

HOTEL, RESTAURANT, and TOURIST INFO FOR FLORENCE AL

Hi Keith,

Yes, absolutely. Here are the **hotels I would recommend to you:**

The closest hotel to the university, and the one we use most often, is the **Hampton Inn Florence-Downtown**: <http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/alabama/hampton-inn-and-suites-florence-downtown-FLCHSHX/index.html>

Next I would recommend the **Marriott Shoals** (RSA Hotel), which is wonderful but a bit pricier: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mslmc-marriott-shoals-hotel-and-spa/>

The Residence Inn- Florence is also nice: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mslri-residence-inn-florence/>

You also mentioned **restaurant recommendations** for dinner-on-your-own on July 12. Eating is one thing the Shoals does really well! Here are a few restaurants near the university that we would recommend:

Odette - <http://www.odettealabama.com/>

Ricatonis's - <http://ricatonis.com/>

City Hardware - <http://www.cityhardwareflorence.com/>

YUMM Thai Sushi and Beyond - <http://yumythaisushiandbeyond.com/>

306 Barbecue - <http://306bbq.com/florence/>

Also, you may be aware that the historic **FAME Recording Studios** is located just a few minutes from our campus (<http://www.fame2.com/>). If anyone is interested in arriving early on Thursday for a tour, I will happy to work on arranging that.

Please let me know if there's anything else I can help you with.

Have a great day,
Lori



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