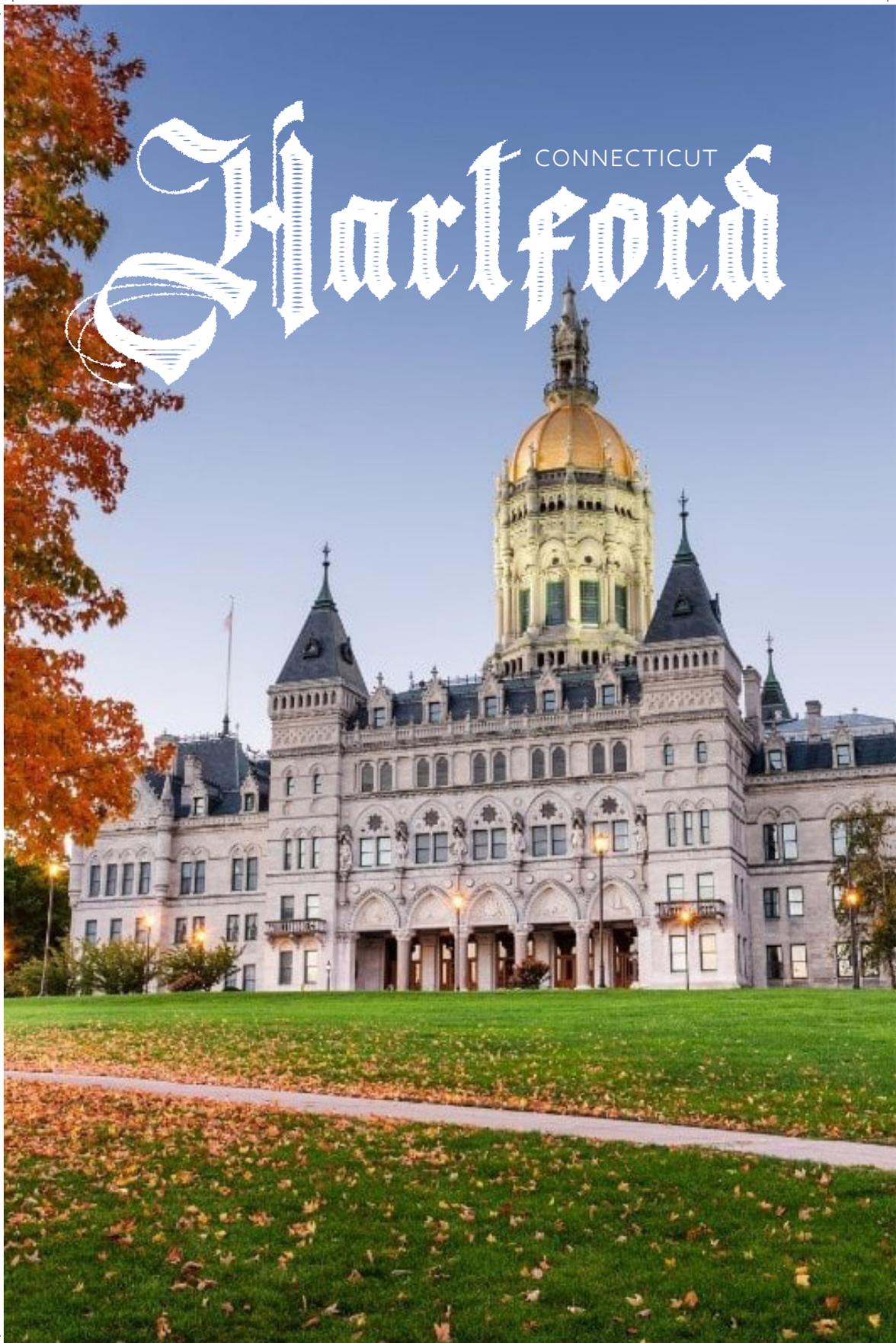


# Hartford

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Hartford is the capital of Connecticut in which was founded in 1635. It has a lot of historical places like the Wadsworth Atheneum, and Bushnell Park which are the oldest public museum of art and the oldest publicly founded park. Mark Twain even lived in this city where he wrote some of his most famous books. This city is a major industrial and commercial center because it has a port at the head of the Connecticut River. In this city there are seventeen diverse neighborhoods that have very great housing opportunities for individuals as well as families. In The State Capitol building which was completed in 1879 there are many historical elements including a tombstone of the hero Israel Putnam from the American Revolutionary War.

Hartford has a great night scene for people who love alternative rock and like to go out for dinner in drinks. There are many options for cuisine in this city along with drinks options as well. There are many attractions to do in your free time whether you are wanting to spend time in a park explore art or learn some history about Hartford. There are several colleges in the heart of Hartford and around the area that bring a young and invigorating energy to the city. The demographics of this city include a small amount go married couples and a great city for individuals to live in while starting out their adult lives. The commute to different places in the city is no more than twenty minutes. Hartford has a great culture and is hungry for more people and new inspirations. There are many bars, places to eat, and attractions that will give you many experiences to hold onto while visiting Hartford. This urban/suburban city will bring you the best of both worlds of being able to explore the city while also seeing its beautiful suburban areas.



# DID YOU KNOW ?

The Wadsworth Museum is Americas oldest public Art Museum . It houses over 50,000 artworks.



The population of Hartford is 120,576 people as of 2021.

Hartford was founded in 1635 by Thomas Hooker, John Haynes and their group of followers.

Mark Twain called Hartford, CT  
home from 1874 to 1891.

Hartford is the oldest town in  
Connecticut. In fact there are many  
artifacts that even date back to 1914.



Hartford is known as the Insurance capital of  
the World because of the amount of insurance  
companies headquartered there.

The Hartford Courant is the oldest continuously  
published newspaper in the country.

HISTORIC PLACES

# Mark Twain House and Museum

385 Farmington Avenue Hartford, CT 6105

Hours: Mon-Sun 9:30AM - 5:30PM

860-247-998



This house is where Mark lived for almost twenty years. In the house has some of his best known works which were also written while he lived in this house. Besides providing tours at the museum they also offer other activities and educational programs to highlight information about his life and history. There is a Museum Store that offers things for purchase like books and other souvenirs that are only available when visiting the House. A Cafe is also at the museum to provide a place for a quick bite to eat and drink before touring the house. They have a permanent display and other exhibitions that are changed throughout the year.



@themarktwainhouse



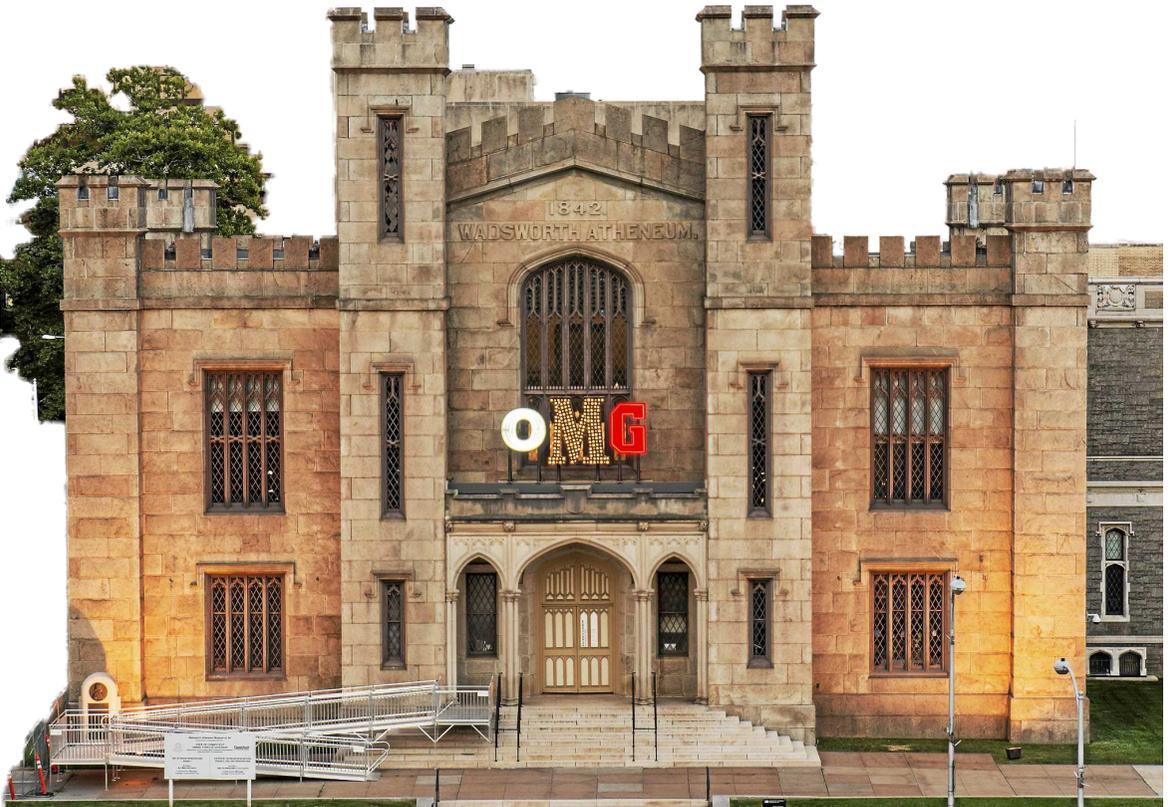
@themarktwainhousetmuseum



HISTORIC PLACES

# Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art

600 Main Street Hartford, CT 06103  
Hours: Thurs-Sun 12:00AM - 5:00PM  
860-278-2670





This Museum is Americas oldest public art museum that displays various works of art. They provide tours and also general admission. To have their customers be able to engage they have different workshops that they are able to participate in. They are passionate about people being able to learn more and grow their relationship with art which also making connections with other people in the museum. People are also able to donate and get a membership at the museum in order to attend events be apart of their community. They have various different galleries to explore that will allow you to experience so many kinds of art during your travels in Hartford.

 @thewadsworth

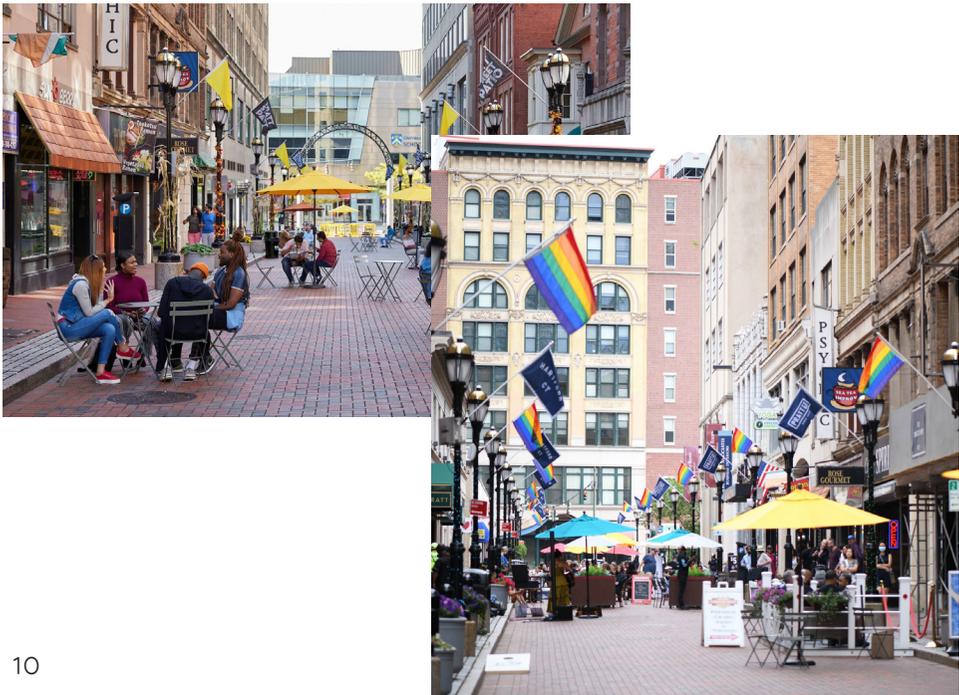
 @wadsworthatheneummuseumofart



# Pratt Street Historic District

Pratt Street Historic District Hartford, CT 06103  
[www.prattstreet.com](http://www.prattstreet.com)

This historic street is the center of downtown Hartford. There are various places to eat and drink so there are many options to satisfy your cravings. There are engraved sidewalk bricks with inscriptions that may give you a laugh while you are walking along this area. On this one block they hold many events throughout the year. This is definitely an area to explore and experience what the town of Hartford has to offer. This area is perfect for locals to have a community to be involved with but it is all perfect for to visit while you are in town just for the weekend.



 @prattstreethartford

 @prattstreet



# Bushnell Park Carousel

1 Jewell Street Hartford, CT 06103

860-232-6710

2\$ rides

This Carousel dates back to the 1900's, all of the figures are hand carved sculptures and to play the tunes of the carousel it houses a Wurlitzer band organ. This originally came from Ohio, and was brought to Hartford as the director of the Knox Foundation thought that the horses on the carousel would be a great symbol for the restoration qualities that Hartford has to offer. They then restored it to be better representative of the original Russian artists who hand-carved these horses to begin with. Every year there are thousands of people that take a ride on this carousel. To experience the Hartford feel going to the Bushnell Park will definitely give you glimpse into the cities history.





HISTORIC PLACES

# Elizabeth Park

1561 Asylum Ave, West Hartford, CT 6117  
elizabethparkct.org  
860-231-9443





@elizabethpark\_hartfordct



@elizabethparkhartfordct

This park is 100 acres of gardens and green space. Based on the season there are different kinds of flowers that change throughout the year. They have a famous rose garden. There are various ponds, bridges and two greenhouses throughout the garden. Their mission is to sustain the beauty of the garden and to continue on the generations of enjoyment of this unique horticultural urban oasis. Connecting diverse communities gives the ELizabeth Park such a purpose in making peoples lives more enjoyable when they visit here. This is a must see when visiting Hartford because of the unique experience it will give you to have memories of Hartford to last forever.

GRAB A BITE

# Treva

980 Farmington Ave, West Hartford, CT 06107

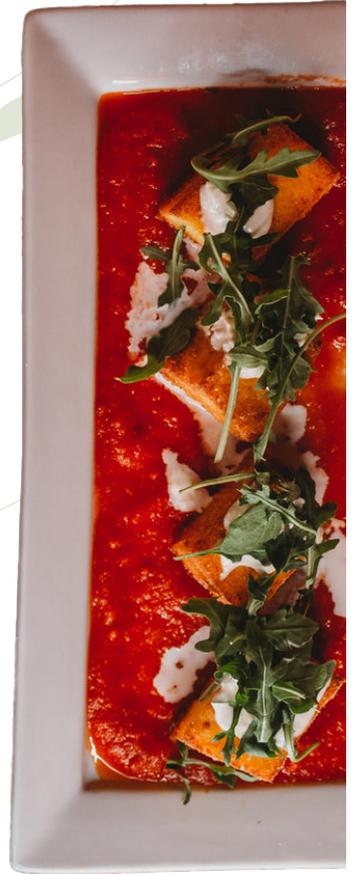
[www.trevact.com](http://www.trevact.com)

860-232-0407

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This is an Italian restaurant that is inspired from Central and Northern regions of Italy. They use the freshest and finest of ingredients that are in season to create dishes daily. They have been open since 2010. They have the best of the best chefs to ensure that their dishes are made from with the best quality technique and experience. They are a upscale restaurant that aims to provide great service along with delicious food that meets the highest expectations. They have a brunch, lunch and dinner menu along with a drink menu to go with the delicious meals you are bound to try at this dining experience.





@treuarestaurant



@treuarestaurantetbar



GRAB A BITE

# J Gilberts Wood Fired Steaks and Seafood

185 Glastonbury Blvd, Glastonbury, CT 06033

Sun: 4:00PM - 8:00PM

Mon-Thurs: 4:00PM - 9:00PM

Fri-Sat: 4:00PM - 10:00PM

860-659-0409

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@jgilbertswoodfiredsteaks



@jgilbertswoodfiredsteaksetseafood

This restaurant was originated in Kansas City and has now opened in only a few other cities throughout the United States. They pride themselves on having a top-rated steak that represents the Midwest feel. The restaurateur Joe Gilbert is who the restaurant was named after and he provides a very inviting service to his customers to make the experience just that much better. Along with their great quality steak they also provide great handcrafted cocktails and other beverages to compliment their meals. Along with their regular dining experience if you are up for something special they also have a private dining experience which allows you to have a bigger dining party.



GRAB A BITE

# Max Downtown

185 Asylum Street, Hartford, CT 06103

Lunch

Mon-Fri: 11:30AM - 2:30PM

Dinner

Mon-Thurs: 5:00PM - 9:00PM

Fri: 5:00PM - 10:00PM

Sat: 4:00PM - 10:00PM

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Max Downtown describes themselves to be a chop house. They also have a whiskey bar to go along with their dishes. This restaurant has been around since 1996 and has award-winning food and hospitality located in the center of Hartford. They continue to evolve throughout the years to ensure they are always providing classic fine dining with a modern touch. This restaurant is right in downtown Hartford so being able to explore the city while also enjoying great food is a day in itself to get a glimpse of what downtown Hartford is like. Max Downtown has won multiple awards and even was featured in the New York Times.



GRAB A BITE

# Artisan

1 Memorial Road, West Hartford, CT 06107

Lunch

Mon-Fri: 12:00AM - 3:00PM

Brunch

Sat et Sun: 11:00AM - 3:00PM

Dinner

Sun-Thurs: 4:00PM - 9:00PM

Fri-Sat: 4:00PM - 9:30PM

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This is an Italian Restaurant with a contemporary feel to their restaurant which they hope welcomes old and new. This is a casual but upscale restaurant where they aim to offer fresh Italian dishes that fuels their customers cravings for great Italian cuisine. They have a goal for their customers to feel at home and very comfortable while dining. The interior is filled with handcrafted wood work and Tuscan colors and hand painted murals. They have a very extensive wine list to compliment any dish served. As a restaurant they focus on sustainability, craftsmanship and making you experience unforgettable.





 @artisanwesthartford

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GRAB A BITE

# Black Eyed Sallys

350 Asylum Street, Hartford, CT 06103

Mon-Tues: closed

Wed and Thurs: 12:00PM - 8:30PM

Fri and Sat: 12:00PM - 9:00PM

Sun: 12:00PM - 8:00PM

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Black Eyed Sallys is an award winning Barbecue and Southern Cooking Restaurant. Along with being able to dig into some great barbecue they also have live music to make the ambiance and feel just that much better. Hartford is home to blues, jazz, and rock music which is the kind of music that you would expect to here while dining here. They have private party rooms which is great for if you are traveling and also celebrating a particular event this place could be somewhere you could celebrate at. Along with their dinner and lunch menu they also have Sunday Brunch.



@blackeyedsallys



@blackeyedsallyssouthernkitchenetbar

LOCAL EVENTS

# The Harwinton Fair

150 Locust Rd, Harwinton, CT 06791

Friday through Sunday

October 6th, 7th, et 8th



 @harwintonfair



The Harwinton Fair is almost 200 years old and goes on for three days that involves music, competitions, and food. There are many different kinds of food vendors and displays to see while attending. This Fair happens during October and they offer many activities that range in many interests so it is very open for many different people to come to. You can become a member in order to be apart of the Harwinton Agricultural Society which is a non-profit organization . Becoming a member allows you to help out and volunteer for different talents and capabilities to help maintain and grow the Fair.



## LOCAL EVENTS

# Hartfords St Patricks May Parade

150 Locust Rd, Harwinton, CT 06791  
Saturday February 11

Hartfords St. Patricks Day Parade is hosted by The Central Connecticut Celtic Cultural Committee. The purpose of this group is to foster and promote the cultural and historical contributions of Irish and Irish-American individuals and groups in Central Connecticut. You are able to become a sponsor that create better marketing and positioning of services throughout the Hartford Community. You can also gain recognition has you support services of companies during the parade season. This parade has been going on for the past fifty plus years and it helps to draw around 60,000 participants every year. This has become one of the largest annual crowd attracting events for the City of Hartford.





# Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz

1 Jewel St, Bushnell Park, Hartford, CT  
Thurs-Sun July 18-21

Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz happens in July every year. It is a non-profit organization that has drawn many music lovers to Bushnell Park for picnics and world-class entertainment. It was founded by Paul Brown who is a music creator and educator. This event has grown to be the largest free of charge jazz event in new England that has over 100,000 thousand people attend over this three day event. This year was their thirty second annual celebration of jazz. Many volunteers donate their time to work at the Festival and it helps to present the world of jazz in a contemporary way.





@hartfordjazz\_ghfj



@thegreaterhartfordfestivalofjazz



A PLACE TO STAY

# The Goodwin

1 Haynes Street Hartford, CT 06103

Make a reservation: [reservations@goodwinhartford.com](mailto:reservations@goodwinhartford.com)

telephone 860-246-1881

279\$ to 509\$ per night



@goodwin\_hotel



@thegoodwinhotel

The Goodwin Hotel provides a classic vibe with a modern flair in the heart of downtown Hartford. They have been open since 1881 and is a true representation of the architectural styles of Hartford. It is eclectic while having a cosmopolitan vibe. It was originally an apartment building but it was converted to a hotel and they preserves the facade of when it used to be an apartment building. This hotel has become an iconic landmark for Hartford. This boutique hotel is focused to provide you with the best guest experiences and allow you to enjoy your time while visiting the city of Hartford.

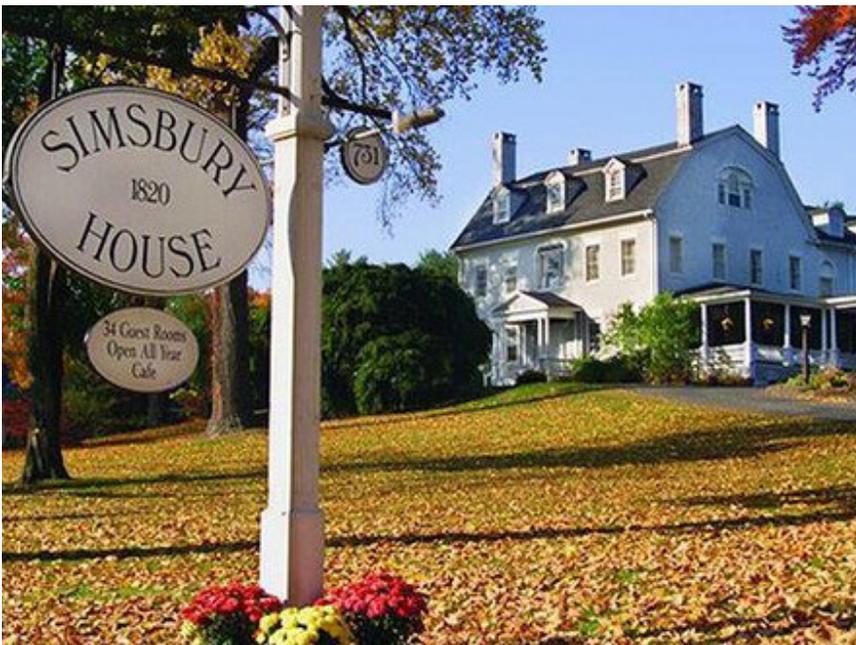


A PLACE TO STAY

# The Simsbury Bed and Breakfast

1820 House - 731 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, CT 06070  
169\$ per night

This House is a Bed and Breakfast that can be describes a Country Inn. This is the perfect historical Inn to stay at while also having an elegant feel with modern amenities and personalized service in a period setting. The building is made up of colonial architecture, tranquil gardens, and a porch. There is a complimentary breakfast every morning. They have free wifi, TVs and air conditioning in their units. There is free breakfast every morning. This would be such a unique experience to have while staying in a new city to really get a feel for the history and maybe even be able to have breakfast with some new faces.





@classichotelsfct



@classichotelsconnecticut



A PLACE TO STAY

# The Silas W Robbins House

85 Broad St, Wethersfield, CT 06109-3133  
150\$ per night





@silas\_w\_robbins



@silaswrobbinshousebedandbreakfast

The Silas W Robbins House is an elegant Bed and Breakfast that has five rooms that each are equipped with a private bath, and beautiful interiors. This house is from the 17th and 18th century. It truly is one of a kind with an mansard roof, porte cochere, and a so many other elaborate architectural elements. It is walking distance to several dining options and is a quick drive away from attractions. This bed and Breakfast is in Old Wethersfeld which is the largest historic district in Connecticut. It is also located along the Connecticut River giving this place beautiful nature views.



SHOP AROUND

# Greenwich

1 Jewel St, Bushnell Park, Hartford, CT  
Thurs-Sun July 18-21

This provides a luxury atmosphere that has great dining while also having twenty one top stores to shop. There are places for clothing accessories or just a souvenir for a trip. This is a major shopping district that is well known for great stores. It is relaxing helps to reduce your stress in the beautiful surroundings in this shopping district. The main street to shop on is called Greenwich Avenue. Even though this is a shopping center that has many different stores it is actually in a quaint part of Connecticut. Along with your shopping excursions there are plenty other activities like biking and horseback riding in the area.





SHOP AROUND

# Blue Black Square

65 Memorial Rd, West Hartford, CT 06107





There are many places to eat and shop in this shopping center. There are even boutique shops and entertainment options like their movie theater. There are two parking garages and street parking making it very easy to access. Some of the shops even have events. Throughout the shopping district there are murals that create an inspirational and artsy feel to the area. There are many activities to take part in besides just shopping at this shopping center. So not only will you possibly be able to get a souvenir you'll be able to participate in other experiences like viewing the art in the area or seeing a movie.

 @blueblacksquare

 @blueblacksquare



# Westfarms

500 New Britain Ave, West Hartford, CT 06110

This is a premier shopping center that contains so many stores including high end stores and also restaurants to grab a bite to eat while shopping around. They have different events that go on throughout the year. They even have a mall-o-ween coming up to have the kids be able to celebrate Halloween. This shopping experience will mainly provide you with other similar experiences that you've had at other malls except with some more upper scaled stores. If you forget something or simply want to put together some new outfits while on vacation this would be a great spot for you.





 @shopwestfarms

 @westfarms

