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HIGHLANDER
HOTEL

An Urban Resort for the Independent Spirit

The Highlander Hotel

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Classic Comeback

Bringing a hip counterculture vibe back to Iowa City, The Highlander Hotel is an urban resort “where five-star meets rock star.” This retro revival of the 1967 original Highlander Inn and Supper Club reimagines the hotel for a new generation while paying tribute to its rich history. Once frequented by luminaries such as Joan Baez, Mickey Mantle, and Arnold Palmer, the iconic destination is again creating an extraordinary experience, blending a trip down memory lane with a host of modern comforts.

Located just 10 minutes from downtown on Route I-80, The Highlander is a far cry from today’s buzz-killing, soulless chain hotels. Instead, it’s an uber-luxe crash pad that transports you to another era. A break from the ordinary, it surprises and delights at every turn(table).

From retro digs and modern bites to an epic pool and games galore, The Highlander lets you turn on, tune in, drop out, and counter culture in psychedelic fashion. Whether you’re looking for a laid-back experience, a family-friendly party scene, or something in between, you’ll find it at The Highlander.

Here, you’ll fit right in.

Retro Retreat

Mirroring The Highlander's vintage vibe, the 85 guestrooms and suites sport boho-chic accents such as artwork and plush velvet chairs. Here, it's easy to find your groove. Most of the rooms and suites overlook the pool or courtyard, and all come with luxury linens, Wi-Fi, in-room climate control, blackout shades, bedside charging stations, multipurpose workstations, and organic bath amenities.

The Highlander is also pet-friendly, so Fido is welcome, too! Want to amplify the rock-star vibes or wind down with some mellow tunes before bed? Check out a complimentary turntable and your favorite album from our vinyl library.





Savor, Sip, and Celebrate

At The Highlander, dining is never boring. The iconic Supper Club has been transformed into a retro cocktail arcade with pool tables and darts, classic games such as Golden T and Centipede, as well as contemporary favorites like Mario Kart and Space Invaders. The menu, inspired by popular food trucks, offers tacos, pizza, burgers, and bowls. We've reinvented the space and menu, but the legacy of The Supper Club as a vibrant gathering spot lives on. Now that the original sunken bar has been restored, you'll find it to be the perfect setting to enjoy a cocktail, local craft beer, or glass of wine.

Looking for a different vibe? You won't want to miss The Highlander Lounge. Complete with an interactive Pictionary wall, it features playfully named cocktails, such as The Bra-Burner, Let It All Hang Out, and Wild Child. Noodles, flatbreads, and street tacos are all on the menu, and an outdoor patio and firepit make it the perfect destination to hang with friends and family.

And at our Snack Shack, adjacent to the pool, you'll find complimentary coffee, tea, and soft drinks available 24/7, as well as milkshakes and snacks for purchase. There is also an order station for items from our poolside menu.



Fuel the Fun

Unlimited fun awaits at The Highlander. From live music, game show nights, craft projects, mixology demonstrations, tastings and pairings, the entertainment options just keep on coming. What you'll find just depends on the day.

Our retro cocktail arcade with its classic games is a constant source of enjoyment for both kids and adults as is our outdoor courtyard with lawn games and more. Our chic-meets-shag boutique hotel, a truly unique 70's throwback destination, is the ultimate setting to create cherished memories with family and friends.

Dive into Wellness

Make a splash year-round in Iowa City's largest indoor pool. A highlight of The Highlander, it features clerestory doors that open to our courtyard, offering endless entertainment with games such as bocce ball, cornhole, giant chess, and ping pong. The pool also offers an adult swim (over 21) in the evenings. If you prefer a less drenching workout option, our fitness center with state-of-the-art equipment is open 24/7. However, you'll probably still break a sweat. And if sun salutations are your preferred way to greet the day, you'll enjoy our Sunday morning yoga class.



Gigs, Gatherings, and Galas

From buttoned-down corporate meetings to boisterous bashes, events here are bold, brash, and full of Mama Cass Sass. Ideal for hosting parties, business events, retreats, meetings, and weddings, The Highlander features both large and small spaces to accommodate groups of all sizes.

Its 5,832-square-foot ballroom can accommodate up to 575 for cocktail receptions or be divided for more intimate groups. Other unique venues include The Supper Club, Legacy Room, and Dining Room. Our Signature Room sets the stage for smaller strategy sessions.

Beyond the unique and flexible venues, The Highlander also shines when it comes to the details, such as catering, party planning, and bringing the fun! In true rock-star fashion, you'll even have your own roadies to set everything up, thanks to our talented events team.

