We are delighted to have the opportunity of welcoming you to the Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club, Durham, North Carolina

The Inn is named for Washington Duke (1820-1905), a classic example of the American dream. From modest beginnings, he prospered to become an internationally known industrialist and philanthropist. His legacy lives on, reflected in the excellence and achievement associated with the Duke family name in Durham, North Carolina.

Designed in the style of an English country inn, the hotel has an elegance that is reminiscent of the past. As part of Duke University, the Inn enjoys sweeping vistas of the University’s renowned golf club and is close to campus activities and local attractions. The Inn was recently named by College Rank website, “The Number 1 College Campus Hotel in the Country”.

Our acclaimed Fairview Dining Room serves an irresistible selection of regional neo-American specialties or a lighter meal can be enjoyed in the Bull Durham Bar. Pine-shadowed fairways and lush landscaped grounds are the backdrop for a hearty breakfast in the Vista Restaurant.

Winding through more than 100 acres of magnificent forest, The Duke University Golf Club has been named by Golfweek magazine as one of the “Top Ten” best golf courses you can play in North Carolina. The club offers an outstanding practice facility, pro shop and a team of PGA professionals.

Enjoy a workout in the fitness center, swim laps in the enclosed pool or relax in the bubbling spa. Discover seasonal beauty along the three-mile jogging trail or you can even play tennis at the adjacent Duke Faculty Club.

The Inn is conveniently located within short driving distances to several historic sites, science centers, famous gardens and art museums. Please see overleaf for a mention of just a few attractions which you might find of interest during your visit.
Duke University  Duke is one of the most prestigious universities in the country, consistently included near the top of the U.S. News & World Reports' college rankings. Originally named Trinity College, it moved to Durham in 1892. In 1924, the Duke family endowed the college with $40 million and it expanded to become Duke University, whose three campuses now frame downtown Durham.

Sarah P. Duke Gardens  The Sarah P. Duke Gardens consist of approximately 55 acres of landscaped and wooded areas at Duke University. There are 5 miles of allees, walks, and pathways throughout the gardens.

Duke University Chapel  Duke Chapel is the most visible piece of Duke University's architectural beauty. Its tower soars 210 feet above West Campus, making this neo-Gothic building an awe-inspiring sight.

Duke Basketball Museum & Sports Hall of Fame  The Blue Devils have won four NCAA championships and over 20 ACC tournaments and produced dozens of All Americans and nine national players of the year, all in addition to having a hall of fame coach in Mike Krzyzewski. You can see the trophies, the memorabilia, the videos, and more behind this storied history at the Duke Basketball Museum.

Duke Lemur Center  Lemurs are native only to Madagascar, where they evolved in isolation from other primates. But luckily for Durham locals and visitors, you don’t have to travel to the Indian Ocean to find a lemur: just head to the Duke Lemur Center (DLC) where there are 250 individuals from 21 different species – the largest collection of lemurs anywhere in the world outside of Madagascar.

American Tobacco Historic District  The former home of the Lucky Strike cigarette factory has been transformed into a one-million-sq.-ft. entertainment district, complete with apartments and offices in addition to restaurants, a documentary theater, a barber shop, a basketball court and plenty of open green common space under the iconic Lucky Strike smokestack.

Durham Bulls Athletic Park  Nationally acclaimed home of the Durham Bulls Triple-A baseball club, made famous by the 1988 movie Bull Durham. DBAP features a 32-foot high left field wall dubbed the Blue Monster, complete with a towering bull on top and has terrific views from each of the 10,000 seats in the park.

Duke Homestead  See the early home, factories, and farm where Washington Duke first grew and processed tobacco.

Bennett Place State Historic Site  Bennett Place is the site of the largest troop surrender and the effective end of the Civil War. It was in April 1865 when Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston and his Union adversary, General William T. Sherman decided to meet in Durham at Bennett Place, where General Johnston surrendered the Southern armies in the Carolinas, Florida, and Georgia.

Nasher Museum of Art  Duke University’s focal point for visual arts is the 65,000-sq.-ft., Rafael Viñoly-designed Nasher Museum of Art. The permanent collection includes medieval art, pre-Columbian American works, classical pieces, and an ever growing list of modern and contemporary works.

Museum of Life and Science  The 84 acres that encompass the Museum of Life and Science are packed full of attractions designed to spark wonder and curiosity in guests.

Durham Performing Arts Center  DPAC truly has something for everyone, hosting over 180 performances a year, including spectacular touring Broadway productions, high-profile concert and comedy events, family shows, and the heralded American Dance Festival.

Durham Nightlife  Just some of the many gathering spots you can visit while in Durham include – Motorco Music Hall, Criterion, Beyu Caffe, Fullsteam Brewery, The Pinhook, Carolina Theater, The Roof at The Durham, Bull McCabe’s Irish Pub, Surf Club, The Blue Note Grill and West End Billiards & Wine Bar.

Shopping Nearby  The shops on Ninth Street offer the following – Jewelsmith, The Duck Shop, 140 Salons & Dry Bar, Starbucks, Massage Envy, Pure Barre, and Atelier Fine Jewelry, to name but a few. If visiting downtown Durham, Brightleaf District offers an upmarket shopping experience from shops such as Vert & Vogue, Hamilton Hill Jewelers, Parker & Otis and Morgan Imports.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Inn