

THE STAY

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Joe Cool

Nashville's newest hotel, The Joseph, offers Southern hospitality at its most refined

Nashville has seen such a development boom in recent years that the skyline has changed, like an entirely new composition written on a fresh Music City staff. The latest flashy addition to the cityscape is The Joseph, a Luxury Collection Hotel that opened in August in downtown's hip SoBro district. Here are five reasons to book a stay at the Joe.

Musical Motifs

The firm Inc Architecture & Design infused all 297 guest rooms with high-minded nods to Nashville's Honky Tonk heritage, from burl-wood headboards and mother-of-pearl tables that evoke acoustic guitars to amp-inspired ridged cabinet knobs. The 32 suites feature Audio-Technica turntables, and the 2,168-square-foot Presidential Suite boasts a restored 1920s Steinway baby grand piano.

Art Appreciation

More than 1,000 pieces of art are on display throughout the hotel, ranging from joyful abstract lobby paintings by Jackie Saccoccio to a UFO-like copper-and-blown-glass bar chandelier by Misha Kahn. A gallery on the eighth floor hosts rotating exhibitions.

Wine and Dine

Husband-and-wife team Tony and Cathy Mantuano, previously of Chicago's



Clockwise from above: Jackie Saccoccio paintings in the lobby; gnocchi at Yolan; a treatment room at Rose spa

Michelin-starred Spigaglia, bring their classic Italian cuisine to The Joseph. Every detail at fine-dining restaurant Yolan, from the crisp arancini amuse-bouche to the private-label olive oil that accompanies housemade focaccia and grissini, is authentic. The cheese cave filled with 80-pound wheels of Parmigiano-Reggiano may catch your eye, but don't let it distract you from Mantuano's signature gnocchi in creamy ricotta sauce, topped with a flurry of fragrant fresh truffles shaved tableside.

Get Pampered

The facials and body treatments at the 21st-floor Rose spa utilize skin-care products from the prestigious Parisian brand Biologique Recherche and the all-natural, organic company Ila. Afterward, continue relaxing with a hibiscus lemonade pop in a cabana beside the rooftop pool.

Shop Till You Drop

The leather-wrapped front desk was custom-made by Texas bootmaker Lucchese, and hotel guests can design their own bespoke boots at the brand's Nashville



studio. If that's not stylish enough, take a moment to appreciate the staff uniforms, designed by Alabama-based couturier Billy Reid. A Southern accent never looked so good. thejosephnashville.com

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