

WELCOME TO MUSIC CITY!

Come early and stay late!

Experience for yourself what makes Nashville special during the summer 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!



TOP TEN THINGS TO DO IN NASHVILLE

SUMMER



Hit The Hall — 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.

Grab a bite to eat inside the museum at 222 Eatery, a full-service restaurant serving Southern favorites, or at Bajo Sexto, an authentic Mexican taqueria. Then take some time to explore the museum's retail stores offering locally-made gifts, clothing, and a comprehensive selection of books and music.



Ride The Row — Take a tour of Music Row and visit Historic RCA Studio B, the famous recording studio where Elvis recorded more than 200 songs. Roy Orbison, Dolly Parton, Chet Atkins, Eddy Arnold, and many more recorded classic hits here. Not surprisingly,

the heartbeat of Music City is driven by music — from country to classical. Tours of Historic RCA Studio B depart daily from the Country Music Hall of Fame® and Museum.



Visit The Home Of The Greek Gods — In Nashville's Centennial Park, you'll find 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 Parthenos.

Standing at almost 42 feet in height, Athena is the tallest indoor sculpture in the Western world. Just a mile from The Parthenon is the LeQuire Gallery, where you can visit Alan in his studio and witness one of the nation's premier sculptors.



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.



Outdoor Concerts — Events like Musicians Corner at Centennial Park, Full Moon Pickin' Parties at Percy Warner Park Equestrian Center, Bluebird on the Mountain at the Vanderbilt Dyer Observatory, Music in the Vines at Arrington Vineyards, and Live on the Green at Public Square Park bring the high notes to the great outdoors. Head to Riverfront Park for a concert at the Ascend Amphitheater and take in the incredible views of downtown and the Cumberland River.



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 — Summer in Nashville is a season full of festivals, food, and, of course, live music. CMA Music Festival might just be the hottest ticket in town as country music stars take the stage for four days in early June. The CMT Music Awards also take place during the downtown festival. Celebrate America's birthday with food, family fun, and live music along the banks of the Cumberland River during Let Freedom Sing! Music City July 4th. Other popular events include Tomato Art Fest, Wine on the River, Shakespeare in the Park, Brew at the Zoo, Music City Hot Chicken Festival, Taste of Music City, and more. Be sure to also check out the Nashville Sounds baseball games, Triple-A affiliate of the Texas Rangers, at the new First Tennessee Park in Germantown.