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21st Century Hip with With Classic Southern Hospitality on the Tennessee River



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Forget everything you thought you knew about this city's food and culture. **Chattanooga, Tennessee**, is undergoing a renaissance and transforming its industrial past. Today, you'll find trendy, hip, and sustainable eateries and world-class attractions in a city that still retains its Southern charm and hospitality, the roots upon which it was founded.

For a smaller city, Chattanooga has more than its share of unique and, in some cases, one-of-a-kind attractions. The **Chattanooga Bakery is home to the Moon Pie**, the beloved marshmallow and graham cracker confection originally conceived in 1917 as a snack for coal miners. Traditionally, this is enjoyed with an ice cold RC Cola.

Other claims to fame include the **Walnut Street Bridge**, one of the longest pedestrian bridges in the world; the **Lookout Mountain Incline Railway**, the world's steepest with a 72.7 percent grade; the Chattanooga Choo-Choo lobby, which houses the largest freestanding brick dome in the world; and the only **towing**