



The loft suites at the Lancaster Arts Hotel rate as some of the nicest you'll find ... anywhere.



The lobby of the Lancaster Arts Hotel is appointed with works by local artists.

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Don't rest until you've visited the stylish and inspirational Lancaster Arts Hotel

The walls, nooks and crannies of this onetime tobacco warehouse are appointed with works by local artists.

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I usually do not write a "Day Away" feature about a hotel. After all, it would serve better as a "Night Away" story.

The subject of this story, however, is not your average hotel.

A Day Away It is the Lancaster Arts Hotel, and it is an intriguing admixture of architecture, art and attitude.

That attitude is style, and the hotel is all about style.

If you have never heard of an "arts hotel," it is because there are few of them in the world.

One cannot help but be impressed by a hotel that offers free wireless and wired high-speed Internet access, a free newspaper, free shuttle service to area business offices and transportation hubs, and many other gratis services. But, of

course, most good hotels offer them these days. A freebie offered by the Lancaster Arts Hotel goes a fair distance farther. According to its publicity piece, it also gives guests, absolutely free ... inspiration.

That inspiration is fueled by the design and decor of the public and private spaces that have been created inside the otherwise utilitarian, 3½-story former tobacco warehouse in what Lancaster has begun to promote as its "vibrant up-town" neighborhood.

While that vibrancy claim could be debated, the neighborhood is apparently on the

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