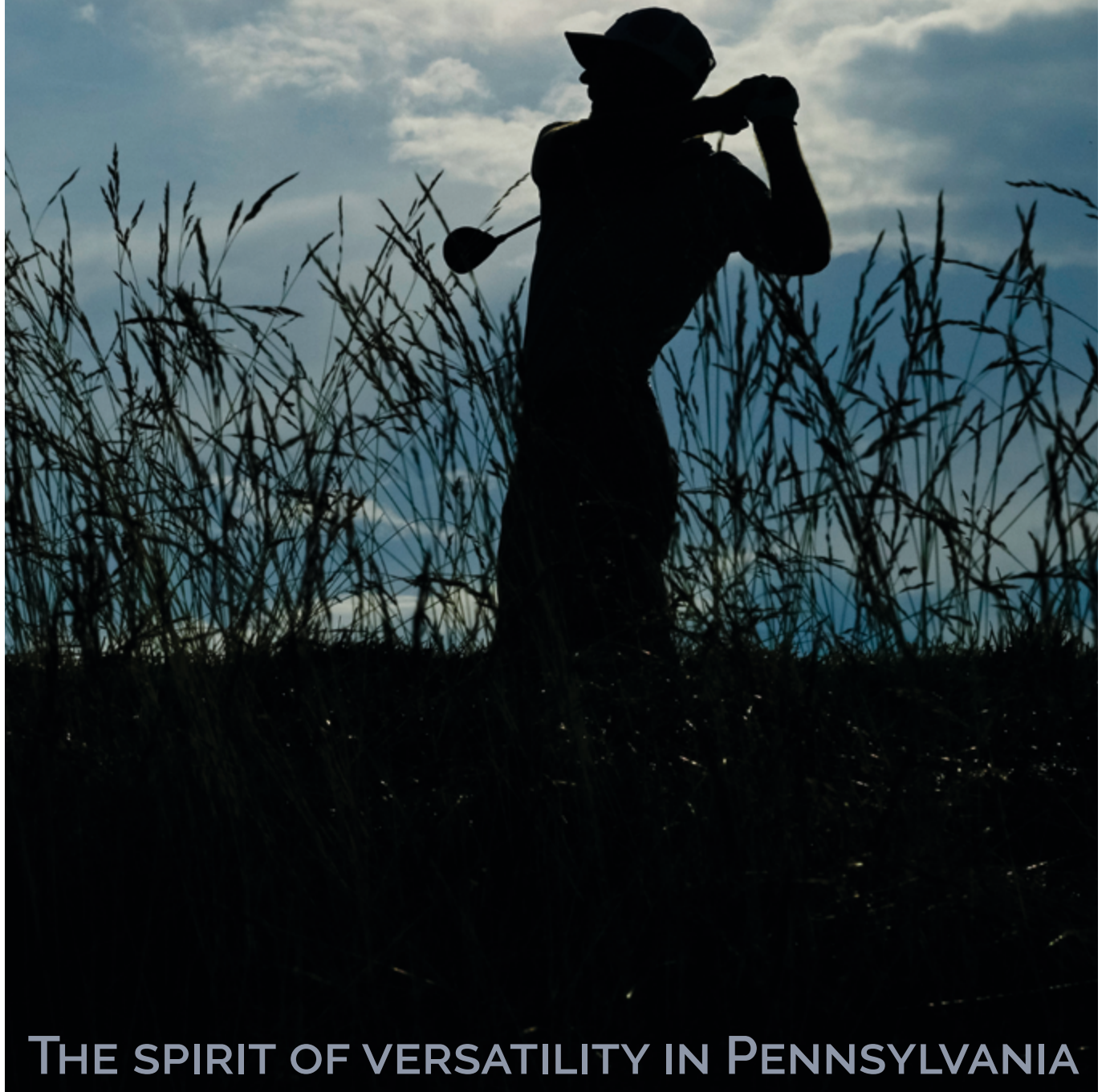


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Pennsylvania is a state with 958 *boroughs*, capable of renaming entire towns to honor great figures such as Olympic athlete **Jim Thorpe** or **Hershey**, the philanthropic entrepreneur and creator of one of the world's most iconic flavors.

This is the birthplace of notable personalities like *Princess Grace Kelly* or *Richard Gere*, who transformed fame into social commitment. He's also where inspiration has flourished for designers who view fashion as an extension of culture. Here, sport is valued with near-ceremonial reverence: the oldest golf course in the United States of America is found in **Foxburg**, born from a fascination with St. Andrews, and **Oakmont** hosts the historic **125th U.S. Open**—a landmark for international golf.

Amid rolling hills and rivers rises **Nemacolin**, an exclusive resort where the opulence of the Paris Ritz Hotel coexists with the purity of minimalist expression at its finest.

And as if versatility were its native language, **Philadelphia** transforms an ice hockey rink into a professional basketball arena with the same ease that it blends history with innovation, becoming home to major teams like the *Philadelphia 76ers* and the *Philadelphia Flyers*.

This edition pays tribute to a destination that seeks to remain in memory through its versatility.

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# THE ICE TEMPLES

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*La definición de ganar es diferente en cada deporte, pero lo que gana es en común: como puede ser en fútbol, la satisfacción y motivación es doble.*







In Pennsylvania, **ice hockey** is more than a sport—it's a lifestyle. Private suites, personalized service, and backstage access are all part of an ecosystem where social connections and cultural prestige coexist with athletic passion. Attending a **National Hockey League** game is a thrill, but it also signals distinction, belonging, and visibility within an elite circle.

The rivalry between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia not only shapes teams and regional identities, but it also forges character. The *Pittsburgh Penguins* have clinched five **Stanley Cups**, with legendary

players like Mario Lemieux, Sidney Crosby, and Evgeni Malkin. Meanwhile, the *Philadelphia Flyers* defined an era with their aggressive Broad Street Bullies style—a legacy that left its mark on an entire generation. Attending a game in either city is to witness a living chapter of North American sports history.

### Stanley Cup

The oldest trophy in North American professional sports is the Stanley Cup. Created in 1892 by *Lord Stanley of Preston*, it has been passed from



champion to champion with a near-ceremonial solemnity. Each band engraved with the winners' names becomes a marker of time—a permanent inscription of excellence. Only four master engravers have ever had the honor of etching it, further underscoring its singularity. The Cup stands as the pinnacle of hockey: a symbol of prestige, heritage, and athletic legacy.

During the *2024–25 NHL* season, Pennsylvania once again emerged as a social epicenter throughout the coldest months. Game nights at **Wells Fargo Center** and **PPG Paints Arena** became more than sporting events—they were unmissable rendezvous for business leaders, celebrities, former players, and collectors. The post-game scene—private dinners, penthouse parties, gourmet wine pairings—sealed a vibrant season that culminated in the *Florida Panthers'* victory over the *Edmonton Oilers*.







## From Ice to Suite

The intensity of hockey finds its counterpoint in the elegance of the suite experience. This is a sport that blends art, speed, and strength—seducing a clientele accustomed to the exceptional: seamless service, personalized attention, and discreet encounters with fellow members of the elite. Here, luxury is felt in every calculated movement on the ice, and in every knowing glance through the glass. Pennsylvania offers a different way to experience sport: intimate, refined, authentic.



In *Pittsburgh*, hockey is both a passion and a luxury. The **PPG Paints Arena** is more than a venue—it is a space where the game is experienced with distinction. The *Lexus Loge Boxes* offer semi-private seating with access to exclusive lounges, premium ambiance, and tailored hospitality. For those seeking an even more elevated experience, the *PNC Legends Level Suites* feature bamboo finishes, quartz details, Italian porcelain, a private bar, and on-demand tech for uninterrupted enjoyment of the game.

Outside the arena, a monumental *sculpture of Mario Lemieux* by Bruce Wolfe dominates the urban landscape. It immortalizes his iconic 1988 goal against the New York Islanders and stands as a tribute to sporting excellence. Inside, VIP areas like the *PNC Legends Level Suites*, *Lexus Loge Boxes*, and *Captain Morgan Club* complete the experience—with fine dining and sweeping city views for those who know that hockey is best savored with a glass of *champagne*.





In *Philadelphia*, hockey becomes an urban ritual. The **Wells Fargo Center**—home to the *Flyers* and the *76ers*—is a marvel of engineering: an ice rink built over a permanently frozen concrete slab, seamlessly covered by parquet flooring when basketball takes center stage. This versatile system ensures rapid transitions without compromising spectacle or comfort.

The VIP experience begins even before puck drop. **Adrian**, the arena's private restaurant by Stephen Starr and designed by Rockwell Group, pays tribute to the city's sports legacy with an



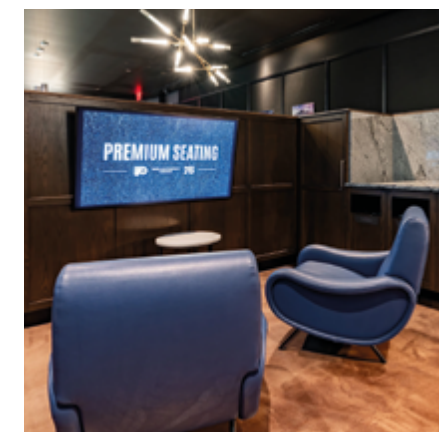
elevated menu and lounge-style ambiance. Open only to members and premium ticket holders, it draws fans with a gourmet sensibility and entrepreneurial vision.

Top-tier suites such as the *Liberty Loft*, *Hyundai Luxury Suites*, and *Group Club Hospitality* blend contemporary design with first-class service. Private entrances, bespoke attention, gourmet menus, and exclusive access to clubs like the *Assembly Room* ensure an evening of high-octane action wrapped in effortless glamour.

## Hometown Icons of the Ice

Though many homegrown talents don't play locally, Pennsylvania has left a commanding imprint on the **NHL**. Anaheim Ducks goalie *John Gibson* was MVP at the 2013 World Juniors. *Vincent Trocheck* of the New York Rangers led his team to the 2024 Conference Final. Retired Rangers legend *Mike Richter* won the Stanley Cup in 1994, was an Olympic medalist with Team USA, and is a member of the **U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame**.

In the NHL, talent is strategically distributed through the draft, which often sends Pennsylvania's finest far from home. Yet they all carry the same composure and elegance forged in this land of icy tradition.







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Located in the southwestern corner of the state, in Farmington—just three hours from the Atlantic coast—**Nemacolin Resort** emerges as a universe unto itself. Founded in 1970 as a hunting lodge, it has since evolved into a masterwork of contemporary design. Straddling the line between theatrical and intimate, this 2,000-acre property is the epitome of modern American luxury: exuberant, multidisciplinary, and utterly unforgettable.

From its **Château Lafayette**, inspired by the Paris Ritz, to a Tudor-style lodge and the minimalist serenity







of *Falling Rock*, Nemacolin doesn't follow a single aesthetic—it embodies them all. It's a place where design becomes narrative. Here, sleep may be a neoclassical experience or an organic immersion. The choice is aesthetic, yes—but also emotional.

The suites at *The Château* evoke a refined language of textures, polished marble, and views that whisper serenity. And as if tailored from a dream, *The Bleu Room* stands as a hidden jewel: a salon inspired by Marie Antoinette's secret room in Versailles, adorned with blue marble, hand-painted ceilings, and an *Afternoon Tea* service that seduces even the most discreet hedonist.

Culinarily, *Lautrec* shines with Forbes Five Stars. Its modern French cuisine is a tribute to art and technique, served in a dining room that feels more like a gallery than a restaurant. The *Woodlands*



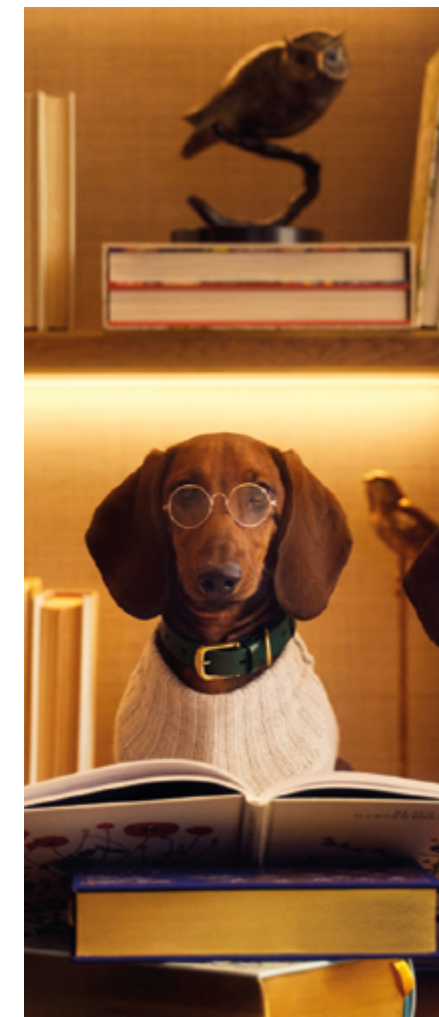
*Spa* elevates wellness to a ceremonial level, with rituals inspired by the surrounding nature found in every corner of the resort.

But Nemacolin offers much more: two championship golf courses designed by Pete Dye, an art gallery, forest safaris, fashion and design experiences, a private casino, and artisan workshops. Everything coexists. Everything expresses itself. Here, luxury is not imposed—it's suggested. And that is its greatest triumph.

For those who seek thrill with the same intensity they seek privacy, rafting down the *Youghiogheny River*—the *Yok*, as locals call it—offers an exclusive, privately guided Class III rapids journey. Three hours of pure adrenaline reserved for guests and members of the resort, in direct connection with nature without losing the refinement of exclusivity.

Here, every full moon is glimpsed through the treetops; every sunrise highlights the forest's quiet soul. A discreet kind of luxury, free of ostentation, yet deeply moving.

At Nemacolin, every guest writes their own scene. One may start the day conquering the river and end it beside the fire. And that is its magic.







# THE SPIRIT OF VERSATILITY IN PENNSYLVANIA

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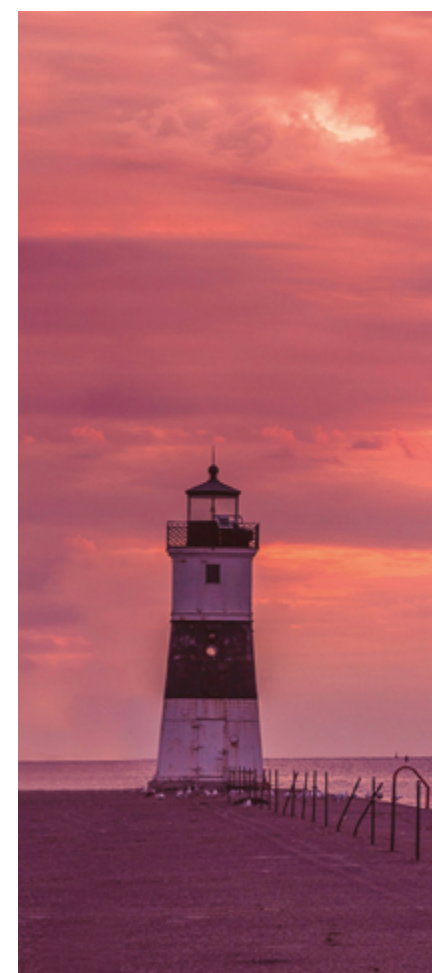
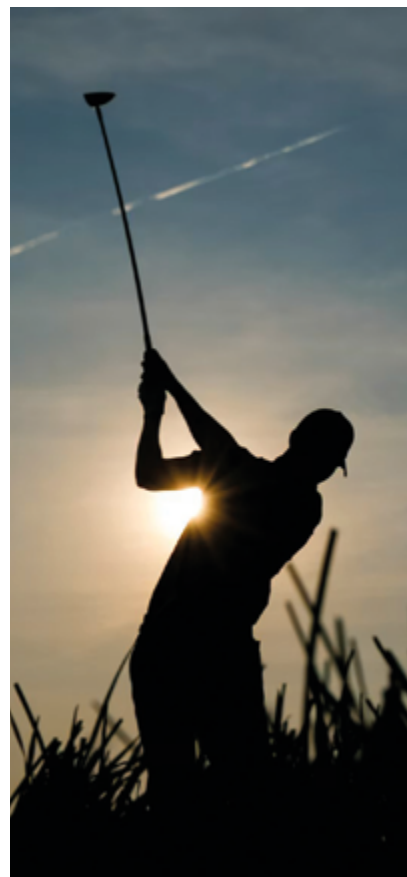


Pennsylvania embodies a deep cultural and administrative diversity. The state is divided into **67 counties**, within which communities are categorized as **cities**, **boroughs**, and **townships**. A borough is generally smaller than a city and operates with its own local government, preserving distinctive identities. There are **958 boroughs**, each with its own character—from former industrial villages to revitalized artistic enclaves. The most curious exception is **Bloomsburg**, officially recognized as the only incorporated **town** in the state—a classification found nowhere else in Pennsylvania. This unique structure creates a constellation of micro territories that invite exploration beyond the well-trodden tourist paths.

For the traveler who has flown over Monaco by helicopter, experienced the US Open from a Louis Armstrong suite, or sailed to St. Barths on a Riva, Pennsylvania—beyond Philadelphia and Pittsburgh—emerges as a sanctuary of quiet luxury. It's an ideal retreat between tournaments or a cultural interlude ahead of the global events calendar. This is not a land of exhibitionism, but of discovery. From centuries-old boroughs to discreet private yacht clubs, each place offers an experience that only reveals itself through intimate and unhurried living.

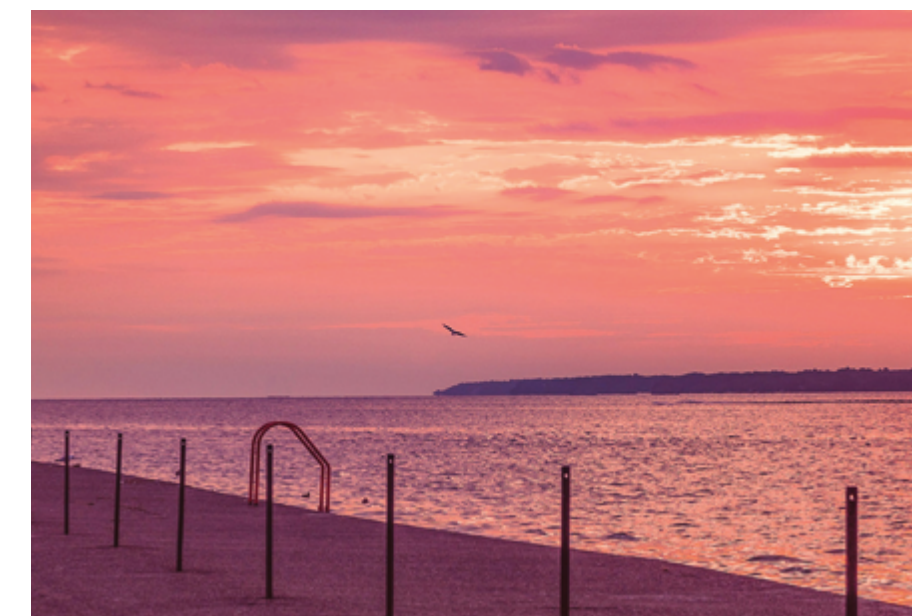
## Erie

Set along the lake that shares its name, Erie strikes a delicate balance between coastal sophistication and maritime charm. Though less known than Pennsylvania's major cities, it draws



visitors who appreciate tranquility paired with high-end comforts. Waterfront properties offer exclusive summer retreats, while clubs like the **Erie Yacht Club** serve as hubs of private sailing—perfect for those who find reconnection in fishing or sailing.

**Presque Isle North Pier Light**, the lighthouse forged in France and relocated several times since the 19th century, stands as a quiet symbol of endurance and understated grandeur. The golden beaches of **Presque Isle**, its scenic trails, and the lake's gentle breeze create an ideal setting for unwinding after a busy social season.





The *Erie Maritime Museum* and the *U.S. Brig Niagara* tell the story of America's naval history in a former steam generation plant. Industrial steel beams now frame a cultural space, preserving the original turbines and the lake's military and fishing past.

## Foxburg

Tucked into the valley of the **Allegheny** and **Clarion** rivers, this borough represents the elegance of the untouched. With just over 200 residents, Foxburg is home to the oldest continuously operating golf course in the United States: the *Foxburg Country Club*. Created by Joseph Mickle Fox after traveling to England and Scotland with the All-American Cricket team in 1874, he visited St. Andrews, met four-time British Open winner Old Tom Morris, and brought home not just memories, but a vision. The spirit of the legendary Scottish golfer lives on in the course's ancient trees and undulating greens.

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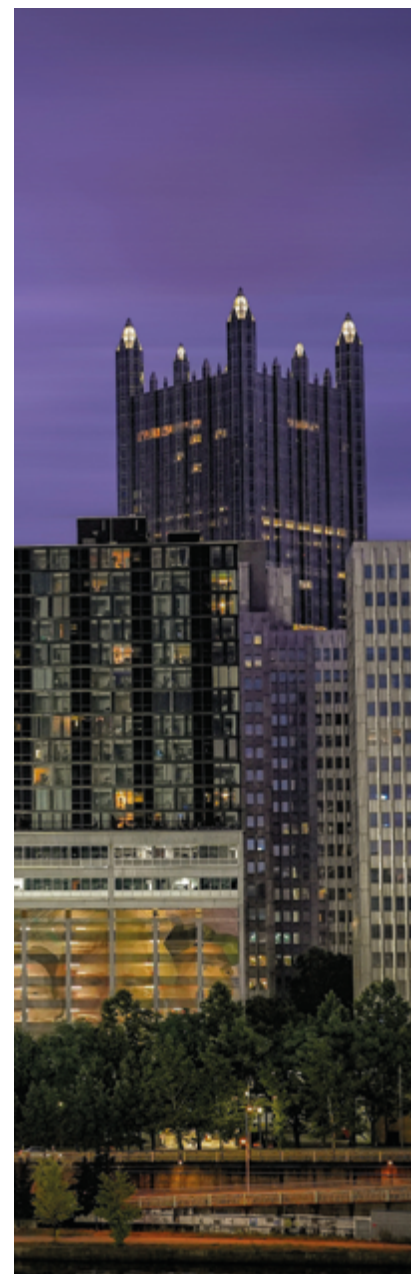
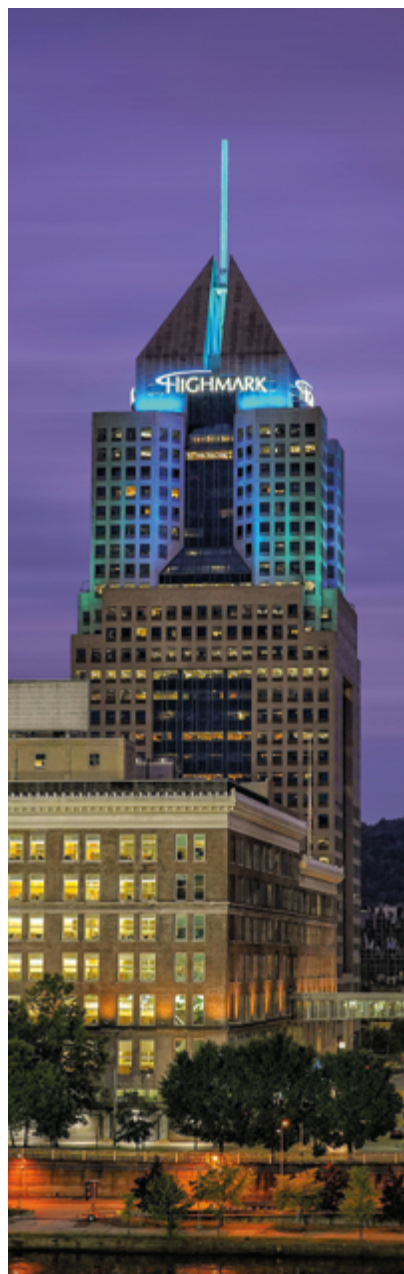
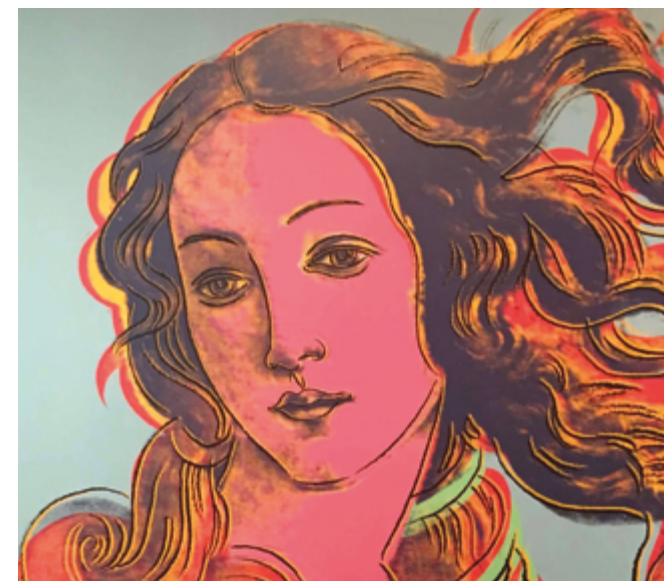
Visitors come not only for a round of golf, but to join a legacy. Locally crafted wine from *Foxburg Wine Cellars* and fine confections from *Divani Chocolate Boutique* complete the experience. A pontoon cruise along *Wild & Scenic* rivers, a waterside dinner on the *Allegheny*, and a stay in boutique residences turn time in Foxburg into a celebration of a lifestyle that resists fashion. Accessed via *I-80* without crowds, its slow pace invites kayaking, segway rides, or simply reading on a lakeside veranda.

## Pittsburgh

With an industrial past still etched in its architecture, Pittsburgh has reinvented itself with contemporary finesse. The neighborhoods of *Shadyside* and *Mount Washington* are now home to boutique hotels, minimalist spas, and private residences with panoramic views rivaling those of any European capital.

The *Duquesne Incline*, still operating after 148 years, offers one of the most celebrated vistas in the United States—where three rivers meet beneath a shimmering skyline. The city pulses with modern art—the *Andy Warhol Museum* being its creative epicenter—, elite sports, and a culinary scene driven not by excess, but by excellence.

Private boats navigate the *Monongahela*, *Allegheny*, and *Ohio* rivers like Venetian canals. Just minutes from downtown, the strictly private *Oakmont Country Club* remains one of the most challenging courses in the world. Playing there is almost ceremonial—an experience reserved for the few.







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## Eagles Mere

Frozen in time, this village in the **Endless Mountains** offers a retreat for the soul and the senses. Every home has a name, a history, and a library. The most frequent sounds are wind through trees or piano melodies drifting from evening salons.

Tradition reigns here: tennis on clay courts, canoeing on private lakes, gourmet picnics by the water, and seasonal dinners beneath ancestral portraits. Eagles Mere doesn't impose codes—it presumes them. This is a place for slow conversations, sunset reading, and phone-free walks.

Nautical activities are less about adrenaline and more about contemplation: paddleboarding, guided fishing, or rowing in vintage boats. It's the kind of place where bonds are forged in summer repetition, and friendships are passed down like heirlooms.

## Jim Thorpe

Founded in 1818 as **Mauch Chunk**—meaning “*Bear Place*” or “*Bear Mountain*” in the *Lenape* language—this town was renamed in 1954 in honor of the greatest **Olympic athlete** of the 20th century, who launched his career in Pennsylvania. A multi-sport phenomenon, Jim Thorpe excelled in *baseball, basketball, lacrosse, swimming, ice hockey, boxing, tennis, and archery*. In 1912, reflecting the same multifaceted spirit that defines the town, he won Olympic gold in both *pentathlon* and *decathlon*.





Today, Jim Thorpe, the town, is known as the “Switzerland of America,” blending Victorian architecture, enveloping mountains, and an industrial past transformed into a cultural landscape. It’s a haven for romantic travelers, vintage train enthusiasts, and connoisseurs of stylish slow travel.

**Broadway Street**—formerly “*Millionaire’s Row*”—still features the mansions of coal barons, now repurposed as character-filled accommodations. Heritage trains run through the valleys on private routes that evoke the golden days of rail. There’s a nostalgic European feel here, though unmistakably Pennsylvanian in essence.

The coal legacy is present in museums and the hydraulic engineering feats that powered the town’s rise. Today, the same environment hosts hiking trails, art galleries, and guesthouses with glowing fireplaces. Visitors seek not spectacle, but emotional resonance.



## New Hope

Set along the **Delaware River**, where the current flows like live jazz, New Hope is a sophisticated hideaway where nature meets history. For decades, it was a refuge for artists of the *Pennsylvania Impressionism* movement, and it still retains an aura of intellectual and creative retreat—now home to luxury brands, modern art collectors, and music lovers in search of intimacy far from the spotlights of New York or Miami.

Strolling its cobblestone streets reveals discreet galleries, design-forward cafés, and ceramic studios with a *wabi-sabi* aesthetic. At the **River House at Odette’s**—the area’s only private club—the experience goes far beyond conventional luxury: secret dinners, private theater performances, jazz sessions in the suite, and seasonal pairings served on river-view terraces beneath wrought-iron lanterns. From here, setting out at sunset aboard a private boat while a mixologist crafts bespoke cocktails is a ritual among guests who value authenticity over ostentation.

The past lingers gracefully in the present. The traces of the *Lenni-Lenape* and 18th-century architecture coexist with a polished lifestyle. Here, history is savored in the air—between glasses of local Syrah—in a village that once captivated Robert Redford, Helen Hayes, and George C. Scott.

## Brandywine Valley

The gentle hills are a quiet declaration of aesthetic discretion. This region—shaped by the slow rhythms of rural life and the understated refinement of founding families—evokes the feel of the French countryside, but with a narrative all its own: independent vineyards, centuries-old estates, and the artistic legacy of the Wyeth dynasty as a silent backdrop.



The *Brandywine River Museum of Art*, nestled along the river and surrounded by untamed nature, preserves masterpieces by Andrew and N.C. Wyeth, along with an artistic philosophy that resists the superficial. It's not uncommon to cross paths here with international museum curators, auction house directors, or collectors who prize the authenticity of the brushstroke over market trends.

The *gardens at Longwood*, with their dancing fountains and geometric paths, offer a vision worthy of a Flemish painting. For those seeking a more immersive experience, *Galer Estate Vineyard* provides the perfect harmony between *terroir* and *Haute Cuisine*. Private tastings, led by a *Le Cordon Bleu*-trained chef, reveal the complexity of limestone-grown varietals, paired with impeccably executed dishes served in beautifully restored cellars.

For equestrian enthusiasts, the *Brandywine Polo Club* is a study in elegant anachronism. Founded in 1950, it maintains the air of an English family club where summers unfold with



*sommelier*-curated picnics, locally bred horses, and private, closed-door exhibitions. It's an enclave where surnames carry more weight than titles, and belonging is measured in legacy.

In *Kennett Square*—known as the “Mushroom Capital of the World”—epicureans can experience its renown firsthand at *Portabello's*, a fine dining destination where the essence of local identity is captured in every ingredient. For an even more exclusive experience, *Talula's Table* is the ultimate prize. By day a *gourmet* market, by night a private eight-course dinner for just twelve guests. Reservations require a year's advance planning and are part of the ritual.







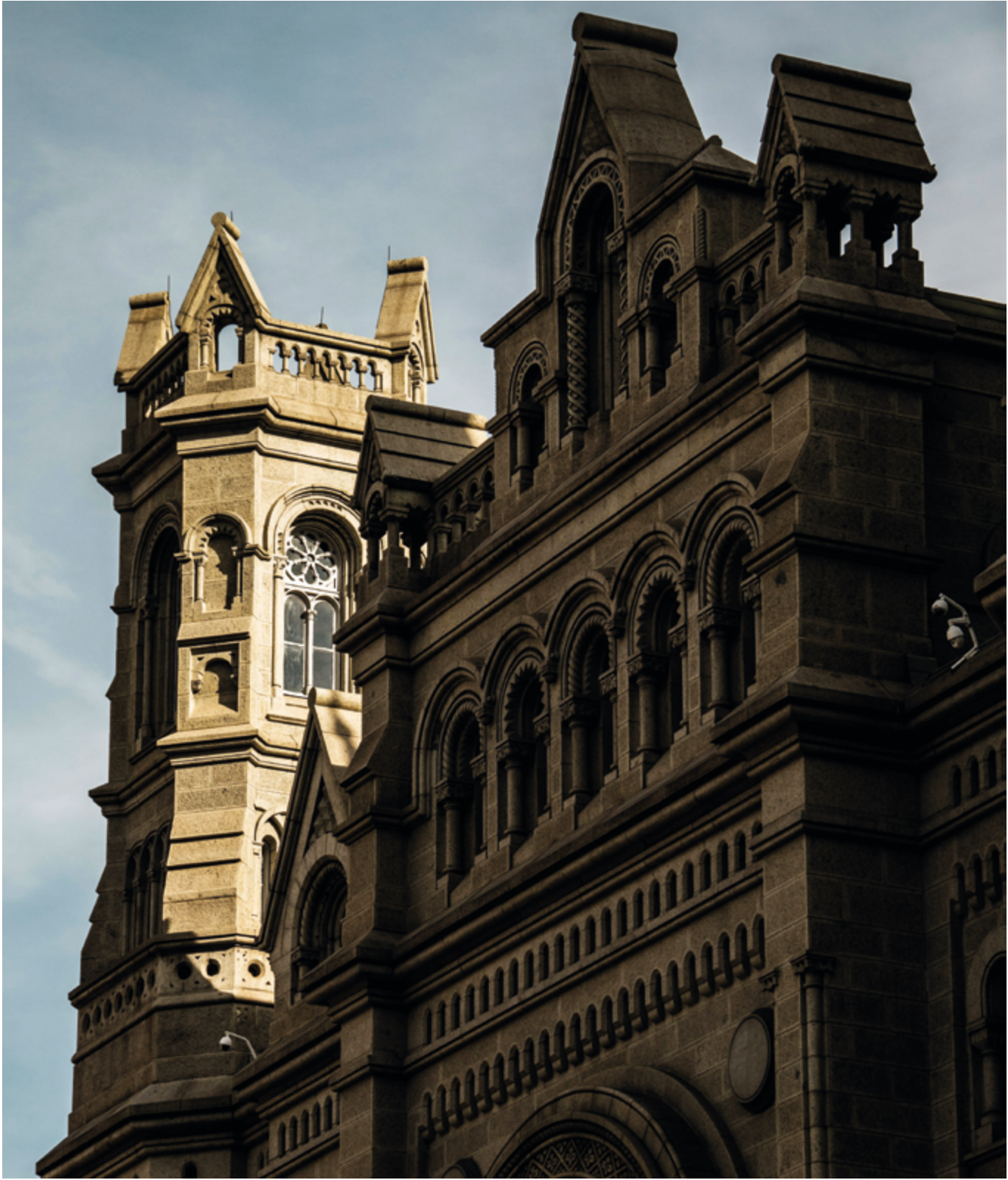
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## Filadelfia

Philadelphia—affectionately known as “Philly”—is the only U.S. city recognized as a World Heritage City, and it defies the stereotype of urban America. Its distinction is not rooted in excess, but in coherence. In *Rittenhouse Square*—one of five original parks planned by William Penn—refined urban life thrives, where art, fashion, and architecture engage in a quiet dialogue of elegance. Notable figures born here include Benjamin Franklin, Grace Kelly, David Rittenhouse, Michael Landon, and Richard Gere.

Here, penthouses with butler service overlook the canopies of century-old trees, and *Haute Couture* boutiques coexist with galleries representing museum-caliber emerging artists. Social life revolves around terraces serving rare *champagnes*, discreet literary clubs, and luncheons at places like *Lacroix*, where each plate is crafted like edible goldsmithing.

The *Kimmel Center* and the *Philadelphia Museum of Art* anchor a vibrant cultural scene that spills into bohemian neighborhoods like *South Street*, where





*Philadelphia's Magic Gardens*—an immersive mosaic installation by Isaiah Zagar—bridge folk art and elevated aesthetics. Decorative muralism here is ideological, narrative, and deeply urban.

Beyond the city center, *Chestnut Hill* offers another layer of exclusivity. Once the summer retreat of Philadelphia's elite, the area preserves Victorian mansions and twin houses that resemble English countryside paintings. Its proximity to *Wissahickon Creek* and *Fairmount Park* allows for an aristocratic lifestyle without sacrificing privacy. Brunches are quiet, clubs are invitation-only, and gardens carry more significance than marquees.





*Cira Green* —a park suspended twelve stories high—offers uncommon views of the skyline, without the ostentation of a traditional rooftop. In summer, *University City's* most reserved residents gather for curated weekly events: open-air films, local mixology, and starlit dinners with biodynamic wines.

*Main Line*, developed during the golden age of the railroad to house Philadelphia's industrial aristocracy, still preserves the essence of a carefully maintained American Europe—where luxury is inherited.

Golf clubs like *Merion Golf Club*, discreetly closed to the public, are venues where financial decisions shaping half a continent are made between holes. Elite caddies, Japanese whisky *sommeliers*, and Georgian residences hidden behind towering cypresses set the tone. These homes house private art collections, personal libraries, and wine cellars untouched by auction.

Each spring, *Devon* hosts the *Devon Horse Show & Country Fair*—the oldest of its kind in the U.S. Since 1896, generations of families have secured their VIP boxes beneath raw linen tents, served by award-winning chefs and surrounded by guest lists that include philanthropists and diplomats alike.



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In Devon, lodging follows a different logic: it's not about choosing a hotel, but selecting a private residence with an in-house chef, a butler, and access to stables. Mornings begin with continental breakfasts in stone courtyards; afternoons end with polo brunches on country estates where silence is broken only by the hoofbeats of a trained horse.

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# A CHAMPION IS BORN AT THE 125 U.S. OPEN

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On nine occasions, **Oakmont Country Club** hosted the world's golfing elite. With its lightning-fast greens, narrow fairways, and unforgiving terrain, the course designed by Henry C. Fownes remains true to the 1903 vision.

The *125th edition of the U.S. Open* transformed Oakmont into a top-tier sporting and social spectacle. While weather conditions temporarily softened the course, winds and cool nights quickly restored its firm and fast character—the defining traits of its identity. For seasoned players like **Xander Schauffele**, this came as no surprise: competing at Oakmont is like taking an exam before the toughest jury in world golf.

Oakmont has crowned legends such as **Ben Hogan**, **Jack Nicklaus**, **Johnny Miller**, **Ernie Els**, **Tommy Armour**, and **Larry Nelson**. Its history is commanding, and its future is secure, with the U.S. Open already scheduled there for 2033, 2042, and 2049.



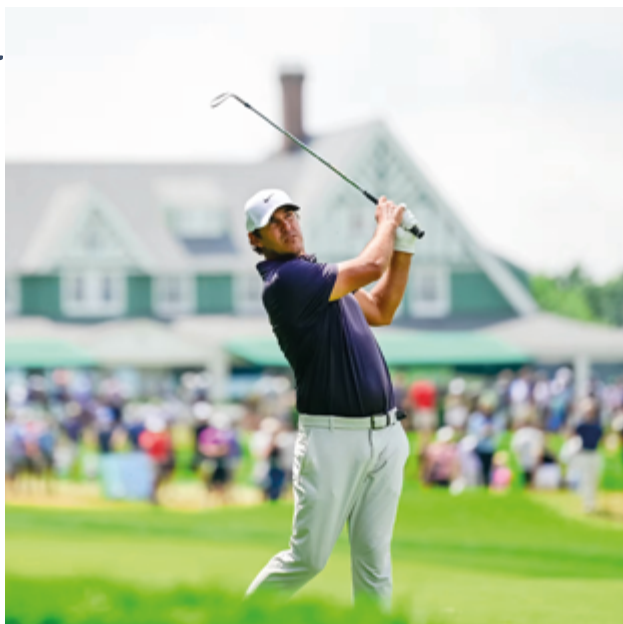
## Private Suites

Watching the U.S. Open at Oakmont is part of an experience designed for those who see luxury as a natural extension of their lifestyle. Every space has been crafted to offer privileged views of the most demanding competition in golf, with absolute comfort through private suites, personalized service, and world-class hospitality.

The **Village on 17** is a prime observation point overlooking the shortest hole on the course. Its climate-controlled chalets, featuring private terraces







and luxurious decor, are perfect for closing deals—or simply enjoying the thrill of the game just meters from the green.

For those who value intimacy, *Village 16* offers views of the most strategic par 3 on the course. Refined interiors and full-service balconies create a more exclusive ambiance without losing touch with the action.

The *Suites on 13* are among the most coveted options for select groups. With a semi-private area and tiered patio, they provide seamless access to an immersive experience, enhanced by gourmet food service throughout the day.

The *Champions Pavilion*, next to the iconic *Church Pews*, offers a strategic setting, while the *1895 Club*, located at the heart of the finishing holes, presents a symphony of premium amenities:



top-shelf open bar, *gourmet* menu curated by renowned chefs, and dominant views of the championship's decisive moments.

Oakmont is not just a golf course—it's a tribute to high performance, refined luxury, and history in motion. An experience for those who have seen it all yet still crave to be challenged.

### J.J. Spaun caused a surprise at Oakmoant

*Oakmont Country Club*, renowned for testing the greatest, witnessed an unexpected chapter this year: the crowning of **J.J. Spaun** as the champion of the *125th U.S. Open*. In a setting where history looms and pressure overwhelm, the 34-year-old Californian emerged as the undisputed protagonist, earning his



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victory through a rare blend of consistency, mental toughness, and mastery of the greens.

From June 12, **Spaun** made it clear this would be a different week. His flawless opening round of 66—the only bogey-free round of the entire championship—set the tone for a composed yet effective performance, away from the noise of the sport's biggest names. His was a story of resilience, pinpoint shots, and long putts that defied the logic of a course where every green can be a trap. He made eight putts over six feet just in the first round and ended the week with the tournament's highest total in that category.

Amid changing conditions—torrential rain, shifting winds, and weather delays—Spaun never strayed from his game plan. His third round, played on a rain-soaked Saturday, showcased his adaptability: 15 of 18 greens in regulation and a string of 12 consecutive pars from holes 4 to 17. His consistency wasn't luck—it was the result of a game finely tuned for a venue as relentless as Oakmont.

*"It's a complete examination – physically, mentally, emotionally" says Jeff Hall of the USGA, who has helped prepare the last four editions. The challenge is so intense that even professionals must play with humility, often aiming below the green just to keep the ball in play.*

On Sunday, June 15th, under peak pressure and a wind-hardened course, Spaun held firm. His short game, particularly sharp all week, made the difference. The defining moment came with a 65-foot putt on the 18th hole—a shot that echoed *Larry Nelson's* 1983 heroics on the same stage—sealing his win with a two-stroke



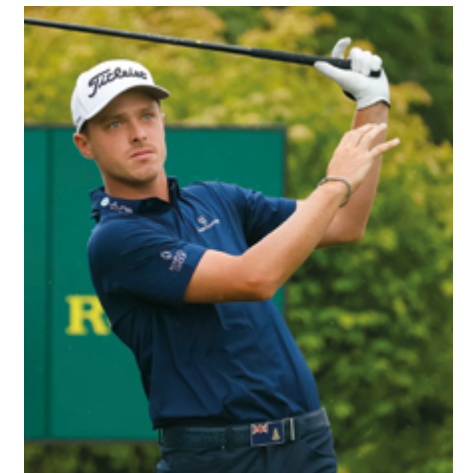




lead over Scotland's *Robert MacIntyre*, who also delivered a strong final round of 68.

While names like *Sam Burns* and *Adam Scott* loomed near the top of the leaderboard, it was Spaun who maintained the composure to complete 72 holes in 279 strokes—the only under-par score of the tournament. A feat that etches his name in Oakmont's history alongside legends like *Hogan*, *Nicklaus*, and *Els*.

The result is not only the coronation of an unexpected champion but also the culmination of a steady rise. With four top-10 finishes this year—including a duel against *Rory McIlroy* at The Players Championship—Spaun had shown clear signs of evolution. At Oakmont, that progress became legacy.







# FIFTY YEARS IN FILM

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Born in Philadelphia and raised in upstate New York, **Richard Gere** is not only the star of more than 60 films—he’s also an accomplished trumpet player. Since 2018, he has been married to Galician businesswoman Alejandra Silva. Now living in Madrid, Gere has embraced the Spanish capital not just as a personal or logistical choice, but as a symbolic one. From here, he has strengthened his bond with Europe and launched recent projects with a more intimate, introspective, and culturally engaged approach.

Among these are the premieres of *Oh Canada* and *Longing*, two films that delve into emotional introspection and human storytelling with depth

and nuance. Gere also presented at **BCN Film Fest** the documentary he produced about the Dalai Lama: *Wisdom of Happiness*—a title that reads almost like a personal philosophy.

## Five decades in the world of cinema

In 2025, Richard Gere marks the 50th anniversary of his film debut—a career that began in the 1970s and has delivered unforgettable performances in films that remain etched in the collective imagination: *An Officer and a Gentleman*, *The Cotton Club*, *Pretty Woman*, *Chicago*, and *Hachi: A Dog’s Tale*. In *American Gigolo* in 1980, his wardrobe was designed by Giorgio Armani, helping to propel the



Italian fashion house to international prominence. His distinguished looks and calm charisma turned him into a lasting icon of sophisticated masculinity.

The actor has worked with directors like Robert Altman, Francis Ford Coppola, Lasse Hallström, and Garry Marshall, always bringing depth, emotional nuance, and a presence that never felt superficial. He has consistently chosen roles where vulnerability, justice, or inner conflict were at the core.





On February 8, in the city of Granada, the Spanish Film Academy awarded the *Goya Internacional 2025* to actor and producer Richard Gere. The honor recognized not only his cinematic legacy but also his deep commitment to social and environmental causes that transcend borders.

With a moving and eloquent introduction by Málaga-born actor Antonio Banderas, the Academy paid tribute to Gere's extraordinary contribution to the art of cinema—one that blends some of the most iconic performances in film history with a personal and professional



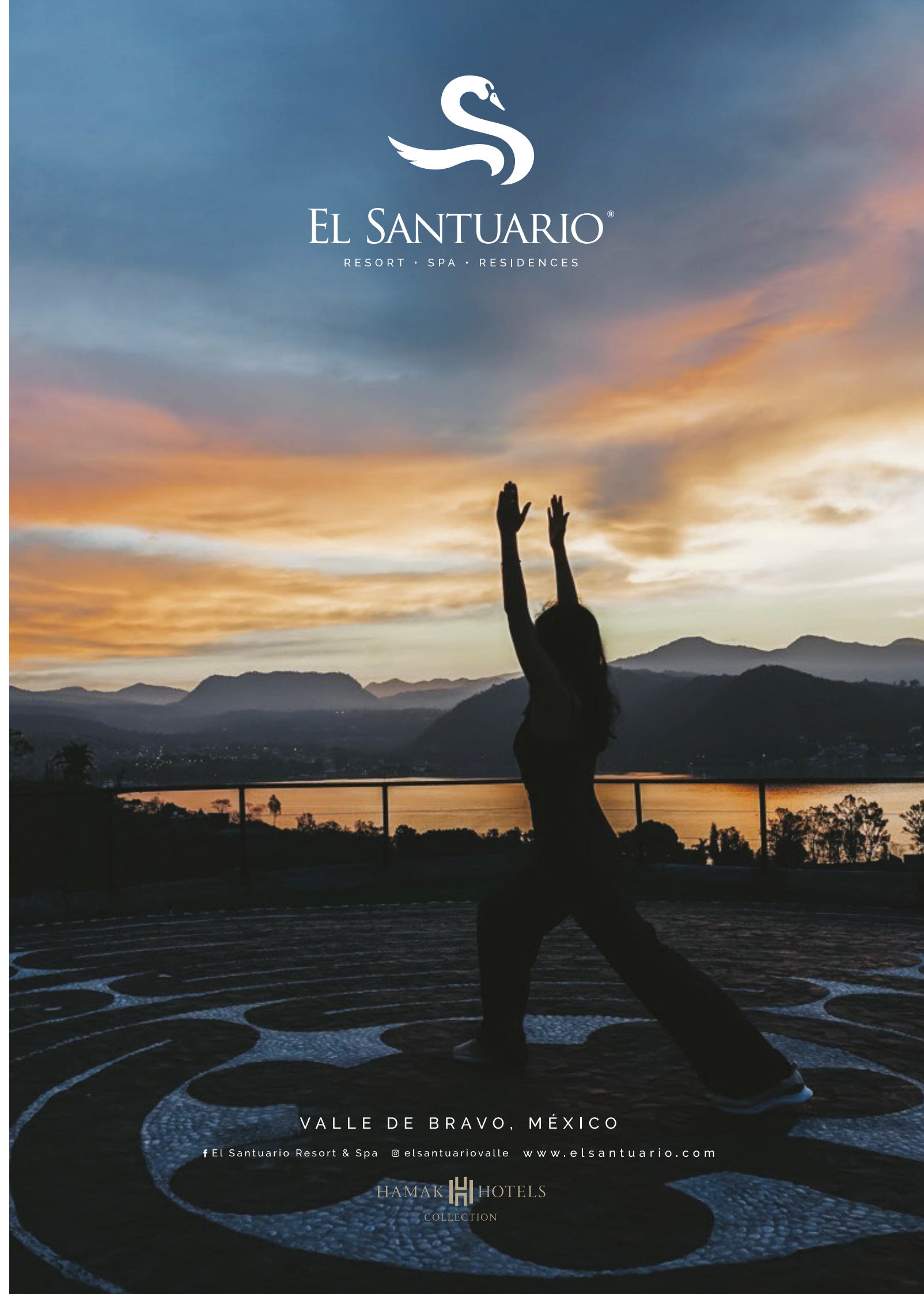
dedication to global humanitarian efforts. A perfect synthesis of an actor who has managed to combine Hollywood magnetism with rare ethical integrity.

As the Academy stated, the Goya Internacional is awarded to those “who contribute to cinema as an art form that unites cultures and audiences across the globe.” Richard Gere embodies that ideal—a star who has not only illuminated the screen, but also the world beyond it.

### Gere Foundation

Beyond the spotlight, Richard Gere has cultivated a life of activism as profound as his filmography. A practicing Buddhist since his twenties, he founded the *Gere Foundation* in 1991 to support long-term causes: Tibetan autonomy and the preservation of its ancestral culture, support for the homeless, protection of Indigenous peoples, refugee advocacy, and environmental conservation.

He actively collaborates with **NGOs** such as *Survival International*, *Open Arms*, and *Hogar Sí*, and recently backed the ambitious *Sierra a Mar* project—a natural conservation corridor in Mexico aimed at restoring essential ecosystems. His activism isn't just for show—it's structural, sustained, and deeply aligned with his personal philosophy.



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## HERSHEY IS MORE THAN CHOCOLATE

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In **Derry Church**, a modest community in south-central Pennsylvania, Milton S. Hershey was born to create more than a chocolate company—he set out to establish a way of life. What began as failed ventures in Philadelphia and New York eventually became a national brand.

### Milton S. Hershey

Long before the concept of corporate social responsibility even had a name, Milton Snavely Hershey was already practicing it with an uncommon sense of purpose. Born in 1857 into a Mennonite family in Pennsylvania, his entrepre-

neurial journey began with persistent failures. But it was with the **Lancaster Caramel Company**—which made him a millionaire—that he laid the foundation for his true passion: chocolate.

In 1894, he created a division within his company focused on milk chocolate, a product still largely unknown in the United States. Inspired by European techniques and determined to make it accessible to all, he developed his own method to mass-produce chocolate without compromising quality. But Hershey didn't stop at mastering an industry. In 1903, he began something even more ambitious: building an entire town.



**Hershey, Pennsylvania**, was no ordinary urban project. It was conceived as a holistic community for his employees, with quality housing, schools, parks, transportation, a swimming pool, and even a golf course—an industrial utopia ahead of its time. His humanistic legacy was further solidified through the **Milton Hershey School**, founded with his wife for orphaned and underprivileged children, which today stands as one of the most significant philanthropic institutions in the country.

The **Hershey Story Museum** offers an interactive immersion into the founder's life, while private chocolate —making classes allow visitors to explore artisanal techniques with personalized attention. The **Hersheypark** VIP Experience extends this exclusivity to the theme park grounds, offering preferred access, reserved areas, and curated culinary encounters.



**Hersheypark Stadium**, the **GIANT Center**, and the local hockey team, the **Hershey Bears**, are all examples of how high-level sports and entertainment are seamlessly woven into this narrative.

That same spirit of excellence is preserved at **The Hotel Hershey**, a Mediterranean-inspired resort that evokes the villas of the French Riviera from its rural setting. From suites with views of rolling fields to its acclaimed restaurant, **The Circular**, where architecture flows effortlessly and the menu interprets American cuisine with elegance, every corner is designed for contemplation and pleasure.

The resort also features one of the state's most prestigious golf courses and exclusive access to the





*Hershey Country Club*, where sporting events unfold with calm, grace, and panoramic views of the Pennsylvania landscape.

The *Chocolate Spa*, with its warm cocoa baths and rejuvenating wraps, transforms the art of living into a fully sensory experience. The constant presence of chocolate becomes a gateway to contemporary luxury.

## Pairing in Harrisburg

Just twenty-four kilometers away, **Harrisburg** complements the experience. *The Capitol*, praised by Theodore Roosevelt for its architecture, sets the institutional tone. The **Susquehanna River**, lined with vineyards, stately homes, and forests, offers an active yet tranquil escape. Kayaking, hiking the **Appalachian Trail**, and visiting botanical gardens become part of a routine many travelers didn't know they needed. Summer, far from being an



overcrowded season, unfolds a natural choreography where flowers, water, and local stories share the same stage.

The local scene has been enriched by a wave of *gourmet* ventures reinterpreting the region's traditional flavors. Aged rye whiskeys are paired with artisanal dark chocolates; ice wines from **Lake Erie** are served alongside *Pennsylvania Dutch* pastries reimagined with French technique. Contemporary restaurants, collaborative spaces, and a creative scene with character define its new identity. From an organic riverside brunch to private tastings in *boutique* wine bars—the result is a pairing where land, knowledge, and memory merge with precision.

Today, Hershey's legacy can be felt in every corner of the region. The silhouette of the factory chimneys and the *Kiss*-shaped lampposts are symbols of an enduring identity.

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