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## BLOG: THE CENTENNIAL HOTEL – CONCORD

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The Centennial Hotel

generously provided the food for our March Certification Training at the NH Historical Society. I can't say enough about their food, their service and how easy they were to work with to cater our 2-day training. I highly recommend their offsite catering to anyone looking to make their event fantastic and stress free.

On April 8th a large group of GSAs was invited to tour *The Centennial Hotel* on 96 Pleasant Street in Concord. They not only had a full breakfast buffet for us, they did an incredible presentation about their hotel, their management company *Hay Creek* and their community involvement. I personally place businesses with the vision to give back to their communities at the very top of the list. *Hay Creek* has many other beautiful specialty hotels and resorts that bring other New England historical landmarks back to life.





The Centennial's dedicated & enthusiastic staff were as impressive as the charming luxury boutique hotel. The hotel and Granite Restaurant and Bar have an intimate, comfortable feel and the unique history of the building is

perfectly intermingled with their contemporary decor throughout the hotel and 32 rooms.

Here's what others that joined us for the tour had to say:

Thank you for providing feedback: Norma A., Charlotte K., Rita G., Sonya C, Kathleen K, Marilyn GS, Diane L.

### Why did you want to attend this tour?

- I live nearby but never afforded the luxury of staying at the Inn or dinner at the restaurant.
- There is very little in Concord in the way of upscale dining and accommodations. I have wanted to stop and see the hotel for myself for a long time. We are always looking for dining on our way home from the north country.
- I have been to the Centennial Hotel for lunch this past winter; but had no idea of its history or amenities.
- I don't know a lot about Concord and don't go there much, so take every opportunity to learn more.
- I am interested in nearby locations that I never knew of helps me make better referrals.
  I was an attendee in the NH Historical Society/Centennial Inn class of 2016 along with my husband
- and wanted to know more about the hotel and services.I wanted to hear the history of this hotel as I have eaten at the Granite Restaurant and it was
- I wanted to hear the history of this hotel as I have eaten at the Granite Restaurant and it was
  delicious. Also wanted to see the rooms...love seeing the men's room while on tour



# What did you learn about the Centennial that you found most surprising? What made you say 'Wow, that's great!' or 'I hadn't known that before?'

- The history is most interesting and the restoration of the building while still preserving its history is remarkable. I was not aware of their service to the hospital and families. Also liked hearing about their Jazz night.
- The beeeeautiful rooms, the reasonable rates/packages, and history of the building itself.
- Since I had never been to this area, I was surprised to see such a beautiful historic hotel there. I also didn't know there were so many state offices here and if you kept going on Pleasant St. you would come to Concord Hospital.
- It is a unique hotel and not just one of the usual and only a couple of blocks from the center of the city. They even offer meeting rooms that cater to small groups and they have a catering service also.
- I hadn't known how beautiful the hotel rooms are and how well-appointed. I also had no idea the original 1892 structural features of the building were so well preserved and visible.
- I had no idea they give so much to the community and work with you to make your stay memorable. They rate a 12 on a scale of 1-10.

### Imagine a visitor asking for recommendations for visiting The Centennial - what would you tell them?

- I did not know that the Inn was a part of a larger Management and Financial Company and was amazed at the amount of other beautiful facilities that were partnered. The slide showing and info of these was great.
- It is a cozy upscale home away from home type of facility with good food on the property, and a close location to downtown Concord. Nice to stay even after a day of skiing up in the north country or visiting our nature sites during the warmer seasons.
- There is a gem of a hotel in Concord that will have all the comforts of home with great rooms, delicious food, and wonderful staff.
   It's a cozy, comfortable, historic hotel-a hidden gem. I've never been to a place where people loved their jobs so much.
- It is neat and clean with happy staff, has only 32 rooms and a restaurant that serves three meals a day. They go the extra mile to please a guest; they even offer a robe, slippers, mint, cookies and a weather card daily.
- This building is an excellent example of the architecture of the 1890s and the staff provides the kind of hospitality and elegant accommodations, which would have been found in a hotel of that earlier era.
- It is amazing! The food is great and the wait staff is wonderful! If you are looking for a place that isn't just a hotel room, this is the place for you !

### What will you tell your family and friends about the Centennial?

- Discounts are offered to Concord Hospital patients and their families visiting needing accommodations
- Go try the restaurant and intimate bar area, They have bright and airy meeting space with lots of windows.
- We should all go there for dinner, I just know the food will be fabulous! Don't hesitate to suggest friends and family stay there!
- I was fascinated about the history. I think it would be a wonderful place for small, intimate gatherings.
- The history of this hotel is fascinating. Wait 'til I tell you about it.
- I will share the many ways in which the hotel owners and staff strive to engage the community and to provide support for medical and philanthropic causes. You have to experience it at least once!

### If you can only choose 1 best aspect: what was your favorite part about this tour?

- The breakfasts are included and meals are great and handy. A "package" might be best to choose over nightly rates if feasible. Catering is also offered and meaningfully done.
- Liked the luxuriousness of their services. The people and how proud they were of their hotel. When they care like that, you know they will care for their customers.
- I really enjoyed seeing the PowerPoint of all the locations that Hay Creek has.
- The enthusiasm with which the staff we met interact with their visitors and the eagerness with which they share information and insights about the building, the menu and the community in which they are working.
- I thought all the function rooms looked great...that's another plus for the Centennial and the off site catering.
- It is lovely, very clean, historic, and very friendly management at a relatively moderate cost. They will recommend some other of their facilities if traveling in ME and VT.









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