I Hit the Hall — Visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. This isn’t just a museum; it’s an experience with something for everyone. Rhinestone costumes, seasoned instruments, and tear-stained lyric sheets are only the beginning, as the museum is home to the largest collection of country music artifacts in the world. Current exhibits include The Bakersfield Sound: Buck Owens, Merle Haggard, and Roy Orbison, Dolly Parton, and many more recorded classic hits here. Typically called a “writers night”, songwriters put somewhere where they are not used to being - in the spotlight. Several singer/songwriters will play “in-the-round” as they sit on stage accompanied only by a microphone, a guitar and their immense talent. These shows can be found in small, intimate clubs all over town, including the famous Bluebird Café.

2 Ride the Row — Take a tour of Music Row and visit historic RCA Studio B, the famous recording studio where Elvis recorded over 200 songs. Roy Orbison, Dolly Parton, Cher, Atkins, Eddy Arnold and many more recorded classic hits here. Not surprisingly, the heartbeats of Music City is driven by music—from country to classical.

3 Visit the Home Of the Greek Gods — In Nashville’s Centennial Park, you’ll find the world’s only full-scale reproduction of the ancient Parthenon in Athens, Greece. The Parthenon houses an art gallery and museum as well as Alan LeQuire’s Athena Parthenos. Standing at almost 42’ feet in height, Athena is the tallest indoor sculpture in the Western world.

4 Take In a Songwriters-In-the-Round Show — One of the most unique ways to hear music in Nashville is at a songwriters show. Typically called a “writers night”, songwriters are put somewhere where they are not used to being - in the spotlight. Several singer/songwriters will play “in-the-round” as they sit on stage accompanied only by a microphone, a guitar and their immense talent. These shows can be found in small, intimate clubs all over town, including the famous Bluebird Café.

5 Get Artsy — Nashville’s art scene is booming with art galleries, festivals, art crawls and more. October is “Artober” in Nashville as the city celebrates the vibrancy and diversity of our artistic community throughout the entire month. From visual and performing arts to music, crafts, film and more, art is everywhere and there is something for everyone to enjoy.

6 Visit the Ryman Auditorium — Sure, it’s called the “Mother Church of Country Music,” but artists as diverse as Jon Bon Jovi and Tony Bennett perform on its legendary stage. Since 1892, the world’s greatest stars have headlined the Ryman Auditorium, from Caruso to Cash. You can take a backstage tour and record your own song in the Ryman recording studio.

7 Take a Timeless Journey — The stars of the Grand Ole Opry perform every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday night with guest appearances by the biggest names in music. With 88 years under its belt, it’s the world’s longest-running radio broadcast and shows no signs of slowing down.

8 Salute — Three U.S. Presidents called Tennessee home – Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk and Andrew Johnson. You can revisit the past at The Hermitage, Home of President Andrew Jackson. Polk is buried on the grounds of the historic State Capitol building.

9 Visit Honky Tonk Highway — Tootsie’s Orchid Lounge, Legend’s Corner, Second Fiddle, The Stage, Bluegrass Inn and Robert’s Western World are all experts at serving up cool longnecks and hot country music. You never know who you’ll see in these Lower Broadway clubs in the shadow of the Ryman. Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson and other stars began their careers at Tootsie’s.

10 Special Events — Handmade crafts, music festivals, Tennessee Titans football, Nashville Predators hockey, beer festivals and a variety of college football are all on Nashville’s fall calendar. Music takes center stage with events like the Americana Music Festival, Live on the Green, and Musicians Corner. In early November, “Country Music’s Biggest Night” comes to Nashville during the Country Music Association Awards.