

Nashville, Tennessee

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Begin your life together surrounded by world-class, live entertainment. From the roots of country music to the current variation of tunes sweeping the nation, there is something for everyone. Begin your first days together in a unique upscale hotel within walking distance of major attractions. Then, get ready for romance and non-stop activities in a city where the music never stops—Nashville, Tennessee.

1 Hotel Nashville

Begin your romantic journey at the upscale 1 Hotel, in the heart of downtown, where you are treated like a VIP the moment you arrive. The 800-foot lush exterior ivy façade gives the first hint that the hotel is a sustainable sanctuary, complete with unrivaled service and extraordinary comfort. The lobby sets the mood with soft lighting, and the décor gives the space an inviting sense of place. Allow the luxury of time to recharge your body and mind from pre-wedding errands. The hotel's

Bamford Wellness Spa is the perfect post-wedding de-stress destination; try the Couples' Indulgence treatments. Ask about the hotel's Audi Electric Vehicle Experience.

The rooms and suites have plush pillow-top mattresses, and the linens are extremely comfortable. The King rooms are perfect for two, but if you want to kick it up a notch, reserve the Panoramic Corner Suite with one bedroom, complete with separate living area. For those who want a wedding and honeymoon destination, the hotel can accommodate from 50 to 1,000 plus, with impeccable catering. The Bridal Suite is also large enough for your bridesmaids to get dressed.

Enjoy an unhurried meal at 1 Kitchen. This romantic restaurant celebrates local ingredients while partnering with dozens of local farmers. I am sure the veggies were picked moments before we arrived. The Baby Lettuce Salad ingredients were extremely fresh. We recommend the delectable NZ King Salmon, Hokkaido Scallops, and Banana Cremeux.



Harriet's Rooftop
Photo by Ryan Forbes



Panoramic Suite
Photo by Douglas Friedman

Harriet's Rooftop Bar, located on the 19th floor, offers guests exclusive views of the skyline in a nightlife setting and plenty of indoor/outdoor lounge seating.

Exploring Nashville

Begin with the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum—one of the world's largest museums dedicated to country music. Here, view artifacts, permanent objects, and collection documents. There are more than eight hundred costumes, hundreds of instruments, and other objects from microphones to automobiles. Enjoy the American Currents: State of the Music Exhibit, featuring artists including Luke Combs, Kelsea Ballerini, Jelly Roll, and Lainey Wilson. Buy Historic RCA Studio B tickets here as well. Board a bus that takes you to the historic building known as the "Home of 1,000 Hits." At the end of the tour, the guide allows you to sit at the piano where Elvis played while recording some of his famous hits.

Visit Nashville's Historic Treasures, the Ryman Auditorium, and the Grand Ole Opry. The Bluebird Cafe is a popular music venue—make reservations well in advance. Lower Broadway is home to dozens of Nashville's nightlife venues. Meander through the full-scale replica of the Parthenon, complete with the 42-ft high statue, Athena.

Find romantic spots in Cheekwood Estate & Gardens, and drive to Arrington Vineyards where there is free entertainment on weekends. Experience the heart of Nashville aboard

the Soul of Music City Tour. On this evening excursion, the lights along the skyline are mesmerizing. Led by a talented performing guide, you will pass by the hot spots with close-up views of legendary locations, while hearing intriguing inside stories about the people and places of Nashville.

The Finch was amazing for evening dining. We noticed it was where the locals eat—always a good sign. The steaks are cooked to perfection, and their Peanut Butter Cake is amazing. We especially enjoyed the music venue, The Listening Room. Here, songwriters are highlighted through writers' sessions. The talented songwriters Eric Van Houten, Blake Chaffin, and Adam Hambrick shared the stories behind the songs—including who recorded them and how they got started in the business. In the stillness of The Listening Room, each performer played their guitars and sang the songs they had written.

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