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# Nashville NOW

Tennessee's capital city has always been a magnet for musicians and their fans, and now food lovers are finding a home here, too.

*I*t's known as Music City, but these days, Nashville is just as well known for its food. Ambitious young chefs are flocking here, just as country singers have for decades, and 90 new restaurants opened just last year. Of course, you can't come to Nashville without catching a concert, and this summer is the perfect time: Five of the city's country music institutions—including Ryman Auditorium and the Bluebird Cafe—are celebrating major anniversaries with special performances and events. Plus, the CMA Music Festival kicks off June 8. Here's a quick guide to the best bites and sights

# OLDIES BUT *Goodies*

Each of these fixtures on the Nashville music scene has a major anniversary this year—all the more reason to check them out.

75  
YEARS

## Ryman Auditorium

This former house of worship has hosted the Grand Ole Opry, plus Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan and countless other musical legends. Schedule a tour or book a ticket to see Lyle Lovett and the group has taken over residency at the theater this year. [ryman.com](http://ryman.com)



35  
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## The Bluebird Cafe

This 99-seat venue helped launch the careers of Garth Brooks and Taylor Swift. Celebrate its 35th year by attending one of the famous open-mic nights, where aspiring country stars often play songs before new signings. [ncco.com/bluebirdcafe.com](http://ncco.com/bluebirdcafe.com)



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YEARS

## Nashville Symphony

The Grammy-winning orchestra has rolled down a cream lineup of classical and jazz performances for its anniversary season. In June, look for events like movie-themed concerts and an outdoor Liszt Zippel's Inferno. Imagine "Starway to Heaven" played by a 75-piece orchestra. [nashsymphony.org](http://nashsymphony.org)



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## Studio B

Elvis, Ray Orbison and Dolly Parton recorded some of their biggest songs here, and the studio plans to throw a party for its 60th anniversary in August. If you're sitting there, book a tour and take a peek at vintage film footage, photo displays and the room where it all starts to come to life. [studio-b.org](http://studio-b.org)



50  
YEARS

## Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum

One of Nashville's most famous attractions is the half-century mark this year. Plan to spend a few hours browsing the museum's jaw-dropping collection, which includes Elvis' "Soldier's Cad" jacket, Lyle Lovett's first electric guitar and Johnny Cash's black and white suit. [cmhfm.com](http://cmhfm.com)

# ONE FINE DAY OF Nashville Eats



8 A.M.



Start the day with a flash-chilled coffee or a butterscotch latte (it's steeped in a fridge for 24 hours) from **Steadfast Coffee** in the historic Germantown neighborhood. [steadfast.coffee](http://steadfast.coffee)

9:30 A.M.

Grab breakfast at **Five Daughters Bakery**. The signature 100 Layer Donut, a doughnut-croissant hybrid, takes four days to make—and mere seconds to devour. Also on the menu: vegan and gluten-free doughnuts, plus pastries like kouign-amann. [fivedaughtersbakery.com](http://fivedaughtersbakery.com)

12:30 P.M.

The lines can be long at the recently expanded **Mas Tacos Por Favor**, but locals will tell you that the fish tacos and tortilla soup are worth the wait. 615-543-6271



3 P.M.

Try another Mexican specialty at **Las Paletas**, a tiny shop selling ice pops in flavors like pineapple-chili and avocado. [laspaletasnashville.com](http://laspaletasnashville.com)



7 P.M.

Head to the Gulch neighborhood for a Caribbean feast at **Little Octopus**. A popular husband-and-wife-run spot, it went from a pop-up to a permanent restaurant earlier this year. Try the coconut-milk ceviche or braised oxtail—and be sure to check out the gold octopus mural on the back wall. [littleoctopusnashville.com](http://littleoctopusnashville.com)



10 P.M.

Settle in for a nightcap at **Pinewood Social**, a bar and restaurant with comfy sofas, communal tables and a menu of about 60 whiskeys. The sprawling hangout also has a bowling alley, bocce court and two swimming pools. [pinewoodsocial.com](http://pinewoodsocial.com)



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: ETHAN COVEY; ANDREA BOWEN; USA DIERCKHOF; NORMAN RAIZ; ANDREW THOMAS; LEE AND USA DIERCKHOF (2)

# The Competition Heats Up

Nashville visitors are practically required to try local biscuits, barbecue and hot chicken. Whether you prefer eating at classic spots or newer, trendy joints, here's where to get your fill.

## Old Favorite

### The Loveless Cafe

This cozy spot, set in an old house about 20 minutes south of Nashville, has been serving buttermilk biscuits made from a secret recipe that hasn't changed since 1951. [lovelesscafe.com](http://lovelesscafe.com)



### BISCUITS

## Up-and-Comer

### Biscuit Love

You won't find a single electric mixer in this shop. The owner combines the dough for his buttery biscuits by hand. [biscuitlove.com](http://biscuitlove.com)



### Jack's Bar-B-Que

Look on Broadway for a neon sign in the shape of flying pigs to find this pillar of Nashville dining. The place has been dishing out geographically diverse barbecue (Tennessee pork shoulder, St. Louis-style ribs, Texas brisket) since the 1980s. [jacksbarbque.com](http://jacksbarbque.com)



### BARBECUE

### Martin's Bar-B-Que Joint

This small but mighty chain (four Nashville locations have opened in the past 11 years) is known for its whole-hog barbecue. Get the Redneck Taco, a hoecake topped with pulled pork, slaw and barbecue sauce. [martinsbbqjoint.com](http://martinsbbqjoint.com)



### Prince's Hot Chicken

This 72-year-old no-frills restaurant is hot chicken's birthplace and serves about a thousand orders of the spicy fried chicken every day. Choose your heat level wisely: Even the mild has a kick—and the extra-hot can cause whole-body pain! [princeshotchicken.com](http://princeshotchicken.com)



### HOT CHICKEN

### Hattie B's Hot Chicken

Opened in 2012, this popular spot sells chicken at four heat levels, plus the cayenne-free Southern. There are also down-home sides like pimiento mac and cheese. [hattieb.com](http://hattieb.com)

