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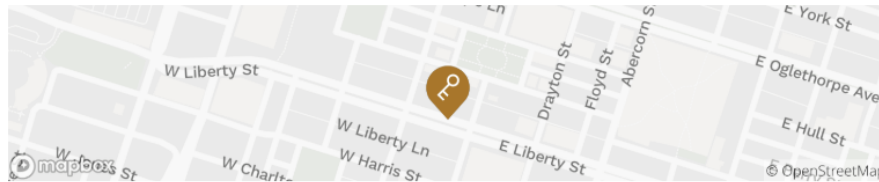
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HOTEL

Perry Lane Hotel, A Luxury Collection Hotel, Savannah

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Near Forsyth Park, on the Southern side of the historic district—where all the hippest new things are happening in Savannah—this newcomer to the city's hotel scene already is making a splash, and for good reason.



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AMENITIES

Business Center

Family-Friendly

Bar

Pool

Spa

Free WiFi

Gym

ROOMS

167

TL;DR

Is this Savannah's hottest hotel?

FIRST IMPRESSION

I need this decorator's number

BED & BATH

Large and lovely



FOOD & DRINKS

Modern, smart, ample

THE CROWD

Young and fun

Our Review

By CORINA QUINN
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We've heard a lot about this hotel—but can you give us the real download on it?

On the more southern side of Savannah's historic district (farther away from the somewhat seedy waterfront district, and close to where all the newer happenings are), Perry Lane already is a draw the evermore hip and creative offerings to come out of Savannah of late. It occupies two buildings that face each other across Perry Lane, and at first glance, you aren't sure if it's a new building or a renovated historic one—the architecture blends that well with the surroundings. Come inside, though, and you see immediately why this boutique property, open since May 2018, is causing such a buzz. The design nods to the past (wood floors, a library with a piano, leather chairs, plantation-style shutters) but is decidedly present: Note the expansive art collection on display in every corner, or the jewel box elevator sporting a tropical wallpaper and wood paneling, and the quality rooftop bar and pool with some of the best views of downtown. Add in the dining and other amenities, as well as the standout guest rooms, and you can't think of a more alluring place to stay in an already charming

Well, you've pretty much sold it, but tell us: What's the crowd like?

Mostly, they're young and cultured, dressed "Southern smart" (clean, pressed linen shorts and slacks, colorful short-sleeved shirts on men; bright summer dresses, sandals, and hats on women), and friendly. Maybe it's the to-go cups ubiquitous in the city, or maybe they're generally happy they managed to book a room here.

Hey, we would be. Now, can you give a little more detail about the digs, themselves?

I had a suite in the tower across from the main building. In true Southern fashion it had an entryway with large mirror and plenty of crown molding, a large bathroom with rainshower (no tub, alas) and dual sink with plenty of counter space, and a fluffy, sink-into-it bed next to a corner couch perfect for relaxing that faced a desk and bar. All of it was proper, standalone pieces of furniture, with lighting and artwork were sleek and accented in metal. Duo-toned walls were cream on top and a rich gray on bottom. It felt a touch retro, yet was so crisp, clear, and uncluttered I wondered if I was the first guest to stay in that particular room.

How about the little things, like mini bar, or shower goodies. Any of that find its way into your suitcase?

Wifi strong and free—this hotel is catering to a younger but educated client base, and they know how to deliver. Minibar had snacks with a local bent, as did bath products, but I never broke into the goods—I was having too much fun exploring the on-site dining downstairs.

Room service and food: Worth it?

Okay, you *could* order a from a generous menu supplied by the Emporium on the ground floor, but why would you? Emporium is multi-purpose, with a sit-down restaurant with open kitchen serving modern French bistro fare but with Southern nods where appropriate (pimento cheese omelette, smoked fish rillettes), wine shop and wine bar, deli and gelato stand, coffee bar, and mini-market. If there's nothing there that strikes your fancy, you still have the rooftop bar, and Wayfair in the second tower, a growing hotspot serving killer cocktails from sought-after local bartending talent, with an '80s arcade to entertain.

Staff: If you could award one a trophy, who gets it, and why?

Ian, bartender at the Wayfair, knows his stuff and knows how to cultivate the crowd—everyone was fast becoming friends as the night went on, and folks from other area bars and restaurants were showing up as their shifts ended.

Anything stand out about other services and features? Whether it's childcare, gyms, spas, even parking—whatever stuck with you.

Pool: one of the few hotel pools in Savannah, and I'd venture, one of the most attractive. It's got skyline views, and feels a bit tropical and '60s. Rooftop bar: more of the same. It's good *and* has astroturf for games and events. Wayfair draws locals (notably from other area bars and restaurants) for its fun vibe and great cocktails. And Emporium is nothing like your standard hotel restaurant. You could go for each meal of your day and find something new. Finally, location: you're close to Forsyth Park, the many squares of the historic district, the design district, and local attractions like the Mercer Williams House and Flannery O'Connor's childhood home.

Bottom line: worth it, and why?

This newcomer to Savannah's hotel scene is already making a splash, and for good reason: the smart design and amenities probably would be enough, but it's the way the hotel is so dedicated to integrating into the community—from its architecture to its restaurant and bars—that it draws a local crowd beyond its guests. A true mark of a hotel that's intent on sticking around and offering you more than just a place to put your feet up at night.