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Whether taking in the history of late night TV, sifting through George Carlin's personal digitized notes, learning the history of the non-profit military support organization USO, or simply chuckling at photos of Bill Murray during his Saturday Night Live run (1977-1980), the National Comedy Center has something for everyone.

WHERE TO STAY

The new Chautauqua Harbor Hotel's nine-acre parcel was formerly home to Celoron Amusement Park, which opened to wide acclaim in 1894 as the top park attraction between New York City and Chicago, attracting over 500,000 people at the turn of the century.

Kids loved the zoo, adults enjoyed the vaudeville acts, and everyone partook in the rides, including a roller coaster, famous swing ride, and giant Phoenix Wheel, one of the first and largest Ferris wheels of its kind. The park's decline started with the end of trolley and steamer service. Then, huge fires and natural disasters razed nearly all the key buildings and roller coaster, sealing the park's fate.

For the price of \$38 million, the grounds

have been resurrected. From the outside, with its Arts and Crafts-style facade, stone accents, expansive patio area, homey fire pits, and 1,100 feet of lake frontage, the hotel embodies #lakeliving. Inside, many of the 135 luxury guest rooms feature balconies and lake views, as do the indoor and outdoor pools and fully stacked fitness center. The Lake House Tap & Grille is open daily for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The outdoor Carousel Bar is connected via footbridge to Sunset Island, the former home of the swing ride and an unparalleled setting for wedding ceremonies, receptions, and performances. The Pier Ballroom and Conference Center can accommodate up to 450 people.

Check-in affords a preview of the laughs

to come with the National Comedy Center satellite exhibit showcase adjoining the lobby. The "Hilarious Getaway Package," a must, will tickle your funny bone with a welcome gift bag of museum tickets, meal vouchers to Lakehouse Tap & Grille, and Groucho Marx glasses that'll score you complimentary dessert. Rooms start at \$179 and the getaway package for two starts at \$239 a night.

While there's plenty to do, there's even more to see. The hotel's greatest amenity is Chautauqua Lake, pretty by day, with breathtaking sunsets by evening. Life's problems get pushed aside when the sky is ablaze in that churning symphony of pink, red, and orange. What color is that, anyway? My favorite color: sunset.

ATTRACTIONS

Panama Rocks Scenic Park

Explore a half-mile long ridge of 60-foot high rock forming crevices, passageways, and caves hidden in an ancient forest. The Panama Rocks are surrounded by a one-mile long hiking trail where veering off-course to explore is highly encouraged.

Chautauqua Institution

Every summer Chautauqua Institution comes alive with a mix of fine and performance arts, lectures, concerts, faith and religion programs, and recreational activities. Whether for a day or a week, over 100,000 visitors participate in programs and classes each year at this educational community on the shores of Chautauqua Lake.

Robert J. Jackson Center

The center is dedicated to the life and work of U.S. Supreme Court Associate

Justice Robert J. Jackson, who served as chief U.S. prosecutor at Nuremberg. The historical center features interactive exhibits, presentations, and media exploring the universal principles of equality, fairness, and justice.

Frank Lloyd Wright's Graycliff Estate

Nestled high on a bluff overlooking Lake Erie, it is considered the most significant summer home Wright ever designed.

Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History

Connect with nature through education, art, and science at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History. The institution has preserved Peterson's lifetime body of work containing manuscripts, paintings, still and motion pictures, and personal effects.



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