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## Courtyard Williamsburg Busch Gardens Undergoes Historic Renovation

## Williamsburg, VA, hotel refreshes lobby with addition of The Bistro, overhauls guest rooms and restyles meeting rooms

**Williamsburg, VA –** Visitors who take the liberty of getting to know the <u>Courtyard</u> <u>Williamsburg Busch Gardens Area</u> are in for a treat now that a multi-million dollar renovation project has been completed.



The hotel near Busch Gardens Williamsburg has undergone a complete makeover from the lobby to guest rooms and pool to meeting spaces and provides even



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"We're excited about having a great hotel that meets the needs of leisure travelers but also Gen X and Gen Y travelers who often mix business and pleasure on the road," said General Manager Todd Wellbrock. "Guests can now seamlessly switch from work to fun and back."

Travelers will see and feel a difference the second they step foot into the bright new lobby at this hotel in Williamsburg, Virginia. Friendly and knowledgeable staff members will greet guests from welcome pedestals that have replaced the traditional front desk, allowing one-on-one interaction during the check-in and check-out processes. Strategically placed media pods along the perimeter of the refreshed welcome center boast plenty of cozy seating areas where guests can watch their favorite news, sports

and entertainment programming on individual flat-screen TVs.

Technology advances in the Busch Gardens Williamsburg hotel's lobby will keep guests

informed and entertained. Internet surfers will fully appreciate complimentary Wi-Fi access, which has been boosted to a 20 megabyte bandwidth so movies, music or large work presentations can be downloaded on laptops, tablets or cellphones with ease. A 52-inch interactive GoBoard also has been installed so travelers can find current weather conditions, get directions to Jamestown and Yorktown in the historic triangle, check out the day's headlines and seek the latest flight information and statuses from Newport News/Williamsburg International and surrounding airports all with a simple touch or swipe. A separate Boarding Pass Station features dedicated computers where guests can print tickets and documents to make their traveling experiences more convenient.

The addition of <u>The Bistro – Eat. Drink. Connect.</u>, is the cornerstone of the reimagined lobby and will raise the standard for dining at the hotel near Busch Gardens, VA. Breakfast and dinner menus feature seasonal fruits, burgers, pizzas, salads and sandwiches made from the freshest ingredients. The café-style eatery boasts plenty of comfortable seating areas, including a spacious communal table for families or small groups of business professionals. Guests can sip on freshly brewed Starbucks drinks during the day, while a bartender takes up residence in the evenings to serve a number of craft, domestic and imported beers along with custom-ordered cocktails.

Renovations to the Williamsburg, VA, hotel's <u>139 rooms and 12 suites</u> will go down in the history books by providing a whole new experience for travelers in town for business or vacation. New king, queen and double mattresses are thicker than ever and topped with custom comforters and fluffier pillows. All new sofas, chairs, end tables and artwork complement new carpet, paint and stylish vinyl. Bathrooms in all of the rooms have received a complete overhaul as well. Softer lighting, marble vanities and curved shower bars with new curtains will have guests feeling like they are at a spa, especially when they also get to use Paul Mitchell shampoos, conditioners and body washes. Minirefrigerators, new 27-inch high-definition TVs, irons and ironing boards, spacious desks with ergonomic chairs and the faster Internet access are among other amenities guests can expect.

Officials are proud of the upgrades to the hotel's <u>three meeting rooms</u> with nearly 2,000 square feet of flexible space. Rooms boast new carpet, vinyl, chairs, glass boards, pull-down screens and podiums. Linen-less tables and the addition of LED low-energy lighting emphasize Marriott's commitment to protecting the earth.

Outside areas weren't ignored during the renovation, either. The indoor/outdoor connecting pool was retiled and the landing resurfaced. Guests can now lounge on new Brown Jordan luxury furniture around the pool or take a seat in a new outdoor area created with rattan chairs and tables.

The Williamsburg hotel just 1 mile from Busch Gardens encourages travelers to acquaint themselves with its new look and feel by offering advance-purchase rates. Contact the Courtyard Williamsburg Busch Gardens Area at 1-757-221-0700 for details.

## About the Courtyard Williamsburg Busch Gardens Area

The Courtyard Williamsburg Busch Gardens Area is 1 mile from Busch Gardens Amusement Park and Water Country USA and less than 10 minutes from the College of William and Mary. Centrally located between Yorktown, Jamestown and Williamsburg historic district, the hotel offers 139 rooms and 12 suites on four floors, three meeting rooms with 1,944 square feet of flexible space, restaurant, fitness center, laundry room and indoor/outdoor connecting pool. The hotel offers complimentary high-speed Internet access as well as a special state and federal per diem rate which includes breakfast for one adult. For information, visit www.marriott.com/PHFWB. Click here for Marriott International Inc. (NYSE: MAR) company information.

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