



# CITY GUIDE

## NASHVILLE



## EAT

### **The Pharmacy Burger Parlor & Beer Garden**

Excellent burgers. I mean excellent. And don't worry, whether you go fries or tator tots, you'll still be a happy camper. Maybe the best part? There's plenty of room for the kids to run around in the outdoor seating area.

### **Pancake Pantry**

A non-fussy option and a nearby Vanderbilt University tradition. Bring big appetites. Pancakes are the star here. You could be in for a wait. If it gets too long, check out Fido, another good food spot a few doors down.

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

Locals love it and tourists do too. Try the infamous redneck taco or go for the classic whole hog sandwich topped with slaw. With several locations, you have no excuse but to fit this into your itinerary.

## STAY

We broke this down for you by neighborhood. It's probably best to rent a car or drive your own.

### **Vanderbilt/West End**

Choose from a variety of national chains. An easy drive into downtown and well away from the noise of Broadway at night. Most hotels here will offer free parking and/or a free shuttle into downtown. You're close to Centennial Park and lots of shopping and food spots in Hillsboro Village. You can also visit nearby Vanderbilt and Belmont Universities.

### **Midtown**

This includes 12 South, Music Row, and Germantown. You'll have easy access to downtown, but won't find yourself in the thick of it. There are lots of Air BnB options. Our favorite? Magnolia on 5th. A charming home away from home.

### **Opryland**

Staying in the Opryland area will place you less than twenty minutes from downtown, ten minutes from the airport and even closer to The Opry House, home of the famous Grand Ole Opry live music show. Choose from chains like the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Nashville-Opry or stay at the majestic Opryland Hotel, run by Marriott. This place is huge—nine acres of indoor space to explore including an indoor waterpark. Plenty of opportunities for little ones—and big ones—to let off steam.

## SHOP

### **Nashville Farmers' Market in Germantown**

The list of what to love is long: local gifts, art, plants, produce, live music on Saturdays. And in the main building you'll find a food hall with local favorite, Jeni's Ice Cream.

### **Hatch Show Print**

Who knew a woodblock print workshop could be so interesting? This falls into the category of things kids probably haven't seen. Take the full-blown tour or simply walk through the gift shop to pick up a unique souvenir. Conveniently located next door to the Country Music Hall of Fame.

### **Phillips Toy Mart**

When the going gets tough, the tough find a toy store. And Phillips Toy Mart meets the mark, mesmerizing kids for over 50 years with old-fashioned and unusual toys to both buy and play with throughout the store.

## PLAY

### **Downtown Nashville**

The heart of Music City. Walk the John Seigenthaler pedestrian bridge for great downtown views. Cumberland Park, right below the bridge, is where kids can slide, climb, run and splash. Pop into a honkytonk for live music (most are family-friendly during the day). Robert's Western World, Tootsie's, BB King's, Acme Feed & Seed are just a handful of options. The Country Music Hall of Fame Museum is nearby with interactive exhibits for kids like the T. Swift recording studio. Find free parking at Nissan Stadium if there's not an event going on. When energy is running low, grab an afternoon sweet treat at Mike's Ice Cream or the Goo Goo Shop.

### **The Grand Ole Opry**

Can you really visit Nashville and not go here? You can, but you might regret it. Take a backstage tour or see a show.

### **Nashville Sounds Minor League Baseball**

If you've never taken the fam to a minor league game, there is tons of fun to be had on and off the field. And here in Nashville, you'll get a fireworks show at Friday night games.