

NASHVILLE

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MORE THAN ONE
WAY TO DISCOVER
A DESTINATION.
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NASHVILLE HAS LONG BILLED ITSELF AS MUSIC CITY, with an industry that contributes \$10 billion to the economy. But just as Nashville has broken away from a strict country music diet into edgier territory—from Jack White alt rock to video game soundtracks—the city has diversified in other ways as well, now boasting one of the nation's largest fashion industries and a rich, evolving culinary scene. No wonder 65 people move to Nashville every day. While music constantly rings out from the honky-tonks lining Broadway, the star-studded CMA Music Festival takes place June 7-10 on multiple stages downtown.

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FOODIE



◀ WHERE TO STAY Germantown Inn
This inn's six bedrooms, each playfully themed after a U.S. president, are tucked into an 1865 Federal-style home that's within stumbling distance of some of the city's best restaurants. Bonus: Steadfast coffee each morning. germantowninn.com

AFTERNOON ▶ Wedgewood-Houston
In up-and-coming WeHo, grab a sandwich at Dozen Bakery, where lines form out the garage door for Claire Meneely's bread and sweets. Then tour nearby Corsair Distillery and sample a cocktail flight. dozen-nashville.com, corsairdistillery.com



EVENING Proper Saké Co.
Brewmaster and fermentation fanatic Byron Stithem is making sake in Nashville using heirloom rice grown in Arkansas and traditional Japanese techniques. Sit at the bar for a proper Proper tour. propersake.co



◀ DINNER Henrietta Red
Julia Sullivan left NYC's Per Se and Blue Hill at Stone Barns to open this seafood-centric restaurant. Humble foods go upscale in dishes like smoked mackerel toast and paddlefish caviar. henriettared.com

LATE NIGHT ▶ Kuchnia + Keller
Communal tables, lengthy drink menus and a late-night menu of homemade hot dogs keep the crowds coming to chef Aaron Clemins' Germantown homage to his roots. kuchniaandkeller.com



MUSIC LOVER

WHERE TO STAY ▶ Hutton Hotel
This renovated West End neighborhood hotel added a new cocktail lounge, Analog, as well as two rooms for songwriters that were designed in partnership with Dierks Bentley and OneRepublic's Ryan Tedder. huttonhotel.com



◀ MORNING Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum
The exhibits in this shrine to country music trace the genre from folk roots to contemporary stars like Maren Morris. Don't miss the letterpress poster shop Hatch Show Print and a tour of historic RCA Studio B. countrymusichalloffame.org



◀ AFTERNOON Ryman Auditorium
Tour the historic home of the Grand Ole Opry, aka the "mother church of country music," housed in the 1892 Union Gospel Tabernacle. Go on a self-guided tour or add the guided tour to see the backstage rooms still in use today. ryman.com



DINNER 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 Southern hits such as fried chicken, with live music in the basement ballroom. woolworthonfifth.com

◀ EVENING The Bluebird Cafe
Songwriters vie for a spot in writers' showcases at the Bluebird, where the likes of Garth Brooks and Kathy Mattea got their start. Other evenings, established songwriters play their hits in the round. bluebirdcafe.com

FASHIONISTA



◀ WHERE TO STAY Noelle
What was the historic Noel Place now houses the city's most stylish boutique hotel. Portraits of historical trendsetters line the walls, and the lobby shop sells goods by local designers. noelle-nashville.com



◀ CIRCUIT Leather Spree
A cache of leather designers calls Nashville home, including Nisolo, which sells fair-wage shoes and bags made in Peru and Mexico. Nearby, Emil Erwin handcrafts leather into coasters, sofas, etc. Peter Nappi sells fine Italian shoes in a rustic-chic warehouse. emilerwin.com, nisolo.com, peternappi.com

LUNCH ▶ Fairlane Hotel
The aesthetic of this new hotel is an homage to '60s swing and '70s extremes, including the Mile End Delicatessen, where you can get smoked meat sandwiches in the stylish lobby. fairlanehotel.com

AFTERNOON 12 South Neighborhood
The bungalow homes that line 12th Avenue South have been converted into a string of fashionable boutiques and restaurants. Don't miss denim innovators Imogene and Willie and modern-day general store White's Mercantile, both in former filling stations. imogeneandwillie.com, whitesmercantile.com



◀ DINNER Bastion
Whether at the flea market-inspired bar or the intimate 24-seat dining room, you can spend an entire evening at Bastion for the aesthetics—both in the rooms and on the constantly changing, seasonal plates. bastionnashville.com

CULTURE FAN

WHERE TO STAY ▶ 21c Museum Hotel Nashville
The 124 crisp rooms of the 21c reside above the contemporary art museum that spans three floors of rotating exhibits in a 1900-vintage hardware building. Three suites feature site-specific installations by artists. 21cmuseumhotels.com



◀ MORNING Frist Art Museum
The non-collecting Frist, in downtown's grand old post office, showcases ground-breaking exhibitions across the spectrum of art history, from antiquities to classic automobiles to modern impressionist paintings. fristartmuseum.org

LUNCH ▶ Gray & Dudley
Enjoy modern Southern dishes—think pork belly banh mi—from chef Levon Wallace along with contemporary art at the destination restaurant inside the 21c Museum Hotel. grayanddudley.com



AFTERNOON 5TH AVENUE GALLERIES
Wander the galleries along 5th Avenue downtown. Hit the Rymer Gallery for Herb Williams' works sculpted out of crayons and The Arts Company for its vast collection of regional work. therymergallery.com, theartscompany.com



◀ EVENING CONCERT TIME
If classical is your speed, catch the Nashville Symphony at the elegant Schermerhorn Symphony Center. For pop, country or folk headliners, head to nearby Ryman Auditorium. nashvillesymphony.org, ryman.com

HISTORY BUFF



◀ WHERE TO STAY The Hermitage Hotel
The classic Beaux Arts Hermitage opened in 1910 and has been the site of historic gatherings in the capital ever since. Numerous U.S. presidents have checked in, and the arched-ceilinged Capitol Grille epitomizes power dining. thehermitagehotel.com

MORNING Andrew Jackson's Hermitage
Costumed docents offer insight into the 19th-century life of President Andrew Jackson at his Hermitage estate (no relation to the hotel). The 1,120-acre grounds include the mansion, slave sites, gardens and Jackson's tomb. thehermitage.com



◀ STROLL Centennial Park
Tour this centerpiece park to see the Parthenon, a full-scale replica of the landmark in Greece, including a 42-foot-tall statue of Athena, originally built for the 1897 Centennial Exposition. nashville.gov/parks-and-recreation

AFTERNOON ▶ Belle Meade Plantation
This classic horse-breeding plantation offers tours of its Greek Revival mansion and grounds, including a stable and dairy. Learn about the Civil War's Battle of Nashville—partially fought on the front lawn. bellemeadeplantation.com



DINNER ▶ The Loveless Cafe
Since 1951, this Nashville landmark has been serving classic Southern food: country ham, fried chicken, scratch-made biscuits and more. lovelesscafe.com

