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### A town with some twang

The action is in the streets and simple scenes of Asheville, N.C., a mountain outpost near the western end of the state. So grab a room at the central Days Inn and stroll. Look up at block after block of Art Deco architecture, and the Spanish inspirations in the brickwork of the Basilica of St. Lawrence. Stop by Malaprops, the bookstore-cafe and center of alternative culture that has taken root with the decade-long influx of young and old from points north and south to this hilly terrain long home to banjos and Baptists. On many summer evenings, catch family-friendly folk music outdoors at Shindig on the Green. On most nights year-round, \$5 gets you through the door at Jack of the Wood for the pickin' and groovin' of bands like Town Mountain and Sons of Ralph, who show up often to play their bluegrass twists they call "la twang." Hungry? Try a lunch of fried catfish (\$6.50) and buttered spinach at the Mediterranean Restaurant. Refills on the sweet tea come free.

Days Inn Asheville, Patton Ave., 120 Patton Ave., 828-254-9661, [daysinn.com](http://daysinn.com). Double room \$51.

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