Guide to Selected Nashville Restaurants

Nashville is growing rapidly, and the range of restaurant options is expanding accordingly. The list below is not complete, but it does oversample the downtown area. Restaurants are grouped by neighborhood. Distances are expressed relative to the Sheraton Hotel. We list a few music venues at the end.

Walking around after dark in the downtown area is generally safe, but as in any city you should be alert to your surroundings and probably should not walk alone. In the areas around Broadway and 2nd Avenue, you are likely to encounter intoxicated tourists (or locals for that matter). Aggressive panhandlers are not uncommon. We recommend against walking from the downtown area to Germantown or East Nashville at night, even though both are relatively close to downtown and have great restaurants.

Licensed cabs are prohibited from cruising to pick up customers. Uber is active in the city.

Downtown

400 Degrees Hot Chicken
http://www.400degreeshotchicken.com/
Nashville-style hot chicken. Start off easy, they call it hot chicken for a reason.
Yelp: 4.0 stars
319 Peabody Street
0.9 miles

Arnold’s
http://www.arnoldscountrykitchen.com/
A classic “meat and 3.” Cafeteria style southern and soul food. Open weekdays, lunch only.
Google: 4.4 stars
605 8th Avenue South
1 mile

The Arcade
http://www.nashvilledowntown.com/go/the-arcade
The Arcade includes a number of eateries on the ground floor. Mostly catering to an on-the-go lunch crowd or random hungry people wandering around downtown Nashville. You can enter the arcade from either 4th or 5th Ave. North, between Union and Church.
0.2 miles

Bakersfield Tacos
http://www.bakersfieldtacos.com/
Mexican street food (in a restaurant in Nashville, TN). Highlights include the short rib tacos and pollo rojo.
Yelp: 4.5 stars
201 3rd Ave. South
0.8 miles
Bobby’s Dairy Dip
http://bobbiesdairydipnashville.com/
Burgers, milk shakes etc. Not open on Saturday or Sunday. Closes mid-afternoon other days (2.45 on M-Thurs.; 3.45 on Friday).
Yelp: 4 stars
223 4th Ave N
0.3 miles

Bella Nashville Pizzeria
http://nashvillefarmersmarket.org/merchants/market_house_profile/bella_nashville
Wood-fired pizza at the Nashville Farmers’ Market. Lunch only (11 to 3).
Yelp: 4.5 stars
Farmers’ Market is at 900 Rosa Parks Blvd.
0.6 miles

Cafe Lula
http://www.cafelula.net/
New café located inside the historic Ryman Auditorium. They have sandwiches, salads, a few breakfast items and coffee. Nice open space. Few reviews, since it’s relatively new.
Ryman Auditorium is at 116 5th Ave. North
0.4 miles

Chauhan Ale and Masala House
http://chauhannashville.com/
Indian cuisine with southern influence and cocktails. Housed in a refurbished brick garage.
Ambience is cool. Friendly staff. Good chicken tikka masala.
Google: 3.9 stars
123 12th Ave. North
0.8 miles

Crema (Coffee Shop)
http://www.crema-coffee.com
Artisanal coffee shop that also serves pastries and snacks. Highlights include the outdoor deck with great downtown view.
Google: 4.6 stars
15 Hermitage Ave.
1.2 miles

Capitol Grille
http://www.capitolgrillenashville.com/
Upscale restaurant located inside of The Hermitage Hotel. Visit the Oak Bar downstairs for great drinks and appetizers.
Google: 4.2 stars
231 16th Ave. North
500 feet
DeSano Pizza Bakery
http://www.desanopizza.it.com/
Located in Midtown, but close to downtown. Great brick-oven pizza. Picnic table seating, perfect for a casual dinner or lunch.
Google: 4.5 stars
115 16th Ave. South
1.2 miles

Etch
http://www.etchrestaurant.com/
Eclectic upscale dining. One of Nashville’s best.
Located across from Schermerhorn Symphony Hall.
Google: 4.6 stars
303 Demonbreun St.
0.8 miles

Flyte
http://www.flytenashville.com/
Good happy hour
Google: 4 stars
718 Division St.
1.2 miles

The Farm House
http://www.thefarmhousetn.com/
Local farms provide the meat and produce.
Features southern classics, such as pimento cheese and cornbread.
Google: 3.7 stars
210 Almond St.
0.8 miles

Frothy Monkey
http://www.frothymonkey.com/
Popular coffee shop. Multiple locations in Nashville.
Serves breakfast and dinner options, albeit limited selection.
Google: 4.5 stars
235 5th Ave. North
0.2 miles
**Husk**

http://www.husknashville.com/

Historic mansion converted into an upscale restaurant.
Southern theme.
Google: 3.8 stars
37 Rutledge Street
1.3 miles

Jackalope Brewery

http://jackalopebrew.com/

Good beer.
Google: 4.6 stars
701 8th Ave S.
1 mile

**Koto**

https://plus.google.com/118104597679578461602/about?gl=us&hl=en

Classic sushi restaurant. Service is great, as are the prices.
Google: 4.1 stars
421 Union Street
0.2 miles

**Merchants**

http://www.merchantsrestaurant.com/

Southern. Conveniently located on Broadway, near the honkey tonks. Upstairs and downstairs seating options. For food, nicer than most places on Broadway.
Yelp: 4.0 stars
401 Broadway
0.5 miles

**Oscar’s Taco Shop**

http://www.oscarstacoshop.com/

California-style Mexican favorites. Wide variety, large portions.
Google: 4.1 stars
530 Church Street
0.2 miles

**Provence Café**

http://www.provencebreads.com/

Inside/adjacent to the Nashville Public Library. Sandwiches, salads, and pastries. Take your food to go and eat in the Library’s beautiful courtyard.
Google: 4.2 stars
601 Church Street
0.1 miles
Pinewood Social
http://www.pinewoodsocial.com/
Trendy hangout offers food, drinks (Crema coffee, too), and bowling.
Google: 4.2 stars
33 Peabody Street
1.3 miles

Puckett’s
http://www.puckettsgrocery.com/
Large stage for music acts.
Google: 4.2 stars
500 Church Street
0.2 miles

Pub5
http://www.pub5.com/
Features sandwiches, burgers, tacos, salads.
Yelp: 3.5 stars
104 5th Ave. South
0.5 miles

Solo Mio
http://www.solemionashville.com/
Northern Italian cuisine. On-line reviews are mixed but people I know have been happy with their food.
Google: 3.9 stars
311 3rd Ave S
1.0 mile

The Southern Steak and Oyster
http://www.thesouthernnashville.com/
Highlights from the dinner menu include the fish tacos and chicken fried chicken.
Oyster bar is unique to The Southern.
Google: 4.0 stars
150 3rd Ave. South
0.8 miles

Tennessee Brew Works
www.tnbrew.com
Beers are brewed on-site. Patio with outdoor seating and live music.
Google: 4.9 stars
809 Ewing Ave.
1.1 miles
Germantown

312 Pizza
www.312pizzaco.com
Pan-style pizzas and draft beer. Housed in an airy space with rustic wood bar. Highlights include the cheese curds and deep dish pizza (hence 312).
Google: 3.9 stars
371 Monroe Street
1.2 miles

City House
http://cityhousenashville.com
Italian with southern ingredients (charcuterie, local meat and produce).
Google: 4.2 stars
1222 4th Ave. North
1.1 miles

Nashville Farmers’ Market
http://nashvillefarmersmarket.org/merchants/market_house
Lots of good LUNCH food options in food court. Jamaicaway and Sloco get special mention.
Google: 4 stars
900 Rosa L Parks Blvd (8th Ave becomes Rosa Parks N of Broadway)
0.6 miles

Germantown Cafe
http://www.germantowncafe.com/
Southern bistro. Comfortable, creative and American fare.
Google: 4.1 stars
1200 5th Ave. North
1.0 miles

Mad Platter
www.madplatternashville.com/
Locally sourced, eclectic fare. Housed in a 100+ year-old building. It’s been in business longer than the others in Germantown.
Google: 4.1 stars
1239 6th Ave. N.
1.2 miles

Rolf and Daughters
http://www.rolfanddaughters.com/
American food, creative. One of Nashville’s best. Chic décor, wood accents, and red brick.
Yelp: 4.5 stars
700 Taylor Street
1.3 miles
Silo
http://www.silotn.com/
Upscale Southern fare.
Google: 4.3 stars
1121 5th Ave. North
1.0 miles

The Gulch

Biscuit Love
http://www.biscuitlovebrunch.com/
Originally, a popular food truck. They serve breakfast & lunch (not just biscuits).
Google: 4.8 stars
316 11th Ave. South
1.1 miles

Thai Esane
www.thaiesane.com
Traditional Thai dishes.
Yelp: 4.0 stars
907 12th Ave. S
1.5 miles

Turnip Truck
www.theturniptruck.com
Healthy grocery store with great salad and dinner bar.
Google: 4.5 stars
321 12th Ave. S.
1.0 miles

Watermark
http://www.watermark-restaurant.com/
Has been one of Nashville’s finest restaurants for several years. Elegant space indoors and also an outdoor seating area.
Google: 4.1 stars
507 12th Ave. South
1.1 miles

Yazoo Brewing Company
www.yazoobrew.com
Brewery and taproom. They offer tours (see website for details).
Google: 4.3 stars
910 Division Street
1.3 miles
East Nashville

*Amot Eatery*
http://amoteatery.com
Gluten free, local produce
4.3 stars
1100 Fatherland Street
2.6 miles

*Barista Parlor*
http://www.baristaparlor.com/
Hip coffee house with an industrial feel (used to be a garage). Artisan coffee and espresso, with a few small bites. Cool art and design.
Google: 4.2 stars
519 Gallatin Ave.
2.5 miles

*Little Octopus*
http://littleoctopusnashville.com/
“Wholesome, clean, and fresh food.” Lots of vegetarian dishes. Across the street from Barista Parlor.
Yelp: 4.5
604 Gallatin Ave
2.5 miles

*Marche Artisan Foods*
http://www.marcheartisanfoods.com/
Google: 4.4 stars
1000 Main St.
2.1 miles

*Margot Café*
http://www.margotcafe.com/ 
Comfortable bistro, featuring a menu that includes rotation of seasonal ingredients. French and Italian fare. Has been one of Nashville’s best for a long time.
Google: 4.5 stars
1017 Woodland Street
2.1 miles
Silly Goose
http://sillygoosenashville.com
American, local produce, exquisite lemonades
4.4 stars
1888 Eastland Ave.
3.3 miles

Thai Phooket
No website listed.
No-frills Thai restaurant.
Google: 4.3 stars
207 Woodland Street
0.9 miles

Treehouse
http://www.treehousenashville.com/
Rustic eatery and bar if you want to eat really late (closes at 1a.m.)
Google: 3.7
1011 Clearview Ave
2.3 miles

Two Ten Jack
http://twotenjack.com
Japanese inspired w/ local ingredients, authentic ramen
4.3 stars
1900 Eastland Ave.
3.3 miles

Vanderbilt/West End/Midtown

Catbird Seat
http://www.thecatbirdseatrestaurant.com/
A foodie experience. Chef’s tasting menu prepared/served in an open kitchen. Reservations are a challenge (see the website for instructions).
Google: 4.3 stars
1711 Division St.
1.3 miles

Hattie B’s Hot Chicken
http://www.hattieb.com
Hot chicken. It’s good. Don’t hurt yourself.
Google: 4.5 stars
112 19th Ave. South
1.4 miles
Hog Heaven
http://www.hogheavenbbq.com/
For something different, consider the smoked pulled-chicken BBQ with their heavenly white sauce (hence the name…). It’s an easy place to miss and not at all fancy. Outdoor eating only at picnic tables. Next to the McDonald’s on West End near Centennial Park.
Google: 3.9 stars
115 27th Ave. North
2.4 miles

Tin Angel
http://www.tinangel.net/
American fare. One of Nashville’s more established and friendly restaurants. Good place for fried green tomatoes if you haven’t had them before.
Google: 4.1 stars.
3201 West End Ave.
2.7 miles

Rotier’s
http://www.rotiersrestaurant.com/
Old fashioned bar and grill that serves up great cheeseburgers and milkshakes. One of Nashville’s originals, opened in 1945.
Google: 4.1 stars
2413 Elliston Place
1.9 miles

Mason’s
http://www.masons-nashville.com/
Located in Loew’s Vanderbilt Hotel on West End Ave., across from Vanderbilt campus. Southern cuisine in a dark-hued setting with lots and lots of Mason jars.
Yelp: 4.0 stars
2100 West End Ave.
1.7 miles

12 South

Epice
http://www.epicenashville.com/
Charming Lebanese bistro in 12 South. Welcoming staff. Spiced fish is good.
Yelp: 4.5 stars
2902 12th Ave. South
3.5 miles
**Burger Up**  
Upscale for a burger joint, but casual. Family-style tables. Lines can be long. Grass-fed local beef. Get popsicles afterwards at Las Paletas (nearby, same side of street).  
Google: 4.1 stars  
2901 12th Ave. South  
3.5 miles

**Edley’s**  
Southern BBQ located on 12th Ave. Draws a good crowd on weekends.  
There is a second location in East Nashville.  
Yelp: 4.0 stars  
2706 12th Ave. South  
3.4 miles

**Josephine**  
[www.josephineon12th.com](http://www.josephineon12th.com)  
“Refined American farmhouse cuisine.” Upscale.  
Yelp: 4.0 stars  
2316 12th Ave. S.  
3.1 miles.

**Green Hills**

**Firefly Grille**  
Google: 4.1 stars  
2201 Bandywood Drive  
5.0 miles

**8th Ave/Berry Hill**

**Baja Burrito**  
Mexican tacos in a casual environment with an outdoor deck.  
Friendly staff. A local favorite.  
Google: 4.7 stars  
722 Thompson Lane  
5.1 miles
Sunflower Cafe
http://www.sunflowercafenashville.com/
Homemade locally sourced vegetarian dishes in a comfortable setting. Highlights include the vegan crab-cakes and tofu ginger bowl w/ kale. Yummy.
Google: 4.6 stars
2834 Azalea Place
4.6 miles

The Yellow Porch
http://www.theyellowporch.com/
American bistro in expanding Berry Hill neighborhood. Casual environment.
Google: 3.9 stars
734 Thompson Lane
4.6 miles

The Smiling Elephant
http://www.thesmilingelephant.com/
Tiny restaurant with big flavors. A local favorite. Lines can be long at peak times due to limited seating. Thai specialties, including gluten-free options.
Google: 4.4 stars
2213 8th Ave. South
2.6 miles

Sylvan Park

Avo
http://www.eatavo.com
It’s brand new. Healthy gluten-free and vegetarian-free fare. Good reviews so far.
Yelp: 4.5 stars
3001 Charlotte Ave. in OneC1TY
2.4 miles

Local Taco
http://www.thelocaltaco.com/
Taco joint with an outdoor patio. Highlights include the Cuban corn, fish tacos, and southern fried chicken tacos.
Google: 4.4 stars
4501 Murphy Road (there’s also a location in E. Nashville, 2.6 miles)
4.2 miles
Music Venues:
There are plenty of places to see live music in Nashville. Here are just a few of them:

* **Robert's Western World**
  http://www.robertswesternworld.com/
  Honkey Tonk, plays old country music. Downtown on Broadway.
  Pabst Blue Ribbon is the drink of choice.
  Google: 4.6 stars
  416 Broadway
  0.5 miles

* **Tootsie's**
  http://www.tootsies.net/
  Honkey Tonk, old and newer country music. Downtown on Broadway. It’s recently expanded, and there are a few stages for music. It can get a little loud and drunk-ish.
  Google: 4.0 stars
  422 Broadway
  0.5 miles

* **Station Inn**
  http://www.stationinn.com/
  Located in The Gulch neighborhood. One of the best bluegrass venues anywhere. Picnic tables and pitchers of beer. Check the website to see who’s playing and what the cover is.
  Google: 4.5 stars
  402 12th Ave. South
  1.1 miles

* **Bluebird Cafe**
  http://www.bluebirdcafe.com/
  Located in a strip mall in the Green Hills neighborhood. Due to the popularity of the Nashville TV show, where a fake Bluebird is often featured, it is now difficult to get in for a show. Reservations are recommended. Features songwriters. You’re expected to listen to the music, not talk. Shhhhhhh.
  Google: 4.0 stars
  4104 Hillsboro Pike
  5.0 miles