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NEW!

ON THE MAP

The New Nashville

THE COUNTRY MUSIC CAPITAL IS UNDERGOING A TRANSFORMATION, THANKS TO HIP SHOPS, HAUTE CUISINE, AND OLD-FASHIONED COCKTAILS. BY SALMA ABDELNOUR

1. The Hermitage Hotel

The 122-room property—whose famous guests have included Greta Garbo and Al Capone—celebrates its 100th anniversary this year with musical performances, art retrospectives, and a fresh look, after a \$17 million overhaul. 231 Sixth Ave. N.; 888/888-9414; doubles from \$339.



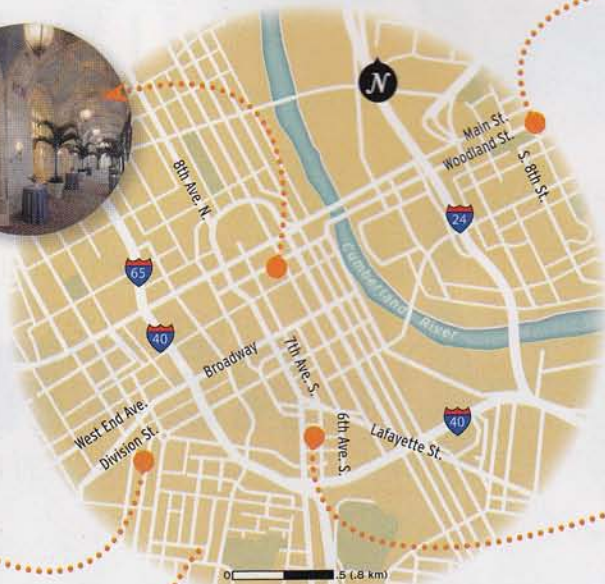
2. Margot Café & Bar

In the cutting-edge Five Points neighborhood, chef Margot McCormack prepares Mediterranean-inspired dishes with a Tennessee flair, including clams, snapper, and cobia in a tomato-and-fennel broth. 1017 Woodland St.; 615/227-4668; dinner for two \$72.



5. The Patterson House

The new cocktail lounge, from Toby Maloney and Jason Cott of New York City's Rusty Knot, pays tribute to the pre-Prohibition era by serving turn-of-the-century-inspired drinks such as the gin-and-rosewater-spiked Juliet + Romeo. 1711 Division St.; 615/636-7724; drinks for two \$22.



4. Venus & Mars-The Showroom

A classic Christian Dior men's suit for \$150? 1950's party dresses in the double digits? Fashion model Karen Elson and co-owner Amy Patterson's eye for the quirky-fabulous make their vintage clothing store the city's wardrobe-defining spot. 2009 Belmont Blvd.; 615/915-4846.



3. Third Man Records

Rocker Jack White's Nashville headquarters doubles as a music store in the afternoon. The shop sells vinyl albums, White Stripes posters, and other collector's items. 623 Seventh Ave. S.; 615/891-4393; thirdmanrecords.com.



The Ranch at Rock Creek's Granite Lodge.

UPDATE

Home on the Range

MONTANA New levels of luxury are coming to Big Sky Country. The **Ranch at Rock Creek** (Philipsburg; 888/757-2624; theranchatrockcreek.com; doubles from \$1,600, all-inclusive), a 10-square-mile homestead, includes nine suites, a log cabin, and eight canvas-walled tents. Our favorite treatment in the spa: the Saddle Sore Soak. In May, **Triple Creek Ranch** (Darby; 800/654-2943; triplecreekranch.com; doubles from \$650) will finish sprucing up 16 of its 23 cabins with pine doors and slate floors. And this summer the **Resort at Paws Up** (Greenough; 800/473-0601; pawsup.com; doubles from \$665, all-inclusive) debuts Creekside Camp—six tents with one or two bedrooms overlooking a babbling creek. —JENNIFER FLOWERS

SPAS

CHIC SLEEP

FRANCE To mark its 10th anniversary, the renowned French hotel and spa **Les Sources de Caudalie** (Bordeaux-Martillac; 33-5/57-83-83-83; sources-caudalie.com; doubles from \$290) commissioned the avant-garde fashion house Maison Martin Margiela to revamp its stand-alone suite, a favorite with local residents. Black-and-white photographs cover the walls, and white curtains are draped over cowskin floor mats. A lips-shaped sofa by Gufram adds a shot of color, but the best seat is still the terrace lounge for watching the resident peacocks. —TINA ISAAC



Inside the Maison Martin Margiela-designed suite at Les Sources de Caudalie, near Bordeaux, France.