

The City of Franklin: A note

The Regional Bengali Conference will be held from July 16-18, 2010 at Embassy Suites Hotel in Franklin, Tennessee, a southern suburb of Nashville.

The City of Franklin was founded by Abram Maury, Jr. (1766-1825), a State Senator, and named after Benjamin Franklin. This quaint suburb of Nashville has grown from a very small, agricultural community into a strong blend of residential, commercial, and corporate citizens. Franklin, Tennessee currently blossoms with upscale restaurants such as Bonefish Grille, Carrabba's Italian Grille, Sperry's Restaurant, Stoney River Grille, and Bucca di Beppo. The area is also abundant with favorite American food chains, like Red Lobster, Famous Dave's, Ruby Tuesday, Wolfgang Puck, Chili's, TGI Friday's, and PF Changs.

Embassy Suites is located in the popular Cool Springs area of Franklin, home to Nashville's best and most upscale shopping mall, Cool Springs Galleria Mall (www.coolspringsgalleria.com).

Franklin Downtown is a well-preserved historic area. Guided tours of the downtown center are available by foot (www.franklinonfoot.com). The Factory (www.factoryatfranklin.com) is also a favorite place to visit for variety shopping and dining. The area is notably popular for Franklin's Main Street Festival, a street festival that brings more than 200 artisans, four stages, and two carnivals to the historic Franklin Square and Downtown District.