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BLOG: LINCOLN NH TOUR

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Tour: Lincoln, NH

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On Wednesday April 12th, the Granite State Ambassadors had a fun filled day of multiple tours in Lincoln, NH. We started out at Jean's Playhouse and later made the short walk to the RiverWalk Resort at Loon Mountain, where we had lunch at La Vista Restaurant, enjoyed a wine tasting at Seven Birches Winery, and had the chance to see the fabulous accommodations and amenities at the RiverWalk Resort.

Jean's Playhouse

Our lovely host Sharon Paquette, the Producing Artistic Director at Jean's Playhouse, started by bringing us into the theater, which has 260 seats and is very spacious and comfortable. We then explored the lobby area while she gave us a brief history of the theater, and enlightened us on some of the upcoming shows. The season begins on June 29th, 2017 and you can see their full list of productions [here](#). In addition to these main stage shows, they also have a traveling Children's Theater called [IMPACT](#), which features specially written plays geared towards younger audiences. Their actors range in age from 18 on up, and Jean's is passionate about hiring New Hampshire talent. They have partnered with many local restaurants offering "[Dinner And A Show](#)" discounts that would make for a great night out! GSA's are also fortunate as Jean's offers a special PERK for GSAs of half price tickets. Visit the Perks page on the GSA website [HERE](#) for details. There are concessions and even a full bar offering playfully themed drinks to match some of the shows! They allow you to bring your refreshments into the theater as well! They have some wonderful acts coming up this season, so don't miss out! Located about one hour north of Concord, Jean's Playhouse would love to see even more visitors from southern NH. You can also subscribe to their email list at the bottom of their [homepage](#).

RiverWalk Resort at Loon Mountain

La Vista Italian Cuisine and Seven Birches Winery

Our next stop was La Vista Italian Cuisine, the restaurant located right inside the RiverWalk Resort. We were greeted with warm hospitality from the manager, Doug Smith, and his staff. We had the chance to sample some of their creative pizzas made in their 650 degree brick oven, some salads and specialty dipping bread as well. No one left hungry, and everyone said it was delicious! The ingredients were fresh, and the dough is made from scratch in house and was absolutely delicious. ½ price pizza is on Wednesday nights so go check them out! To learn more about their restaurant or see their menu, click [here](#)!

Seven Birches Winery is also a must see and is the perfect activity to do if you're visiting Lincoln. They started in 2010 by partnering with Windy Ridge Orchard in North Haverhill, NH which is now one of their main sources for the apples, blueberries and other fruit they use in their wines. They offer \$10 tastings that last between half an hour to forty five minutes which provides a nice opportunity to taste the delicious blends. Their Winery Tour is also an option, where you can learn the history of the winery and see the passion the winemakers press into every bottle. Their wine is sold at this Lincoln location and is also available at a few local shops in town.

Turn your wine tastings into a summer adventure by making Seven Birches Winery one of your many stops by following New Hampshire's [wine, cheese and chocolate trail](#) or the [NH Wineries passport program](#). Whether you are up for a play at Jean's Playhouse or just catching dinner with friends, stopping at Seven Birches is one of the classiest attractions around and will definitely add to your Lincoln experience.

To wrap up the afternoon Brian Willette - Sales Manager, and Renee Blood - General Manager of the RiverWalk Resort at Loon took us on a tour of this elegant new lodging property. Accommodations range in size and include studio units, one bedroom and two bedroom units. There is even an Executive Suite, a Presidential Suite and a Penthouse! Each unit is fully and very comfortably furnished, features a full kitchen and other creature comforts like whirlpool soaking tubs and fireplaces.

Balconies off the units offer amazing views of the nearby mountain and ski slopes or the village of Lincoln. While the resort does function like a hotel - many of the units are privately owned, and there are still some units available for purchase! The first two floors even allow pets!

Some of the amenities include a lovely spa, full gym, ice skating rink, campfire pits and an outdoor heated pool, that you enter from indoors! Oh - and the resort is very family friendly and has a good size game room sure to entertain. There is even on-site adventure concierge, ready to help you plan a day hike, snowshoe adventure, a kayaking trip or more, as there is SO much to see and do in this region.

There are two more future phases planned for the resort with many exciting additions, including room for the Winery to grow and even a 300 seat convention center.

The Granite State Ambassadors thank all of our gracious hosts again for providing a full day of fun and learning. We won't soon forget all that these attractions have to offer.

In case you missed it, last week's newsletter featured a number of comments from the GSAs who attended the tour. Here are a couple more...

"What a delightful experience the GSAs had in Lincoln. The combination of the theater, lunch, the hotel and the winery was fabulous! Each stop was unique and fascinating. It was also very well orchestrated. One takeaway that immediately jumps into my mind was the lunch. We were told we would have a pizza lunch. That just really didn't describe the gourmet lunch they laid out for us. The Caesar salad was delightful. And the array of pizza's with a variety of interesting toppings, cut small so we could try a lot, was really delicious. I love the thin and crispy crust. I look forward to returning. They are only open at dinner and brunch on Sundays but they said they might expand to lunch in the future." - Sue G.

"The size of the suites and the layout of the new RiverWalk Resort was impressive. You could tell they paid a lot of attention to detail when planning and building it. Large storage areas for unit owners makes it easy to take advantage of all seasons in the white mountains. The resort's location is key - views, amenities and everything the white mountains has to offer, right outside your door! C. M. Class of 2016

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