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## 12 Best Hotels in Nashville

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Among the newcomers are several big players like a Kimpton, Thompson, and JW Marriott. But if hotel chains aren't your thing, there are also top-notch inns and luxury B&Bs that will make you feel at home in Music City.

### Hutton Hotel

#### How did it strike you on arrival?

If Justin Timberlake had a hotel doppelganger, it would be the Hutton—equal parts Southern sass and global rock 'n roll. Nashville's original boutique hotel has a well-designed, open-format lobby with various seating areas and striking art installations that lay the framework for a stylish stay.

#### Nice. What's the crowd like?

Back before Nashville had a half-dozen luxury hotels, everybody who was everybody would stay at the Hutton when passing through town. During CMA Fest and any awards show, you could almost be guaranteed a celebrity sighting or three if you camped out in the lobby long enough. Case in point: I once found myself taking tequila shots with Norman Reedus in the Hutton's lobby-adjacent bar.

#### The good stuff: Tell us about your room.

Rooms definitely aren't large, but they're so smartly designed, you won't necessarily mind that you sacrificed on space.

#### We're craving some deep, restorative sleep. They got us?

The bed will have you wishing you hadn't scheduled that 8 a.m. meeting.

#### How about the little things, like minibar, or shower goodies. Any of that find its way into your suitcase?

Rooms are outfitted with a coffee machine and a selection of complimentary teas. Raid the minibar for local treats like Colt's Chocolates and Goo Goo Clusters (available for purchase).

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#### **Please tell us the bathroom won't let us down.**

Large mirrors, transparent countertops and shower walls give the illusion of more space.

#### **Maybe the most important topic of all: Wi-Fi. What's the word?**

Free Wi-Fi.

#### **Room service: Worth it?**

1808 Grille was, at a time, one of Nashville's finest restaurants, but it was replaced by the Southern-inspired West End Kitchen & Bar. You can order room service directly from the restaurant.

#### **Staff: If you could award one a trophy, who gets it, and why?**

The valet staff is top-notch, but you'll want to make friends with the shuttle driver who will take you anywhere around town in the resident Tesla.

#### **Anything stand out about other services and features? Whether it's childcare, gyms, spas, even parking—whatever stuck with you.**

The Hutton's brand-new music club, Analog, would fit in seamlessly in New York's Meatpacking district. It's already played host to a variety of acts like Maren Morris and Allen Stone.

#### **What was most memorable—or heartbreaking—about your stay?**

Did we mention the resident Tesla?

#### **Bottom line: worth it, and why?**

What was once one of Nashville's most expensive hotels is now surprisingly affordable compared to its competition. You get more bang for your buck at the Hutton than you do elsewhere for this level of service.

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