



# Tour Ideas for Nashville and Franklin



We won't be having any organized tours this year but that doesn't mean there aren't tons of fun things to do. We are here to help you plan! Below is a list of some of the highlights of Franklin and Nashville, Tennessee so you can plan your trip accordingly. So read, Google and go have some fun!

## **Franklin - Top places to Tour and Visit**

Helpful Fact: There is a bus stop at the corner of the hotel property (Mon. – Fri.) The bus will take you to the mall and downtown for \$1 each way. <http://franklintransit.org/> (Hotel is on Route 2, Stop E.)

**Carnton Plantation** is a historic plantation house and museum in Franklin. The sprawling farm and its buildings played an important role during and immediately after the Battle of Franklin during the American Civil War. The property includes the McGavock Confederate Cemetery. Tours available: <https://boft.org>

**The Carter House** is a historic house at 1140 Columbia Avenue in Franklin. In that house the Carter family hid in the basement waiting for the second Battle of Franklin to end. Tours available: <https://boft.org>

**The Lotz House** is a historical Civil War House in Franklin that was built in 1858. Tours available: <https://www.lotzhouse.com>

**Fort Grange Park** was a Union Fort in the American Civil War, built in 1862 in Franklin, south of Nashville. Address: 113 Fort Granger Dr., Franklin, TN 37064

**Franklin Battlefield** was the site of the Second Battle of Franklin, which occurred late in the American Civil War. It is located in the southern part of Franklin, on U.S. 31. It was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1960.

## **Nashville - Top places to Tour and Visit**

**The Grand Ole Opry** is a weekly country music stage concert in Nashville founded on November 28, 1925, by George D. Hay as a one-hour radio "barn dance" on WSM. It is the longest running radio broadcast in US history. Tours available: <https://www.opry.com>

**Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum**, is one of the world's largest museums and research centers dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of American vernacular music. Chartered in 1964, the museum has amassed one of the world's most extensive musical collections. It's located at 222 Fifth Avenue S, Nashville with a nice small walking mall with eating facilities nearby. Tickets available: <https://countrymusicHalloffame.org>

**Ryman Auditorium** is a 2,362-seat live-performance venue located at 116 5th Avenue North, in Nashville. It is best known as the home of the Grand Ole Opry from 1943 to 1974. There is a cute little café to eat at on the premises. Tours available: <https://www.ryman.com>



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**The Parthenon in Centennial Park**, in Nashville, is a full-scale replica of the original Parthenon in Athens. It was designed by Confederate veteran William Crawford Smith and built in 1897 as part of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition. Tickets available: <https://www.nashville.gov/Parks-and-Recreation/Parthenon.aspx>

**Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art** is a privately funded 55-acre estate on the western edge of Nashville. Formerly the residence of Nashville's Cheek family, the 30,000-square-foot Georgian-style mansion was opened as a museum in 1960. Tickets available: <https://cheekwood.org>

**Belmont Mansion** is an Italianate villa constructed between the years 1849 and 1853. Through the years, it has been the summer home for Nashville socialite Adelia Acklen and her family, temporary headquarters of the Union army, and an all-girls college and seminary. As one of the most elaborate antebellum homes in the South, it encompasses 36 rooms and 19,000 square feet. The entire Belmont estate was built, furnished, and landscaped by the Acklens and boasted such luxuries as lavish gardens, an art gallery, a bowling alley, and a zoo. Belmont Mansion currently operates as a house museum. It's located at Belmont Blvd & Acklen Ave. in Nashville. Tours available: <https://www.belmontmansion.com>

**NashTrash Tours** are popular tours held aboard the Big Pink Bus. They are hosted by performers who mix Music City lore with boisterous comedy. With personal assurance from many people this hilarious tour is for you if you want some comedy. There are three different tours hosted by three different sets of performers. Recommendations say that the tour hosted by the Jugg Sisters is the best. Read about all three tours and choose which tour is best for you. You cannot book these earlier than 3 months in advance, but hurry as these tours book up fast! Tickets available at: <https://www.nashtrash.com>

**Belle Meade Plantation**, located in Belle Meade, TN, is a historic mansion that is now operated as a museum, together with outbuildings on its 30 acres of property. In the late 19th century, the plantation encompassed roughly 5,400 acres. A winery and visitors' center have been constructed on the property. Guided tour to the mansion and free wine tasting available: <https://bellemeadeplantation.com>

**The Hermitage** is a historical plantation and museum located in Davidson County, TN, United States, 10 miles east of downtown Nashville. The plantation was owned by Andrew Jackson, the seventh President of the United States, from 1804 until his death at the Hermitage in 1845. Andrew and Rachel Jackson's graves are on the property as well. Tickets available: <https://thehermitage.com>

## **Day Trip Idea**

**The Great American Dollhouse Museum** is located 3 hours from Nashville in Danville, Kentucky. They are offering free admission with proof of Convention registration along with a 10% discount. You can choose one free item from the Clearance Basket for every \$20 spent. Their hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 11am – 5pm. They are closed Sunday and Monday. Website: <http://www.thedollhousemuseum.com/>

***See you this summer!***