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CHARLEY CREEK INN
100TH ANNIVERSARY



Since the meticulous renovation process that restored Charley Creek Inn to its former glory, timeless elegance meets small-town luxury at this historic boutique hotel. Set in downtown Wabash, 30 inviting guest rooms and suites feature elegant décor, designer fabrics, and antique furniture, paying homage to local and regional arts, historic preservation, and the humanities. Contemporary amenities provide a contrast to old-world ambiance, while exceptional service and fine dining ensure an unforgettable experience.



LOCATION

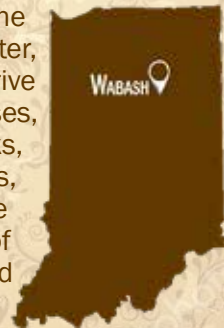
Set amidst the tranquil countryside of central Indiana, Wabash is a dynamic city that changes with the times, while celebrating its rich past. The original winner of Small Business Revolution, this northeastern

Indiana town was the first electrically lit city in the world!

Today, the historic downtown district is abuzz with activity and filled with charming boutiques, restaurants, and art galleries.

Charley Creek Inn is immersed in the charm of the historic district. The 1920s boutique hotel is within steps of downtown attractions, including Eagles

Theater and the Honeywell Center, and a short drive from golf courses, wineries, parks, and museums, as well as the major cities of Fort Wayne and Indianapolis.





Having debuted in 1920 as Hotel Indiana, then falling into disrepair throughout many lively decades, Charley Creek Inn was returned to its former glory in 2010 through a meticulous two-year restoration process. Today, old-world elegance seamlessly blends with convenient modern touches during each unique stay at this historic boutique hotel that has thrived for a century as one of Wabash County's iconic landmarks.



ARCHITECT & DESIGN

Charley Creek Inn was designed by one of the most prominent architects from Lafayette, Indiana, Charles Wheeler Nicol. It opened in 1920 after only 10 months of construction. Beyond its striking Georgian-Revival facade, the two-story lobby was adorned with lustrous, neoclassical motifs with plaster decoration, which formed an embellishment around the second-floor mezzanine openings. Clerestory windows admitted sunlight to the lobby. Shiny terrazzo floors bestrewed the main areas of the building, while the mezzanine was outfitted with Wilton carpets. The building housed one of only two passenger elevators in town, which carried visitors amongst the four floors. The cost of the hotel, at that time, was \$250,000. A large amount of that money came from 150 Wabash investors who became known as the Wabash Hotel Corp., who leased the property to Red Apple Inn.

Eventually converting to an efficiency apartment building and falling into disrepair, the hotel obtained a new lease on life in 2007, when local philanthropist and historic preservation aficionado Richard E. Ford, of the Ford Meter Box family, bought and renovated the building. RATIO Architects, Brandt Construction, and Rowland Design worked with local subcontractors on the rehabilitation that took three years to complete. The exterior was restored to its historic appearance, including replacing previously removed cast stone details, repairing historic wood windows, and restoring original features such as the parapet and the canopies over the main entrances. The stunning two-story lobby was refurbished with crystal chandeliers, graceful period furnitures, and arched doorways. The original 80 rooms were converted to 21 enlarged guest rooms and nine suites, individually-appointed with vintage wall coverings, designer fabric, original artwork, and antique furniture.

Who was RICHARD E. FORD (FEBRUARY 27, 1939-APRIL 16, 2014)



Richard Edwin Ford devoted much of his life to volunteerism and philanthropic endeavors. After working as a salesman for his family firm, Ford Meter Box, in Washington D.C. for 20 years, he returned to Wabash in 1980. At that time, he took up numerous civic causes involving the arts, historic preservation and the humanities.

Ford's growing interest in historic preservation took him to various towns and cities in the United States and Europe where he saw preservation efforts at work. He became involved in projects to save the city of Venice, Italy, from flooding and he was on the board of directors of the American Museum in Britain. In America, he served as president of the Council of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

He established the Charley Creek Foundation, an organization which created the Charley Creek Gardens and sponsors Artsfest, an annual event featuring art exhibits, art sales and music performances.

He was a life member of the Honeywell Foundation, where his father, Wilbur Ford, was president for many years. The Olivette Room and the Tower Room were among his projects at the Honeywell Center.

Ford was a major force behind the creation of The Wabash County Historical Museum. At the same time the new museum project was underway, he was also developing the Dr. James Ford Historic Home. Dr. Ford, Richard's great-grandfather lived and practiced medicine in the home that is now a small museum.

The major project of his later years was the restoration of the Hotel Indiana, which he renamed the Charley Creek Inn. Ford was the recipient of awards from many organizations. In 2011, Indiana Landmarks honored him with the Cook Cup for his preservation efforts in restoring Charley Creek Inn.



A portion of the roof features a new vegetated green roof and a rooftop event space, showcasing the sweeping views from one of the tallest structures in the city. The \$15 million restoration was completed strictly in compliance with historic preservation guidelines.

With unexpected growth, in 2015, Charley Creek Inn contracted Easterday Construction and SRKM Architecture for an expansion project. In June 2017, the addition created more space for the commercial kitchen, a maintenance wing, employee entrance and outdoor private event space, referred to as The Courtyard.



ACCOMMODATION

Each guest room exudes old-charm with opulent wall coverings, designer fabrics, stunning original artwork, and antique furniture. The distinctive ambiance is a reflection of the culture and illustrious legacy that forms an integral part of the building. It's not all about nostalgia though - timeless traditions meet contemporary comforts in the best of 21st-century amenities. From complimentary WIFI, flat-screen televisions, and individual climate controls to plush linens, lavish towels, and thick comforters,

DELUXE SUITES

Reflecting the storied past of this quaint central Indiana destination, these gorgeous suites are designed to transport guests back in time, while enriching every moment with memorable experiences. Relax by the fireplace, or spread out on the plush bed before drifting off to dreamland.

PRICES START FROM \$339

FULL SUITES

Find yourself surrounded by captivating décor from the Regency period and a unique vibe that embodies the essence of yesteryear. Lounge on the bed, sit back on the pull-out couch and watch your favorite shows on the flat-screen television, or sink into the spa tub in the spacious shower. Blending functionality with sophistication and convenience, our full suites are ideal for those who like additional living space when they travel.

PRICES START FROM \$232

JUNIOR SUITES

Whether you're surfing through your favorite channels on the oversized flat-screen TV, relaxing in the spacious bathroom, or stretching out on the plush bed before calling it a day, our Junior Suites will make every moment feel a bit more extraordinary. PRICES START FROM \$185

AT YOUR SERVICE...



Howard M. Kaler
GENERAL MANAGER

Howard has been the General Manager of Charley Creek Inn since 2011. A graduate of Cornell University's School of

Hotel Administration, he has more than 40 years of management experience in the hospitality industry, 29 of which have been dedicated to the management and renovation of historic hotels.

Prior to accepting the management position at Charley Creek Inn, Kaler was the General Manager of the award-winning *Hotél Pattee* in Perry, Iowa where he was responsible for the hotel receiving six years of Four Diamond Awards from AAA/CAAA. Kaler and *Hotél Pattee* were featured by *Country Living*, *Midwest Living*, *National Geographic Traveler*, *Nordic Reach*, *American Bungalow Word*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Chicago Tribune*, *the Los Angeles Times*, and *The Food Network*



Eric Wilson
EXECUTIVE CHEF

Hailing from Kalamazoo, Michigan, Chef Eric started his journey in the food service industry when he was 14 years old. He

has studied culinary arts at the *Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago*. His diverse expertise stems from the spent several years he spent in Chicago and the Detroit metro area, studying under great chefs and learning the intricacies of French, American Southern, Indian, Mediterranean, and Irish cuisine.

A place is more than the bricks and mortar, that go into its construction, but prospers by the people who work there and give it life.

At Charley Creek Inn, we pride ourselves in filling our charming boutique hotel with staff whose mission is to provide guests with an exceptional experience. Each team member plays a vital role in the hotel's 4-Star rating.



DINING AT TWENTY RESTAURANT

Enjoy fine dining at Twenty, serving regional cuisine, seafood, steaks, and hand-made pastas and breads. Explore our breakfast, lunch, and dinner menus, featuring a stunning variety. Savor favorites like the Shrimp Cocktail, Lobster Mac & Cheese, and Charley Creek Bibb Salad, while sipping on some of the finest regional and world-renowned wines to complement every delicious bite.

[VIRTUAL TOUR](#)

SOCIALIZING IN THE SHOPPES & GREEN HAT LOUNGE

Indulge in a myriad of delectable experiences surrounded by 1920s grandeur. At Charley Creek Inn, we've packed every square inch of our historic downtown Wabash retail space with the things you love. Our twin shoppes and lounge are destinations in and of themselves.

WINE & CHEESE SHOPPE

Choose from a vast selection of wines, craft beers, and gourmet cheeses, as the tranquil atmosphere of our Wine & Cheese Shoppe gives rise to perfect moments of repose. From wine tastings, wines by the glass, and retail bottle sales to beer flights, and small-batch spirits, there's a lot in store in this serene shoppe.

ICE CREAM & CANDY SHOPPE

Get a taste of small-town charm and indulge in sweet nostalgia at our Ice Cream & Candy Shoppe. With eight flavors of hand-dipped ice cream, classic milkshakes, retro candies, and artisan chocolates from South Bend Chocolate Company, this is the finest place in downtown Wabash for delighting your sweet tooth. Try the Albanese gummies, glass bottled microbrew sodas, and candy by the pound, or have a chat with our staff members about customizable gift baskets and candy buffets for a variety of special occasions.

GREEN HAT LOUNGE

With its mix of dark wood décor, custom red upholstery, and a wall-to-wall mural of Hoagy Carmichael, the Green Hat Lounge is perfect for enjoying a laid-back evening in downtown Wabash. Enjoy classic cocktails, including seasonal martinis and our signature Bloody Mary. Choose from more than 200 bottles of wine or try one of our draft beers. Let the retro ambiance and cozy vibe set the stage for enthralling live performances, inspired by the style of legendary American musicians like Cole Porter each Saturday September through May.





HOSTING AN EVENT IN AN ELEGANT, HISTORIC VENUE

No celebration is too grand or too small. With more than 8,500 square feet of combined flexible space, we can host events for 2 to 200 guests. Whether it's a quick breakout session, an extended conference, a bridal shower, rehearsal dinner, ceremony or reception, our state-of-the-art AV technology, unmatched service, and customized menus have all your needs covered. And with a diverse variety of indoor and outdoor venues, each featuring a unique vibe, you can rest assured that our Wabash, Indiana hotel will provide the ideal setting for your event.

BIG FOUR BALLROOM

Named after the Big Four Railroad that passed through Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio, this is the hotel's original ballroom. Both elegant and expansive, it's the perfect setting for the grandest of celebrations.

CAPACITY 90 • PRICES START FROM \$350 • 1,775 Sq. Ft.

[VIRTUAL TOUR](#)



BIG FOUR BALLROOM

CLOUD CLUB

Enjoy breathtaking views and make every occasion come alive. With both indoor and outdoor spaces, this well-lit rooftop venue is Wabash's only "green space. The Cloud Club features a rooftop garden room and specially engineered vegetative mats that add a layer of insulation and cool the building.

CAPACITY 32 • PRICES START FROM \$125 • 486 Sq. Ft.

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CLOUD CLUB

THE COURTYARD

Make memories under the open sky. Opened in 2017, the Courtyard features a fireplace and a stage for live performances. The peaceful atmosphere is perfect for birthday parties, corporate events, religious retreats, and intimate ceremonies alike.

CAPACITY 48 • PRICES START FROM \$350 • 2,200 Sq. Ft.

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THE COURTYARD

WABASH CANNONBALL ROOM

The upper section of the hotel's original ballroom, this inviting spacious venue is named after the luxurious Cannonball trains that featured smokers and parlor coaches.

CAPACITY 90 • PRICES START FROM \$225 • 2,128 Sq. Ft.

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WABASH CANNONBALL ROOM

BIG FOUR BALLROOM & WABASH CANNONBALL ROOM

CAPACITY 180 • PRICES START FROM \$500



RIDENOUR BOARDROOM

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Adjacent to the second-floor mezzanine, this traditional meeting room is named after Jim Ridenour, a Wabash native and graduate of Wabash High School. The cozy event space is ideal for small conferences or church groups.

CAPACITY 10 • PRICES START FROM \$60 • 360 Sq. Ft.



RICHARD E. FORD DINING ROOM

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Named after Richard E. Ford, the philanthropist and historic preservation enthusiast who restored the building to its Preservation Era glory, this wine-themed event space creates an inspiring setting for business events and social gatherings.

CAPACITY 24 • PRICES START FROM \$125 • 425 Sq. Ft.

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VIRGINIA FORD MEZZANINE

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An extension of the lobby space below, this space is a throwback to a popular architectural feature from the early 1900s. Today, this charming venue plays host to a variety of social gatherings.

CAPACITY 40 • PRICES START FROM \$60 • 900 Sq. Ft.



GATSBY ROOM

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This semi-private dining room inside the Twenty restaurant draws inspiration from F. Scott Fitzgerald's 1920s masterpiece, *The Great Gatsby*. Featuring a warm and welcoming vibe, this venue is ideal for breakfast, lunch, and dinner events.

CAPACITY 20 • 400 Sq. Ft.

[VIRTUAL TOUR](#)

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

**STATE OF INDIANA DIVISION OF
HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND ARCHAEOLOGY**
Outstanding Commercial Rehabilitation Award

INDIANA LANDMARKS
Cook Cup for Outstanding Restoration

THE CRAZY TOURIST
#2 Romantic Getaway in Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY MAGAZINE
Dreamiest Destination Hotel

TRAVEL MYTH
Top 20 4-Star Hotels in Indiana

HOTELS COMBINED
Recognition of Excellence

TRIPADVISOR
Certificate of Excellence Hall of Fame

BOOKING.COM
Guest Review Award

FORT WAYNE NEWSPAPERS READERS' CHOICE
Best Hotel

WABASH PLAIN DEALER READERS' CHOICE
Best Hotel, Fine Dining & Banquet Facility

OPEN TABLE
Diners' Choice



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"Timeless elegance meets small town luxury"



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ROOMS

INCLUDING
4 Junior Suites
2 Full Suites
3 Deluxe Suites

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VENUES

INCLUDING
3 Private Dining Rooms
1 Boardroom
2 Ballrooms
1 Courtyard
1 Mezzanine

