

# WELCOME TO MUSIC CITY!

Come early and stay late!

Experience for yourself what makes Nashville special during the fall months. It's a city that resonates with life and vibrates to the beat of every kind of song. It's a wonderland of American music, Southern hospitality, unbelievable cuisine, and a boundless spectrum of nightlife. Come join us and together we will keep the music playing!



FALL

## TOP TEN THINGS TO DO IN NASHVILLE



**Hit The Hall, Then Ride the Row** — Kick off your Nashville experience with a day at the [Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum](#). The world's largest popular music museum offers ever-changing exhibits featuring the legends of country music past and today's hottest stars. Then, grab a bite to eat at one of the museum's two restaurants, 222: A Southern Eatery or Bajo Sexto, or take some time to explore the museum's retail stores offering locally-made gifts, clothing and a comprehensive selection of books and music. After, tour [Historic RCA Studio B](#), the famous recording studio where Elvis recorded more than 200 songs. This tour departs daily from the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. Not surprisingly, the heartbeat of Music City is driven by music — from country to classical.



**Let The Music Move You** — [The National Museum of African American Music](#) is the only museum dedicated to preserving and celebrating the many music genres created, influenced, and inspired by African Americans. The museum's expertly-curated collections will share the story of the American soundtrack by integrating history and interactive technology to bring the musical heroes of the past into the present.



**Retail, Dining, Live Music and More** — Nashville's newest hub for entertainment, [Fifth + Broadway](#) is changing the way Nashville lives, works, and plays with dining and entertainment for all ages. Enjoy a unique array of premier shopping, world-class dining, live music, and views of downtown. This multi-level mecca is a must-see, featuring more than 300,000 square feet of restaurants, retail and entertainment along with space for residences, offices, and home to the National Museum of African American Music.



**Enjoy 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 [Bluebird Cafe](#) in Green Hills and downtown's [The Listening Room Cafe](#).



**Get Artsy** — Nashville's Art scene is booming with art galleries, festivals, art crawls, and more. Be sure to head over to the [Frist Art Museum](#), [OZ Arts Nashville](#), [Cheekwood Estate & Gardens](#), the [Wedgewood/Houston galleries](#), [Tennessee Craft Fair](#) and more. Don't miss visiting Nashville's Centennial Park to see 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 Parthenons. Standing at almost 42 feet in height, Athena is the tallest indoor sculpture in the Western world.



**Take A Timeless Journey** — [The Ryman Auditorium](#), also called the "Mother Church of Country Music," 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. The stars of the [Grand Ole Opry](#) take the stage every Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday night (at the Ryman Auditorium November-January; at the Grand Ole Opry House February-October) with guest appearances by the biggest names in music. With over 90 years of history, the Opry is the world's longest-running broadcast and shows no signs of slowing down.



**Nashville's Newest Sounds** — Honoring musicians from stars to studio players that represent all genres of music, the [Musicians Hall of Fame and Museum](#) is housed in the Nashville Municipal Auditorium. From Hank Williams, Sr. to the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Motown to Southern Rock — there is truly something of interest to everyone. Then stroll up to the George Jones Museum on 2nd Avenue, which offers visitors a never-before-seen look into the life and career of the musical icon.



**Salute** — Three U.S. Presidents called 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](#). Polk is buried on the grounds of the historic State Capitol building in downtown Nashville.



**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 Lower Broadway clubs in the shadow of the Ryman. Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson, Gretchen Wilson, Dierks Bentley, and other stars began their careers on Lower Broadway.



**Special Events** — Handmade crafts, music and food festivals, [Tennessee Titans](#) NFL football, [Nashville Predators](#) NHL hockey, beer festivals, and a variety of college sports are all on Nashville's fall calendar. Music takes center stage with events like the [Americana Music Festival](#), Full Moon Pickin' Parties, and [Musicians Corner](#). The Music City Food + Wine Festival in September includes demonstrations from world-class chefs, tastings from local restaurants, wine and beer tastings, and more. In October, view films from filmmakers across the country at the [Nashville Film Festival](#). In early November, "Country Music's Biggest Night" comes to Nashville during the [Country Music Association Awards](#) followed by the CMA Country Christmas taping later in the week.