

Activities & Food – Indianapolis, Indiana

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Museums and Attractions

Family Attractions:

- The Children's Museum
 - The largest children's museum in the world, and named one of the best by *Child* magazine, offers interactive exhibits exploring art, science, history and culture, a Dinosphere, and planetarium. Over one million visitors each year enjoy this five-level playground with a 43-foot brightly colored Dale Chihuly 'Fireworks of Glass' sculpture hanging in the middle and a fully rideable antique carousel on the top floor.
 - 14 minutes from hotel. 3.7 miles.
 - Admission: \$12-\$35. Prices vary daily.
- White River State Park
 - As America's only cultural urban state park, White River State Park offers more than 250 acres of green space filled with an array of cultural attractions, public art, and entertainment. Explore the park by bike, Segway, or your own two feet as you go door-to-door at some of Indy's finest attractions including the Indianapolis Zoo, Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, NCAA Hall of Champions, Indiana State Museum, and Victory Field.
 - 6 minutes from hotel. 0.6 miles.
- Indianapolis Zoo
 - Walk with the flamingos, go face-to-face with a tiger, touch a shark – the unique animal encounters available for everyone make the Indianapolis Zoo a must on your Indianapolis list. With five different animal habitat biomes to explore, guests will enjoy their visit year round, no matter what the weather is like outside. The Zoo is also home to the world's largest Orangutan Center.
 - 8 minutes from hotel. 1.4 miles.
- Indianapolis Motor Speedway
 - Take an IndyCar, pace car, or shuttle tour around the iconic 2.5-mile Indianapolis Motor Speedway that welcomes 300,000 visitors each May, the Indy 500, is the ultimate family experience. Inside the oval is the Hall of Fame Museum, housing memorabilia, trophies and winning cars from the past century of open-wheel racing that will have your kids itching for a Matchbox car upgrade.
 - 16 minutes from hotel. 5.1 miles.
- Indiana State Museum
 - Explore Indiana from the beginning of time through culture and science at the Indiana State Museum. Kids will find hands-on areas throughout most exhibits that really allow them to dig into real life history. Along the exterior of the museum, your family will discover artworks representing the 92 counties that make up the great state of Indiana.
 - 7 minutes from hotel. 0.8 miles.

- Soldiers and Sailors Monument / Monument Circle
 - The monument is located on Monument Circle in the center of downtown and has come to symbolize the city of Indianapolis and the state of Indiana. Designed by Bruno Schmitz and constructed between 1887 and 1902, this limestone monument includes sculptures by Rudolf Schwartz (who created the figures on the structure's sides), George Brewster (who created the figure of Victory that caps the monument, as well as two astragals) and Nicolaus Geiger (who created the Army astragal).
 - 2 minutes from hotel. 0.2 miles.

Entertainment

Breweries:

- Indy Beer Mile (Tour)
 - Craft beer connoisseurs and casual beer drinkers alike will discover different beer styles from around the world during this walkable beer tour along the Cultural Trail in the trendy Mass Ave District. Visit 4-5 local establishments and learn the origin of beer while sampling.
 - 9 minutes from hotel. 1.4 miles.
- Indiana City Brewing Company
 - Indiana City enjoys creating innovative brews based on traditional styles using their small-batch, hand-crafted approach. The brewery is located in the historic 'Bottling House' of the Home Brewing Company on the east side of downtown.
 - 6 minutes from hotel. 1.1 miles.
- Black Circle Brewing Company
 - Black Circle focuses on quality local craft offerings and brewing our own ultra small-batch versions of their favorite beer styles. A full menu is always available, whether you visit for the brews, live music, movies, or other entertainment. Don't forget your quarters for the vintage arcade games.
 - 18 minutes from hotel. 6.3 miles.
- Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery
 - While Rock Bottom may be a chain restaurant, the brews are independently created at each locale. With a philosophy that beer should be clean, simple, and fresh, it's no surprise that the brewery has won a few awards through the years!
 - 2 minutes from hotel. 0.1 miles.
- Cannon Ball Brewing Company
 - Just east of downtown, this nanobrewery is a modern take on the neighborhood bar. Housed in a century-old building that was once the neighborhood grocery, Cannon Ball offers an ever-changing selection of brews and a unique menu of locally-sourced small plate food.
 - 11 minutes from hotel. 2.4 miles.

Shopping:

- Circle Center
 - Shopping at a mall in Indy has a local tie-in. The city's premier destinations are owned by Indy's Simon Property Group, the world's largest mall operator. Circle Centre, contained inside two blocks' worth of old and new buildings downtown, is connected to several hotels and the Indiana Convention Center. Convention attendees can easily fit in shopping sprees during breaks and the massive food court is perfect for a quick (and affordable) bite to eat.
 - 1 minute from hotel. 0.1 miles.
- Mass Ave
 - Indy's independent boutiques are thriving. The city has more unique, locally owned stores than ever before, and happily for shoppers, these businesses tend to cluster together to create bountiful shopping destinations. Downtown, art galleries and boutiques for home and body line several blocks of Massachusetts Avenue.
 - 11 minutes from hotel. 4.8 miles.

Food: Stars based on Yelp Reviews ★

- Bru Burger ★★★★★
 - Bru Burger Bar's chef style and classic burgers, sandwiches and salads were crafted with bold flavors to satisfy any burger enthusiast's craving. Open for lunch and dinner.
 - www.bruburgerbar.com/indianapolis/
 - 6 minutes from hotel. 0.9 miles.
- Cafe Patachou ★★★★★
 - Martha Hoover's Cafe Patachou is a must visit for both the farm-to-table sustainable menu and the impact of food and social change in Indianapolis. Known for farm fresh breakfasts of omelets and broken yolks or vegan Cuban breakfast. Locals will tell you the Patachou chicken salad is a lunch must. Open for breakfast and lunch.
 - www.cafepatachou.com
 - 1 minute from hotel. 0.1 miles.
- St. Elmo Steak House ★★★★★
 - St. Elmo Steak House is Indy's award-winning old world style restaurant that proves great service and classic cooking methods make for a timeless menu worth visiting again and again. Known for: World Famous Shrimp Cocktail with spicy, signature cocktail sauce, traditional steak cuts or chicken and seafood paired with potatoes or classic sides. Open for dinner.
 - www.stelmos.com
 - 1 minute from hotel. 0.1 miles.

- **Bluebeard** ★★★★★
 - Indy's oldest neighborhood is home to a daily rotating menu derived from local farms at Bluebeard, named after a Kurt Vonnegut novel. Known for: Afternoon or cocktail snacks of pickles and cheese, pulled pork and kimchi sandwiches, or mains like roasted cauliflower or pierogi. Open for lunch and dinner.
 - www.bluebeardindy.com
 - 6 minutes from hotel. 1.3 miles.

- **Napolese Pizzeria** ★★★★★
 - Napolese Pizzeria takes everything you love about Cafe Patachou and serves it up as a pizza in a fine dining and farm-fresh approach. Known for: The slightly addictive double chopped house salad, signature or freestyle pizzas topped with cooked or raw ingredients like arugula, sandwiches, and daily rotating specials. Open for lunch and dinner.
 - www.napolesepizzeria.com
 - 2 minutes from hotel. 0.2 miles.

- **Livery** ★★★★★
 - Horse stable turned Mexican restaurant, Livery relies on bright colors and dark furniture to transform your Indy dining night out into a southwest culinary experience. Known for: Order a one-plate entree like paella or the skirt steak with chipotle dry rub and chipotle butter, or bring friends to share yucca fries and six types of empanadas. Open for dinner.
 - www.livery-restaurant.com
 - 9 minutes. 1.5 miles.

- **The Garden Table** ★★★★★
 - Broad Ripple native The Garden Table expanded to Mass Ave and brought their house-made juices and health-conscious, farm-to-table menu with them. Known for: Garden toast on thick multigrain bread with avocado and tomatoes, the Naptown hot brown, poke bowls, smoked salmon, and many vegetarian and vegan options. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
 - www.thegardentable.com
 - 6 minutes from hotel. 0.8 miles.

- **Bazbeaux Pizza** ★★★★★
 - Since 1986, Bazbeaux's has served dozens of signature pizzas with traditional and exotic toppings on handcrafted crusts alongside salads and sandwiches. Known for: Unique pizzas with toppings like Cajun shrimp and peppers to pesto sauce and sun-dried tomatoes. Open for lunch and dinner.
 - www.bazbeaux.com
 - 6 minutes from hotel. 0.8 miles.

- Yard House ★★★★★
 - The chefs at Yard House are constantly coming up with ways to introduce globally inspired flavors to favorite American dishes, giving our menu a worldly yet familiar feel. High-end sports-bar chain with a huge menu of New American fare and an extensive list of draft beers.
 - www.yardhouse.com/home
 - 2 minutes from hotel. 0.3 miles.

- Palomino ★★★★★
 - Branch of an upscale Italian chain with thin-crust pizzas and a notable happy hour. Open for lunch and dinner. Palomino is your local, European inspired restaurant and bar, with Italian, Spanish, and Mediterranean cuisine influences.
 - www.palomino.com
 - 3 minutes from hotel. 0.3 miles.

- Granite City Food & Brewery ★★★★★
 - Casual chain eatery with an American comfort-food menu plus craft beers brewed on-site. Open for lunch and dinner.
 - www.gcfb.com
 - 1 minute from hotel.

- Nada ★★★★★
 - Hip choice for classic Mexican fare and cocktails served in a bright space. Open for lunch and dinner. Kick back at Nada, a taco and cocktail joint just steps from Monument Circle, Bankers Life Fieldhouse, and the Indiana Convention Center. Snag guacamole and salsa to share, and dig in to punched up tacos and mac n' cheese with margaritas on draft and local craft brews. Reservations accepted for lunch, dinner, weekend brunch, or private events.
 - www.eatdrinknada.com/indianapolis/
 - 2 minutes from hotel. 0.3 miles.

- Weber Grill ★★★★★
 - The Weber Grill Restaurant is the result of over 60 years of classic outdoor grilling - from people who invented the Weber charcoal kettle grill. You'll taste the difference that decades of grilling expertise makes. Our secret: a commitment to using quality ingredients, innovative recipes, honed grilling technique and Weber charcoal kettles. Classic outdoor grilling includes: steaks, seafood, barbeque, burgers and more. Open for lunch and dinner.
 - www.webergrillrestaurant.com
 - 4 minutes from hotel. 0.4 miles.

- The Eagle



- We start with free range, all natural Amish chicken. It's brined, dredged, then dropped into custom-built fryers. It's got a little kick and is served with our house made hot honey. You'll enjoy the bar snacks, modern takes on down-home favorites. We serve over 100 craft beers and cocktails are made from scratch using top shelf ingredients. The lively atmosphere is relaxed and upbeat, driven by a blues-heavy soundtrack.
- www.eaglerestaurant.com
- 6 minutes from hotel. 0.8 miles.

- Vida



- Vida takes pride in using the freshest ingredients from local farmers and Indianapolis' only in-house hydroponic wall of greens to provide guests with a one-of-a-kind dining experience filled with innovative cuisine, carefully crafted cocktails, a diverse wine collection, and professional fine dining service. Open for lunch and dinner.
- www.vida-restaurant.com
- 8 minutes from hotel. 1.3 miles.