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A full-page photograph of Salma Hayek Pinault sitting in a white bathtub. She is wearing a black, strapless, lace-trimmed top. Her hair is dark and wet, and she is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The water in the tub is dark and rippling. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

SALMA HAYEK PINAULT  
*SOAKS IT UP*



LEFT:  
Downtown  
Nashville

BELOW:  
The dining  
room at  
Henrietta Red

HENRIETTA RED: ANDREW THOMAS LEE

CITY GUIDE

## Music City Moments

*Nashville's hotel, dining and cultural scenes continue to boom*

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In case you haven't heard, Nashville is *the* place to be these days. No longer a preserve for country music fans and bachelorette parties (though both of these contingents are still well served), the city skyline is now studded with gleaming five-star hotels—many with stunning rooftop bars and pools—and restaurants that reflect the diversity that continues to set the city apart. The arts are flourishing as well, with the historic Ryman Auditorium featuring performers that range from Amy Grant and Vince Gill to the storied Moscow Ballet. Museums including the Country Music Hall of Fame and the recently opened National Museum of African American Music draw multigenerational music lovers. Nashville is within a four-hour flight radius of most major cities and has seen a major airport expansion to support it, making it the perfect escape for music fans, foodies and anyone who appreciates a truly festive stay.





### THE RUSSELL

A 115-year-old church-turned-boutique hotel, The Russell offers a truly unique stay with plenty of local color. From glorious stained glass windows to bold, modern furniture, a very laid-back vibe permeates the property—one that's set in the residential East Nashville neighborhood. Church pews have been reclaimed for use as headboards and the architectural integrity of the space—right down to having no elevator—has been faithfully left intact. [russellnashville.com](http://russellnashville.com)

### CONRAD NASHVILLE

Just steps from Music Row in the heart of downtown, Conrad Nashville is one of the latest additions to the city's thriving hotel scene. With 234 spacious rooms by design firm Champalimaud, the property exudes warmth from the double-height lobby and Great Room to cozy seating spaces and guest rooms swathed in rich fabrics, dark woods, leather and bronze. An expansive fitness area and pool deck provide a relaxing escape, while Blue Aster is the place for modern Southern cuisine that changes throughout the seasons. [hilton.com](http://hilton.com)

### SOHO HOUSE

A former sock factory in the Wedgewood-Houston neighborhood is home to the latest Soho House—and the largest one in North America. Conceived as a laid-back-yet-stylish meeting spot for creatives, the property includes a hotel, restaurant, fitness club, buzzy pool and multiple music venues, and it's drawing an international clientele who appreciate the club's luxurious touches. The house's 47 bedrooms feature natural wood finishes, upholstered velvet headboards and furnishings courtesy of the Soho Home brand. [sohohouse.com](http://sohohouse.com)

### SOUTHALL FARM & INN

One of the festive season's most anticipated openings is Southall, a 62-room and 16-cottage property that's likely to compete with the perpetually booked Blackberry Farm. Located just 25 minutes from Nashville in neighboring Franklin, this farm-based resort project is spread across 325 verdant acres with cow pastures, apiaries, gardens, orchards and even an orangery. Outdoor enthusiasts will love the five miles of hiking trails and seven-acre lake that was built for regenerative water retention. [southalltn.com](http://southalltn.com)

### THOMPSON NASHVILLE

The 12-story mid-century modern boutique Thompson Nashville hotel offers a luxurious yet low-key stay in Nashville's hip Gulch neighborhood. With 224 rustic chic guest rooms and suites that feature floor-to-ceiling windows, the real highlight here is L.A. Jackson—the rooftop lounge is arguably one of Nashville's best. Other special details: The hotel has guitars for guests' use, or they can arrange lessons with an expert from local favorite Carter Vintage Guitars. Also of note is Marsh House, the onsite, upscale restaurant that's become famous for brunch and a comprehensive raw bar. [hyatt.com](http://hyatt.com)

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