

Top Ten Things to Do In Nashville



Check out these ideas from the Nashville Convention & Visitors Bureau.

1. Hear the music where music lives

We're proud of the title "Music City"—nowhere else can you hear such diverse sounds as Americana, country, rockabilly, jazz, blues, classical, gospel and rock 'n roll. Every honky tonk and club showcases a different songwriter waiting for the next big break.

2. Hit the Hall

Visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. Choose from more than 100 top hits and burn your own CD. Music prevails in Music City! You will see permanent and changing exhibits devoted to musical legends featuring original costumes, instruments, interactive exhibits, etc.

3. Ride the Row

Visit historic RCA Studio B by taking a trolley tour of Music Row to the famous recording studio where Elvis recorded more than 200 songs. Roy Orbison, Dolly Parton, Eddy Arnold, and many more recorded classic hits here. Not surprisingly, the heartbeat of Music City is driven by music—from country to classical.

4. Visit the home of the Greek gods

In Nashville's Centennial Park, you'll find the world's only full-scale reproduction of the Parthenon in Athens, Greece. The Parthenon houses an art gallery and museum as well as Athena Parthenos—at almost 42 feet in height, it's the tallest indoor sculpture in the Western world.

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Saturday Night Stampede at the Wildhorse Saloon (an optional ticketed event). A complete schedule and a list of the forums can be found at www.Kiwanis.org.

5. Take in a Songwriters -In-the- Round show

It's simple. It's classic. It's uniquely Nashville. In a city of working musicians and songwriters, there's no better way to hear the music. Typically called a "writers night," several singer/songwriters sit on stage accompanied only by a microphone, a guitar and their immense talent. These shows can be found in small, intimate clubs like the famed Bluebird Café.

6. Kick up your boots

At the Wildhorse Saloon, they serve up country that kicks! Take a break from line dancing to enjoy the famous barbecue. Daily lessons are free for those adventurous enough to scoot onto the dance floor. Country's brightest stars often perform here, too.

7. Visit the Ryman Auditorium

Sure, it's the "Mother Church of Country Music," but artists such as Jon Bon Jovi and Tony Bennett regularly perform on its legendary stage. The world's greatest stars have performed at the Ryman, from Caruso to Cash.

8. Take a timeless journey

The stars of the Grand Ole Opry perform every Friday and Saturday night. With more than 80 years under its belt, the Opry shows no signs of slowing down. It's the world's longest-running radio broadcast.

9. Salute

Three U.S. Presidents called Tennessee home—Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk and Andrew Johnson. You can revisit the past at The Hermitage, Home of President Andrew Jackson. Polk is buried on the grounds of the historic State Capitol building.

10. Visit Honky Tonk Highway

Tootsie's Orchid Lounge, Legends Corner, Second Fiddle, The Stage, 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 and Terri Clark all began their careers at Tootsie's.

Hotel	District Assignment	Rate for Single/Double Occupancy	One Bedroom Suite
Courtyard by Marriott Nashville Downtown	Minnesota-Dakotas Overflow	\$ 137	\$224
Doubletree Hotel Nashville	Carolinas Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee	\$139	\$250
Embassy Suites Nashville - at Vanderbilt	Rocky Mountain Southwest	\$149	All Suites
Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center	Alabama Nebraska-Iowa New York Texas-Oklahoma Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Overflow	\$149*	TBD
Hilton Nashville Downtown	Florida Utah-Idaho West Virginia Western Canada	\$154	All Suites
Holiday Inn Express Nashville Downtown	Andean and Central America Eastern Canada and the Caribbean Overflow	\$129	\$258
Holiday Inn Select at Vanderbilt	Michigan Missouri-Arkansas	\$124	\$250
Loews Vanderbilt Hotel	Capital New England	\$162	\$350
Millennium Maxwell House Hotel	Kansas Kentucky-Tennessee	\$119	\$225
Nashville Marriott at Vanderbilt University	California-Nevada-Hawaii	\$139	\$300
Renaissance Nashville Hotel (VIP)	Illinois-Eastern Iowa Indiana Montana New Jersey Pacific Northwest Official Family Asia-Pacific Districts European Districts	\$162	\$531
Sheraton Nashville Downtown Hotel	Georgia Ohio Pennsylvania	\$132	\$300

*Reservations made prior to April 25, 2009—after this date S/D \$166.

Rates do not include applicable taxes (currently 15.25% plus \$2.00 per room night city tax). Additional charges apply for more than two adults occupying a room. Suites are available at an additional cost. All rates include a 10 percent commission.



Governor

Doreen Pellitteri

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Mid Year Conference! Thank you again to Ernie Smith and his committee and so many others who played a role in making this a valuable and enjoyable weekend. Congratulations once again Father Bush, Don and Marlene and your Dream Team!

It was a pleasure for First Gentleman Peter and me to visit Owego on February 13th for the Official Visit to the Susquehanna Division! Thank you LG Sandra Berwald and all the Kiwanians who came out in force that evening and made us feel so comfortable and welcome!

Believe it or not, we are at the mid point of our Kiwanis year. This is a good time to check the "pulse" of our club and see if we are meeting the goals that we set.

One goal this year is to retain the members that we have in our club and to invite and welcome others to join. How are you doing? In order to continue to do what we do best—provide service in our communities—it is vital to have a solid and strong membership base. I believe that we, as Kiwanians, are needed even more than ever in this challenging economic time. Let's continue to the "Light the Path" each day and for many days to come!

It's time to shine those boots because we are heading to Nashville! You don't have any boots—trust me, there are plenty to choose from in Nashville! I hope to see you at the International Convention June 25–28, 2009. The home for the New York District is the Gaylord Opryland Hotel which is a first class resort with pools, spa, golf course, restaurants, shops and 10 glorious acres under glass featuring waterfalls and exotic flowers and plants. Please note that reservations have to be made by April 25th to receive the published rate. We will provide updates on our website, www.kiwanis-ny.org.

Kiwanis International has a full schedule of forums and events and this information and the registration form can be obtained on the website, www.kiwanis.org.

Kiwanis International assigned a special task force which has made recommendations to streamline the billing process and allow more effective management of revenues. Most of these will require amending our bylaws at the Convention. I encourage each club to send delegates so that your voice is heard.

In addition to the usual exhibits, Kiwanis International is devoting a section of the Exhibit Hall to showcase some of Kiwanis' Best Service Projects and Most Outstanding Fundraisers. Each District is welcome to invite two clubs to feature service projects and two clubs to feature fundraisers. If you are planning to attend the Convention and are interested in displaying at the Kiwanis Hit Parade, please contact District Secretary-Treasurer Ann Sewert and she will provide *Continued on Page 4*