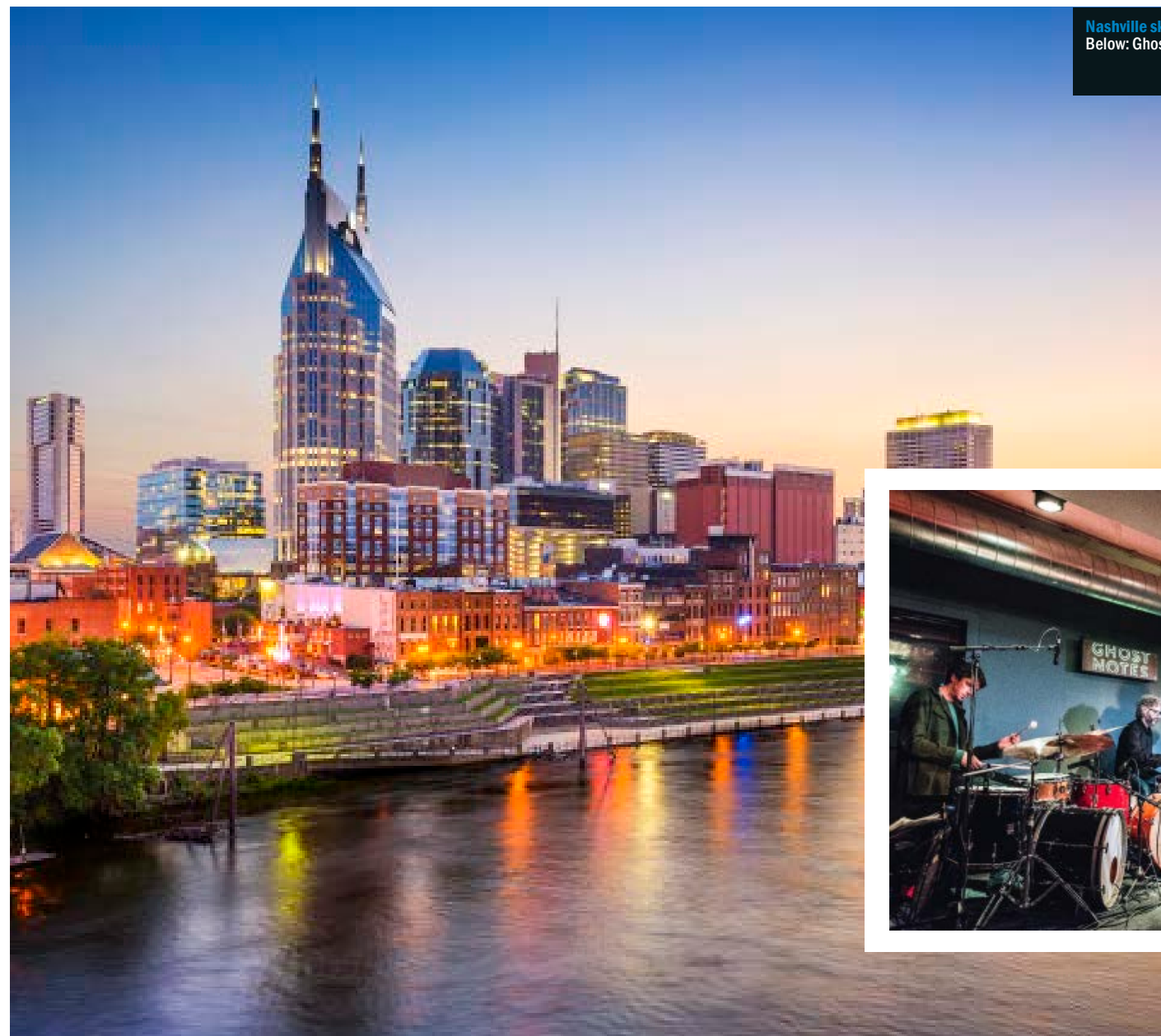


Feel the music

Time Out is teaming up with the **British Airways American Express® Premium Plus Card** to uncover music hotspots in London that can really take you places. Here's how your love of live bands could help you travel to Music City, Nashville

There's nothing like the thrill of watching your favourite band play live, or being one of the first to discover a hot new artist. London has some incredible gig spots where you can do just that. That's why we've handpicked some of the city's more unusual venues, while also revealing how everyday spending – including that concert ticket – can help you collect Avios to fly you to Nashville. With a rich musical heritage the city prides itself on being a place where music is written, recorded and performed every single day. That's music to our ears.



Nashville skyline
Below: Ghost Notes

SEEK OUT NEW SOUNDS WITH AMERICAN EXPRESS AND BRITISH AIRWAYS

If watching great bands live on stage in Nashville sounds like just the ticket, the British Airways American Express Premium Plus Card could help get you there sooner. Whether you're paying for a new LP or drinks at a Friday night gig, you can collect Avios on your everyday spend and use them on reward flights to hundreds of destinations. You simply pay the taxes, fees and carrier charges. Did you know:



You collect Avios every time you spend.

- Collect 1.5 Avios for every £1 you spend with the British Airways American Express Premium Plus Card, or 3 Avios for every £1 you spend direct with BA.¹

You can share the experience with your favourite travel buddy.

- When you spend £10,000 or more each year, you'll receive a 2-for-1 Companion Voucher.²

You get a 25,000 Avios welcome offer.

- When you spend £3,000 or more in the first three months.³

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Representative 76.0% APR variable. Annual fee: based on £195. Credit limit: assumed credit limit of £1,200. Purchase rate: 22.9% variable for purchases.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Applicants must be 18 years or older. Approval subject to status. Terms and exclusions apply to earning and redeeming Avios (1), Companion Voucher (2) and welcome offer (3). Flights subject to availability. Taxes, fees and carrier charges apply. Visit ba.com/amex to find out more.

TOP FIVE Quirky London gig venues

Some of the best spots to catch live music and DJ sets in an intimate, unusual atmosphere

Tamesis Dock

Get ultra-quirky and go to a gig on a converted 1930s Dutch barge moored between Lambeth and Vauxhall. Catch indie and rock acts in the cosy space, then take part in KaraUke (karaoke with a ukulele band backing you).
Albert Embankment, SE1 7TP. ☉ Vauxhall.
www.tdock.co.uk

Spiritland

Based loosely on a Japanese 'listening bar', this slick space hosts DJ sets, pumped through a seriously high-end soundsystem. Glass-fronted studios hold live sessions and even the loo cubicles have big speakers.
9-10 Stable St, N1C 4AB. ☉ King's Cross.
www.spiritland.com

Ghost Notes

This effortlessly cool venue sits in a former multi-storey car park and shares its space with a vegetarian and vegan restaurant. The programming is spot on, with live jazz, soul, funk and R&B.
Peckham Levels, 95a Rye Lane, SE15 4ST. Peckham Rye Overground.
www.ghostnotes.uk

The Sebright Arms

Pass through the masses at this East End pub to an unassuming door past the bar. Downstairs you'll find a tiny basement, where bands belt out art rock, psychedelic pop and other alt sounds.
31-35 Coate St, E2 9AG. Cambridge Heath Overground.
www.sebrightarms.com

Nightjar

Speakeasies may be ten-a-penny now, but Nightjar nailed that vibe years ago. Hidden behind an unmarked door is a den of world-class cocktails and seductive live music, covering swing jazz, blues and fiery New Orleans sounds.
129 City Rd, EC1V 1JB. ☉ Old St.
www.barnightjar.com

THREE OF THE BEST Nashville live venues

Feel the reverb through your feet at these great places to catch up-and-coming artists

If the thought of listening to new artists in a city that Jimi Hendrix, Dolly Parton and Jack White have all called home has you wanting to see (and hear) Nashville for yourself, why not use your Avios for a flight? You can also bring a gig buddy for the same number of Avios as one flight, thanks to the 2-for-1 Companion Voucher with the British Airways American Express Premium Plus Card.² Here are our three top places to get down in Nashville.

The Bluebird Café

With just 90 seats, this acoustic-favouring venue has been showcasing up-and-comers for more than three decades. Garth Brooks used to play open mic nights here before hitting superstardom and you still might find yourself standing next to him at a show.
4104 Hillsboro Pike, TN 37215.
www.bluebirdcafe.com

Douglas Comer Café

Since opening in 1987 to provide a platform for new singers and songwriters, Douglas Comer has hosted buzzy new artists, impromptu jam sessions and the odd performance from stadium-fillers such as Jon Bon Jovi, Trisha Yearwood and Cheap Trick.
2106 8th Ave S, TN 37204.
www.douglascomer.com

3rd and Lindsley

There's a focus on local talent here, and not just traditional Nashville sounds. You'll hear indie, folk, funk and blues at this venue through a top-notch soundsystem, which has also channelled the likes of Sheryl Crow, Norah Jones and Gary Clark Jr.
818 3rd Ave S, TN 37210.
www.3rdandlindsley.com