

INDIANAPOLIS

HOOSIER HOSPITALITY, AFFORDABLE ATTRACTIONS
and strong arts culture are the reasons to love Indiana's capital city. Bike or walk the eight-mile Cultural Trail to take in the public art, craft, breweries and local boutiques before zipping around the Motor Speedway with a professional racecar driver at 180 mph. And check out the Garage, a new marketplace and food hall in the vibrant Bottleworks District, for all of Indy's coolest, independent dining and shopping under one roof. —A.G.



Dine
GALLERY PASTRY BAR
After beginning as a wholesale bakery in Broad Ripple, Gallery Pastry opened an all-day cafe and dessert lounge downtown across from Bankers Life Fieldhouse last year. Brunch — complete with bottomless mimosa — is the name of the game here. Cinnamon creme brûlée, French toast, silky omelets, and eggs Benedict with Smoking Goose poiv' bacon and roasted red pepper pesto are all tempting choices whether you're craving something sweet or savory. A colorful portrait of Anthony Bourdain gazes down approvingly as plate after plate of mouthwatering fare is delivered from the bustling open kitchen. The salads and Ben & Jerry's ice creams, breads and macarons are delectable, particularly the foie gras macarons adorned with caviar. The salads are super pretty, but the highlight is a light yet flavorful way to strategically save room for dessert: Glossy entremets and petite cakes, meanwhile, beckon from the pastry case.

Stay
BOTTLEWORKS HOTEL

A terra-cotta art deco building that was once Coca-Cola's largest bottling facility has been transformed into a chic 138-room hotel along trendy Massachusetts Avenue. Original terrazzo tile floors, doorways, millwork and brass railings have all been carefully restored to their 1930s splendor. The rotunda, with its spiral staircase and effervescent soda-inspired ceiling detailing, is the best spot for Instagram snaps. Larger-than-life, black-and-white portraits of famous Hoosiers, the glass hallways and the rooms themselves are equally sumptuous pairing neo-industrial design with luxe finishes.

Snack on local sweets from the minibar like Newfangled Confections then saunter over in your plush robe to Woodhouse Day Spa next door (the only hotel spa in Indianapolis) for a high-tech Hydrafacial and a relaxing snooze in a heated zero-gravity pink Himalayan salt chair. And be sure to catch an indie film at Living Room. Theaters across the promenade after dinner at the Garage Food Hall.



Do
CIRCLE CITY INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

Home to more than 100 artists and makers, this sprawling complex is both a maze and a treasure trove of unique, beautiful and delicious finds. Some tenants, like 6th Day Brewery, Center for Creative and Roving Performance, and the Circle City Ballroom, have permanent studios, but others have limited hours or are available by appointment only. This is the best place in town to discover emerging artists creating works across all genres, from paint to metal to woodwork. Unless your inner creative at Indy fused to woodwork. Unless you can design abstract art or colorful mosaics on a variety of glass objects.

First Friday is an especially good time to visit, when artists open their studios and galleries to the public in a festive atmosphere with live music and dance performances. Stop by SoChartt's new single-origin chocolate tasting room to enjoy luscious liquid chocolate on tap.



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