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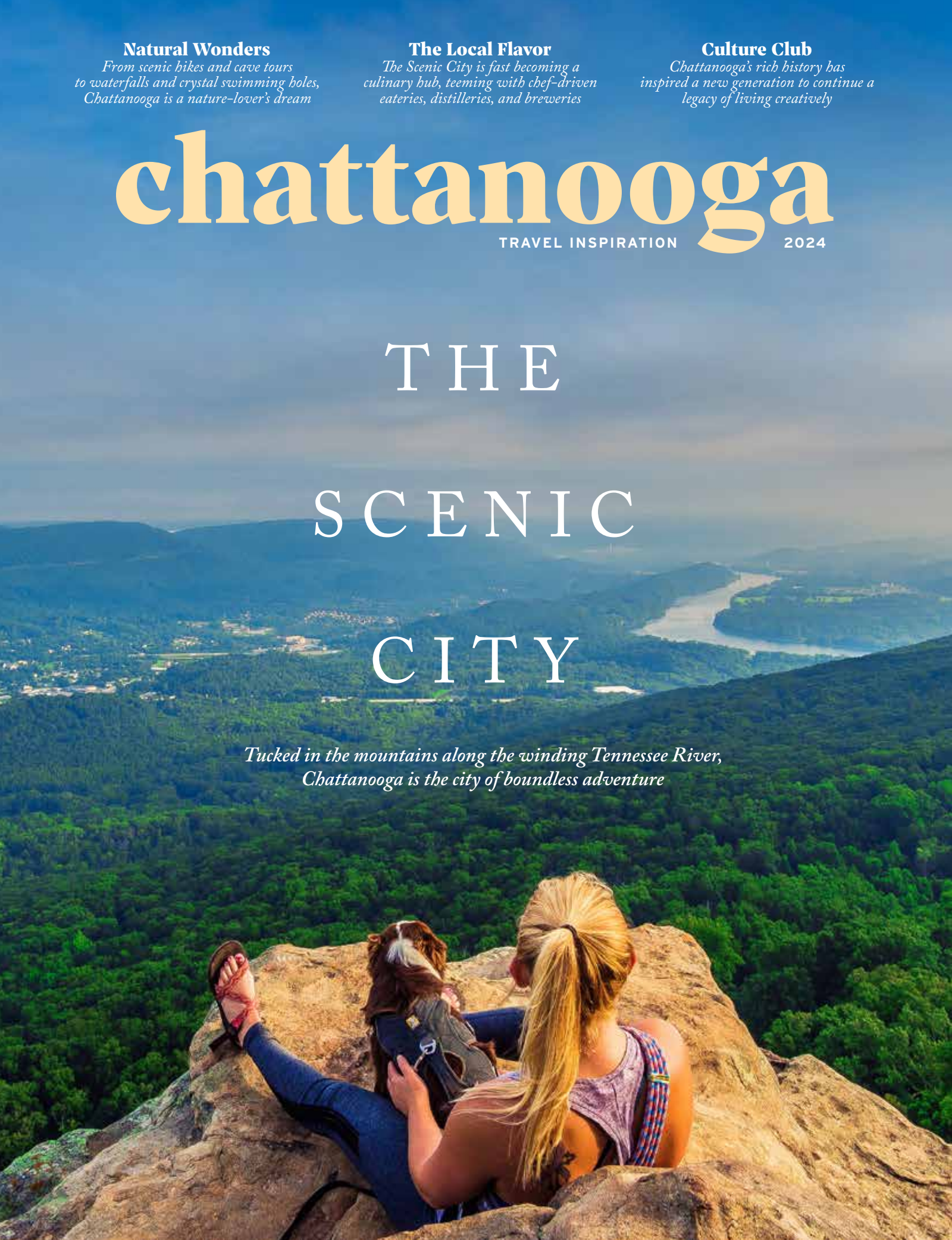
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Welcome to the heart of Tennessee, where Southern hospitality meets stunning natural beauty. Chattanooga offers a unique blend of natural wonders, cultural treasures, and a warm, welcoming spirit. Whether you're an outdoor enthusiast, history buff, or simply in search of a charming getaway, our city has something special in store for you.

Chattanooga's natural beauty is the first thing that will captivate you. The majestic Tennessee River weaves its way through our city, surrounded by Lookout and Signal Mountains, rolling hills, and pristine landscapes. It's a haven for outdoor enthusiasts, offering numerous opportunities for hiking, mountain biking, climbing, kayaking, and much more. Riverside parks provide moments of tranquility and scenic beauty, while our calendar brims with captivating annual events and festivals.

Kick off your Chattanooga adventure in our vibrant Downtown District. Here, history comes to

life amid modern conveniences. Wander through charming streets, savor delectable cuisine at our local restaurants, and immerse yourself in a thriving arts and culture scene. The city's compact layout makes it ideal for exploration on foot, via our free electric shuttle, or with the convenience of our 24/7 public bicycle share system. Downtown is the launching point for the numerous experiences throughout the destination.

From world-class attractions to live music and diverse annual festivals, our city is a hub of entertainment year-round. Our museums, monuments, and landmarks are testaments to pivotal moments in American history, allowing you to step back in time and appreciate our city's remarkable transformation.

Throughout your stay, you'll experience the genuine warmth of Southern hospitality from our friendly locals. Whether you seek adventure, relaxation, or a taste of our renowned cuisine, you'll find it here.

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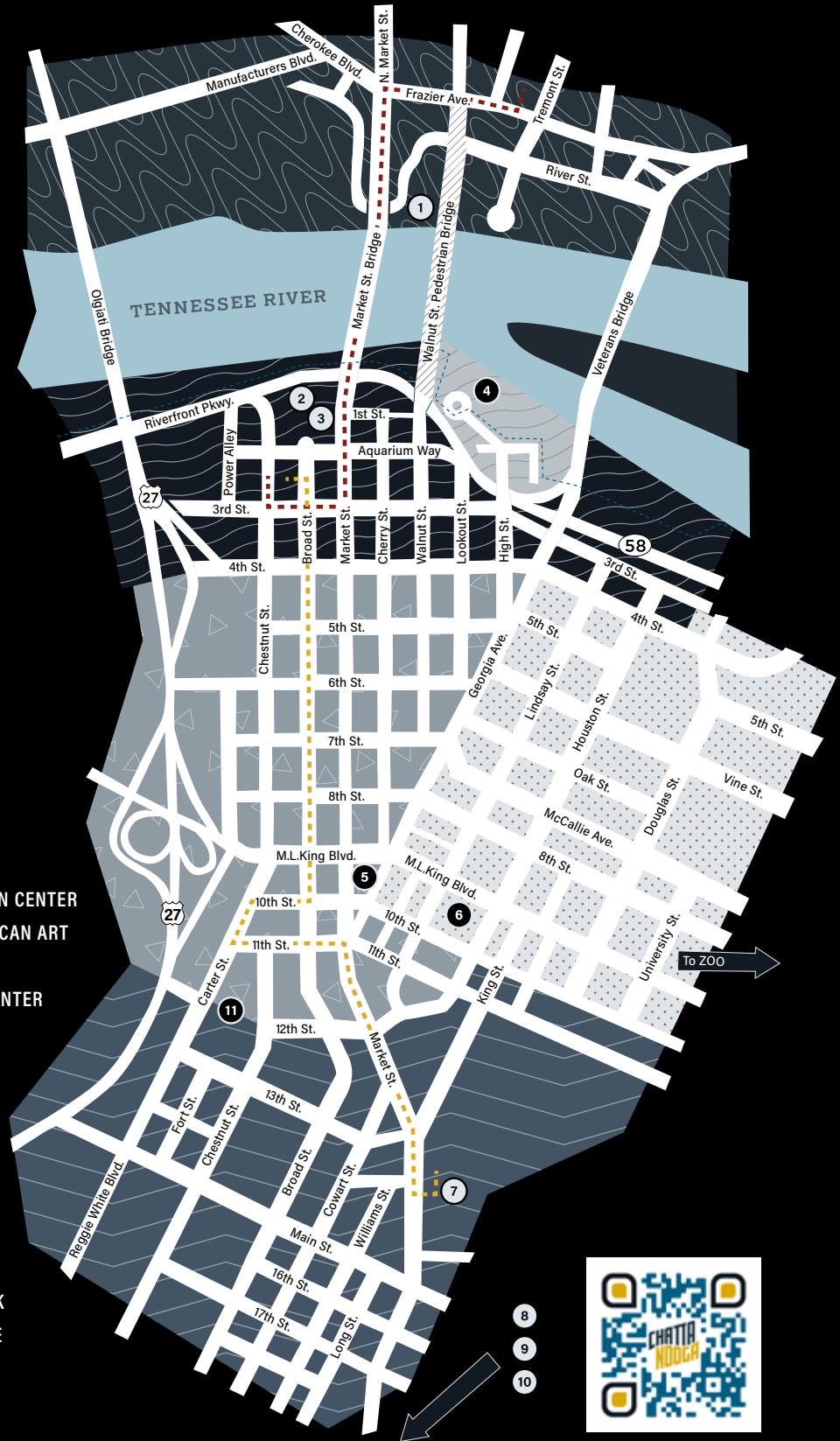
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2024

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EVENTS

Seasons Greetings

*From live music and art
installations to sporting events and
holiday celebrations, each season ushers
in a new batch of local events*

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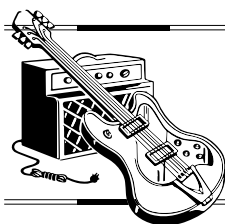
EDITOR'S PICKS



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Nightfall Concert Series

The free Nightfall Concert Series, continually held for over 30 seasons, takes place every Friday night from early May through late August. Nightfall features a diverse schedule of quality musical entertainment with local openers and national headlining acts, many of whom are performing for the first time in our city. Bring your kids, lawn chairs, pets and friends to enjoy great live music, food and an ice cold beverage in the outdoor social atmosphere of Nightfall. **May-August**



Live Jam Sessions
Music is a part of the culture

Festivals, venues, restaurants, clubs, hotels, bars, and even the airport... In Chattanooga, live music is everywhere. Ranging from blues to jazz, bluegrass, pop, rock, and more, Chattanooga live music embraces the diverse sounds that the Scenic City sings.



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Spring Break Safari

During Spring Break, Chattanooga transforms into a place where kids rule, and adventure is everywhere. From March 10-April 9, Spring Break Safari participating attractions will offer kids the chance to use their imaginations to become RockQuest Adventurers, Conductors, Global Explorers, Cave Explorers, Innovators, Junior Naturalists, and many more. Kids won't be able to resist exploring the world with lots of hands-on activities and scavenger hunts throughout the city designed just for them. **March-April**



Always A Good Sport
Chattanooga is a sports town

Chattanooga is home to major sporting events: minor-league baseball with the Chattanooga Lookouts, and professional soccer with the Chattanooga Football Club and Chattanooga Red Wolves. The city also hosts major sporting events like IRONMAN, Head of the Hooch rowing regatta, Chattanooga Marathon, and more.



The burger
at Main Street
Meats

FOOD

Top of the Stack

Who doesn't love a good burger? These four spots would make even Jimmy Buffett proud.



Our Best Burgers

Urban Stack

The menu features killer burgers, whiskey and beer, and a variety of weekly specials.

Main Street Meats

You'll only find one burger on the menu, but it's spectacular in both taste and presentation. You'll be served house pickles, caramelized onions, bacon, and Gruyere atop a local beef patty.

Tremont Tavern

A favorite post-trail hangout of the outdoor community, you'll find Tremont packed with table after table of the young and hungry on any given night, where they have been enjoying cold beer and half-pound burgers since 2006.

Jack Brown's

Jack Brown's is a bar that, along with a fine craft beer menu, happens to have a fantastic burger.

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Southern Exposure

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Hoff & Pepper

Hoff & Pepper creates small-batch sauces and seasonings that enhance flavors with balanced heat profiles.

MoonPie

This Chattanooga staple treat of chocolate, graham cracker, and marshmallow, has been made here in the Scenic City since 1917! The MoonPie General Store offers MoonPie merchandise, toys, candies, and retro gifts.

Chattanooga Whiskey

The first distillery to make whiskey in Chattanooga in over 100 years, crafting one-of-a-kind whiskeys that can't be found anywhere else.

Southern Exposure
Inside the barrelhouse at
Chattanooga Whiskey's
Riverfront Distillery



Photography courtesy of Chattanooga Whiskey





SHOWS

Hot Venues on the Menu

Whatever type of show fits your fancy, Chattanooga is sure to have it.



Memorial Auditorium

The historic Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Auditorium was dedicated on November 11, 1922 and seats 3,866. Memorial Auditorium features symphonies, live music, theater, musicals, and more.

tivolichattanooga.com

The Signal

From nationally touring acts to beloved local bands, The Signal continues to host the highest caliber of artists. The 1,500 capacity concert hall includes a stunning mezzanine overlooking the main floor with guaranteed seating and exceptional views of the stage.

thesignaltn.com

Barking Legs Theater

Barking Legs is an intimate concert hall that has established a reputation as a premier place for musicians and listeners alike. It is known throughout the Southeast as a venue with great acoustics and remarkable intimacy, hosting live music, comedy, movies, and more.

barkinglegs.org

Barrelhouse Ballroom

One of the Southeast's premier mid-sized music venues, more importantly, it brings people together through the trifecta of good food, craft beer, and live music. The Barrelhouse Ballroom features acts of all kinds almost every night of the week.

barrelhouseballroom.com

GET UP CLOSE WITH A **WILD** ENCOUNTER

Face-to-face encounters with red pandas, Komodo dragons, giant anteaters, tamarins, porcupines, and the whole meerkat mob are available at the Chattanooga Zoo.



◀ Schedule your **WILD** encounter today!



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Southern Exposure
Greeter Falls at Savage
Gulf State Park

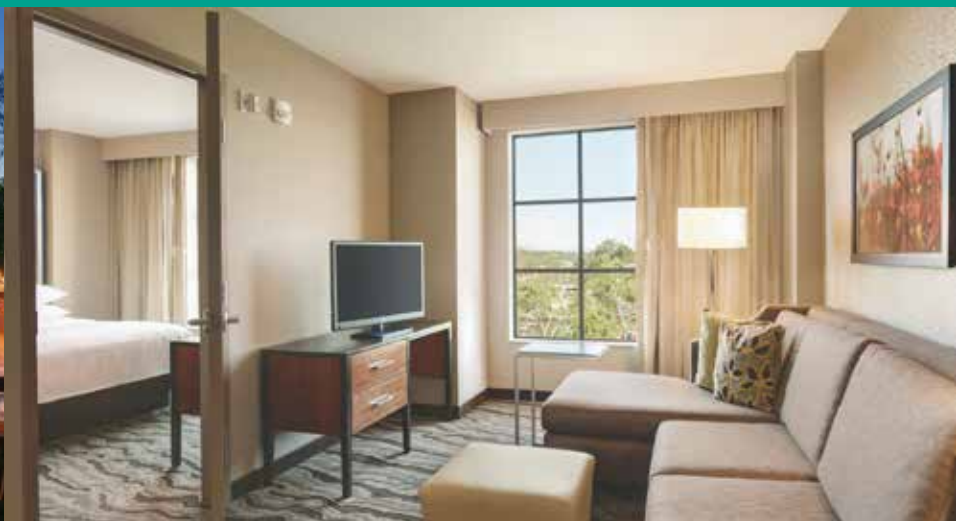
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Fall color on
Raccoon Mountain

NATURE



A summer afternoon at North
Chickamauga's Blue Hole

REAL WONDERS

Surely Chattanooga was created as a gift to Tennessee, for there are few places where the wonders of nature are more breathtakingly displayed. Within easy sight of downtown, rocky crags reach out across the skyline, mountain streams lead to breathtaking waterfalls, and the rolling river nourishes an urban wetland.

Photograph by Ryan Maun

**12 Adventures
Start Here**



1

Relax at Snooper's Rock

If you're an early riser, there is no place better to catch the sunrise than atop the overlook at Snooper's Rock. But for those of us who prefer a bit more shut-eye, hiking the six-mile out-and-back trail offers stunning views from dawn to dusk, and follows the Cumberland Trail in the Prentice Cooper Wildlife Management Area. Your four-legged friends (kept on a leash) are welcome, too! It's undoubtedly one of the best places to take in the jaw-dropping beauty of Tennessee.

2 Bike & Hike Raccoon Mountain

If you're a fan of outdoor activities, Raccoon Mountain's cave tours, and 30 miles of multi-use trails for mountain biking, hiking and trail running are calling your name. The local chapter of the Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association, SORBA Chattanooga, has been constructing and maintaining an extensive trail system on the mountain since 2005. Whether you're ready for the High Voltage Route, or something a little more chill, this site is considered one of the top mountain bike trail systems in Tennessee.



“Chattanooga has grown from having 7 miles of mountain biking trails in 2003 to over 60 miles of trails in 2023. Our trails rival the best that you’ll find anywhere in the country. The city has become an absolute mecca for outdoor enthusiasts.”

– Mike Gehard
SORBA Chattanooga



Paddle the Tennessee River



With riverside parks, waterfront restaurants, and plenty of recreation opportunities, the Tennessee River is the lifeblood of the Scenic City, and there's no better way to experience it than to get out and go paddling. Access points like Coolidge Park and Ross's Landing make it easy to get in the water, and there are many other points along the river. If you didn't bring your own gear, no worries! You can rent some at one of the nearby outdoor outfitters.

Visit Chattanooga.com/things-to-do/outdoors/on-the-water/



Natural Wonders



Foster Falls

Just 45 minutes from Chattanooga at the south end of the Cumberland Plateau, this spectacular 60-foot waterfall dives deep into South Cumberland State Park. An easy hike to the top of the falls reveals mountain laurels, azaleas and hemlocks, and a trail which leads down into the gorge and a suspension bridge taking you to the base of the falls. Nearby, a 26-site campground offers a bath house with showers, fire ring, and picnic tables.

[tnstateparks.com/
parks/south-
cumberland](http://tnstateparks.com/parks/south-cumberland)



13 Hike to Sunset Rock

For a short, easy hike, perfect for bringing along the kids and your four-legged family, choose the west face of Lookout Mountain. After a short tenth of a mile, the trail ends at the open rock ledge of Sunset Rock, where you'll get 180-degree views toward west Chattanooga, the Tennessee River Gorge and Prentice Cooper State Forest. If you decide to keep going, longer trails start at this point.

southeasttennessee.com/hiking-to-lookout-mountains-sunset-rock



6 Walden's Ridge Park

With over 10 miles of hiking, mountain biking, running, and bouldering trails take the standard for mountain biking and hiking to new heights in the Chattanooga region.

Experienced bikers already rank it as one of the best in the nation.

southeasttennessee.com/waldens-ridge-park

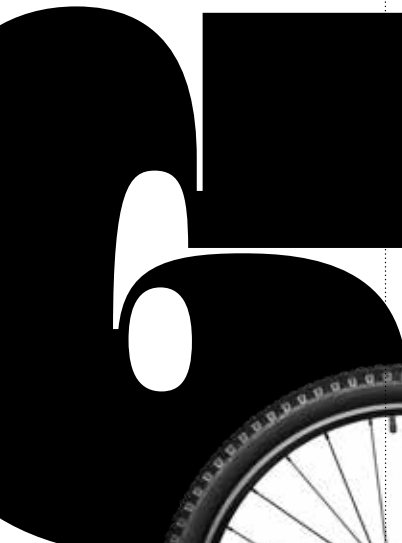
7 Stringer's Ridge

Hike, bike, run or just enjoy nature at this 92-acre wilderness park in the heart of North Chattanooga, overlooking NorthShore, the Tennessee River, and downtown Chattanooga. Seven miles of multi-use trails maintained by SORBA are a result of a citizen-based effort to preserve the large natural area, with trails suitable for leisurely strolls (some designated for foot-traffic only), and experienced hikers and bikers.

outdoorchattanooga.com/stringers-ridge

8 Ocoee River

If you've never ventured fast-moving water for a whitewater rafting adventure, there is no time like the present to make a splash on one of the top whitewater rivers in the country. Whether you're looking for a gentle Class I ride or ready to take on Class IV rapids, you'll find local outfitters providing guides with all the expertise, gear, and information on how to paddle the river safely. If you're looking for more relaxing, you can tube down the lower Ocoee River or the nearby Hiwassee River. And you're just 45 minutes Northeast of Chattanooga!

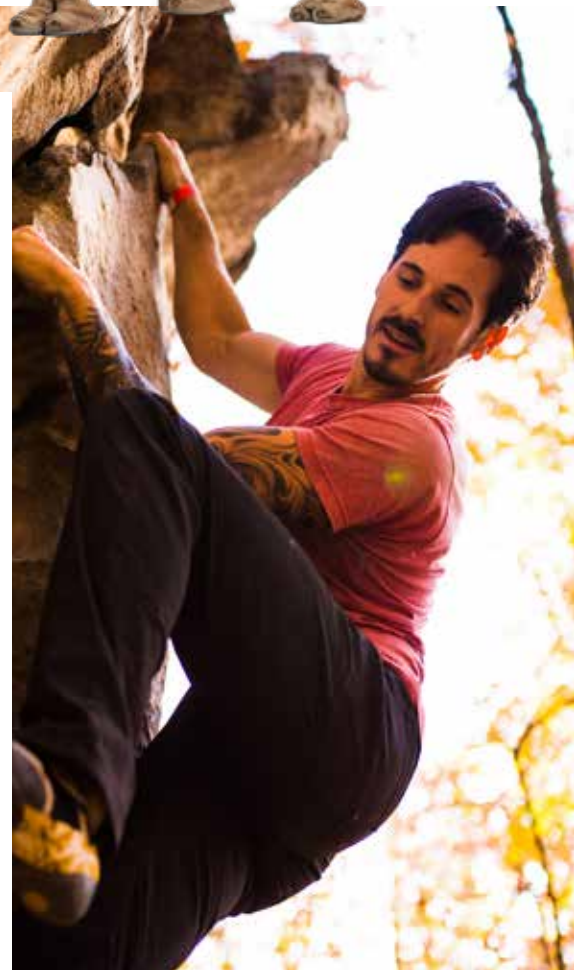


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Chattanooga Zoo

With a reputation dating back to the 1900's for providing a happy and healthy home for animals and engaging and inspiring the community to understand and preserve wildlife, today, over 200 different species are represented in the zoo's 500 animals. From kinkajous to Komodo dragons, servals to salamanders, the Chattanooga Zoo is dedicated to wildlife rehabilitation, conservation efforts, and species survival plans. Plan your visit today!

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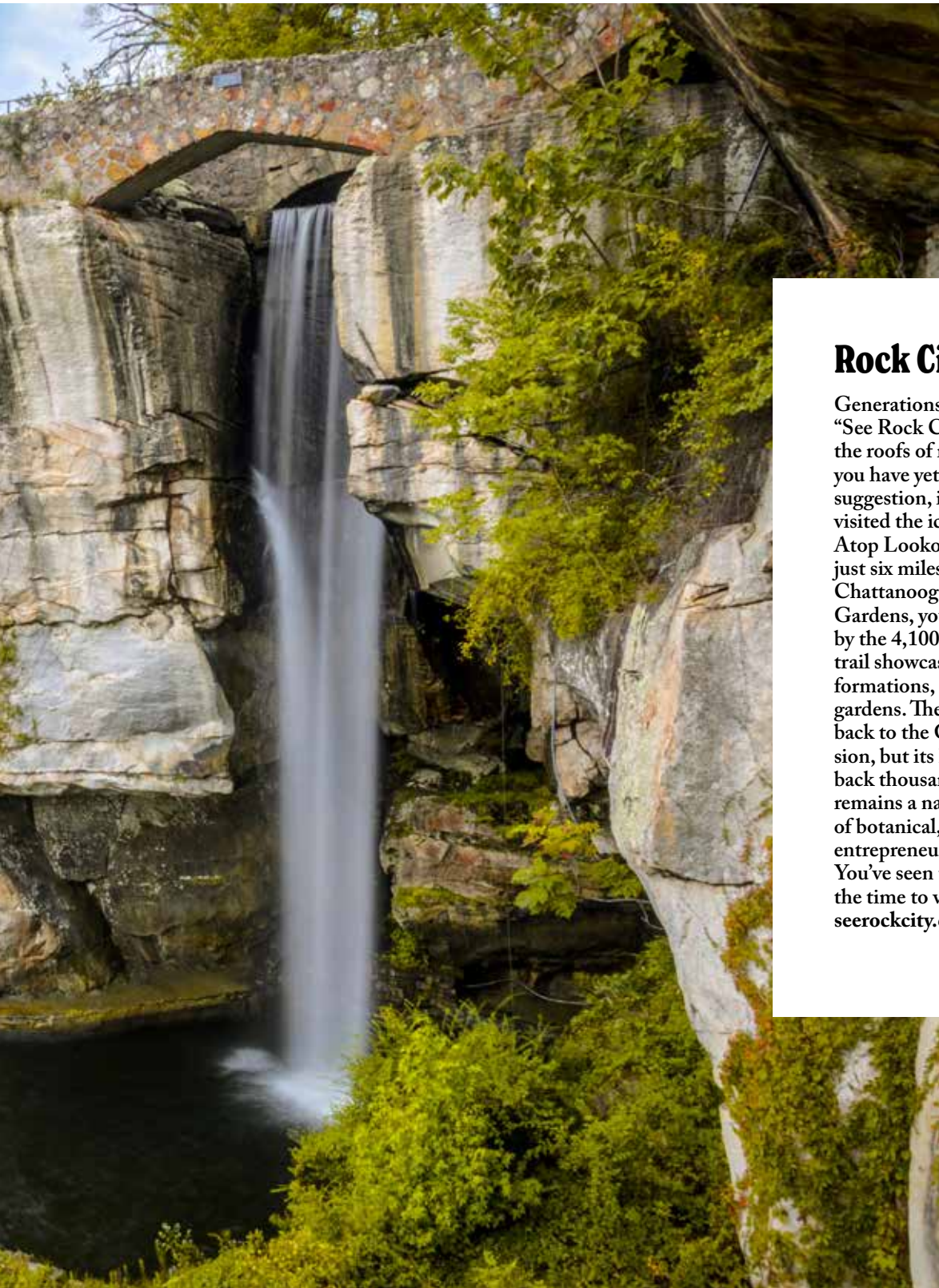
10 Stone Fort

One-half hour north of Chattanooga on Mowbray Mountain, Stone Fort is one of the best-known bouldering areas in the country. One of 3 venues for the Annual Crown of Bouldering Competition, with over 700 established problems, there are opportunities for climbers of every skill level. Parking is available on-site, and the attraction is pet-friendly. outdoorchattanooga/stone-fort

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Rock City

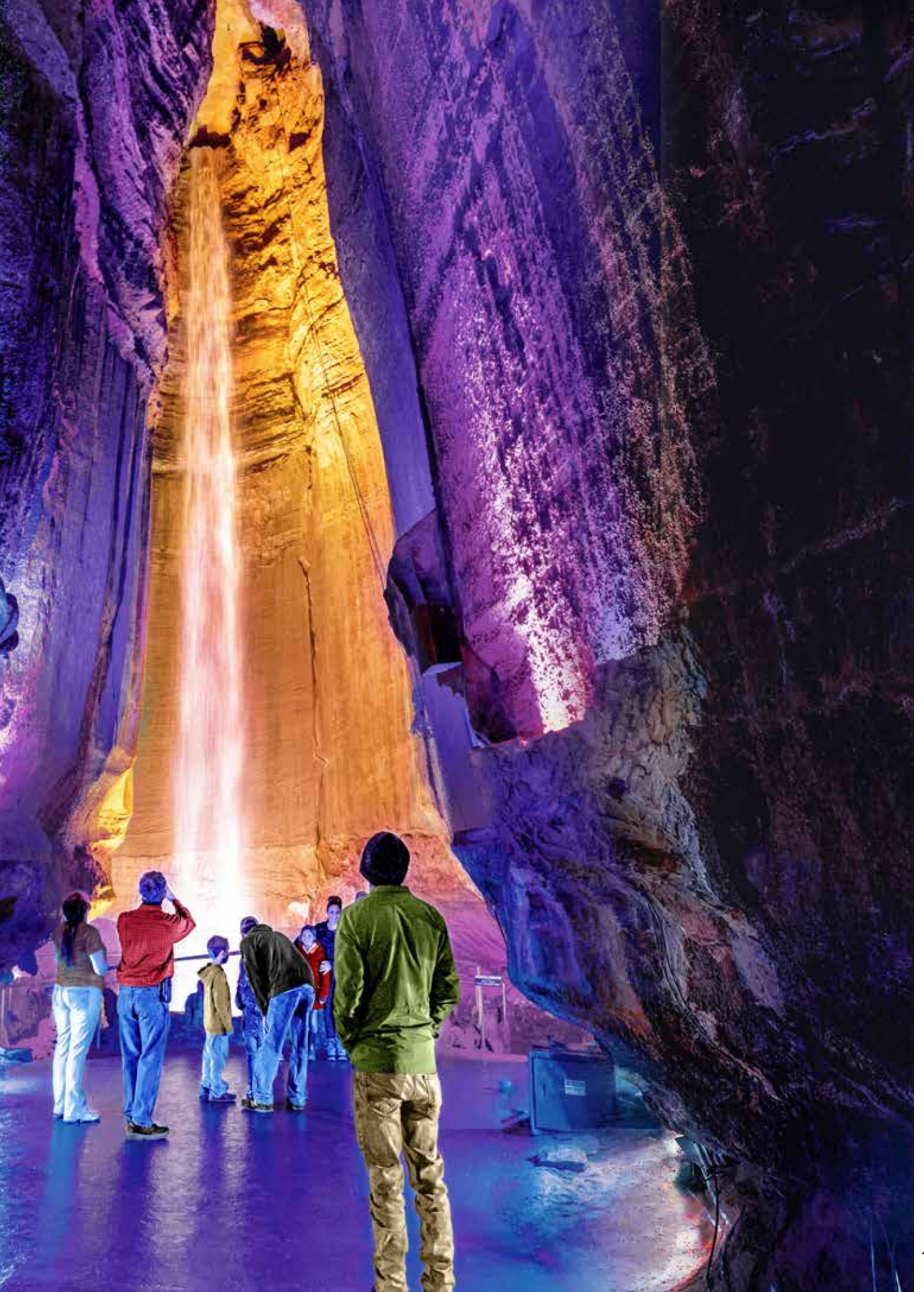
Generations have seen “See Rock City” painted on the roofs of rural barns. If you have yet to follow that suggestion, it’s high time you visited the iconic attraction. Atop Lookout Mountain and just six miles from downtown Chattanooga, at Rock City Gardens, you’ll be enchanted by the 4,100-foot walking trail showcasing soaring rock formations, caves, and lush gardens. The attraction dates back to the Great Depression, but its history dates back thousands of years, and remains a national treasure of botanical, geological, and entrepreneurial significance. You’ve seen the signs. Now’s the time to visit! seerockcity.com

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Ruby Falls

A true natural wonder in every sense, the thundering underground waterfall known as Ruby Falls is an incredible sight to discover at the end of the tour through the underground caves of Lookout Mountain. Opened to the public in 1929, today, Ruby Falls welcomes guests from around the world to enjoy underground cave adventures, spectacular views of the Cumberland Plateau, soaring zip lines and award-winning special events! Experience the wonder for yourself!
rubyfalls.com







Fresh bites
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LOCAL

Mixing up something refreshing at Calliope

Good taste is everywhere in Chattanooga. No matter where you venture—be at restaurants, bars, bakeries, sweet shops, breweries, or distilleries—you're greeted with culinary experiences of a town with unlimited flavors. From simple and sweet to unimaginably creative and sublime, the city's restaurants tout chef-driven menus, impeccable service, and unique flavors sure to leave a good taste in your mouth.

This way to **14** of our favorite flavors

FLAVOR

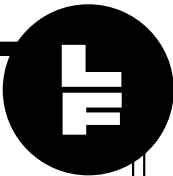


Stir Chattanooga

If you'd expect a place with this name to offer 23 year-old Pappy Van Winkle or 18 year-old Whistlepig Rye, you'd be spot-on. Passion for fine spirits delivers interesting liquors along with unmatched cocktails, created using house made 300-pound blocks of artisanal ice, bitters and syrups, and fresh pressed juices. Select from the cold bar's fresh seafood, or from a menu filled with classic dishes in an atmosphere of genuine hospitality. Located in the historic Chattanooga Choo Choo, Stir offers valet parking and curbside pick-up. Reservations are recommended. stirchattanooga.com



Restaurants



2 *Unknown Caller*

With its fabulous, ever-changing cocktail, mocktail, and low-alcohol selection, this fun and funky hidden gem is the perfect place for a night out with old friends, and a great place to make new ones. The vibe is laid back, the servers are knowledgeable and super helpful, and the bar selection is over the top. The phone's ringing, and it's for you.

unknowncallerbar.com



St. John's Restaurant

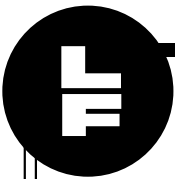
Beautifully restored, the flatiron St. John's Hotel building returns to elegance in this upscale restaurant, where the cocktails are refined, the menu is impeccable, and the atmosphere makes every meal a special occasion. Whether your taste runs to fish, fowl, or filet, they have a wine to perfectly compliment your selection, with an attention to detail that is truly historic.

stjohnsrestaurant.com

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Photograph courtesy of St. John's Restaurant





5 *Hello Monty*

Created by neighbors for neighbors, you'll feel the love here, where a flavorful wood-fired menu, freshly brewed beer & batch cocktails are served up with a side of Southern hospitality. Don't hesitate to brunch on Monty French Toast with a side of roasted brussels sprouts or have a grilled halibut kind of night. Wine, draft beer and cocktails and a dessert menu worth every calorie make this an all-around favorite.

hellomontyonmain.com



Clumpies Ice Cream Company

Take an ice cream mix, pasturized on-site from fresh milk and cream. Add house-made cookies, cakes, chunks, jams and sauces swirled and twirled throughout and then churned in small batches, ten gallons or less at a time. If heaven could be served on a stick, in a cone or a cup, you might think you've reached the Pearly Gates. There are all the classic flavors that always make ice cream worth living, plus an ever-changing seasonal array of tastes. Scoop, spoon, eat, repeat. There's always a Clumpies near you.

clumpies.com

Photograph by Ben Hon





Barque BBQ

With locally sourced ingredients, diverse barbecue styles, vegetarian and vegan options and weekly specials, everyone will feel welcome for dine-in, take out, online ordering, and catering. Though “barque” is defined as the smoked outside layer on a brisket, you’ll find layers of flavor in every single dish – authentic, barbeque flavor with a tasty dose of Chattanooga.

barque.is

Photograph by Ben Hon

7 *Main Street Meats*

Partnering with the area's highest quality farmers, Main Street Meats sells only the best and purest cuts of meats and other local products. Part neighborhood butcher shop, part restaurant and bar, this purveyor of provisions is a favorite for locals and a must-hit spot for those just passing through. As farm-to-table as it gets, the innovative approach to whole-animal butchery drives what's on the menu and on your plate. Sandwiches, salads, large plates and an extensive beer, wine and cocktail list makes their lunch and dinner menus a dream come true for those who only want the very best.

mainstreetmeatschatt.com



More Craft Cocktails

Company Chattanooga

Located inside the Kinley Chattanooga Southside Hotel, an exclusive retreat with eclectic atmosphere and innovative craft cocktails.

Matilda Midnight

Craft cocktails & bar bites served in a fashionable, cozy bar with retro styling located inside The Dwell Hotel.

Frazier Five & Dime

A unique spin on high end, yet fun, featuring an eclectic menu of house-craft modern cocktails and upfitted classics.

Bar & Billiards Room

This cocktail bar, located off the grand lobby of The Read House Hotel, boasts a speakeasy tone, but is easily accessible to locals and guests seeking handcrafted aperitifs and timeless affairs.



Photograph by Ben Hon

Whiskey Thief

Up on the roof of The Edwin Hotel, you'll have the best seat in the city to enjoy the view and the highest quality cocktails, libations, and bites. Expect small plates bursting with Appalachian flavor paired with the highest quality libations, and Tennessee's signature spirit celebrated nightly. Whatever your preference, with fine whiskeys, and artful and sophisticated drinks, you just have to wish to make it so - up on the roof. whiskeythiefchattanooga.com



Calliope

Jordanian Chef Khaled AlBanna brings a unique blend of flavors and traditions to the table at this upscale Levantine eatery, where his food is a delicious reflection of his journey and culinary expertise. Employing the open fire cooking and traditional Levant culture and traditions learned at his mother's side, Chef AlBanna offers the perfect ambiance and atmosphere for a night out, a special occasion, or a desire for an exquisite cultural experience. callioperestaurant.com



“
Chattanooga is a city with a small-town sense of hospitality, and we want every guest to feel that. We believe in what we're doing, and really care that you have a good time when you come in.

”

— *Mixologist, Garth Poe*

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Champy's World Famous Fried Chicken

Successfully feeding the masses with the family's secret-recipe chicken for 40 years says something about a place. It's Mississippi Delta magic in your mouth, and every bite is filled with hot, fresh, unbelievable flavor. Don't stop at chicken! The legendary side items and desserts get that same hand-made love. Casual, comfortable, and family friendly – the beer is cold and the chicken is hot. Drop in to the location nearest you.

champyschicken.com

Little Coyote

Described as an ode to smoked meats and tortillas, Chef Erik Niel's newest restaurant might better be described as a love song. Texas Barbecue, Cuban, Caribbean, and Southwestern cuisines are delivered via tortillas, against a setting that makes dining an actual trip. Their cocktail program highlights riffs on classics, such as Ranch Water, Margaritas, and Palomas, with an Oaxacan Old Fashioned that might make you howl. They don't take reservations, so hop on the wait list right away.

littlecoyote.com

Photography courtesy of Chattanooga Whiskey



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CHATTANOOGA WHISKEY

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CHATTANOOGA WHISKEY

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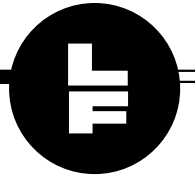
Chattanooga Whiskey

After a long, dry, flavorless one-hundred years that left Chattanooga parched, distilling returned in 2015 thanks to Chattanooga Whiskey. The rest is award-winning history, and the brown branch-water is now celebrated with Chattanooga-made malts, experimental batches and single barrels that make all the waiting worthwhile. Served wherever discerning palates demand the best. The Experimental Distillery, open to the public for tours and tastings, pushes the boundaries of whiskey-making, crafting one-of-a-kind whiskeys that can't be found anywhere else.

chattanooga whiskey.com

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Traditional German Lagers, historic Trappist Ales, mixed-culture Sour Ales, dessert inspired Stouts, and more.

Hutton & Smith

Enjoy flights and pints in the Hutton & Smith taproom, or pick up a six-pack, crowler, growler or a keg to-go.

Wanderlinger Brewing Co.

A locally owned and operated craft brewery featuring a taproom, live music, food, and local art.



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Easy Bistro & Bar

Taste the freshest seafood around in the raw bar or select from the shareable menu for a wondrous variety of combinations, from spiced sweet potato soup (our favorite!) to whole roasted American red snapper. Indulge in mixologist curated craft and draft cocktails (try the Nah-garitaville Zero-Proof), a vast wine selection, and more than 300 whiskeys from all over the world. Reservations are recommended.

easybistro.com

THE CULTURE CLUB

*Chattanooga's
rich history
has inspired a
new generation
to continue a
legacy of living
creatively*

This page:
The historic Tivoli
Theatre marquee
Opposite page:
Picture perfect at
The Chattanooga
Choo Choo





Photograph by *Buddy Clay*

It is impossible to separate Chattanooga's art from its culture, for time has irreversibly entwined the two. There are those who consider art to be a form of communication. By that definition, Chattanooga speaks volumes, and the conversation celebrates the vision and vitality of a city awash with creativity. Much of the city's art attractions pay homage to its diverse cultural heritage, and its cultural history is often based on the artistic endeavors of its citizens. The two compliment each other and provide a rich and diverse environment. Museums honor heroes, musicians, artists, trains, and tow trucks; artists color unexpected corners, and sculptors create silhouettes against the landscape; and musicians of every stripe fill the air with the music of yesterday and today. **Come join the conversation.**

16 MEMBERS OF THE CLUB >

1 Creative Discovery Museum

You don't have to be a kid to be amazed, inspired, and entertained at this incredible museum. Enjoy a bird's eye view of the city in the Treehouse Adventure Exhibit, learn new skills in the STEM Zone! Featuring Make It, Build and Test, Robotics and Energy galleries, and pretend, play or make a splash. You'll soon see why this museum is in the top ten of Children's Museums in the nation. cdmfun.org



Photograph courtesy of Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum



2 Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum

Trains have captured the imagination of kids and adults for almost 200 years. TVRM's collection of railroad equipment helps preserve and celebrate that history. From the ongoing restoration of the esteemed Office Car 98 to the meticulous maintenance of their beloved steam engines, the museum will conduct you on the railroad experience of a lifetime. A variety of rides are available, so hop on a vintage train to ride the historic Chattanooga railroad.

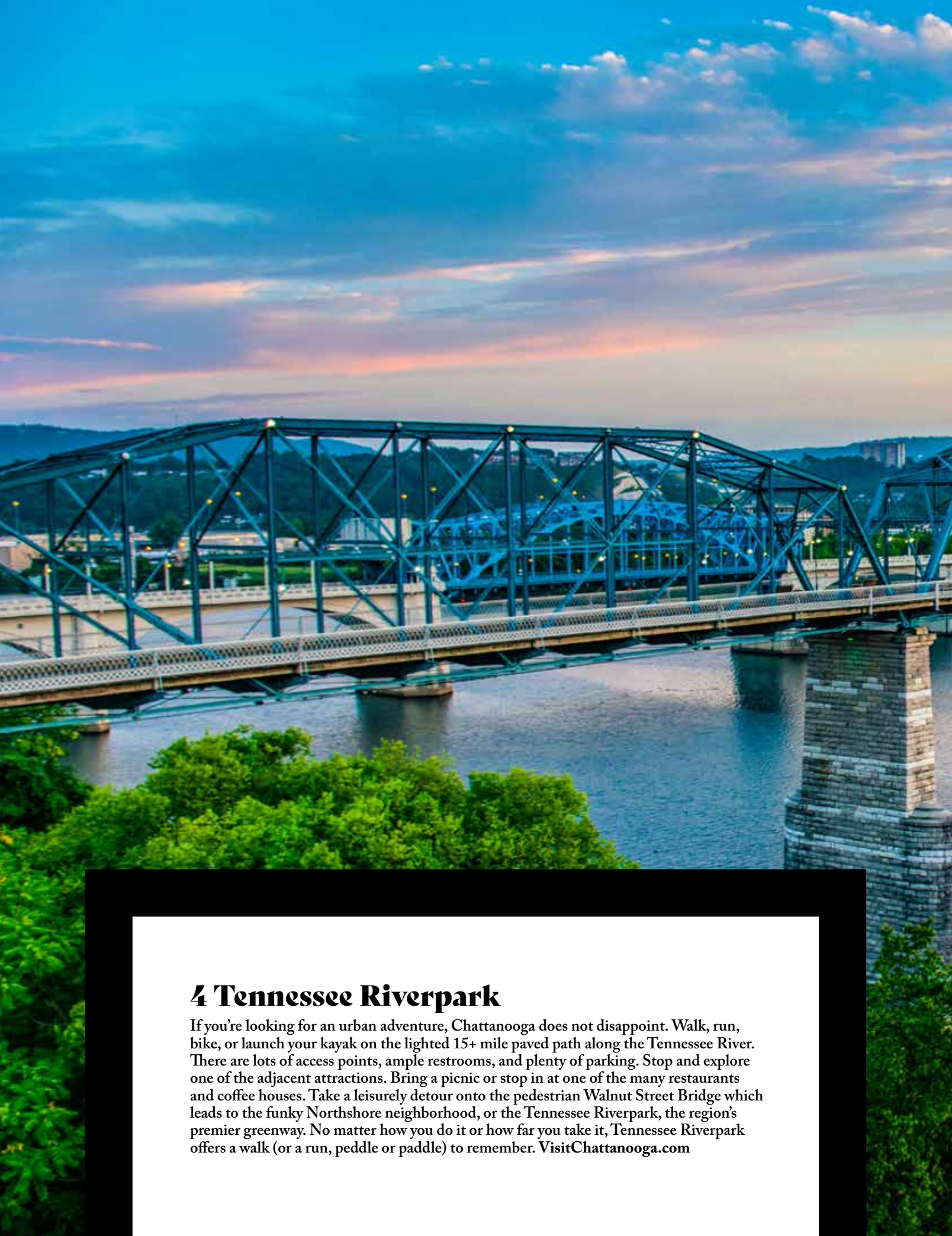
tvrail.com



Sculpture Fields at Montague Park

On land donated to Chattanooga in 1911, sculpture John Henry led an effort to restore 33 acres for a sculpture park. Deemed Sculpture Fields at Montague Park, the restored land reopened as the largest sculpture park in the Southeast, featuring masterpieces from around the world. Today, over 40 breathtaking sculptures enhance the cultural life of the community and stand in tribute to the legacy of Chattanooga's forward-thinking pioneers.

sculpturefields.org



4 Tennessee Riverpark

If you're looking for an urban adventure, Chattanooga does not disappoint. Walk, run, bike, or launch your kayak on the lighted 15+ mile paved path along the Tennessee River. There are lots of access points, ample restrooms, and plenty of parking. Stop and explore one of the adjacent attractions. Bring a picnic or stop in at one of the many restaurants and coffee houses. Take a leisurely detour onto the pedestrian Walnut Street Bridge which leads to the funky Northshore neighborhood, or the Tennessee Riverpark, the region's premier greenway. No matter how you do it or how far you take it, Tennessee Riverpark offers a walk (or a run, peddle or paddle) to remember. VisitChattanooga.com





5 Bessie Smith Cultural Center

The Chattanooga African American Museum and Bessie Smith Cultural Center preserves and celebrates African American History and Culture. It serves as an educational institution, as well as a special event venue for banquets, meetings and community events. The facility was established to pay homage to the late Bessie Smith, dubbed "Empress of the Blues."
bessiesmithcc.org

6 International Towing & Recovery Museum

Here in the birthplace of the towing industry, the museum's Hall of Fame includes distinguished towing professionals, and the Wall of the Fallen, honors the largely unsung heroes who have lost their lives in the line of service.
towingmuseum.com

7 Coolidge National Medal of Honor Heritage Center

Visit the new National Medal of Honor Heritage Center. Here in Chattanooga, where our nation's highest military honor was first presented, you can pay tribute to these heroes, and explore the stories of those who since the Civil War have embodied patriotism, citizenship, courage, integrity, sacrifice, and commitment.
mohhc.org

8 Bluff View Art District

The incredibly beautiful and unique family-owned and operated historic neighborhood is a virtual Garden of Eden for those who enjoy architecture and art, courtyards and public sculpture, delicious dining, and simply relaxing and rejuvenating. Set atop stone cliffs overlooking the Tennessee River, downtown Chattanooga, and the Walnut Street Bridge, the gorgeous gardens and winding streets are a feast for all your senses.
bluffviewartdistrictchattanooga.com

I went to school here, but it wasn't until I came back for a visit that I saw the city differently. Chattanooga's originality and imagination drew me. It captivated me.

-Artist, Alex Paul Loza

9 Public Art

It's on the street corners and wrapped around the buildings, painted on the electrical boxes; it celebrates, stands in tribute, hangs, perches, sits, and sometimes even rotates. It's unexpected and awe-inspiring, and it's all for the benefit of the public. It's everywhere you are. Enjoy!
publicartchattanooga.com





Hunter Museum of American Art

With 3 buildings representing 100 years of architecture, the Hunter Museum holds an iconic spot against the Chattanooga skyline and is an essential space where all are welcomed to connect to creativity. Continuing to re-imagine and reinterpret American art, the Hunter Museum presents and preserves American art through diverse and interactive exhibitions such as 2024's City as Canvas Graffiti Art, Art Deco Glass and Networked Nature Exhibits.

huntermuseum.org

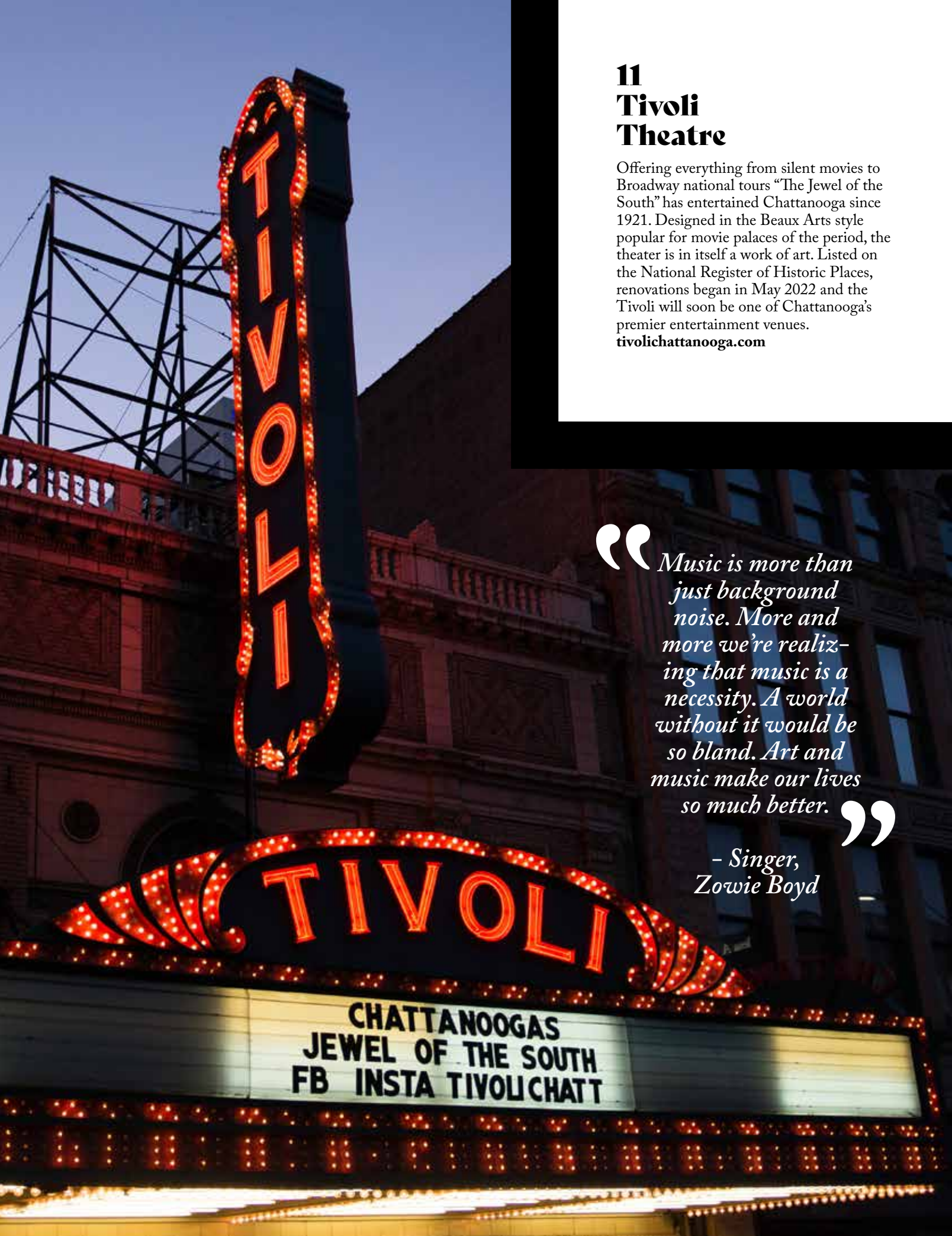
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11 Tivoli Theatre

Offering everything from silent movies to Broadway national tours “The Jewel of the South” has entertained Chattanooga since 1921. Designed in the Beaux Arts style popular for movie palaces of the period, the theater is in itself a work of art. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, renovations began in May 2022 and the Tivoli will soon be one of Chattanooga’s premier entertainment venues.
tivolichattanooga.com

“*Music is more than just background noise. More and more we’re realizing that music is a necessity. A world without it would be so bland. Art and music make our lives so much better.*”

- Singer,
Zowie Boyd

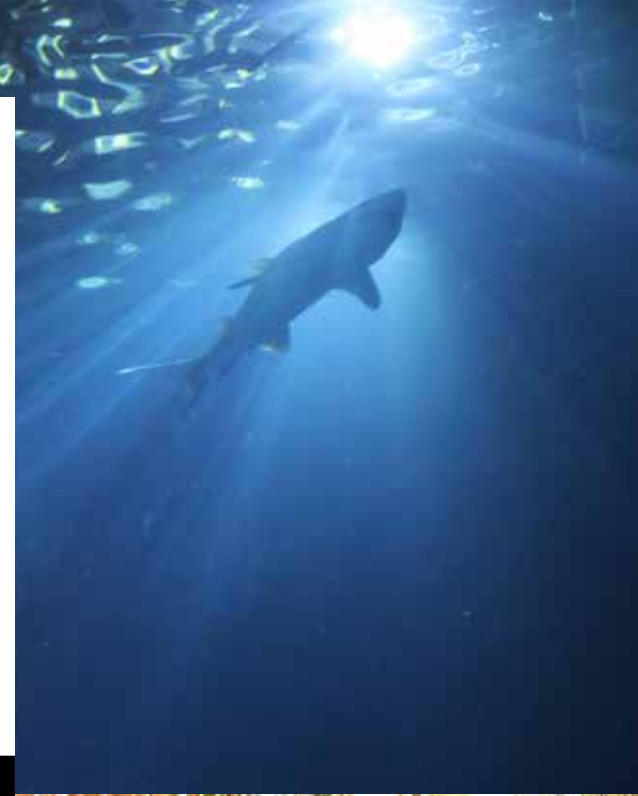


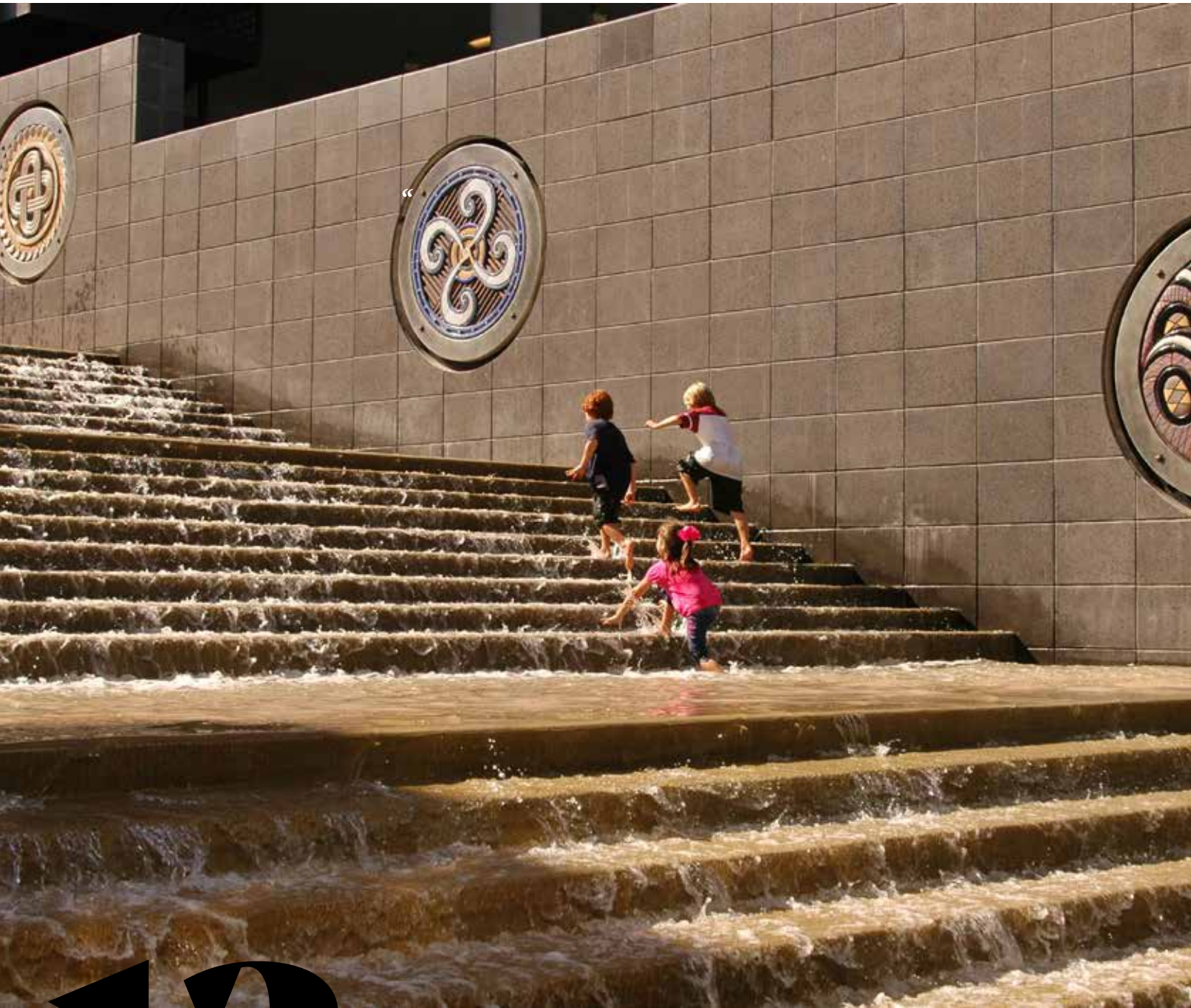
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Tennessee Aquarium

In two separate buildings, the aquarium will connect you with nature and fascinating underwater residents from the mountains to the sea. Celebrate the rich diversity of the Southeast. Come face-to-face with the fascinating native animals that live in our backyards and the amazing creatures that thrive in some of the most remote locations on Earth. On your visit to the River Journey exhibit, you'll get a fish-eye view of ridges and rivers, meet river giants, and marvel at the turtles of the world. In the Ocean Journey exhibit, watch sharks drift by overhead, butterflies frolic in tropical forests, and penguins dive and rocket from their cold-water home. Come and spend the day for an experience that educates and entertains. tnaqua.org





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The Passage

A memorial walkway memorializing the 1838 forced relocation of more than 1,000 Cherokee from their east-coast homeland, The Passage is a deeply moving pedestrian link between downtown Chattanooga and the Tennessee River at Ross's Landing. Featuring a weeping wall and seven large ceramic discs, this public art project celebrating Cherokee history and culture is the largest in the nation, and an important reminder of a sad moment in history. visitchattanooga.com



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Warehouse Row

The shops, restaurants and businesses of Warehouse Row, situated in what was once the Old Stone Fort, represent both the history and the current, rich commercial culture of a vibrant city. Inspired by the grand architecture of the past, this mixed-use development is a destination in itself. At Warehouse Row, the aesthetics of a time gone by come together with modern-day style to meet the retail needs, restaurants, and services of Chattanooga all in one place. Check the online directory for a listing of goods and services.

warehouserow.com



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Ed Johnson Memorial

The Ed Johnson Memorial (created by artist Jerome Meadows) serves as a profound space for remembrance and reflection in Chattanooga, honoring the tragic yet pivotal story of Ed Johnson, his wrongful death, and the landmark Supreme Court case that ensued. It celebrates the courageous efforts of his attorneys, Noah Parden and Styles Hutchins, and the African-American community's support, marking a significant moment in the fight for civil rights and justice in America. edjohnsonproject.com

Photograph by J. Adams



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Chattanooga Choo Choo

The historic Terminal Station was once our Grand Central Station where rail passengers were welcomed to Chattanooga and all its splendor. Now, after being saved by local businessmen, the former station is a unique vacation complex; still echoing that 1941 song by Glenn Miller that made Chattanooga internationally famous.



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The Read House

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107 W MLK Blvd., Chattanooga, TN • (423) 266-4121.

The Edwin Hotel

The Edwin Hotel, Autograph Collection, a new upscale boutique hotel in the heart of Chattanooga, welcomes you with Southern hospitality and premium amenities. Whether you want to explore Ruby Falls, visit the Convention Center, tour the Tennessee Aquarium or walk the historic Walnut Street Bridge, you can do it easily from this riverfront hotel.

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Accommodations



Treetop Hideaways at Ruby Falls

Treetop Hideaways brings a brand-new boutique treehouse retreat to Ruby Falls with just the right mix of childhood nostalgia, rustic charm, playful creativity, and luxurious lodging. Experience the enchantment of nature without sacrificing the modern comforts of luxury lodging.

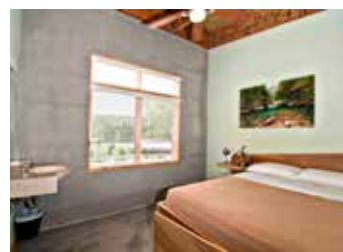
1720 South Scenic Hwy Chattanooga, TN • 423.821.2544

The Hotel Chalet

The Hotel Chalet at The Choo Choo, part of the iconic Chattanooga Choo Choo campus pays tribute to the storied history of rail travel. Of the 127 guest rooms, 25 rooms are located in thoughtfully refurbished original train carriages from the 1920s and 1960s.

92 Choo Choo Ave., Chattanooga, TN
(423) 266-5000

Accommodations



The Crash Pad

The Crash Pad has taken many cues from traditional hostels: prime downtown location; full kitchen, living room, and free computer access; a mix of dorm-style and private sleeping options with great price points; a warm, welcoming atmosphere and plenty of solid local advice to help you make the most of your visit.

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Cloudland at McLemore Resort

Cloudland is an elegant getaway in a mountaintop golf course setting. The property is a Curio Collection by Hilton, and includes a 245-room hotel, cliffside views, numerous dining options, two world-class 18-hole golf courses and full spa services.

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Accommodations



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The Westin

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120 E. 10th St., Chattanooga, TN
(423) 267-7866

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SPRING

Spring Break Safari

During Spring Break, Chattanooga transforms into a place where kids rule, and adventure is everywhere. From March-April, Spring Break Safari participating attractions will offer kids the chance to use their imaginations to become RockQuest Adventurers, Conductors, Global Explorers, Cave Explorers, Innovators, Junior Naturalists, and many more. Kids won't be able to resist exploring the world with lots of hands-on activities and scavenger hunts throughout the city designed just for them.

March-April



Erlanger Chattanooga Marathon Weekend

Come experience the natural beauty & urban space of Chattanooga! Race weekend, you will explore Chattanooga's scenic qualities that define our community as the best outdoor destination! Runners will pass the Tennessee River & venture through our Downtown district as they experience an innovative course unique to Chattanooga.

March

Rock The Riverfront

Rock the Riverfront features not only Loop, an interactive work that plays short flipbook-style movies inspired by Quebec literature, but also each weekend will feature live entertainment, family-friendly activities, music, performances and so much more.

March 14-April 14

4 Bridges Art Festival

The 4 Bridges Art Festival has cultivated and inspired an appreciation for the visual arts by bringing in artists from around the country to interact with our local community and display and sell their work.

April 19-21

SUMMER

Nightfall Concert Series

The free Nightfall Concert Series, continually held for over 30 seasons, takes place every Friday night from early May through late August. Nightfall features a diverse schedule of quality musical entertainment with local openers and national headlining acts, many of whom are performing for the first time in our city. Bring your kids, lawn chairs, pets and friends to enjoy great live music, food and an ice cold beverage in the outdoor social atmosphere of Nightfall. **May-August**





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SUMMER cont.

Chattanooga Market

Chattanooga Market features over 50 farms bringing a variety of produce, meats and cheeses to the market each week and over 130 artisans offering their unique crafts, arts, and farm-fresh goods. Live music is a staple at the Chattanooga Market with local and regional musicians on the EPB stage for two free shows weekly plus food vendors galore for the hungry shoppers.

April-December



Riverfront Nights

Join us for a live concert series on Saturdays, all summer long! Riverfront Nights brings you live music under the stars from some of the area's most vibrant and talented artists, various food and beverage vendors, and more family fun.

Chattanooga Margarita Festival

Chattanooga's favorite restaurants compete for the title of Best Margarita in town! Work your way through your Sample Passport that includes 10 mini margaritas, plus enjoy live entertainment by local DJs, a Margarita Fest photobooth and some of Chattanooga's tastiest food vendors. **August 10**



Photograph courtesy of Chattanooga Margarita Festival

FALL

3 Sisters Bluegrass Festival

The 3 Sisters Festival (named after the three daughters of Fletcher Bright) honors the musical legacy of bluegrass fiddler Fletcher Bright, by offering a free two-day festival to the community that features some of the biggest names in traditional and not-so-traditional bluegrass.

October 4-6

Wine Over Water

This much-loved annual event has become a favorite destination for wine enthusiasts throughout the southeast. "WOW" is an evening showcasing a broad variety of wines and cocktails, delicious food from leading Chattanooga

chefs, and live bands—all taking place overlooking the beautiful Tennessee River

August 17

Chattanooga Oktoberfest

Don your German attire for this annual festival featuring seasonal and local beers, live Oompah music & food.

October 12-13

Chattanooga Motorcar Festival

The Chattanooga Motorcar Festival borrows the style of its European counterparts by incorporating unique classic car events tailored to the vintage and historical car collector and racer with the welcoming hospitality hallmark of the American South.



Photograph by Patrick Tremblay

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Photograph courtesy of Rock City

WINTER

Rock City's Enchanted Garden of Lights

The Enchanted Garden of Lights is a winter wonderland and Rock City is all dressed up for the occasion, with over a million sparkling lights and one of the world's largest walk-through Christmas trees, it's the first of its kind anywhere!

Late November - Early January



Ice on the Landing

Enjoy open-air ice skating at the First Horizon Pavilion. This classic winter tradition for all ages is offered during the holiday season and beyond in Chattanooga's bustling southside community!

Early November - Early January

Chattanooga Zoo's Asian Lantern Festival

A spectacular celebration of art, culture, and the beauty of traditional Asian lantern festivals, this is one of the most unique light displays in the Chattanooga area. Festivalgoers enjoy more than 35 illuminating and interactive displays featuring guests' favorite zoo animals, traditional Asian lanterns, and natural elements.

Mid November - Early January

Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum's North Pole Limited Adventure

A popular annual holiday event, North Pole Limited train rides have been a family tradition since 1999. During the magical holiday season, trains take riders on an imaginary journey to the North Pole. Along the way, you'll be treated to refreshments and storytelling while you enjoy the sights and sounds of the season. As the North Pole Limited train gently rolls down the rails, a number of lighted displays can be seen outside. When you arrive at the North Pole, Santa will come on board for a special visit with all the passengers.

Late December - Early January

Reindeer on the Riverfront & Lighted Boat Parade

Taking place the Friday after Thanksgiving for over the past 40+ years, The Southern Belle and Erwin Marine Sales have lit up the Tennessee River with extravagantly decorated boats. On shore, thousands gather to get in the holiday spirit with pictures with Santa, seeing real, live reindeer and live music. Free to attend for everyone!

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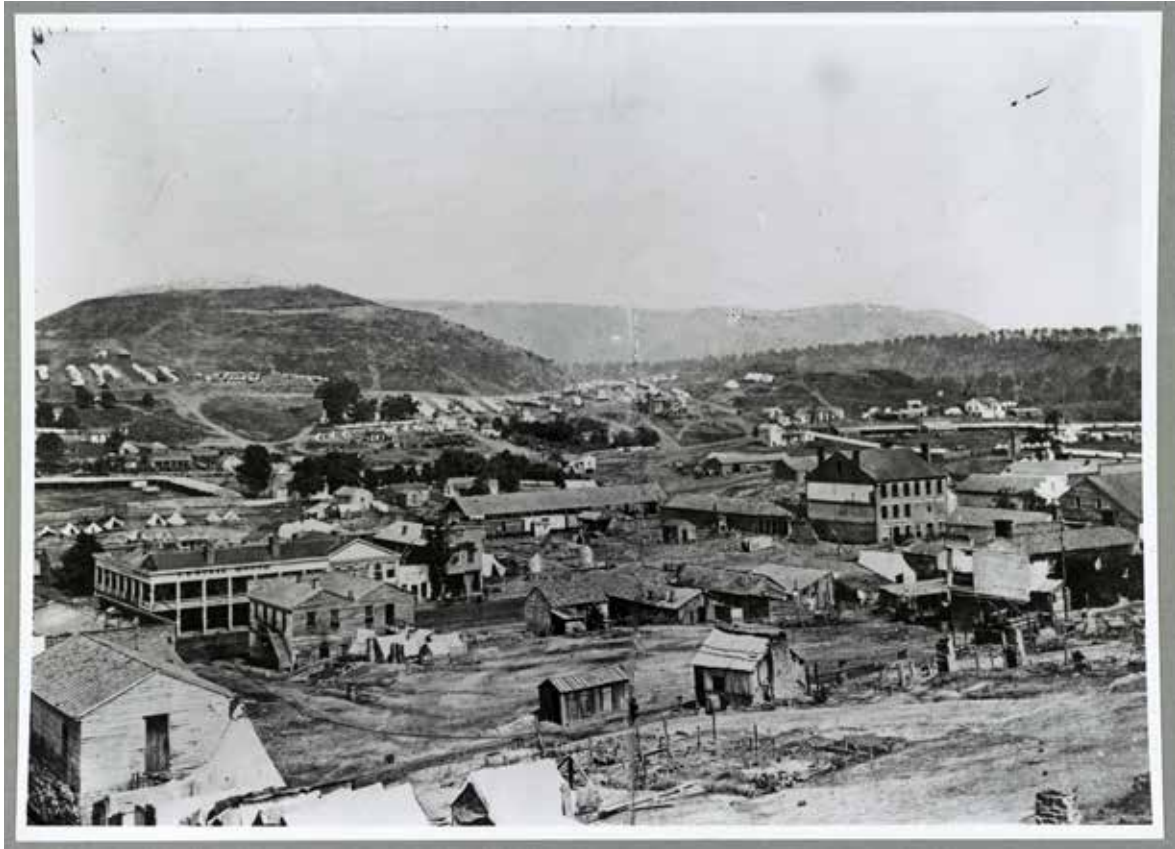
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