

NASHVILLE

URBAN GUIDE



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If this is your first time in Nashville, The Forum on Education Abroad encourages you to focus on the iconic experiences that define the city—without overplanning or long travel days.

Explore [Gaylord Opryland Resort & Conservatory Gardens](#)

- Start at the conference resort and explore indoor gardens, waterfalls, and riverboat rides with live music in atriums and lounges.

Attend a show at the [Grand Ole Opry](#)

- A must-do Nashville experience: legendary live country music with easy access from the Gaylord hotel.

Plan one evening downtown for live music (20-25 minutes from the Gaylord)

- [Lower Broadway](#)
- [Ryman Auditorium](#)
- [Country Music Hall of Fame](#)

Visit the [National Museum of African American Music](#)

- One of Nashville's most impactful cultural institutions with interactive exhibits spanning gospel, blues, jazz, hip-hop

Check if the [Fisk Jubilee Singers](#) will be performing during your stay – concerts may align with your visit and experience a powerful cultural experience

- The Fisk Jubilee Singers are a world-renowned vocal ensemble whose performances preserve and celebrate the tradition of African American spirituals.

Support Local & Diverse Businesses:

- [Prince's Hot Chicken](#) – Black-owned, original Nashville hot chicken, Founded by the Prince family in the 1930's
- [Tantisimo](#) – Latin American café and restaurant in Sylvan Park
- [Edessa Nashville](#) – Kurdish-Turkish Kebab spot
- [Degthai](#) – Thai Street food
- [Slim & Husky's Pizza Beeria](#) – Black-owned, community-focused
- [The Cupcake Collection](#) – Woman-owned bakery, famous for their sweet potato cupcakes
- [Swett's Restaurant](#)- Family-owned soul food staple since 1954 with deep Nashville history
- [Chauhan Ale & Masala House](#) – Southern-Indian fusion, James Beard Award winner
- [The Lipstick Lounge](#) – Women-owned, known for karaoke, brunch and inclusive community

For even more dining inspiration, follow [@nashvillehiddengems](#) on Instagram for curated restaurant recommendations throughout Nashville—many of which are proudly immigrant-owned and locally loved.

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Coffee Shops

Bonjo Java ★	2007 Belmont Blvd, Nashville, TN 37212	(615) 385-5282	https://www.bongo.coffee/pages/bongo-java
8th & Roast Coffee Co. ★★	2108 8th Ave S., Nashville, TN, 37204 4104 Charlotte Ave. Nashville, TN, 37209 116 20th Ave S. Nashville, TN 37203	(615)-219-4641	https://www.8thandroast.com/pages/locations?srsId=AfmBOooEUde_OohDZXp4bz6_nt0tmn1xa_0Y4MlzixRHKBxaRjQ_9w90
Frothy Monkey ★	2509 12th Ave S Nashville, TN 37212 235 Rep John Lewis Way N. Nashville, TN 37219 1701 Fatherland St Nashville, TN 37206	(615)-600-4756	https://frothymonkey.com/locations/?srsId=AfmBOopowfrbPnagnQ7iVPEToz4X6RH6yhJ1h9PzFvz-AZixNYICA0dY
Forevermore Coffee, Matcha & Goods ☆☆	400 Cleveland St, Nashville, TN 37207	(615) 649-8942	https://www.forevermorenashville.com/
Prickly Pear Coffee ☆☆	645 Division St, Nashville, TN 37203	(615) 854-8060	https://www.pricklypearcoffee.com/
The Loading Dock ★★	906 Buchanan St, Nashville, TN 37208	(615) 651-8154	https://theloadingdock0429.s4shops.com/
International Tea & Coffee Company ☆☆	1100 Fatherland St #104, Nashville, TN 37206	(615) 712-8837	https://www.intlteaandcoffeeco.com/
All People Coffee ★★	347 Douglas Ave #101, Nashville, TN 37207	(615) 649-8508	https://www.allpeoplecoffee.com/
The Americano Lounge ★	434 Houston St Suite 120, Nashville, TN 37203	(629) 203-6991	https://www.americanolounge.com/
Crema Coffee Roasters ★	15 Hermitage Ave, Nashville, TN 37210	(615) 255-8311	https://crema-coffee.com/pages/crema-downtown

Restaurants

Proper Bagel ☆☆	2011 Belmont Blvd, Nashville, TN 37212	(615) 928-7276	https://properbagel.com/
Bella Napoli Pizzeria ★	1200 Villa Pl #206, Nashville, TN 37212	(615) 944-2819	https://bellanapolipizzeria.com/
Prince's Hot Chicken Shack South ★★☆☆	5814 Nolensville Pk #110, Nashville, TN 37211	(615) 810-9388	https://www.princeshotchicken.com/
The Smiling Elephant ★★	2213 8th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37204	(615) 891-4488	https://www.thesmilingelephant.com/
Germantown Pub ★☆☆	708 Monroe St, Nashville, TN 37208	(615) 457-2145	https://thegermantownpub.com/
Two Hands ★	606 8th Ave S, Nashville, TN 37203	(615) 471-7850	https://www.twohandshospitality.com/location/two-hands-nashville/
International Market ★☆☆	2013 Belmont Blvd, Nashville, TN 37212	(615) 297-4453	https://www.im2nashville.com/
Little Hats Market ★	1120 4th Ave N #101, Nashville, TN 37208	(615) 281-3332	https://www.littlehatsmarket.com/
Greenery Co ☆☆☆	1705 21st Ave S, Nashville, TN 37212	(615) 915-1235	https://www.greeneryco.com/
The Henry ★	2803 12th Ave S #105, Nashville, TN 37204	(629) 895-0600	https://www.thehenryrestaurant.com/locations/nashville/

Activities

Shopping on 12 South	12th Ave S Nashville, TN	https://www.visitmusiccity.com/nashville-neighborhoods/12south
The Parthenon	2500 West End Ave, Nashville, TN 37203	https://www.nashvilleparthenon.com/
Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum	222 Rep. John Lewis Way S, Nashville, TN 37203	https://www.countrymusicHallofFame.org/
Grand Ole Opry	600 Opry Mills Dr, Nashville, TN 37214	https://www.opry.com/?utm_campaign=opry&utm_medium=organicsearch&utm_source=googlemybusiness&utm_audience=tofu_googlemybusiness&utm_content=brandstory_google_my_business_website_link
Nashville's Farmers Market	900 Rosa L. Parks Blvd, Nashville, TN 37208	https://www.nashvillefarmersmarket.org/
Frist Art Museum	919 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203	https://fristartmuseum.org/
Andrew Jackson's Hermitage	4580 Rachels Ln, Hermitage, TN 37076	https://thehermitage.com/andrew-jackson?gad_source=1&gbraid=0AAAAADmSqlTTmQ1tgg6XxliOSUMQpfSnk&gad_campaignid=930300703
Live Music on Broadway	Broadway Nashville, TN	https://www.visitmusiccity.com/things-to-do-in-nashville/music-entertainment/guide-to-honky-tonk-highway
John Seigenthaler Pedestrian Bridge	John Seigenthaler Pedestrian Bridge, Nashville, TN 37201	https://nashvilledowntown.com/go/shelby-street-pedestrian-bridge
Radnor Lake State Park	1160 Otter Creek Rd, Nashville, TN 37220	https://tnstateparks.com/parks/radnor-lake

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