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PLAN, BOOK and PLAY With the greatest of ease.

When considering Hartford as a meeting and convention destination, think about this — we make it easy for you and your group to get here, stay here, enjoy here and save here.

We're an intimate city that stimulates the senses with our dynamic culture, international arts and historic flavors. Along with that, we're adding 540,000 square feet of meeting and convention space to the 200,000 square feet of existing exhibition space that's already here in places such as the Hartford Civic Center and the Connecticut Expo Center.

Convention Center Opens Summer 2005 June 2005 will mark the next phase in Hartford's renaissance when the Connecticut Convention Center takes its place as one of New England's most vibrant and contemporary meeting venues. The 540,000 square foot facility situated along the Connecticut River is the anchor of Adriaen's Landing, which includes a 30-acre retail and entertainment complex along Front Street, as well as a state-of-the-art Science & Exploration Center. Nearby visitors can enjoy 6.5 miles of walking trails, parklands and access to boating facilities.

Riverfront Festival in Hartford



NEW FLEXIBLE & INNOVATIVE SPACE

Energy, excitement and momentum in Hartford, New England's Rising Star, continue to build. The Connecticut Convention Center's flexible and innovative meeting and banquet facilities can host groups from 20 to 7,000 people.

The center will include:

- 140,000 square foot exhibition hall
- 40,000 square foot ballroom
- 25,000 square feet of meeting space
- Attached 22-story Marriott Hotel which will open Summer 2005 and feature 409 luxurious rooms, meeting space, restaurants and a rooftop indoor pool and fitness area.

Our exceptional hotels include brand names, such as:

- Hilton
- Sheraton
- Marriott
- Residence Inn
- Crowne Plaza
- Radisson
- Holiday Inn

Downtown Hartford is also home to world-class, boutique accommodations, such as The Goodwin Hotel.

DYNAMIC & HISTORIC ATTRACTIONS

Just outside the new Connecticut Convention Center, you'll be calmed with the tranquility and beauty of the Connecticut River, along with walking trails, amphitheater and boat launch. Within city limits, you'll discover cultural heritage and entertainment attractions, including:

- Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art
- Old State House
- State Capitol
- The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts
- Hartford Stage
- TheaterWorks
- Mark Twain House and Museum
- Harriet Beecher Stowe Center
- Butler-McCook Homestead
- Elizabeth Park Rose Garden
- Bushnell Park Carousel



Just across the river, East Hartford's Rentschler Field, home to UConn football, features 40,000 seats and a year-round enclosed luxury tower perfect for special event bookings. And a short distance from the city, you will find two of the world's largest casinos, as well as a seaport and aquarium located along the shoreline in Mystic.

"The Connecticut Convention Center will further establish Hartford as a meeting destination. Our space will more than double allowing us to accommodate a variety of groups at competitive rates."

H. Scott Phelps President, Greater Hartford Convention & Visitors Bureau



Front Street, part of the Adriaen's Landing retail and entertainment complex



Bradley International Airport, located minutes from downtown

Easy & Accessible Transportation

Travel into the riverfront city is easier than ever before through the recently expanded Bradley International Airport, which was recognized by *Newsweek* as one of the nation's top boutique airports. Just 10 minutes from downtown Hartford, Bradley International Airport services 19 commercial carriers with nearly 300 national and international flights daily.

Downtown's Union Station provides rail connections to Amtrak and MetroNorth, as well as serves as the transportation hub to major bus lines. Located at the crossroads of Interstate 91 and Interstate 84, Hartford has access to more than 23 million people within a two hour drive. Hartford. It's just what you're looking for.

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