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Completely Restored Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette Debuts With Much Fanfare

Peoria hotel gets makeover with new lobby, guest rooms; presidential suite steeped in history remains intact

Peoria, IL – Travelers who appreciate history yet desire a luxury room in "new" surroundings will have find the best of both worlds when the <u>Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette</u> reopens on June 28.

The hotel in Peoria has been closed for the last year to undergo restoration of the historic building.



The \$44-million overhaul of the original 1927 Hotel Pere Marquette includes a complete interior remodel, new parking deck and pedestrian skywalk bridge that connects the hotel to the Peoria Civic Center.

Although the Peoria, IL, hotel and its rooms have been modernized to include the best of today's amenities, the classic Hotel Pere Marquette sign has been refurbished. The Presidential Suite also has remained intact. The room, once occupied by Martin Luther King Jr., Richard Pryor, President John F. Kennedy and President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan, includes historic wood paneling and a hidden liquor cabinet behind the fireplace.



The 286 luxurious guest rooms in the <u>Peoria hotel</u> now include custom bedding with down comforters, custom duvets, cotton-rich linens and plenty of fluffy down and feather pillows. Spacious work desks complement ergonomic chairs, while high-speed Internet access and flat-screen TVs bring technology to new heights. Guests also will find modern-day conveniences such as irons and ironing boards, AM/FM alarm clocks, hairdryers, coffeemakers and luxury bath products.

The hotel features the all-new Table 19 for modern American fare. The restaurant is open for breakfast,

lunch and dinner and uses many local, farm-raised products to delight the senses of even the pickiest of diners.

The Peoria Civic Center hotel in downtown Peoria is just 6.5 miles from Peoria International Airport. The hotel includes free Wi-Fi in all public spaces, including the 24-hour fitness center and Greatroom, which is perfect for enjoying appetizers and handcrafted cocktails.

Travelers who are looking for event space can take advantage of the Peoria hotel's 18,840 square feet of meeting areas, including the Marquette Ballroom which can hold 850 people. The elegant

ballrooms are perfect for social occasions as well, and onsite catering capabilities will complete any gathering. One of the best wedding venues in Peoria, the hotel also boasts the Cotillion and Cheminee ballrooms, which are perfect for smaller affairs.

<u>Peoria local attractions</u> include the zoo and Peoria Riverfront. The Peoria Zoo houses many exotic animals and spacious enclosures showcase animals from Africa, Asia and Australia. The Riverfront has something for the entire family. There is shopping, including the Market for local produce and art. Nightlife can be found at outdoor entertainment venues, and Martini's on Water and the Riverfront Museum highlights the local art and culture scene.

With its historic touches, modern amenities and downtown location, the hotel is the perfect stop for every traveler. For guests interested in classic charm and today's conveniences, the Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette is sure to please.

About the Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette

The newly restored Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette connects to the Peoria Civic Center via a new skywalk. The hotel includes 286 rooms on 12 floors along with two concierge levels. The hotel also features Table 19 restaurant and a 24-hour fitness center. Almost 19,000 square feet of flexible meeting and event space is perfect for business, social affairs and gatherings up to 850 people. For information, visit <u>www.peoriamarriott.com</u> or call the hotel directly at 1-309-637-6500. To see the progress and restoration of the hotel, check out <u>www.facebook.com/hotelperemarquette</u>.