern cuisine. A local favorite. Expect long waits. (605 8th Avenue S.)

Whiskey Kitchen - The restaurant offers wood-fired pizzas and traditional pub food in addition to their extensive cocktail list, including the largest selection of whiskeys, bourbons, ryes, and scotches in the city. (118 12th Street South)

St. Anejo – A Mexican restaurant and tequila bar with over 120 different labels of tequila and mescal. Be sure to try their tacos and homemade guacamole. (1120 McGavock Street)

Rooftop Dining

Acme Feed & Seed - Enjoy your drinks on the roof of this Lower Broadway restaurant/bar/music venue. They even have DJ dance parties up there every Friday and Saturday night. (101 Broadway)

AJ’s Good Time Bar- Overlooking Lower Broadway, AJ's (Alan Jackson's) rooftop sits on top of 3 multifaceted floors of food, drinks, and live music. (421 Broadway)

Crazy Town - This 3-story venue has 6 bars, 3 stages, one outdoor patio, and a rooftop overlooking Lower Broadway. (308 Broadway)

Dierks Bentley’s Whiskey Row - One of Nashville's newest spots is also the tallest rooftop bar in downtown Music City. Great food, interesting cocktails, and a fantastic view of Lower Broadway create the possibility of staying up there all day or night. (400 Broadway)

Famous Saloon - Famous Saloon has one of the tallest rooftop bars in the city, and with its partial roof covering, cool-misting fans, and built-in heaters, it's great for any season. (110 2nd Avenue North)

FGL House - FGL House's Cruise Rooftop has its own special menu and live music 7 days a week. (120 3rd Avenue South)

The George Jones - The George Jones rooftop bar has covered and open areas. plenty of seats, food, drinks, live music, and stunning views of the Cumberland River and Nissan Stadium. (128 2nd Avenue North)

Hard Rock Café - Wedged between Lower Broadway, Riverfront Park, and Second Avenue, the Hard Rock Cafe is in the center of the action with over 12,920 square feet of space. (100 Broadway)

"Nashville Style" Hot Chicken

Hattie B's – Midtown – choose your heat level with their selection of southern, medium, hot or shut the cluck up. (112 19th Avenue South)

Party Fowl – The Gulch - Party Fowl offers a number of hot chicken dishes with heat levels ranging from mild to "Poultrygeist," as well as creative spins on the classics. Party Fowl offers more than 20 local beers on draft, and is home to a craft cocktail program. (719 8th Avenue South)

Prince's Hot Chicken Shack – locally owned and run for almost 100 years. Expect long wait times. (123 Ewing Drive, Suite 3)

Additional Dining Options in Nashville

Hemingway's Bar & Hideaway – Best New Restaurant in 2017 – Ernest Hemingway-inspired restaurant and bar. (438 Houston Street)

Woolworth on 5th – The dime store where civil rights protestors staged lunch-counter sit-ins in the 1960s has been restored as a restaurant serving such Southern hits as fried chicken, with live music in the basement ballroom. (221 5th Avenue North)

Additional Dining Options in Midtown/Vanderbilt area (near The Aertson Hotel)

Flemings Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar - Fantastic steakhouse with an award-winning wine list, featuring 100 wines by the glass. (2525 West End Avenue)

Henley - Modern American menu featuring inspired cuisine influenced heavily by the South, with local product and seasonal ingredients. (2023 Broadway)

Hopsmith Tavern – High-end neighborhood sports bar, serving up wings, sliders, tacos, and more. Brunch served Saturday and Sunday. (1903 Division Street)

Le Sel - Traditional French dishes as well as more modern creations with a focus on using thoughtfully sourced ingredients. (1922 Adelia Street)

Louie's Wine Dive - Louie's serves lunch, happy hour, and dinner daily, with brunch on the weekends. A great wine list and craft cocktails are also available. (101 17th Avenue South)

Tavern - Interesting cocktails and inspired pub food, with an upscale, hot-spot feel. One of the most popular Nashville restaurants for brunch. (1904 Broadway)