

Lancaster Arts Hotel

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Taking the 'bored' out of board meetings

Lancaster City is often culturally linked to Lancaster County, which is well known for its Amish heritage. While the city embraces Pennsylvania Dutch tradition, it also offers a thriving contemporary arts community and a growing downtown center. The contrast provides residents and travelers a dimension of culture and art that few other areas can offer.

Nothing in the city demonstrates this quite like the Lancaster Arts Hotel, a tobacco warehouse turned boutique hotel. "It's a great mix of old and new," said Mara Sultan, director of sales at the hotel. "We are trying to promote everything that the locals know about Lancaster — things that the tourists don't see."

The building's exposed brick, beams and rustic wood posts contrast pleasantly with contemporary design and furniture. And the elements work together effortlessly. Guest rooms also find a balance between 19th century warehouse and 21st century chic. All rooms feature locally crafted furniture and amenities, such as iPod docking stations, Wi-Fi service and flat-screen televisions. The art, of course, changes regularly and is always the work of a Lancaster County native.

But there's more to this property than the typical hotel. Conducting board meetings, brainstorming sessions, company retreats and other business functions outside the office are common ways to encourage creative thinking, and the Lancaster Arts Hotel has the innovative business space to fit the bill. With a meeting room right in its art gallery, just think of the possibilities.

"This is not your typical, boxy board room," said Sultan. "The art changes every few months so it's a different experience every time."

The art gallery board room can accommodate up to 20 people. Larger meetings and events can be held in the late afternoon or evening, or be

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Above: Situated in the heart of downtown Lancaster, the Lancaster Arts Hotel showcases original artwork throughout, from the lobby to its suites. PHOTO/JEREMY HESS

coordinated in partnership with various unique clubs and surrounding venues that complement the hotel.

The hotel staff can also arrange for city tours, special packages and even team-building exercises for business guests. One of the newest activities offered is a seasonal, hands-on cooking class hosted in conjunction with the Essen Cooking School.

As a fixture on the National Register of Historic Places and a member of Historic Hotels of America, rest assured that the Lancaster Arts Hotel will put your next business meeting outside the box. ■



Above: John J. Jeffries bar
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Left: Art gallery board room
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Far left, top: Suk Shuglie presidential suite
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Far left, bottom: Hotel lobby
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