

Fodor's Go List 2019

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Here at Fodor's, we spend almost all of our professional time and much of our personal time thinking about where we want to go next. The beauty of the world is immeasurable and its people inimitable. Our annual Go List helps focus our wanderlust. Because travel is more than movement, greater than sightseeing. It is our sustenance and our substance. Here are 52 places that inspire us to get going in 2019.

Nashville, Tennessee

Why it's Wonderful: Nashville has never been an “under-the-radar” city—Lower Broad still flickers from early morning late into the night as honky-tonk players serenade buzzed crowds with four-hour sets that get increasingly raucous with each round of moonshine. Johnny Cash and Patsy Cline are still revered names here, and busloads of tourists still tear up during visits to the recording haunts of Elvis and Dolly. Beyond the strip, though, are hipper enclaves like East Nashville, Germantown, and 12 South. There are secret cocktail bars, basement bars with college kids dancing to Motown, and essential eateries without all the bells and whistles (and shorter lines). There are hip bars and seedy bars, (sometimes both), ultra-cool record shops, and incredible pizzerias. Meanwhile, boutique hotels are popping up, and others are revamping, like the Hutton which just added a music venue to their second floor. For foodies, inventive dishes can be found at places like Rolf & Daughters, The Catbird Seat, and Little Octopus.

Where to Stay: Steps from Music Row in Nashville's West End, [the Hutton Hotel](#) provides sleek, modern lodgings, suited especially to touring musicians: they have two writers studios on the property (designed by Ryan Tedder and Dierks Bentley), a special musicians' suite, and their own music venue. [Urban Cowboy](#) is the hippest, most design-forward lodging option, while the [Germantown Inn](#) has the least hubris and the most charm.