



# Indycar UK

## Indy 500 Travel Guide

### Accommodation—Where to Stay

**Jimmy** - If the race is the only thing you're visiting there are many places within easy drive distance. West side around Rockville Rd or down by the airport puts you in a 20 min range of the track. If you plan on exploring, Indy has a great downtown and is still close to the track. The JW Marriott seems to be very popular.

**Aaryn** - If you have the money downtown is the place to be. With ability to walk to many restaurants and bars or rent a bike downtown easily with the bike share or even cheap cab rides it's the place to be. Otherwise NW, north (Carmel) are really nice areas with shopping and restaurants nearby and easy access to Speedway.

**David** - Any hotel around 71st Street but it may be hard to reserve. I'd also recommend hotels around I-69 and 96th Street.

**Tom** - I stay at the Indy Hostel, great to meet fellow race fans and more than affordable. They also have camping space.

**Kyle** - Downtown Indianapolis would be the best. Everything is within walking distance including hotels, restaurants, shopping, museums, parks, and even the zoo. Plus the 500 festival parade is downtown on Saturday afternoon the day before the race. Also some of the pre and post race parties occur downtown.

There are really no bad hotels in the immediate downtown area.

For high end hotels, The Alexander Hotel and the Conrad Indianapolis, both downtown.

On the Canal, for those who like a walk Residence Inn in the morning.

For regular hotels, the JW Marriott is close to zoo and museums, the Hyatt Regency has rotating rooftop restaurant.

The Sheraton has a rooftop pool also worth checking is the Hilton, downtown.

For a cheaper alternative than downtown try Brownsburg Indiana (where I live) 10 miles due west of the Motor Speedway and home to Lucas Oil Raceway home of the annual USAC midget night before the 500 race. It's a small town with plenty of good restaurants, grocery stores, and its home to both IndyCar and Drag racing teams.

Comfort Suites and The Hampton Inn are good for no frills but at a fair price.

It is best to book a hotel as soon as possible because they will fill up fast

**Oliver** - Both trips we've stayed at Courtyard Marriott at the Capital (zip code 46204). it is ideal for access to the track about a 20minute drive and also you can walk into downtown which is good for food and an unwind after a day at the track. It is also very reasonable priced with friendly staff and very generous sized rooms.

**John** - I usually stay in downtown Indy. It's a very short drive up Indiana Ave to 16th Street and the Speedway with plenty of both official and unofficial parking along 16th Street as you approach. The downtown area is relatively small so no matter where you stay none of the downtown restaurants and bars are more than a 10 or 15 min walk. If you intend to stay downtown it worth checking out the details of the road closures for the 500 Festival Parade on their website as this does directly impact some of the hotels on the Saturday of race weekend making access in and out difficult.



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**James** - I stayed in the holiday inn directly next to the Colts stadium. Very reasonably priced and walking distance to shuttle buses to IMS.

**Jon** - South or West part of town, you can take 74 to the track then which has never been crowded once when I leave hotel at like 645am. Take 74 to 10th hang a left on Lyndhurst and park anywhere around there.

**Matthew** - There a few hotels just off Rockwell Road and that is within walking distance of the track - about 2 miles. On race day - walking is quicker and avoids the parking charges everywhere.

**Michael** - Depends on price range. Downtown Indy is fantastic. Downtown also has shuttles and buses straight to the track.

**Rebecca** - Castleton. Nice area, and less than 30 minutes to the track.