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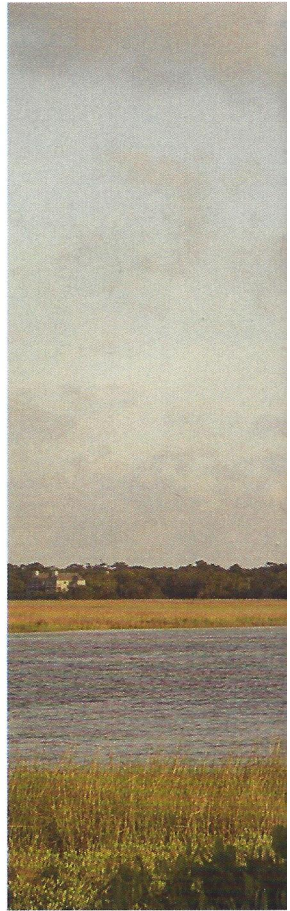
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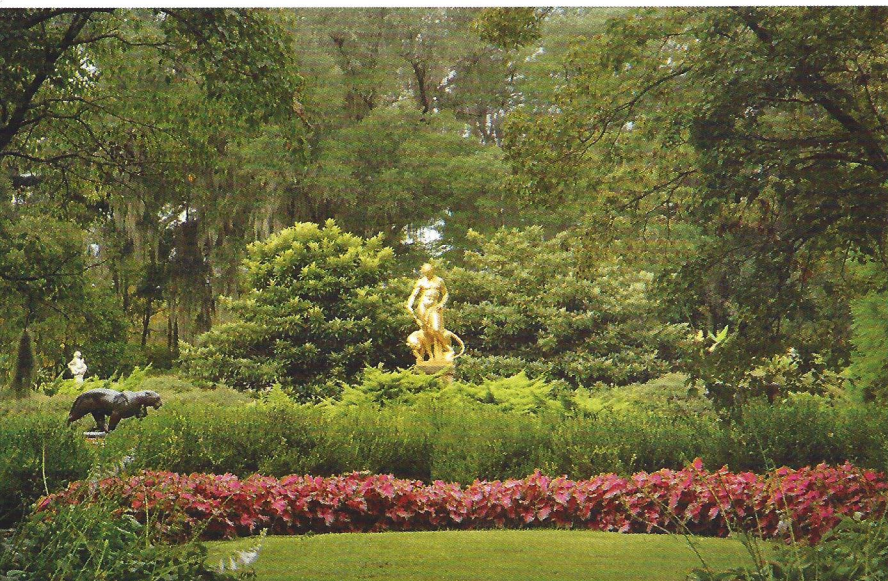
Five weekend escapes you'll love



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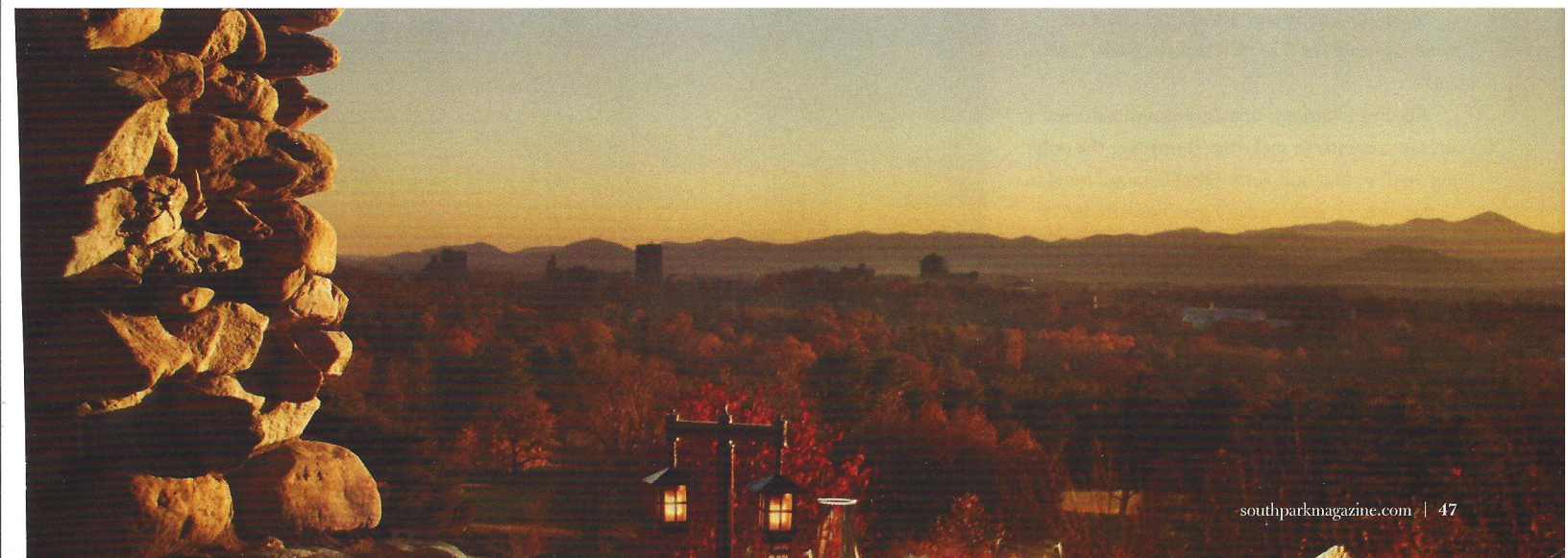
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FROM THE VIBRANT VIBE OF CITIES LIKE NASHVILLE AND RALEIGH TO THE LAID BACK LUXURY OF COASTAL DESTINATIONS LIKE BALD HEAD ISLAND AND MURRELLS INLET, SOME OF THE SOUTH'S TOP SPOTS ARE NOT FAR BEYOND YOUR DOOR. WE'VE FOUND THE BEST PLACES TO STAY, THINGS TO DO, AND DISHES TO INDULGE IN ON YOUR NEXT SOUTHERN GETAWAY.

ESCAPES



MAGNIFICENT MUSIC CITY

NEARBY NASHVILLE OFFERS VISITORS LUXE AND GLAM OF A VIBRANT ARTS SCENE AND FINE DINING RIGHT ALONGSIDE CASUAL VIBE OF HONKYTONKS, COUNTRY MUSIC, AND BBQ.



Nashville is like the distant cousin you hang out with at family reunions—immediately familiar, just a touch bold, and certain to show you something new, fun, and adventurous.

Music City surprises by delivering elegant and upscale experiences that complement its casual side, making this Tennessee gem a prime choice for long weekend getaways.

Make the **Hermitage Hotel** home base for your visit and you'll score a luxury-laden "three-for."

Accommodations, fine dining, and a storied lounge combine to make the Hermitage the only Forbes Five Star and AAA Five Diamond hotel in Tennessee. An architectural gem constructed in 1910 featuring beaux arts grandeur at every turn, the Hermitage has hosted dignitaries and glitterati for decades.

Touches such as personalized stationery, multiple pillow selections, home baked turndown goodies, and luxurious bedding positively spoils guests. Fine dining at **Capitol Grille** is a treat with classic American fare using ingredients



sourced from their nearby farms. Have a drink at the **Oak Bar**, a historic lounge and former gentlemen's club boasting the region's largest selection of whisky with well over 100 choices.

MUSIC AT THE CORE

Score seats at the tiny **Bluebird Café** and you'll experience the best songwriters in country music. Renowned as a prime listening room, the Bluebird's popularity has only increased since becoming featured on the hit ABC drama, "Nashville".

Visit legendary **RCA Studio B**, where Elvis laid down more than 260 tracks. Music greats including the Everly Brothers, Dolly Parton, Chet Atkins, and Willie Nelson all recorded at this historic home of the Nashville sound.

Discover musical Americana at the **Country Music Hall of Fame**. More than 2.5 million artifacts are housed there including a cocktail dress worn by Patsy Cline, Elvis' gold Cadillac, Hank Williams' nudie suit, and the dress Carrie Underwood wore when she was crowned "American Idol."

UPSCALE ARTS SCENE

Taking root in one of Nashville's most significant historic landmarks, **The Frist Center for Visual Arts** occupies the Art Deco-style, main Post Office building, built in 1933.

Visitors will experience the "**Treasures from the House of Alba**" on exhibit through May 1. More than 130 pieces belonging to Spain's nobility offer a stunning glimpse into the taste, collecting style and history of Europe's most prestigious private collection. Masterpieces include works by Goya, Rubens, Murillo, and Velazquez. Christopher Columbus' hand drawn maps and logs are among the treasures there.

Take a gallery stroll along **Nashville's 5th Avenue of the Arts** and savor Nashville's eclectic visual arts. Visit **The Rymer Gallery**, where the playful and thoughtful intersect, and **The Arts Company**, arts maven Anne Brown's expansive home to idea-based, eclectic contemporary and folk art.

QUINTESSENTIAL NASHVILLE

Venture out to Nashville's **Belle Mead neighborhood** for **Cheekwood Botanical Gardens and Museum**. The 55-acre estate, once home to the heirs of Maxwell House coffee founders, provides a peek at a bygone era. The grand home features fine porcelain and silver and an incredible snuff box collection. A stroll in the ever-changing gardens is a wonderful morning diversion.

Tootsies Orchid Lounge is a world famous honky-tonk and a must Nashville visit. Directly across from the Ryman Auditorium, former home to the **Grand Ole Opry**, Tootsies packs 'em in with raucous, bluesy, and amped-up country swing.

For some tasty 'cue, try **Edley's Bar-B-Que** in east Nashville. Billed as a tribute to all things southern, Edley's boasts specialties like fried okra and smoked brisket that have folks lined up all day long. —*Michael J. Solender*

