THE UNIVERSITY OF PURDUE

1. THE UNION CLUB HOTEL
An iconic West Lafayette property built in phases from 1929-1953 as an addition to the Purdue Memorial Union, the Union Club Hotel is a distinguished addition to Marriott’s Autograph Collection and the only student-run Autograph Hotel in the world. It celebrates Purdue’s legacy by developing tomorrow’s leaders through education and experiential training. The inspiration for its rooms, décor, and dining outlets represents the university’s classic colors and history.

2. UNION TUNNELS
Throughout Purdue’s campus, there is a small labyrinth of tunnels that connects to various locations such as Stewart and Hicks, Biering and the University Street Garage. Physics, MSE, the Grant Street Garage, and more.

3. CLAPPING CIRCLE
Behind the student union, the University’s Academy Park contains the Clapping Circle. Here lies a circular patio surrounded by grassy mounds, concrete steps, and benches. This space may first appear like any standard public outdoor area, but when you stand at the center of the circle and clap your hands or speak, you will get wind of the sound of a buzz.

4. UNFINISHED BLOCK P
Operating as a perpetual reminder that one’s academic journey is never concluded, the Unfinished Block P was a campus icon assembled by a group of student leaders who wanted to convey the importance of Purdue University.

5. LION FOUNTAIN
A historical landmark and the only outdoor drinking fountain at Purdue, the Lion Fountain is similar to the Bell Tower, carrying a number of myths. Its most well-known claim is that if a couple kisses beneath the Bell Tower and then walks past the lions, the two are destined for marriage.

6. DIVERSITY TREE
The Diversity Tree is neon-colored and painted with fraternity and sorority letters. This has been a Purdue tradition for decades.

7. JOHN PURDUE’S GRAVE
Visit John Purdue’s grave site, located south of University Hall. Mr. Purdue lived from 1802 to 1876, and many spaces on campus are named in his honor, including nearby fountains, seating areas, and a statue of Purdue himself.

8. LOEB FOUNTAIN
Loeb Fountain was constructed in honor of Solomon Loeb, the owner of Loeb’s Department Store on campus. Located in the center of Founders Park, this iconic landmark was completed in 1959 and placed in front of Hovde Hall before being moved in 1993.

9. OLD PUMP
Used by farmers during the 1890s, the Old Pump is an iconic campus landmark. Students used the pump as a meeting place on campus during Purdue’s earliest days, and this day still stands as a symbol of University spirit, romance, friendship, and community.

10. BELL TOWER
Constructed in 1895, the Purdue Bell Tower stands 160 feet high and is a gift from the class of 1948. A common myth about the Bell Tower includes its “curse” seal: if you walk the pathway beneath the tower and cross over its seal, you will not graduate in four years.

11. ELLIOTT HALL OF MUSIC
With a seating capacity of 6,000 across three levels, the Elliott Hall of Music is one of the largest proscenium theaters in the world. Dedicated to Edward C. Elliott, this stunning structure has been graced by many legends, from Bob Hope and the Dalai Lama to Robin Williams and Maya Angelou.

12. ENGINEERING FOUNTAIN
Located in the heart of Purdue University’s campus, the Purdue Mall Water Sculpture is a fountain that was designed and sculpted by Robert Youngman in 1989 as a gift to the class of 1939.

13. MOON STAIRS
Northwest of Armstrong Hall is the Neil Armstrong Statue, and to the west of this is a 20 moon-footprints. They are measured to an exact scale and are representative of Neil’s iconic, gravity-free steps on the moon during the Apollo 11 mission.

14. NEIL ARMSTRONG STATUE
Iconic Purdue alum, Neil Armstrong enrolled in the university to further his studies in aeronautical engineering. He later went on to become the Command Pilot for two of NASA’s most daring space missions. Gemini 8 and Apollo 11, and was the first man to walk on the moon.

15. MACKEY ARENA
Formerly known as the Purdue Arena, Mackey was built in 1967 in honor of “Red” Mackey, who served as the Purdue Athletics Director for 28 years before passing away in 1971. Today, it is home to the university’s basketball team.

16. BOILERMAKER STATUE
When visiting Purdue’s athletic facilities, guests can catch a sign of an 18-foot bronze figure of a historically accurate boilermaker. Sculptor Jon Hair of Cornelius began construction on the project in 2003 due to an unidentified donor who wanted to honor the university with a statue of the world’s largest boilermaker. Using historic images and clippings of old newspaper clippings, Mr. Hair was able to genuinely depict the style of the 19th-century boilermaker.

17. ROSS-ADZE STADIUM
Servicing as the home of Purdue Football, Ross-Adze Stadium found its creation in the collaboration of two iconic Purdue personalities: David E. Ross and George Ade. Together, their efforts resulted in the stadium’s construction upon a 65-acre plot of university-owned land and it was dedicated in 1924.

18. SLATER HILL
An outdoor amphitheater with astonishing architecture on Purdue’s campus, Slater Hill is a place of tradition. During winter’s first snowfall, students sled down it using everything from dining court trays to mattresses.

19. 3RD STREET ART WALK
The Third Street corridor is pedestrian-friendly and home to numerous iconic Purdue pictures. In 2020, $1 million were used to renovate a half-mile section between Purdue student housing and the northern academic sections of campus. The corridor includes bicycle routes and walking paths, which feature colorful surface designs.

20. AMELIA EARHART STATUE
Amelia Earhart, the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic as a pilot, is one of Purdue’s most recognized icons. One of the campus’ residence halls and the dining court are named in her honor. You can even find this eight-foot tall bronze statue of her, depicting her leaning on an airplane propeller.

21. WESTWOOD MANOR
In 1932, the Westwood Manor was built as a private residence for Mr. Robert B. Stewart, president of business and finance at Purdue. Stewart is widely believed to be the single most important factor in determining the character of the university.

22. VETERINARY SCHOOL ANIMAL STATUES
On September 23, 2000, these life-sized bronze animals took center stage at The School of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University. The purpose of displaying them here is to depict the timeless and strong bond between humans and animals.

23. P.HO HALL STATUES
Part of Sculptor James Tyler’s “Brickhead” series, the P.HO Hall statues depict two massive heads facing each other in front of Yue-Kong Pao Hall. Sounds of nature that can be heard coming from the heads is the most intriguing part of these sculptures.

24. VON’S BOOK SHOP
Established in 1966, Von’s has since become a beloved book store that also contains a substantial selection of unique accessories.

25. HARRY’S CHOCOLATE SHOP
Harry’s Chocolate Shop began as a partnership between Harry Marack, Sr., and H.G. Reiser, who later dissolved, making Harry the sole owner of the establishment. Eventually Harry converted the business into a bar, and Hershel E. Cook, II— the son of Harry Marack, succeeded his father in managing the shop.

26. CHAUCHEY HILL MALL
Home to approximately 40 various stores, Chauchey Hill Mall has convenience stores, restaurants, boutiques, and more.

27. TRIPLE XXX ROOT BEER
Triple XXX is a Purdue University tradition and one of Chauchey Hill’s most historic landmark restaurants. Since the 1920s, Triple XXX has served root beer, but their burgers are what has made them famous. Famous foodie, Guy Fieri, was won over by their “Chopped Steaks” made with in-house ground sirloin.

28. NINE IRISH BROTHERS
An award-winning, family-owned and operated traditional Irish pub, O’Bryan’s Nine Irish Brothers was named in commemoration of the proprietor’s eight elder brothers. He also honored his sisters with an inscription above the bar. & Five Irish Sisters.

29. BRUNO’S PIZZA
A proud family tradition that began in 1955, Bruno’s Pizza is an iconic, family-operated eatery in West Lafayette. It underwent a renovation in 1976 before ultimately relocating to its current building due to road construction on U.S 231.

30. JOHN T. MYERS PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE
John T. Myers Pedestrian Bridge is a vital link connecting Lafayette to West Lafayette. This lovely area is a perfect spot for taking an evening stroll with a beautiful view of the river and historic city. Oftentimes, visitors can be seen frequently standing on the bridge over the railroad lines, observing the trains passing by below.

31. THE BIRCK BOILERMAKER GOLF COMPLEX
Nestled on Purdue University’s West Lafayette, Indiana, campus, the Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex is a golfing gem. Home to the PGA Tour’s “Boilermaker Classic” and host of the 2008 NCAA Men’s Championships and the 2003 NCAA Women’s Championships on the iconic Pete Dye designed Kampen-Cosier Course, our course boasts two 18-hole championship courses and a top-notch golf training center for a premier Purdue Golf Experience.