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Welcome to Indianapolis! We are so glad you chose to stay with us here while you were in town. Below are some activities/attractions that might be of interest to you while you were in the Circle City.

Attractions within walking distance

- Indiana State Museum
 - Constructed from limestone, sandstone and other indigenous materials, the Indiana State Museum building is an exhibit unto itself, its walls and grounds including artworks representing each of the state's 92 counties. Inside, the museum gives a hands-on, three-story overview of Indiana's history. Also connected to the Indiana State Museum is downtown's only IMAX theatre.
 - Admission to the museum costs \$9.50 (museum only).
 - Hours are 10 am-5 pm (Mon-Sat) and 11 am-5 pm (Sunday)

- Eiteljorg Museum
 - The Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art contains one of the world's finest Native American and Western Art collections and is one of only two such museums east of the Mississippi.
 - Admission to the museum costs \$10.00
 - Hours are 10 am-5 pm (Mon-Sat) and 12-5 pm (Sunday). The Eiteljorg Museum is also closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

- NCAA Hall of Champions
 - Get your hands on 23 sports and experience the heart and dedication it takes to be an NCAA student-athlete at the NCAA Hall of Champions. The Hall offers several interesting things to see and do such as a downhill skiing simulator, video games in which visitors throw real balls at moving targets and a theater video that provides interesting thoughts and experiences surrounding student-athlete academic and athletic life. You can learn about all the NCAA championship sports through kiosks that share sport-specific trivia, past champions and much more. The 1930s-style gymnasium is a popular attraction that allows visitors to shoot free throws and read about interesting occurrences in sports history.
 - Admission to the Hall costs \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students and seniors
 - Hours are 10 am-5 pm (Tues-Sat) and 12 pm-5 pm (Sunday). They are closed Mondays, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, & Easter Sunday.

- Indiana 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, George Brewster, and Nicolaus Geiger. The Col. Eli Lilly Civil War Museum is housed in the lower level. There is an observation level 330 steps up or you can take the elevator to step 290.
 - Admission is free
 - The monument and museum are open Wed-Sun, 10:30 am -5:30 pm

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- Lucas Oil Stadium
 - Completed in 2008 at a cost of \$270 million, Lucas Oil Stadium is home to the 2007 Super Bowl champs, the Indianapolis Colts, as well as numerous conventions and other events.
 - Tours are offered Tues and Wed (11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm) and are \$7.00

- White River State Park and Indianapolis Zoo
 - The Indianapolis Zoo (one of the nation's Top 10, according to TripAdvisor) includes over 350 different animal species on its nearly 70 acres. The zoo's Oceans exhibit features the world's largest shark touch tank; while the Dolphin Adventure offers the world's first totally submerged dolphin viewing experience. The Indianapolis Zoo complex also includes the 3.3-acre White River Gardens, which features hundreds of plant varieties and Concerts on the Lawn in summer months.
 - Admission to the zoo costs \$10.00
 - Hours to the zoo and gardens are 9 am-4 pm (Mon-Thurs) and 9 am-5 pm (Fri-Sun).

- Indianapolis Canal District
 - The refurbished Canal Walk (stretching north through White River State Park to 11th Street) serves the downtown community as a waterside promenade for walkers, runners, bikers and sightseers (while the canal itself includes a steady stream of pedal boats, which may be rented west of the Indiana State Museum).
 - Bike rentals range from \$8-30
 - Boat rentals range from \$10-30
 - Public 30-minute gondola rides are at 7pm, Tuesday-Saturday for \$30/person.
 - Private 30-minute gondolas are available 6-10pm Tuesday-Saturday for \$150/boat.

- Indiana Statehouse
 - Indiana is one of the few states in the nation that has all three branches of government operating out of the historic state capitol building. Plans for the current statehouse began in 1867 and the building was completed in 1888. It is constructed of Indiana limestone and white oak. The beautiful stained glass rotunda window is original and made from German glass.
 - Guided tours are available weekdays, 9 am-3 pm; and 10 am, 11 am, 12 pm, and 1 pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

- James Whitcomb Riley Home
 - Visit the historic Lockerbie Square home where Hoosier poet James Whitcomb Riley spent the last 23 years of his life. One of the finest Victorian preservations in the United States, many of Riley's personal belongings are showcased here. Riley penned many famous poems, including "Little Orphan Annie."
 - Tours are Tues-Sat, 10 am-3:30 pm and cost \$4.00

- Scottish Rite Cathedral
 - Tudor-Gothic style cathedral, judged during its early days as one of the world's most beautiful buildings. The Gothic tower rises 212 feet and contains a 54-bell carillon.

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- Tours are offered Mon-Fri, 10 am-2 pm and are free!
- Indiana World War Memorial
 - Dominating the five-block picturesque setting of War Memorial Plaza in downtown Indianapolis is the Indiana World War Memorial. Sitting 210 feet above street level, this mausoleum-style limestone and marble memorial pays homage to Hoosiers killed during World Wars I and II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.
 - Open Wed-Sun, 9 am-6 pm and admission is free!
- Indiana History Center
 - The Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, home of the Indiana Historical Society, has undergone a major renovation and re-opened in March 2010 with the launch of its new feature, the Indiana Experience. In addition to bringing back the popular 1945 grocery, the Indiana Experience uses new technology to immerse guests in stories of the state's past. Enjoy a visit to the Cole Porter room, concerts on the canal throughout the warm weather, great food at the cafe and unique shopping.
 - Admission is \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students, and \$6.50 for seniors.
 - The IHS is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am-5 pm.
- Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library
 - The Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library serves as a museum, art gallery and reading room celebrating the literary, artistic and cultural contributions of Indianapolis native Kurt Vonnegut. Visitors to the library can see artifacts from the writer's life (such as his typewriter from the 1970s, his Purple Heart, and an unopened, WWII-era letter from his father), view examples of his artwork and learn about his Hoosier roots. The library also supports language and visual arts education through programs and outreach activities with other arts organizations to foster a strong network for both the local and national community.
 - Admission is free and the library is open every day but Wednesdays, 12-5 pm
- Rhythm! Discovery Center
 - Rhythm! Discovery Center is a place for visitors of all ages to experience rhythm and percussion. Explore their wide variety of percussion instruments and artifacts from around the world, through interactive exhibits and dynamic multi-media experiences. Learn about rhythm, its role in society and connections to daily life.
 - Admission is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students
 - Hours are 10 am-5 pm (Mon-Sat) and 12-5 pm (Sunday)

Attractions that are a short cab ride from the hotel

- The Children's Museum of Indianapolis
 - The largest (and, according to *Child* magazine, the best) children's museum in the world, the Children's Museum of Indianapolis is a huge, five-level playground where over one million kids and parents each year come to enjoy science, history, art and culture.
 - Admission to the Indianapolis Children's Museum is \$17.50 for adults

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- Open daily from March through Labor Day and Tuesday-Sunday from Labor Day through February. Hours are 10 am-5 pm. The Children's Museum is closed Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.
- Indianapolis Museum of Art
 - Fifteen minutes north of downtown is the Indianapolis Museum of Art, one of the nation's largest and oldest general art museums. The museum's permanent collection numbers more than 50,000 works (including one of the nation's largest and most significant collections of Asian art). Elsewhere on the grounds, visitors may tour the historic Oldfields estate (Eli Lilly's former mansion).
 - In addition, 100 Acres: The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park offers visitors one of the United States' foremost museum contemporary sculpture parks, with installations integrated into woodlands, wetlands, lakes and meadows.
 - Hours are 11 am-5 pm (Tues, Wed, and Sat), 11 am-9 pm (Thurs and Fri), and 12-5 pm (Sunday). The IMA is closed Mondays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day and nearly everything is FREE!
- Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site
 - Home of the 23rd president, this three-story Italianate mansion features Victorian furnishings including many original Harrison pieces. Changing exhibits depict Harrison's life as Indiana's only elected president, his many accomplishments, family and the Victorian era.
 - Admission is \$8.00 (adults), \$6.00 (seniors), and \$3.00 (students).
 - One-hour, guided tours are offered every 30 minutes 10 am-3:30 pm (Mon-Sat). Also on Sundays in June and July, tours offered from 12:30-3:30 pm. The Harrison Home is closed the first 3 weeks in January, Memorial Day weekend, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Day.
- Indianapolis Motor Speedway
 - The Speedway opened in 1909 and is the world's largest spectator facility, with seating for 250,000 fans and has a total capacity for 400,000. Since 1911, it has been the home of "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing," the Indianapolis 500. Also, the Speedway hosts the Brickyard 400 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race and popular Red Bull Indianapolis MotoGP, featuring the world's best motorcycle riders competing at more than 200 mph. Visitors should not miss this slice of Indianapolis history!
 - Connected to the Speedway is the IMS Hall of Fame Museum. The museum is recognized as one of the most highly visible museums in the world devoted to automobiles and auto racing. Admission to the museum is \$5.00, track laps are \$5.00, and 1.5 hour grounds tours are \$25 (limited avail.).
 - The Speedway is open every day of the year except Thanksgiving and Christmas. Hours are 9 am-5 pm (March-October) and 10 am-4 pm (November-February)
- Crown Hill National Cemetery
 - Founded in 1863, Crown Hill is the nation's 3rd largest cemetery with 555 acres of beautiful rolling hills located across the street from the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Thousands visit this urban oasis to enjoy its peaceful beauty, to picnic, and to study the history and heritage of the thousands of people buried there. Notables include

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President Benjamin Harrison, poet James Whitcomb Riley, Col. Eli Lilly, three U.S. Vice Presidents, and the infamous bank robber John Dillinger.

- Tours are available on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays of every month from May 28-November 3. Tours are usually in the evening and last between 1.5-2 hours.

Cultural Districts

- Wholesale District
 - Amidst Downtown's historic buildings and newest skyscrapers in the heart of the business district, you'll find the biggest names and the brightest attractions the city has to offer. In the Wholesale District, entertainment is *front and center*. It was of primary importance in the transformation of Indianapolis from small town to big city. Located on the southern fringe of Downtown Indianapolis, the Wholesale District contains many of Indianapolis's premier attractions, such as Lucas Oil Stadium and Conseco Fieldhouse, as well as over 75 restaurants, world-class hotels, and great nightlife.
- Canal and White River State Park
 - Whether it's a relaxing stroll, vigorous run, afternoon at the ballpark, interacting with dolphins, discovering Indiana history, exploring Native American art, learning about Lincoln or enjoying an outdoor concert, the Canal and White River State Park has enjoyment for all ages. Located directly across the street from the JW Marriott, the Canal Walk offers access to great attractions like the Indiana State Museum, the Eiteljorg Museum, and one of the country's top outdoor music venues, the Lawn at White River State Park.
- Massachusetts Avenue
 - Known as the Arts and Theatre District, a free-spirited and friendly mood spills from the many venues sprinkling Massachusetts Avenue. While visiting the Avenue, take time to stop and admire the original outdoor art, rich architecture and historic neighborhood feel. Four permanent and seven outdoor rotating art pieces pepper the Avenue, along with nine art galleries, dozens of restaurants and pubs, and great live theatre shows.
- Fountain Square
 - Looking for out-of-the-ordinary experiences? Look right down Virginia Avenue to Fountain Square and discover a vibrant neighborhood as unique as the people who call it home. Great food, uncommon shops, noteworthy architecture and distinctive entertainment make Fountain Square a must-see destination in Indianapolis.
- Indiana Avenue
 - Head west in Downtown and discover an area unlike any in the city. Indiana Avenue is the anchor of the district that stretches between the Central Canal and White River, encompassing many neighborhoods and IUPUI. It is where history, music, restored neighborhoods and spirituality come together to showcase Indianapolis's rich African-American heritage. Check out a show at Madame CJ Walker Theatre or learn more about African-American history at the Crispus Attucks Museum.
- Broad Ripple Village

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- Diverse street life, quaint boutiques and hot nightlife are set to the backdrop of public art, graffiti murals and beautiful greenways and parks. Unique art galleries, sidewalk cafes and fabulous restaurants complete the northernmost cultural district. Broad Ripple Village enjoys a vibrant and active street life both day and night. It's the hot spot for a night out with friends or a chance to make new ones. Enjoy great live music, a game of darts or billiards, or bust a move on the dance floor.

Transportation Options

1. Taxis are available from the airport for \$35
2. Royal Limo is our preferred option for a private town car- from the airport it is \$42
3. Carey Limo provides a shared ride service for \$16.95/person, 24 hours a day. Reservations are needed
4. The Go Green Shuttle provides airport transportation for \$10.00/person. It runs every 30 minutes from 8am-11pm everyday. The pickup location is a bus shelter located directly in front of the Indiana State Museum (across the street from TGI Fridays).

Food, food, food!

- Indianapolis is truly a foodie's dream come true! With so many restaurants within walking distance, this is my Top Ten Restaurants list!
 1. Mo's (\$\$\$\$)- Steakhouse
 2. Harry and Izzy's (\$\$)- American
 3. Bu Da Lounge (\$\$)- Pan-Asian/Sushi
 4. Iozzo's Garden of Italy(\$)- Italian
 5. Mesh on Mass (\$\$)- Contemporary American
 6. Oceanaire (\$\$\$)- Seafood
 7. Santorini (\$\$)- Greek
 8. 14 West (\$\$\$)- Contemporary American
 9. Lorenzo's (\$) - Italian
 10. Patachou on the Park (\$\$)- Breakfast/Brunch

Nightlife

- Last but not least, your trip would not be complete without a look at some of our fantastic nightlife! Here is my Top Ten Nightlife Spots:
 1. The Libertine- Prohibition-era style liquor bar downtown
 2. The Vogue- dance club in Broad Ripple
 3. Nicky Blaine's- cigar/martini bar downtown
 4. ComedySportz- improv comedy club on Mass. Ave.
 5. Slippery Noodle- live blues bar downtown
 6. Crackers Comedy Club- comedy club located downtown and in Broad Ripple
 7. Melody Inn- live music venue located just a short drive north of downtown
 8. Front Page Tavern- sports bar and live music venue on Mass. Ave.
 9. Chatterbox Jazz Club- jazz club located on Mass. Ave.
 10. Radio Radio- live music venue in Fountain Square

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Again, we here at the JW Marriott thank you for choosing us as your destination hotel in Indianapolis. If any of us here at the concierge desk can help with transportation, massages, dinner reservations, etc. do not hesitate to call us!

The Concierge Staff of the JW Marriott Indianapolis

