In addition to whetting your appetite for country music, Nashville, Tennessee, has something to offer everyone from sports fans to history buffs. Don’t leave the host city for NAESP’s 87th Annual Convention and Exposition without visiting one of these attractions.

**Music**

*Music Mile.* This one-mile stretch that connects downtown to **Music Row** is a concentrated area dedicated to the country, gospel, and contemporary Christian music industries. Located just southeast of downtown, Music Row is home to the historic **RCA Studio B**, the **Country Music Hall of Fame**, and the **Music City Walk of Fame**. Make sure that you see the Music Row roundabout and park, which houses the sculpture, “Musica.”

**Grand Ole Opry (and museum).** Since 1925, the nation has been tuning into this live country music show, first on the radio, and now on television and on the Internet as well. Check out the legends and the newcomers at a live show; or visit the museum. Both are located near the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center.
**Welcome to Music City**.

**45 Local Attractions**

Since then, it has been operating as a concert hall, featuring restaurants, lounges, two swimming pools, a spa, and a golf course.

**Opry Mills** is just a short walk from the convention center. A bargain shopper’s paradise, the facility has restaurants, a movie theater, and 200 stores.

**Centennial Park** is the home of the Parthenon, a full-scale replica of the Parthenon in Athens. Located west of downtown, near Vanderbilt University, the Parthenon was built in 1897 in celebration of Tennessee’s Centennial Exposition.

**Adventure Science Center** features exhibits about the human body and medical discoveries, and interactive exhibits like the flight simulator and Adventure Tower. Also south of downtown is Greer Stadium, a minor league baseball stadium that has a guitar-shaped scoreboard. The stadium is located on the grounds of Fort Negley, a Civil War fortification.

**General Jackson Showboat**. Take a cruise along the Cumberland River in this 300-foot-long paddlewheel riverboat. Choose between the northern and southern routes and the midday and evening cruises, which feature a live performance and dinner.

**Lane Motor Museum**. Visit this homage to unique European cars in nearby Murfreesboro. Featuring vehicles not usually seen in the U.S., Lane Motor Museum exhibits microcars, amphibious cars, and one-of-a-kind vehicles, all organized by country of origin.

**Belle Meade Plantation**. Tour this well-preserved, historic plantation mansion, which was renowned for breeding championship thoroughbred horses. Evidence of the Civil War’s Battle of Nashville is visible on the building’s façade.

**Sports**

In recent years, Nashville has been called Titan Town, for its NFL team, the Tennessee Titans. Nashville also is home to a national hockey team, the Nashville Predators; a minor league baseball team, the Nashville Sounds; and a national women’s football team, the Nashville Dream.

**Ryman Auditorium**. Called “The Mother Church of Country Music,” Ryman Auditorium was home to the Grand Ole Opry broadcast from 1943 until 1974. In 1994, the auditorium was restored and since then it has been operating as a concert hall.

**Getting Around Nashville**

By shuttle you can travel between the convention center hotels, the Grand Ole Opry, Opry Mills, Gaylord Springs Golf Course, Ryman Auditorium, the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Wildhorse Saloon, and the General Jackson Showboat. But if you want to get off the beaten path, you can:

- Tour the downtown and Music Row areas by trolley;
- Tour the Cumberland River, which snakes its way through the city, by showboat; or
- Take a walking or carriage tour to explore Nashville’s historic landmarks, haunted areas, and rich landscape.

Nearby in Gladeville, Tennessee, the Nashville Superspeedway hosts NASCAR and Indy Racing League events.

**Day Trips**

**Jack Daniel Distillery**. Ninety minutes from Nashville in Lynchburg, Tennessee, the Jack Daniel Distillery put this small county on the map with its legendary whiskey. After you take the tour, visit the museum, and have lunch at Miss Mary Bobo’s Boarding House Restaurant, make the short drive to Tullahoma, Tennessee, to discover the secrets of the George Dickel Distillery.

**Cumberland Caverns**. Tennessee’s largest show cave features daily tours that reveal large underground rooms, waterfalls, and historic saltpeter mining. Visit the Lowdown Dirty Gem Mine and discover semiprecious stones from around the world.

**Rippavilla Plantation**. This plantation mansion, located 45 minutes south of Nashville, has been restored to its 1860s appearance. The tour will introduce you to plantation life, the Civil War, the Reconstruction Period, and the Battle of Spring Hill.

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