

Top Attractions in Nashville TN

Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum

It's known as "the Smithsonian of country music" for good reason, **The Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum** spans 350,000 square feet of prime Downtown Nashville real estate, which it packs with thousands of artifacts, two performance theaters, and countless rotating special exhibitions. The museum's permanent installation, *Sing Me Back Home*, takes visitors through the evolution of country music from its roots in the nineteenth century to today's biggest hitmakers.

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Ryman Auditorium

Your first show at the prestigious Mother Church—famed for its acoustics and pew seating—will be a turning point in your concert-going experience. Formerly the home of the Grand Ole Opry, the **Ryman** now shines on its own as a hallowed performance hall for all genres of musicians as well as comedians and authors. Self-guided tours are available daily,

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Cheekwood Estate & Gardens

Perhaps the most gorgeous 55 acres in the greater Nashville area, **Cheekwood** is a hit with locals and visitors year-round. From the Cheekwood Mansion art gallery to the estate's 12 sprawling gardens to special exhibits from world-renowned artists, you could spend hours taking in all kinds of stunning visuals. Cheekwood also has a variety of seasonal installations including **Cheekwood in Bloom**, **Cheekwood**

Harvest, and Holiday Lights at Cheekwood.

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Frist Art Museum

With exhibits that rotate every six to eight weeks, no visit to the **Frist Art Museum** is ever the same—but you're always guaranteed to leave inspired. Housed in an art deco building, Nashville's hub for visual art displays works from local, state, and regional artists as well as national and international exhibitions.

Grand Ole Opry

An essential Nashville music experience is a trip to the historic **Grand Ole Opry**—it's the only place where country music stars of past, present, and future have shared the same stage. Spring for the backstage tour, where you can see the Opry's 18-themed dressing rooms, learn behind-the-scenes secrets, and, if you're lucky, step foot in "The Circle" yourself.

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The Hermitage

The home of Andrew Jackson, located on the outskirts of town, is one of the most popular attractions in the state. Open as a museum since 1889, **The Hermitage** sits on more than 1,000 acres and comprises the seventh U.S. president's stately mansion, its surrounding gardens and grounds, and the Jackson family tomb. The million-dollar exhibit, *Andrew Jackson: Born for a Storm*, features interactive displays and a deep dive into his multifaceted life.

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Fifth + Broadway

A mixed-use development conveniently located on Broadway in Downtown Nashville. The building combines restaurants, shops, office space, a museum, and residential units. Restaurants include local favorites like Slim + Husky's and Hattie B's as well as nationally-known eateries like Shake Shack and Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams. On the retail side, visitors can purchase Nashville-centric apparel at The Nash Collection or shop at one of the only brick-and-mortar Ariat stores in the world. Explore the 55,000-square-foot National Museum of African American Music or stay indefinitely at The Place.

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Broadway Honky-Tonks

Though they might complain about it, even locals have a hard time staying away from Nashville's glittering main strip—it's that much of a good time. Lined with 30 perennial honky-tonks like <u>Robert's</u> <u>Western World</u> and <u>Tootsie's Orchid Lounge</u>, Lower Broadway has seen a revitalization with trendier establishments like <u>Acme Feed and Seed</u> and <u>Miranda Lambert's Casa Rosa</u>.

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John Seigenthaler Pedestrian Bridge

Completed in 1909, is a steel-trussed bridge that connects East Nashville with the hustle and bustle of Downtown Nashville. Runners, commuters, and sightseers alike can be found crisscrossing this skyline landmark at all hours of the day, often pausing to admire the picturesque Cumberland views.

GEODIS Park

Situated in the heart of Wedgewood-Houston, is home to the Nashville Soccer Club. This 30,000-seat stadium is the largest soccer-specific stadium in the United States and Canada. Looking to catch a match? See the Nashville SC's home game schedule here.

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Nelson's Green Brier Distillery

Stop at Nelson's Green Brier Distillery for a part history lesson and part good old-fashioned whiskey tasting. Brothers Andy and Charlie Nelson revived their great-great-great-grandfather's family business in 2009. The tour guides here will take you back to the start over a century ago and its subsequent shutting down during Prohibition—cheers to the Nelsons' happy ending!

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Radnor Lake State Park

Offering 1,300 acres of serene forests, trails, and wildlife, the **Radnor Lake** area is a literal breath of fresh air for cooped-up Nashvillians. And this natural treasure offers even more than just exercise and a break from daily stressors—The Barbara J. Mapp Aviary Education Center can turn your visit into a full-on learning experience.

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The Parthenon

Originally constructed as a temporary exhibit for Tennessee's 1897 Centennial Exposition, is a full-scale replica of the iconic Athens structure that became so popular it is now a permanent Nashville fixture. Updates over the years have included the creation of the surrounding Centennial Park, a complete overhaul of the structure's exterior, and the installation of a 42-foot-tall Athena statue. When you visit, don't miss the fine art museum on the lower level.

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First Horizon Park

Home to The Nashville Sounds, a Minor League Baseball team of the International League. This massive ballpark situated in Germantown, boasts an unrivaled view of the field, a guitar-shaped scoreboard, and limitless concessions. The stadium also hosts occasional concerts, events, and festivals.

Goo Goo Shop and Dessert Bar

The Goo Goo Cluster isn't just your ordinary sweet treat—it's the world's first-ever "combination candy," a swirl of caramel, marshmallow nougat, peanuts, and chocolate. Fittingly, the **Goo Goo Shop and**Dessert Bar's headquarters isn't just a shop—it's a decadent destination, featuring Goo Goo's rich history, a dessert and coffee bar, and a clear view of the confectionary kitchen's skilled candy makers.

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Johnny Cash Museum

Whether you're a casual listener or a die-hard fan of the Man in Black, it's hard not to be emotionally moved as you walk through the **Johnny Cash Museum**. From his humble beginnings in Arkansas to his groundbreaking Folsom Prison performance to his love affair with June Carter, this is a fully-encompassing journey of Cash and his legacy.

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Nashville Zoo

Kids of all ages can enjoy a field trip to the **Nashville Zoo**, which has grown leaps and bounds since taking over the Grassmere property in 1996. Interactive exhibits like Critter Encounters and Lorikeet Landing as well as exhibits dedicated to flamingos, and meerkats keep local animal lovers intrigued.

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"I Believe in Nashville" Murals

You won't find a more "Nashville" photo-op than the "I Believe in Nashville" murals. Music City native Adrien Saporiti has created two of them across town, one each in 12 South and Marathon Village—both neighborhoods are a must-visit!