



## **Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center Fact Sheet**

### **Overview**

Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center is a total destination resort offering world-class meeting facilities, exceptional service, entertainment, a world-class spa and salon, and recreation. Situated on 41 acres, Gaylord National is the newest monumental addition to the national capital region. With 2,000 guest rooms and 470,000 square feet of function space, it's the cornerstone of National Harbor, a 300-acre waterfront destination offering spectacular dining, entertainment and retail in Prince George's County, Md.

### **Opening Date**

April 25, 2008 – The resort is Gaylord's fourth U.S. hotel. Groundbreaking occurred in December 2004.

### **Design**

Gaylord National draws its inspiration from the surrounding mid-Atlantic region, including the states of Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. The signature architectural feature is the hotel's massive 18-story, glass-enclosed barrel-vaulted atrium where guests will discover a themed environment that reflects and brings to life the region's history, culture, architecture and natural beauty.

Highlights include:

- Two-story replicas of a Colonial-era mercantile shop and a Federalist-style farmhouse stand proudly as the focal points of the atrium. The designs are richly detailed and authentic, featuring white-clapboard siding on the farmhouse and red-brick masonry on the mercantile. Other details include stone finishes, shakes, shutters and shingles, porches, patios and courtyard spaces, paying tribute to the charming architecture found throughout the region. They house two of the resort's unique retail shops.
- The indoor water fountain "performs" shows nightly that are perfectly synchronized to lights, special effects and a patriotic musical score. It contains 37 individual jets that shoot water up to 50 feet high.
- Thousands of plants and trees provide a magnificent atmosphere of the mid-Atlantic landscape in Gaylord National's lush indoor and outdoor gardens. The one-of-a-kind, historically themed garden palette features a colonial garden, a tree-lined river walk promenade, an 18,000 square-foot green roof and a great lawn dotted with 1,200 oak, cherry and chestnut trees, and more than 40,000 vibrant flowers.

### **Standard Guest Rooms**

Classical design influences and residential comforts inspired by the National Capital region make guests feel right at home in Gaylord National's 2,000 guest rooms. Windows reveal panoramic vistas of the surrounding Maryland hillside, Potomac Riverfront and the resort's dramatic atrium. A classic composition of ivory, federal blues, cognac and white gold, with warm cherry and walnut furnishings, completes the regal look. Oversized gallery mattes adorn the walls and feature black and white photography of the regional landscape and mid-Atlantic landmarks to further immerse guests in the lore and legacies of the dynamic historic region. Rooms offer all the comforts of home including high-speed internet access, flat-screen televisions, oversized glass showers and soaking tubs.

- 25% King rooms and 75% Queen/Queen rooms
- 400 square feet of space
- 32-inch LCD flat screen TVs in all standard guest rooms
- Two data-ports and two-line telephones
- Refrigerator stocked daily with two bottled waters
- In-room safe (to hold and charge a laptop)
- High-speed internet with wireless connection
- Clock radio with AM / FM / CD / Auxiliary Docking (for MP3 Player or iPod)
- Coffeemaker, iron and ironing board
- Full sized desk, coffee table, and/or love seat, sofa

### **Suites**

Our guest suites combine the rich luxuries of our standard guest rooms with an expanded living and dining area. Marble finishes and custom furnishings make this the perfect place to host a few friends for drinks, or to relax in a home-like environment after a day's meetings.

Guests hosting small meetings and receptions at Gaylord National will find our hospitality suites offer the perfect combination of space and comfort. The rich décor and flow of these expansive suites combine to help maximize networking experiences.

- Ranging from 800 to 2800 square feet
- Six Presidential suites
- Eight expertly designed concept suites, each featuring their own custom furnishings and a signature color palette
- Five hospitality suites
- 91 Executive suites
- 42-inch LCD flat screen TVs in most suites

### **National Bay**

Designed as its own hotel within the Gaylord National Resort, National Bay offers the amenities of an upscale boutique hotel and the services of a five-star mega-resort. The 300 guest rooms have marble entries, high fidelity sound systems, elegant elevated beds, and crown molding. King rooms include walk-in marble showers. National Bay's meeting facilities provide an elegant and more intimate environment for executive conference, board meetings and high-level incentive events, along with convenient accessibility to its nearby guest rooms.

### **Special Needs Guests**

Rooms are available for guests with special needs including ramps and size/width requirements. All rooms comply with the 1994 American Disabilities Act (ADA). Pathways offer disabled access to all hotel areas.

### **Convention and Meeting Facilities**

Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center can accommodate meetings and events for groups of 10 to 10,000 in 470,000 square feet of convention, meeting, exhibition and pre-function space. Four ballrooms, 82 meeting rooms, and an 180,000-square-foot exhibition hall, are conveniently located on three levels and connected to the hotel by an enclosed walkway. Small groups, including corporate meetings, may enjoy the more intimate setting of the meeting facilities located throughout the hotel's second level.

Function space highlights include:

- On site audio-visual department – Presentation Services Audio-Visual (PSAV)
- On-site decorating company – Freeman Decorating
- On-site full-service business center – 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Technology Center
- On-site Gaylord technology staff
- Six dedicated loading docks connected to the ballroom level

### **Potomac Ballroom**

- 50,000 square feet, can be broken down into 10 sections
- Seats up to 3,700 guests for a sit-down dinner
- Features a 40-foot x 100-foot permanent stage equipped with built-in sound and lighting that's large enough to host a Broadway show
- Pre-function areas feature floor-to-ceiling windows and stunning river views
- An adjoining outdoor event terrace also overlooks the river
- Three docks dedicated to the ballroom space with direct load-in to an car-sized freight elevator and a standard freight elevator

### **Maryland Ballroom**

- 30,000 square feet, can be broken down into 10 sections
- Seats up to 2,300 for a plated sit-down dinner

### **Woodrow Wilson Ballroom**

- 12,000 square feet, can be broken down into 4 sections
- Seats up to 1,000 for a plated sit-down dinner

### **Cherry Blossom Ballroom**

- 8,000 square feet, the resort's most elegant ballroom is perfect for small galas and wedding events
- Seats up to 570 for a plated sit-down dinner
- Permanent registration desks located throughout the pre-function area

### **Prince George's Exhibit Hall**

- 180,000 square feet, can be broken down into five sections
- 17 dedicated loading docks connected to the exhibition level, facilitating simultaneous show load-in/load-out
- Dedicated exhibition offices and permanent registration desks located throughout pre-function area
- Pre-function space overlooking pool courtyards

### **National Bay meeting space includes:**

- 18 executive meeting rooms
- Presidential Boardroom, with a spectacular waterfront view

### **Technology**

Specially designed technology is built into all phases of the hotel's operations, including networking, high-speed Internet access, security, amenities, food-and-beverage operations, reservations and registration. Meeting and convention planners will be able to tap into Gaylord National's timesaving technology systems to make event planning easier, more convenient and reliable.

### **Full-Service Business Center**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Technology Center is full-service and offers a range of copying and printing, document binding, notary services, packing and shipping, workstation rental, office supplies and assistance with communications services such as digital pagers, cellular telephone and facsimile.

### **Recreation**

**Relâche Spa** is home to the beautiful indoor **Junior Olympic-sized 24-meter lap pool**, whirlpool/hot tub. In warmer months, the pool becomes "open air" as the entire front glass wall opens up to a fantastic view of the Potomac, where a full-sized pool bar and lounge area provide inspired relaxation.

**Potomac Water Taxis** offer a scenic journey to several destinations, including the shopping and dining of historic Old Town Alexandria and Georgetown, as well as George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens. All trips are narrated with history, folklore, and current points of interest, and depart several times daily from the Gaylord National and National Harbor piers.

**Tantallon Country Club** offers world-class golf nearby, located in Ft. Washington, Maryland. Named for a 14th-century castle in the North of Scotland, this impressive Ted Robinson-designed course - in fact, his only east-coast design - boasts a challenging par-3 Hole 15, with its three-tiered green, as well as an inspiring view of the Washington Monument from the Number 16.

### **Entertainment**

Gaylord National Resort provides a constant schedule of atmospheric entertainment embracing a wide variety of Chesapeake-themed cultures, with live entertainment and events. From the performers in our restaurants, the roving entertainers in our atrium and the extravagant seasonal events such as *ICE* and *Christmas on the Potomac*, guests will enjoy a unique and ever-changing experience every time they visit.

The experience that Gaylord National has to offer is only part of the picture, as its location on the Potomac River and its proximity to the Capital Beltway position it perfectly as the gateway to the rich culture, commerce and history of the mid-Atlantic region. Guests may stroll along the nearby beautiful waterfront promenade of National Harbor, or use it as a launching point for a day of adventure to explore the local area.

### **National Harbor**

Rising from the banks of the Potomac just south of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge in Prince George's County, Md., National Harbor is a 300-acre, mixed-used development that will include five hotels (including the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, the largest such facility on the East Coast), thousands of residential units, tree-lined promenades with scores of shops and offices, two marinas and much more. For residents and visitors, National Harbor will offer restaurants, entertainment and homes within steps of the water.

The expansive waterfront with its marinas and piers, designed to accommodate concerts, dinner cruises and other signature events, will also offer a ferry service across the Potomac to Mount Vernon, Georgetown and Old Town Alexandria, Va. The vision for National Harbor embraces arts and entertainment in various forms. Its landscaping, layout, lighting and fountains, as well as a prolific commitment to many genres and styles of public art, will contribute to the development's sense of place. National Harbor will be brought to life throughout the year with festivals, music and more.

Scheduled events include:

- The Food and Wine Festival at National Harbor (May 17 – 18, 2008)
- National Harbor Yacht Show (June 5 - 8, 2008)
- American Market (Every Saturday, May – October 2008)
- Summer Concert Series (Every Friday, June – August 2008)

### **Relâche Spa and Fitness Center**

Promising to be one of the region's most popular spas, **Relâche** spa and fitness center at Gaylord National Resort is also one of the region's largest spas. It features 12 treatment rooms throughout its 20,000 square-foot hideaway for relaxation, pampering and exercise.

Appropriately named **Relâche**, which is French for *relax* or *respite*, the new spa has a decidedly European flavor with its über-sassy black and white décor, providing a decadently urban flavor for the Gaylord Hotels award-winning spa brand.

Inside the sleek, modern setting, you'll find treatment rooms dedicated to specialized services, including a "cool treatment" area and a couples' suite with a hot tub that overlooks the Potomac River. Other areas of the spa include views of National Harbor and the resort's signature glass-covered atrium. **Relâche** also features a signature Relaxation Room for meditation and peaceful thinking, steam rooms, full-service beauty salon and spa boutique, furthering the resort's philosophy of having "everything in one place."

A centerpiece of the spa is a 24-hour state-of-the-art, 4,000-square-foot fitness center, connected to an indoor lap pool, featuring 24 pieces of cardio equipment, including treadmills, bikes, cross trainers and a row machine. Each cardio piece is equipped with television and radio. The fitness center also features Life Fitness strength equipment; and a complete free-weight and aerobics area. Personal yoga and fitness training is also available.

## **Restaurants and Lounges**

**Old Hickory Steakhouse**, with its refined and comfortable surroundings accentuated by classic design, recreates the ambiance of an 18th century Georgian row house. The setting includes an intimate lounge, wine-cellar room showcasing a collection of award-winning wines featuring grapes from around the world, and a unique artisanal cheese cave. It all comes together to create Gaylord National's most sophisticated dining experience boasting a serious menu steeped in the traditions of the finest steakhouses. (Dinner)

**Moon Bay Coastal Cuisine** is a refreshingly modern dining experience that recreates the ambiance of the Chesapeake region's early fish markets. Moon Bay boasts a show kitchen, an impressive white-wine collection and an exciting wharf-side bar and lounge. It all sets the stage for an unforgettable culinary experience that features seafood from American waters with a modern twist, including fish flown in daily and sushi-sashimi creations. (Lunch, Dinner)

**Pienza Italian Market** brings together the spirit, excitement, and hospitality that celebrate the essence of Italy. Six market-inspired stations reflect seasonal changes, the passion demonstrated by our culinary team and the "abbondanza" (generosity) of the Italian culture, including an artisanal bread and antipasto station, a fresh produce market station, a rotisserie and carvery station, a pasta and risotto station and a traditional dolceria/sweet shop. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

**National Pastime – The Official Sports Bar & Grill of the Washington Nationals** features an artful blend of urban design and sports memorabilia that evoke the character and charm of the past within a contemporary and cutting-edge environment. This sports lover's paradise is unlike any sport's bar ever created and boasts a 30-foot high-definition video wall. Visitors will be treated to a number of unique sports artifacts, including a hand-carved, life-size statue of Maryland-native Babe Ruth, a walk-of-fame featuring handprints of local sports legends, and the official home plate used in the Washington National's final season at RFK Stadium. (Lunch, Dinner)

At **Pose Ultra Lounge**, guests are electrified by this cutting-edge, two-story lounge that offers dramatic vistas of the nation's capital viewed through 18-foot, floor-to-ceiling windows. The dance floor is adjacent to a wraparound outdoor terrace and surrounded by high-tech draperies that display color-changing fiber optics, along with unique infused-vodkas and a delectable "small bites" menu.

**Belvedere Lobby Bar** and **Java Coast** add to the hotel's unique drink and dining options.

## **Shopping**

A variety of specialty shops and markets are located the hotel main lobby and atrium, including:

- **Pajama Party** – (Atrium Lower Level)
- **Williamsburg Shoppe** – (Atrium Lower Level)
- **Strictly First Glass** – (Main Lobby)
- **Urban Chic** – (Atrium Lower Level)
- **Key Provisions** – full-service sundries shop featuring gifts, souvenirs, latest books, magazines, health and beauty aids (Atrium Lower Level)

## **Address**

201 Waterfront Street  
National Harbor, MD 20745

Follow exits to National Harbor:

- Exit 1B off I-295
- Exit 2A off I-495

## **Employees (STARS)**

2,000 total, working in full-time, part-time and on-call positions

## **Reservations**

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