

RASHID FAMILY REUNION

INDIANAPOLIS

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Welcome to Indianapolis! We're thrilled to host the Rashid Family and can't wait to share everything our city has to offer. From iconic landmarks and local eats to hidden gems and family-friendly fun, this guide features a list of suggested activities to help you make the most of your time here. Whether you follow the recommendations or chart your own course, the city is yours to explore- enjoy every moment!



PICK YOUR PATH

Indianapolis for...

- › The families with kids
- › The sports enthusiasts
- › The foodie
- › The coffee lovers
- › The ones looking to have a drink
- › The neighborhood explorer
- › The shopper
- › The farmers market fan
- › The Indy classic stops
- › The Mediterranean food finds

A wide-angle photograph of the Indianapolis skyline at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow over the city. Several skyscrapers are visible, including the Indiana State Capitol dome. In the foreground, a river reflects the city lights and the sunset. A bridge is visible on the left side of the image.

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FUN FACTS

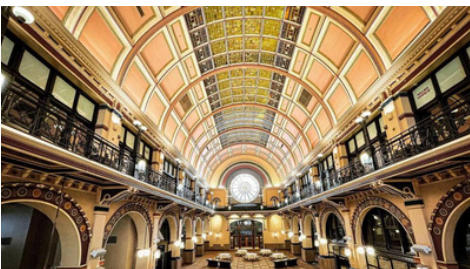
You might think of Indy as just a stop on the highway, but this city is bursting with brag-worthy stories and surprises. For starters, it's home to the world's largest children's museum! We're talking over 130,000 artifacts and 472,900 square feet of fun. Yes, that place with dinosaurs bursting through the walls and a carousel indoors isn't just for kids, it's a city gem with serious street cred.



Take a stroll down Indiana Avenue, once a jazz hotspot that helped shape Indy's nickname, Naptown. Legends like Wes Montgomery and Freddie Hubbard played here before hitting the big time.

Architectural buffs, take note: The Athenaeum downtown was designed by none other than Kurt Vonnegut's grandfather—and it just so happens to be Kurt's favorite of his grandpa's work. Originally built as a cultural hub for German-Americans, this spot is steeped in heritage and history.

Indy's Union Station (directly across from the Omni entrance) made history as the first "union" passenger rail station in the U.S., welcoming everyone from FDR to Truman. And while the Indianapolis Motor Speedway is now a racing mecca, its first event in 1909? A hot-air balloon competition.



Monumental doesn't even begin to cover it—Indy ranks second only to D.C. in the number of monuments and memorials inside city limits. And for a city that honors the past, some places tell powerful stories. The Slippery Noodle Inn was once a stop on the Underground Railroad and later a Prohibition-era hideout.

Oh—and if you're an Elvis fan? His final concert was here in Indy, six weeks before his death, at the now-demolished Market Square Arena. The building may be gone, but the echoes of the King still linger.



INDY FOR THE

FAMILIES WITH KIDS

> INDIANAPOLIS CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

The world's largest children's museum, packed with interactive exhibits on science, history, and pop culture for kids of all ages. Your general admission ticket includes access to the full museum and the outdoor sports park. Parking is always free. Buy tickets online ahead to save.

> INDIANAPOLIS ZOO

A family favorite with animals from around the globe, a botanical garden, and a stunning dolphin pavilion. Ticket prices vary by day, but are only \$15 on July 4.

> CONNER PRAIRIE

A living history museum where guests step back in time with costumed interpreters, historic buildings, and hands-on exhibits.

> VIRGINIA B. FAIRBANKS ART & NATURE PARK

A beautiful mix of art and nature with outdoor sculptures, walking trails, and interactive experiences in a 100-acre park. Open from dawn to dusk and always free.

> BABY'S RESTAURANT INDIANAPOLIS

A retro-chic diner serving burgers, shakes, and comfort food classics in a family-friendly setting.

> BIER BREWERY NOBLESVILLE

A two-acre kid and dog-friendly biergarten with craft beer, a playground, food options, and a fenced dog park.



INDY FOR THE SPORTS ENTHUSIAST



> IMS MUSEUM

Located at the iconic Indianapolis Motor Speedway, this newly renovated museum showcases interactive exhibits, legendary race cars and memorabilia from over a century of motorsports history.



> NCAA HALL OF CHAMPIONS

Visit the NCAA Hall of Champions and experience the trails and triumphs of America's greatest collegiate athletes! This two-level exhibit engages in visitors with its interactive attractions, the second level completely dedicated for hands on activity.



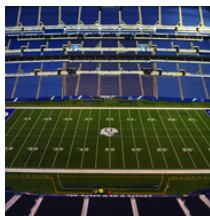
> GAME AT VICTORY FIELD (SUNDAY)

Catch an Indianapolis Indians game at this beautiful downtown ballpark, known for its family-friendly vibe and stunning city skyline views. Tickets can be bought online. There is a game on Sunday- kids under 14 eat free!



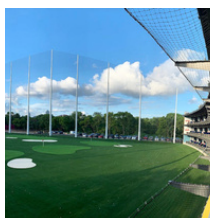
> FEVER GAME AT GAINBRIDGE FIELDHOUSE (THURSDAY)

Experience the energy of a live Indiana Fever game at this state-of-the-art arena, cheer on the legendary Caitlin Clark with your cousins! **Contact rashidreunionindy@gmail.com for group sale information.**



> LUCAS OIL STADIUM TOUR

Get a behind-the-scenes look at this world-class stadium, including the field, locker rooms, and press box of the home of the Indianapolis Colts. Buy Tickets online!



> BACK 9 OR TOPGOLF

Enjoy a fun, casual golf experience with food, drinks, and golf, perfect for families! Back 9 is located in Downtown Indianapolis, and Topgolf can be found in Fishers!



INDY FOR THE FOODIE



> **THE EAGLE (MASS AVE)**

The Eagle is a go-to for comfort food with a Southern twist. Their signature fried chicken is brined, breaded, and fried to perfection, then drizzled with house-made hot honey. The atmosphere is lively and relaxed.



> **CAFÉ PATACHOU (MULTIPLE LOCATIONS)**

A beloved local chain, Café Patachou offers a fresh, farm-to-table menu in a cozy setting. Known for their omelets and croissant French toast, they also cater to vegan diners.



> **THE GARDEN TABLE (MASS AVE, BROAD RIPPLE, CARMEL)**

The Garden Table is a bright, airy eatery focusing on locally sourced, seasonal ingredients. Popular for brunch, they offer a range of dishes from avocado toast to hearty grain bowls, alongside a menu of fresh-pressed juices.



> **YATS (MULTIPLE LOCATIONS)**

Yats is an Indianapolis staple serving up flavorful Cajun and Creole dishes in a fast-casual setting. Favorites include jambalaya, gumbo, and the spicy drunken chicken, all served with a side of their renowned garlic bread.



> **GOOSE THE MARKET**

Goose the Market is a gourmet butcher shop and deli offering a rotating selection of artisan sandwiches. Note: They are closed on July 4th



> **BRU BURGER (MASS AVE + MULTIPLE LOCATIONS)**

A local favorite specializing in gourmet burgers made from a signature blend of sirloin, chuck, and brisket. BRU Burger Bar was named the 2024 Best Burger in Indiana by Reader's Digest



INDY FOR THE COFFEE LOVER



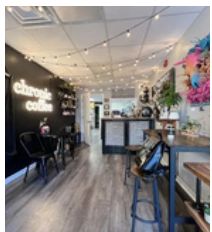
> PARLOR PUBLIC HOUSE

Parlor Public House blends boho charm with industrial flair in a loft-style space that transitions seamlessly from coffee shop by day to cocktail bar by night. Known for its Instagram-worthy interiors and inventive seasonal drinks.



> BOVACONTI COFFEE (FOUNTAIN SQUARE)

Set in a beautifully restored 1909 bank building, Bovaconti Coffee offers a warm, vintage-inspired atmosphere with exposed brick and natural light. Their menu features expertly crafted espresso drinks, including a standout honey lavender latte.



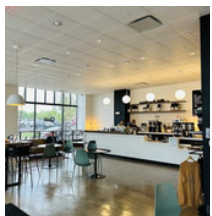
> CHRONIC COFFEE AND SMOOTHIES

This cozy, family-owned café serves Costa Rican coffee alongside a colorful menu of smoothies and specialty drinks.



> BLUE COLLAR COFFEE CO (BOTTLEWORKS)

Located in the Bottleworks District, Blue Collar Coffee Co. offers a robust drink menu, including tea and smoothies. It has a vintage ambiance and spacious seating.



> QUILLS COFFEE

Quills Coffee is a sleek, modern café with a passion for precision-brewed coffee and community connection. They serve a rotating lineup of thoughtfully sourced beans, offering everything from smooth pour-overs to rich espresso drinks.



> TINKER COFFEE CO

Tinker Coffee Co. is a locally owned specialty coffee roaster in Indianapolis, Indiana. They specialize in roasting high-quality single-origin coffees and have multiple locations.



INDY FOR THE ONES LOOKING TO HAVE A DRINK



> KILROY'S

Kilroy's is a downtown staple, renowned for its famous stuffed breadsticks—pizza dough filled with mozzarella and pepperoni, served with marinara and cheese sauce. Walk there from the Omni for a fun time!



> BROTHERS BAR AND GRILL

Brothers Bar & Grill is a modern take on the classic Midwestern tavern, offering a clean and relaxed environment. With a menu full of cold beers and American comfort food, it's a go-to spot for fun. Right next door to Kilroy's!



> 1933 LOUNGE BY ST. ELMO

1933 Lounge offers a speakeasy-style experience with upscale food and drinks in a relaxed atmosphere. Located above the iconic St. Elmo Steak House, it combines modern elegance with timeless charm. Walk over from the hotel for a nice cocktail!



> THE RATHSKELLAR

The Rathskeller is a historic German restaurant and bar known for its expansive Biergarten, which hosts live local bands from Wednesday through Saturday. This is a must visit day or night!



> BURNSIDE INN

Eclectic and full of character, Burnside Inn is a three-story bar nestled in a historic house on Mass Ave. Known for its laid-back vibe, live music, and inventive cocktails, including an extensive moscow mule menu.



INDY FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD EXPLORER



> FOUNTAIN SQUARE

Fountain Square is known for its retro charm, vibrant art scene, and live music venues. With vintage boutiques, indie restaurants, and duckpin bowling, it's a favorite for creatives and nightlife lovers.



> MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE (MASS AVE)

A cornerstone of downtown Indianapolis, Mass Ave blends historic architecture with contemporary energy. This walkable arts district features theaters, galleries, unique shops, and top-tier dining.



> DOWNTOWN CARMEL – ARTS & DESIGN DISTRICT AND MIDTOWN

Carmel's Arts & Design District is a walkable, area with shops and dining. Just down the Monon Trail, Midtown Carmel blends restaurants, coffee shops, breweries and green space, perfect for a lively yet laid-back experience.



> DOWNTOWN NOBLESVILLE

Brimming with small-town charm, downtown Noblesville features a historic courthouse square surrounded by local shops, cafes, and antique stores. Stop Into Rosie's Place for a delicious lunch!



> DOWNTOWN ZIONSVILLE

Cobblestone streets and quaint boutiques and restaurants make downtown Zionsville feel like a storybook village. Known for its shops, cozy eateries, and a strong sense of community, it's a picturesque retreat just northwest of the city.



> BUTLER-TARKINGTON (BUTLER UNIVERSITY)

Nestled in a tree-lined residential neighborhood, Butler University offers more than just academics. Its campus is home to the scenic Holcomb Gardens and historic Hinkle Fieldhouse, contributing to the collegiate charm of the surrounding community.



INDY FOR THE SHOPPER



> FRANCIS AND FERN BOUTIQUE (MASS AVE)

This adorable, girly boutique is full of charm—literally. Known for its charm bar, permanent bracelets, and trendy accessories, Francis and Fern is a go-to for stylish gifts and everyday sparkle.



> KEYSTONE FASHION MALL

Indy's most upscale shopping destination, The Fashion Mall at Keystone offers designer brands, luxury retailers, and polished dining options in a sleek, modern setting.



> CASTLETON SQUARE MALL

A staple on the north side, Castleton Square is Indy's largest mall with a wide range of stores and department stores like Macy's and Von Maur.



> SILVER IN THE CITY (MASS AVE AND CARMEL)

A quirky, beloved shop on Mass Ave and Downtown Carmel, Silver in the City offers a curated collection of clever gifts, unique jewelry, and playful home goods—all with a touch of humor and heart.



> HAMILTON TOWN CENTER

Located in Noblesville, this open-air shopping center blends big-name stores, dining, and more.



> THE WHISPERING SHELF

A cozy indie bookstore with a touch of magic, The Whispering Shelf is filled with curated reads, thoughtful gifts, and a warm atmosphere that invites you to linger and explore.



INDY FOR THE FARMERS MARKET FAN



➤ **GARFIELD PARK FARMERS MARKET (SATURDAYS, 9 AM – 12:30 PM)**

Set in one of Indy's most historic parks, this market features local produce, baked goods, and small-batch vendors in a relaxed, community-focused setting just south of downtown.



➤ **BROAD RIPPLE FARMERS MARKET (SATURDAYS, 8 AM- NOON)**

A longtime favorite, this northside market is packed with fresh produce, artisanal foods, and live music, making it a vibrant Saturday morning staple for locals and visitors alike.



➤ **BINFORD FARMERS MARKET (SATURDAYS, 8 AM – NOON)**

With a wide variety of vendors, food trucks, and seasonal produce, Binford's market brings a friendly, neighborhood feel to the northeast side of Indy.



➤ **CARMEL FARMERS MARKET (SATURDAYS, 8 AM – 11:30 AM)**

One of the largest in the state, Carmel's market offers a lively mix of farm-fresh goods, chef demos, and live entertainment, all in the heart of downtown Carmel.



➤ **FISHERS FARMERS MARKET (SATURDAYS, 8 AM – NOON)**

This bustling market at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater features over 60 vendors, offering everything from local produce and flowers to honey, coffee, and handmade goods.



INDY FOR THE INDY CLASSIC STOPS



> ST. ELMO STEAKHOUSE

A true Indy institution, St. Elmo has been serving sizzling steaks since 1902. Known nationwide for its famously fiery shrimp cocktail, this landmark has hosted celebrities, athletes, and politicians—earning its spot on the National Register of Historic Places. Walk there from the hotel!



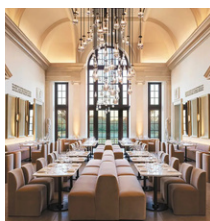
> BOTTLEWORKS DISTRICT

Once the largest Coca-Cola bottling plant in the world, this beautifully restored area is now a hotspot for food, retail, and entertainment. From upscale dining to casual bites, Bottleworks fuses historic architecture with modern flair in the heart of downtown.



> THE SLIPPERY NOODLE INN

Established in 1850, the Slippery Noodle is Indiana's oldest bar and a former stop on the Underground Railroad. Today, it's a beloved blues bar with nightly live music and a rich past steeped in Prohibition-era stories and gangster lore.



> RESTORATION HARDWARE DINING ROOM AND SHOWROOM

For the first time ever, the DeHaan Estate, former home of philanthropist Christel DeHaan opened to the public. This 60-room villa stuns with a floating elliptical staircase and domed ceiling, while the Lakeside Restaurant and Wine Bar offers upscale dining with views of a 35-acre private lake and gardens, all beneath a striking 210-glass pendant light installation.



INDY FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN FOOD FINDS



> CANAL BISTRO

Located in the heart of Broad Ripple, Canal Bistro serves up flavorful Mediterranean fare with a cozy patio overlooking the canal. From gyros to grilled seafood, it's a perfect spot for a relaxed meal.



> BOSPHORUS ISTANBUL CAFÉ

A hidden gem near downtown Indy, Bosphorus offers authentic Turkish cuisine in a warm, welcoming space. Enjoy dishes like lamb kebabs, stuffed grape leaves, and rich baklava—served with genuine hospitality.



> PETRA CAFÉ

This casual, family-owned café specializes in fresh, flavorful Middle Eastern favorites like falafel, hummus, shawarma, and baklava. A go-to spot for a quick, satisfying bite

COME BACK SOON!



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"Together is our favorite place to be."

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