This year's National is at the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs. It is conveniently located to everything you need, want or crave!

Within a 3 city block walk you can:

Grocery shop at Krogers or Trader Joes

Get Hobby supplies at JoAnn's

Eat Fast Food at Wendy's, Paneras, Chik Filet, Starbucks or Panda Express, or Jersy Mikes Subs

Or get band aids at Walgreens

Eat at interesting resturants: The Eastern Peak (Thai), Cajun Steamers (seafood), Tupelo Honey (southern), or First Watch (a breakfast/lunch cafe)

If you want to walk 6 city blocks:

You can visit Cool Springs Mall with stores from Dilliards to Macys to American Girl.

You can eat at Cheesecake Factory, Party Fowl, Connors, Steak & Seafood, Mr. Crepe French Resturant or a myriad of fast food places.

You can get your Walmart fix.

Or for \$1, you can take the Franklin Trolley from your hotel to the Mall, Chik Filet, Walmart, Whole Foods to downtown Franklin. (www.franklintransit.org)

If you have a car:

If you want to go one freeway exit to the South you can visit Hobby Lobby and historic Franklin.

Or if you want to drive two freeway exits North, you can visit the Stitchers Garden, a fabrics & Quilt Shop, in Brentwood (www.stitchersgarden.com)

If you want to drive 4 freeway exits North you can shop at the Miniature Cottage (the only miniature shop in town) or antique at GasLamp One and Two (voted Best Antiques in Nashville.