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Cleveland

ocated within 500 miles of nearly half the country's population, Cleveland is eclectic, unpretentious, and gritty yet sophisticated. Having undergone more than \$3.5 billion in visitor- and meetings-related development in the last six years, this sports-loving city is home to a new, 750,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art convention center, multiple new hotel properties, and redeveloped green spaces like the city's center, Public Square.

Outside the walls of meeting rooms, this unconventional destination offers business travelers world-class arts, culture, and rock 'n' roll; diverse dining options; and a friendly environment worthy of a pre- or post-meeting stay. Attendees can step outside their hotel or the convention center and be within walking distance of attractions like the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. JACK Cleveland Casino, or the East Fourth Street entertainment district - home to the original restaurants of James Beard Award-winning chefs Michael Symon and Jonathan Sawyer.

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Old Is New A \$50-million renovation

has brought new life to the city's historic

April 14, 2018 levelana 2018 Rock & Roll Hall of **Fame Induction Ceremony** rockhall.com/inductees The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame's big night out rotates between New York City and Cleveland - and next year it's the CLE's turn. The Class of 2018 won't be announced until later this



STREETSCAPE W. 25th Street/ **Ohio City**

West 25th Street is at the heart of the culturally rich Ohio City neighborhood, located just across the Cuyahoga River from downtown Cleveland. Unofficially known as the city's brewery district, Ohio City is home to six (going on seven) breweries - creating a beer lover's paradise that includes opportunities for production-facility tours. Visitors flock here for food, too, including in one of the country's first public markets, the West Side Market, and in eateries galore, such as SoHo Chicken + Whiskey, Flying Fig, Crop Bistro, TownHall, and Bar Cento.

Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland (HCCC) clevelandconventions.com



Located adjacent to the Global Center for Health Innovation, HCCC includes 225,000

square feet of Class A exhibit space divisible into three exhibition halls, 35 meeting rooms, and a 32,000-square-foot, columnfree ballroom with spectacular views of Cleveland's lakefront. In this tech-friendly underground environment, visitors can actually get mobile-phone reception throughout the building.

A Hilton Cleveland Downtown Flats East Bank hiltoncleveland.com

will be great.



year, but whoever makes the cut, the party

directly connected to the **Huntington Convention Center** and offers Superman-like views of the skyline and Lake Erie. In addition to a lakefront-facing bar on the 32nd floor, guests can dine at The Burnham, which serves fresh seafood, Cajuncreole fusion, and Midwestern comfort food.

flatseastbank.com



Located along the Cuvahoga River. the Flats East Bank offers an expansive boardwalk with

picture-perfect sunset views. From local favorites Lago and Alley Cat Oyster Bar to Punch Bowl Social Club and the Big Bang Dueling Piano Bar, the area is brimming with dining and entertainment options. And opening in 2017: Margaritaville.

A E. Fourth Street/ **Gateway District** clevelandgatewaydistrict.com



Home to three sports teams. six hotels, and the heart of Cleveland's

culinary scene, the Gateway District is full of energy. On East Fourth Street, visitors can catch a show at the House of Blues or Hilarities Comedy Club after enjoying menu offerings ranging from fine to casual dining in a relaxed atmosphere.





With 10 unique performance spaces - including opulent, vaudeville-style theaters

that have been restored to their 1920s splendor - Cleveland's Playhouse Square is the country's largest performing-arts center outside of New York City. The center hosts more than 1,000 events each year, including Broadway musicals, comedy shows, plays, and concerts.

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