

Big City

B R I A N W R I G H T

MUST CITY'S MUSTS

YOU ASKED, I ANSWERED.

NASHVILLE TENNESSEE

HOTELS & ACCOMODATIONS,
RESTAURANTS & CAFES,
AND MUSIC VENUES
& ATTRACTIONS

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Now, lemme preface. Not everybody is gonna agree on this list or anybody else's list of what's the best itinerary or what to do while visiting the Music City. Our city is super dynamic, and every time I turn around, there is something new and good. That's a great problem for our town to have. But, when folks ask me what to do, it's just never a short answer. I usually end up having to ask you a lot of questions to help you develop a vacation plan. I'd love to be able to give personal advice for all your vacations, but I'd have to start charging. With that said, if you really want a travel planner, we can probably work something out. Feel free to ask.

This list is also tailored towards a "Music City" experience. If something is available in every town, it is not a true local experience. So, any chain or nationwide brand is not included on this list (Exceptions are some of the hotel brands, which are tailored to Nashville, but there are just not enough truly local options. And, convenience was considered). Always remember, ask a redneck a question and you might get a redneck answer.

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

[The Hermitage Hotel](#)

[Loews Vanderbilt](#)

[Union Station Hotel](#)

[Hotel Indigo Nashville](#)

[Gaylord Opryland Hotel](#)

[The Timothy Demonbreun](#)

[Noelle, A Tribute Portfolio Hotel](#)

[The Fairfield Inn & Suites](#)

[Museum Nashville](#)

[Downtown Nashville/The Gulch](#)

[The Westin Nashville](#)

[Thompson Nashville](#)

[The Renaissance Nashville Hotel](#)

[Omni Nashville](#)

[Homewood Suites by Hilton](#)

[Hampton Inn & Suites Nashville](#)

[Nashville](#)

[The Graduate Hotel Nashville](#)

[Bobby Hotel Nashville](#)

SITES AND ATTRACTIONS

[Adventure Science Center](#)

[Centennial Park Nashville](#)

[The Belle Meade Plantation](#)

[The Parthenon](#)

[Country Music Hall of Fame](#)

[The Hermitage](#)

Frist Center for the Visual Arts

Historic RCA B

George Jones Museum

Lane Motor Museum

Johnny Cash Museum

Musician's Hall of Fame

Nashville Zoo at Grassmere

Percy Warner Park

John Seigenthaler Pedestrian
Bridge

Radnor Lake

Tennessee State Museum

Tennessee Brew Works

MUSIC VENUES

The Grand Ole Opry.

Legend's Corner

The Ryman Auditorium

Music City Bar and Grill

The Station Inn

The Scoreboard

Robert's Western World

The Family Wash

Nashville palace

The Basement

Douglas Corner Cafe

Tootsie's Orchid Lounge (go once,
check the box and never go back)

Brown's Diner (good burger, too!)

City Winery Nashville

The Bluebird Cafe

The Franklin Theatre

AJ's Good Time Bar

Restaurants

Coffee

Barista Parlor (3 locations)

Bongo Java

CREMA

Eighth and Roast

Frothy Monkey (multiple locations)

Fido (incl because of long waits at The Pancake Pantry - get Bongo Java coffee while you wait!) *

Slow Hand Coffee*

Breakfast

Pancake Pantry (highly recommend - go early, lines can be long)

The Pfunky Griddle (really fun for kids - warning, your clothes will smell afterwards)

Monell's Dining and Catering (2 locations - family style seating - highly recommend)

The Nashville Biscuit House

The Loveless Cafe (go early or late - lines get long, but shopping and smokehouse tour can kill time, great BBQ too)

Elliston Place Soda Shop (nothing fancy, convenient, good breakfast, not crowded, old fashioned diner)

Healthy

Juice Bar (multiple locations - highly recommend)

Juice Nashville

The Wild Cow

AVO

Hot Chicken (Nashville invented Hot Chicken)

Prince's Hot Chicken (2 locations - The Original Hot Chicken)

Hattie B's (3 locations)

Slow Burn Hot Chicken

Party Fowl

Bolton's Spicy Chicken and Fish

Pepperfire Hot Chicken

BBQ

Peg Leg Porker

Martin's BBQ Joint (4 locations)

Edley's Bar-B-Que (3 locations)

Hog Heaven BBQ

Jack's Bar-B-Que (3 locations)

Jim N Nick's (multiple locations in southeast - had to include because it's too solid not to)

STEAK

Kayne Prime

Jeff Ruby's (not just Nashville, but TOO GOOD not to include)

Jimmy Kelly's Steakhouse

Morton's Steakhouse

Sperry's Belle Meade

Union Common

American

The Southern Steak & Oyster

Pinewood Social (where else can you bowl, drink and eat good food?!))

Puckett's Grocery & Restaurant (multiple convenient locations - Leiper's Fork is the best - 30 mins from downtown + music, drinks, shopping - ½ day fun)

The Grilled Cheeserie

Butchertown Hall

The Stillery (great food + live music)

BURGERS

The Pharmacy Burger Parlor and Beer Garden (highly recommend)

Burger Up (2 locations)

Burger Republic (2 locations)

M.L. Rose Craft Beer and Burgers (3 locations)

Robert's Western World (kill 2 birds with 1 stone - Burger + Real Country Music!)

Jack Brown's Beer and Burger Joint (not totally Nashville, but too good not to include + convenience to downtown)

Rotier's Restaurant (highly recommend)

SUSHI

Virago

Jeff Ruby's (not just Nashville, but TOO GOOD not to include - also maybe best sushi in Nashville)

Nami

Koi Thai and Sushi

Umami

SEAFOOD

Urban Grub

South Street

Henrietta Red

Marsh House

Fin and Pearl

Batter'd and Fried

MEXICAN

Taco Mamacita

Fogata's Authentic Mexican Food

Mas Taco's*

Saint Anejo (best margaritas + taco's highly recommend)

La Hacienda Taqueria

Plaza Mariachi Music City (highly recommend)

ASIAN

Thai Phooket Restaurant

The Eastern Peak (2 locations)

Jimbo's Sushi and Korean Food*

Far East Nashville Vietnamese Cuisine

PIZZA

Manny's House of Pizza (highly recommend)

Joey's House of Pizza (highly recommend - Manny's brother)

Slim & Husky's Pizza Beeria (3 locations)

NY Pie (really good - does not serve alcohol)

Mafiaoza's Pizzeria & Neighborhood Pub

DRINKS

The Patterson House

HUSK

The Nashville Palace (cheapest drinks in town + real live country music +
and great food - highly recommend)

The Sutler (drinks + great live music)

12th South Taproom & Grill

Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams (multiple locations - not Nashville original but
too good not to list)

Five Daughters Bakery. (multiple locations - highly recommend)

Pied Piper Creamery.

Bobby's Dairy Dip (old school, nothing fancy, just neat spot next to Hattie B's Hot Chicken!)*

Elliston Place Soda Shop (milk shake)