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TARRYTOWN, NEW YORK

The historic Hudson Valley town shines with jewels of American history.

BY CAROLEE NOURY



Lyndhurst impresses visitors.

TARRYTOWN, ON THE EASTERN SHORE OF THE HUDSON RIVER, features historic residences and breathtaking scenery. Fine dining and expansive lodgings are only the beginning. Local legends beyond neighboring Sleepy Hollow's Headless Horseman still hold court in museums and other sites of interest. It's the perfect setting to celebrate today's events with the backdrop of yesterday's success stories.

Where to Stay

Built between 1897 and 1910, **Castle Hotel and Spa** was first known as Carrollcliffe after original owner General Howard Carroll. In 1994 the castle was converted to a luxury hotel, which included a 24-room addition. Castle Hotel and Spa houses a Sankara Spa, which features facials, massages, whirlpool, relaxation lounges and a VIP treatment room.

Over 3,000 square feet of flexible meeting space for groups of 10-200 is available, including the Great Hall with Tiffany stained glass and soaring 40-foot vaulted ceilings. With acclaimed restaurant Equus also on-site, luxury abounds. "We're the only castle in the

area and who wouldn't want to stay at a castle? When you stay with us, you get to take a step back in history," says Ebboni Evans, front office manager.

Comprised of two mansions built in the 1800s, the **Tarrytown House Estate** features 212 guest rooms, 26 acres of landscaped grounds dotted with gardens, indoor and outdoor pools and on-site restaurant and bar Cellar 49. What better place to host a meeting or event than at what was, in 1964, the nation's first commercial conference center? Coordinators on staff help to customize events for groups from six to 400 people in 30,000 square feet of meeting space including 27

meeting rooms and five breakout rooms.

Located in nearby Nyack, **The Time Nyack**, a four-floor hotel, was once a factory. With a pool, on-site restaurant BV's Grill and pet-friendly "HoTail" accommodations, The Time Nyack has a lot to offer event guests. "The only thing standard about gatherings at The Time Nyack is that each and every one is different. Think of our 4,000 square feet of fully wired function space as a blank canvas to be filled with your vision. From the boardroom to the ballroom, our event planning and catering teams will detail each space, and craft every moment leaving you and your colleagues free to connect, create and strategize in style," says Kanvar Singh, area managing director of Time Hotels.

Where to Eat

Equus, Castle Hotel and Spa's restaurant, is fine dining with extraordinary views. "Back in the day, the entrance to the restaurant today was, in fact, the horse-drawn carriage entryway to the castle. Thus, the name Equus

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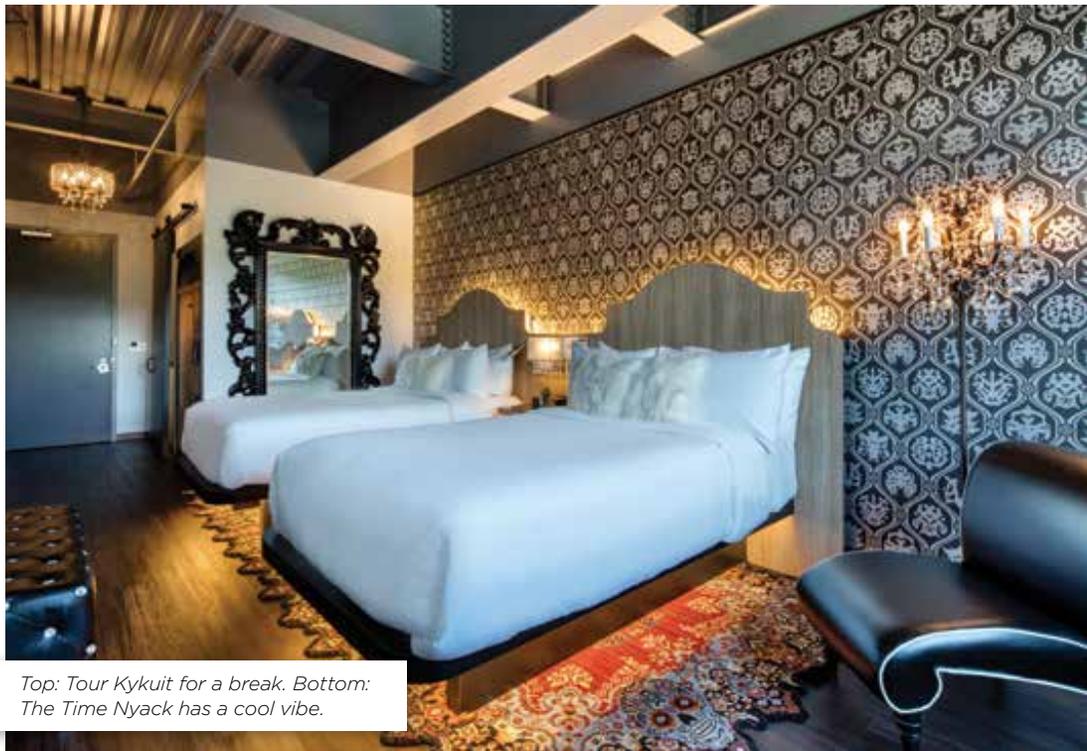
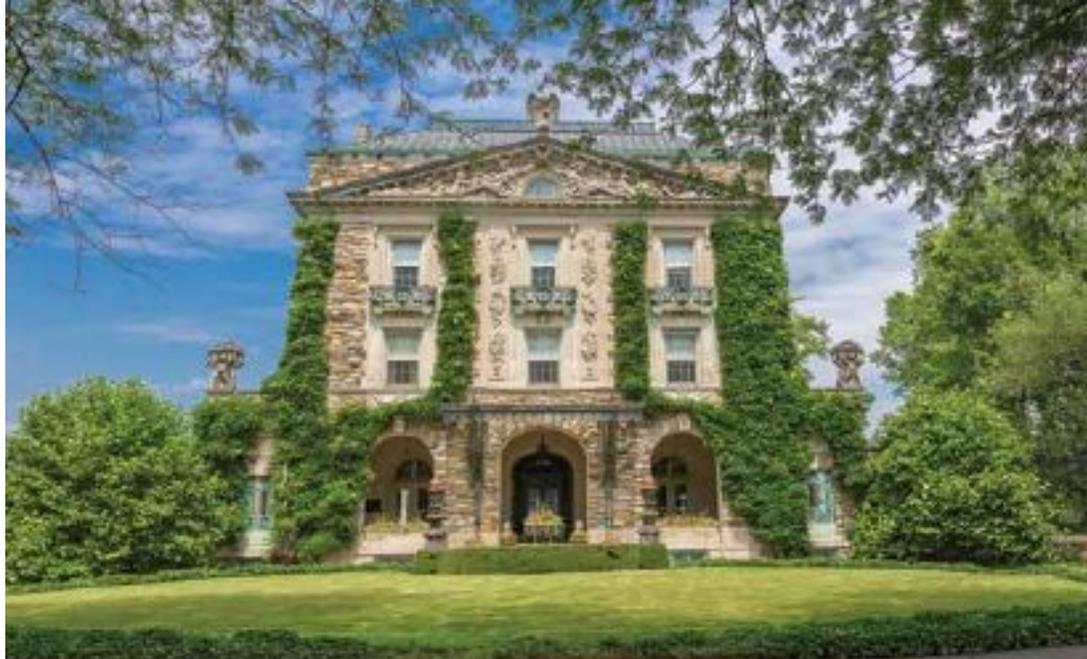
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came from the fact that horses did indeed enter the inner courtyard through that passageway,” says General Manager Lloyd Nakano. “Through the decades, regardless of the theme, Relais & Chateaux, Auberge, Americana, Steakhouse, Nouveau French, Italian, Mediterranean or TGIF (Turkish-Greek-Italian-French), it has always remained a celebratory and special occasion venue. Even now as we move toward a more farm-to-fork, locally sourced-yet-mindful-that-quality-comes-first SoHud new American cuisine, our guests come to celebrate.”

Known for its awe-inspiring views of the Hudson River, **Sunset Cove** offers dining, small group events and catering. There’s full-service seating outside on a waterfront patio during the warmer months, which also hosts outdoor grilling and a Tiki bar. “Since we’re right under the Tappan Zee, you can’t beat the view. Our menu is mostly a combination of Italian and seafood dishes. It changes with the season. We make our pasta in-house and we have a raw bar. There’s a tented area outside that’s available for parties and corporate events,” says General Manager Imad Din.

Chef/owner of **The Twisted Oak** and Tarrytown champion Michael Cutney takes the label “farm to table” seriously. The Twisted Oak’s menu reflects his dedication to sustainable, local ingredients.

“We take a fun and modern approach to New American fare with Italian influences. My menu changes daily and our offerings are served on handmade plates by Tarrytown’s own Conner McGinn. We source our ingredients from local farmers and growers. The setting is pretty unique, too. We’re located in



Top: Tour Kykuit for a break. Bottom: The Time Nyack has a cool vibe.

a turn-of-the-century photography studio just steps from the famed Tarrytown Music Hall. Paintings by local artists bring Tarrytown right into our main dining room. The bar, handcrafted from oak wine barrels, offers fine boutique wines, well-crafted seasonal cocktails, and local brews. The Twisted Oak is known for delicious food, a fun atmosphere and enlightened hospitality. Our guests come from all over and we’re happy to welcome them back again and again,” says Cutney.

What to Do

John D. Rockefeller is exemplary of the American Dream. In 1870, at age 19, he co-founded the Standard Oil Co. which grossed

\$450,000 in its first year of trading. From the very beginning he made a commitment to donate 10 percent of his income to charity. He held true to that goal even as his wealth reached the hundreds of millions. By the time of his death in 1937, it’s estimated his total charitable contributions were \$550 million.

Kykuit, Rockefeller’s six-story home that housed four generations of his family, is available for group tours. Highlights include Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller’s sculpture collection, which includes works by notable artists such as Pablo Picasso and Louise Nevelson, and Coach Barn, where horse-drawn carriages and classic automobiles are on display.



Left: Go back in time at Lyndhurst. Right: Tarrytown Music Hall isn't just for great entertainment, it also doubles as a venue.



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“A trip to Kykuit moves people on so many levels ... immersing oneself in the art, the gardens, the architecture ... but what is truly extraordinary is the legacy of Rockefeller philanthropy. The needs in our contemporary society are so vast, and I hope visiting here and learning about how the Rockefellers pioneered the science of giving back inspires others to do the same,” says Rob Schweitzer, vice president, communications and commerce of Historic Hudson Valley.

Lyndhurst, its name derived from the linden trees planted on the estate, is a remarkable Gothic Revival mansion with an equally engrossing history. The stately residence belonged to only a few families since its creation in 1838. One notable owner was railroad magnate and ruthless businessman Jay Gould who chose it as a vacation home and lived out his final days there.

Its wealthy owners amassed an enviable collection of art, custom furniture and other precious treasures. Both indoors and out, Lyndhurst offers a carefully preserved glance into the past.

“Lyndhurst is a tremendous place. From April to December, we offer a variety of programs and events. A recent special exhibit, ‘Discovering Tiffany,’ featured rare artifacts

and objects that haven’t been on show in the U.S. before. Outside, on 67 acres of pastoral landscape, visitors can experience the evolution of landscaping in the U.S. There is a rose garden, the nation’s largest steel-frame greenhouse and a bowling alley. Come out to sightsee, take a hike, have a picnic. There is something for everyone,” says Assistant Director Krystyn Hastings-Silver. Lyndhurst offers group and private tours.

The **Tarrytown Music Hall** has a rich history of supporting arts and cultural events. The stage has hosted notable guests such as Woodrow Wilson, Theodore Roosevelt, Mae West and musicians Tony Bennett, Ani DiFranco, BB King and Randy Newman. In 1915, suffragettes used the space to rally others to their cause. “The historic Music Hall Theater in Tarrytown has been at the heart of this community since it first opened in 1885. A beautiful Queen Anne-style brick facade invites visitors into an 843-seat theater, a regional powerhouse for international concerts and comedy artists, as well as community performing arts organizations. The Music Hall is also a great place for a company kickoff or celebration, located on a bustling Main Street packed with exciting restaurants,” says Executive Director Björn Olsson. 🍷

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