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Indy Bound!

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Join us in Indianapolis and Race for the Gold!

In Indianapolis, it's so easy to do so much. Indy offers big-city amenities in a convenient, easy-to-navigate package wrapped in a friendly, inviting atmosphere.

The nation's 13th largest city has gone through a dramatic revitalization and a stunning renaissance that makes it a different place than it was just a decade ago. Indy is the perfect balance of cosmopolitan style and small-town charm that makes it a successful destination for leisure travel, conventions and group tours, catering to nearly 22 million visitors a year.

Commonly referred to as the Crossroads of America, Indianapolis is easily accessible from a wide variety of locations, with many interstate highways bisecting our city. Not only that, but half the nation's population is within a day's drive, which makes traveling to Indy by car an attractive option for many. If flying is more your speed, the Indianapolis International Airport offers travel on 11 airlines and direct flights to 39 destinations. And, it's only a short 15-minute drive to the heart of downtown.

Let Indiana history and heritage stir your spirit. Monument Circle is home to the 284-foot Soldiers' & Sailors' Monument. Dedicated in 1902 and made of Indiana limestone, the Soldiers' & Sailors' Monument stands as a tribute to the Indiana servicemen who served in the Civil and Spanish-American Wars. Thirty-two stories up, an observation tower provides a panoramic view of the city skyline. Considered second only to Washington, DC in number of memorials, Indianapolis pays homage and respect to Medal of Honor recipients, fallen law enforcement and firefighters and Indiana servicemen and women who died in conflicts from the Civil War to Somalia. Indianapolis is also home to one of only 26 national monuments in the country. Situated on the east bank of the Central Canal, the USS Indianapolis Memorial recognizes those who died on the last U.S. ship to sink during World War II. Etched on one side is the story of the sinking with the names of all those who served on the other.

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Visit White River State Park

Sure to please everyone, be sure to visit the attraction-filled White River State Park. White River State Park, nestled in the heart of downtown Indianapolis, has cultural, educational and recreational activities to offer something interesting to each visitor. The Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art is a showplace for the art, culture and history of the American West and its indigenous people. Indian Market is their signature event, held each summer, featuring works from more than 150 Native American artists from across the country. Follow the journey of the student-athlete at the NCAA Hall of Champions. Through a variety of highly interactive displays and video presentations, visitors are able to see and hear athletes and coaches describe how they excelled in their respective sports.

Get back to nature at the Indianapolis Zoo and White River Gardens, where plants and animals are the main attraction. The nation's only accredited combined zoo, aquarium and botanical garden, it occupies 64 acres in White River State Park. The Indianapolis Zoo, divided into biomes, features nearly 4,000 animals and is home to the state's largest aquarium and the country's first totally submerged, underwater dolphin viewing dome and a huge shark touch tank. We'll have a fun-filled night at the Zoo during the Games. White River Gardens gets two green thumbs



up for its seasonal botanical shows, theme demonstration gardens and 5,000 square-foot conservatory filled with tropical plants. Explore Indiana's past, present and future through a variety of interactive exhibits at the Indiana State Museum. While there, get a first-hand account of the state's African-American history in the Legacy Theater, where four themed performances stages provide a diverse cultural experience of black heritage in Indiana, or see a larger-than-life movie at the IMAX theater.



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Seven downtown hotels with more than 2,800 rooms are connected via skywalk to the Indiana Convention Center, which creates a convenient package for convention delegates.

Indianapolis delivers an outstanding and exciting visitor experience with a wide variety of easy to get to attractions coupled with friendly people in a warm environment! Be part of the action now as you register for the 2008 National Veterans Golden Age Games! Indianapolis...so easy to do so much!

Cultural Activities

Venture outside of our compact, convenient downtown and you'll find more of the same...exciting and educational attractions for visitors of all ages. Feast your eyes on paintings, sculptures, photographs and textiles from African, American, Asian and European collections at the Indianapolis Museum of Art (IMA), one of the largest general art museums in the United States. While on the IMA grounds, glimpse Indiana history and take a tour of Oldfields - Lilly House and Gardens museum home with eight restored and furnished historic rooms or enjoy a leisurely stroll around their 152 acres admiring gorgeous gardens and al fresco art.

One cannot visit Indianapolis without frolicking at The Children's Museum of Indianapolis. The five-story museum houses 100,000 artifacts in 11 galleries that explore the physical and natural sciences, history, foreign culture and the arts. Many of the exhibits are interactive and participatory, encouraging hands-on learning. Take a ride on the turn-of-the-century carousel or get a great view of the stars at SpaceQuest Planetarium. Dinosphere represents one of the largest displays of real juvenile and family dinosaur fossils in the United States and invites you to experience the Cretaceous Period in a multi-level, multi-sensory, immersive environment that intrigues and educates visitors of all ages.

Racing Reigns Supreme in Indy

When it comes to racing, Indianapolis takes the checkered flag every time. Commonly referred to as the “Racing Capital of the World,” Indianapolis hosts the two largest single-day sporting events in the world: the Indianapolis 500 and the Allstate 400 at the Brickyard. Visit the Hall of Fame Museum on the grounds of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to discover how the city’s love affair with racing started, where it’s been and where it’s going.



Sports in Indianapolis

Racing is certainly not all Indy has to offer the sports-minded. The city boasts professional teams in most major sports including basketball, football and baseball. Enjoy America’s favorite pastime with an incredible view of the downtown skyline with the Indianapolis Indians at Victory Field. Watch the NBA’s Pacers or WNBA’s Fever drive and score at Conseco Fieldhouse, a monument to Indiana’s rich basketball tradition reminiscent of times gone by with the state-of-the-art capabilities for today. The NFL’s Indianapolis Colts, Super Bowl XLI Champions, will take to the gridiron in their brand new home, Lucas Oil Stadium, for high energy, adrenaline pumping excitement during the 2008 season.



Superb Shopping

Don't forget to take home your Indianapolis gift or souvenir. Explore the Circle Centre mall, where you'll find the state's only Nordstrom among 100 other specialty stores. For an upscale shopping experience, visit the Fashion Mall at Keystone Crossing, featuring Saks Fifth Avenue, Crate & Barrel and Tiffany & Co. Check out

Indy's interesting cultural districts, including Massachusetts Avenue with its galleries, shops and one-of-a-kind restaurants. If antiques are what you're looking for, take a short drive southeast of downtown to Fountain Square, where you'll find more than 200 antique dealers in specialty stores and art galleries. Or, browse the eclectic boutiques

and vintage clothing shops of Broad Ripple Village and dine in one of their many restaurants, featuring a vast array of offerings from sandwiches to sushi to steak. Stroll the brick-lined streets of quaint and quiet Zionsville, located 20 minutes north of downtown Indianapolis, where more than 50 specialty shops and restaurants await.

DELECTABLE DINING IN INDIANAPOLIS

Did someone mention food? Indy's diverse and abundant restaurant selection gives diners a lot to chew on, from familiar chain restaurants to exciting and surprising independent, local establishments. Tempt your taste buds with succulent steak or savory seafood. Travel around the globe without ever leaving the city with Indy's impressive variety of ethnic eateries, located all across town. Catch the big game on one of the many TVs at area sports bars and neighborhood pubs, many located in or near hotel properties. The nightlife in Indianapolis is as varied and vibrant as its other offerings. Relax in a cozy lounge while listening to cool jazz, get your groove on in a high-energy dance club or sip sophisticated concoctions in an upscale martini bar. Whatever your pleasure, Indianapolis promises to not go to sleep until you do!

