

New Attractions Welcome Wisconsin Visitors

(NAPSA)—Wisconsin greets visitors in 2003 with new sites and expanded versions of favorite tourist attractions.

Ten Chimneys, the recently restored estate of actors Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne, opens its doors to the public in 2003 as a world-class museum and center for the arts, theater and arts education. The historic, three-story house sits on 60 acres of scenic countryside in the southeastern Wisconsin town of Genesee Depot.

From the mid-1920s through the 1960s, the estate was the home of one of the most revered acting teams in American theater as well as a retreat for the country's leading actors, playwrights and artists. Frequent guests included Katharine Hepburn, Helen Hayes, Laurence Olivier, Alexander Woollcott and Noel Coward.

The much-anticipated renovation of Lambeau Field is set for completion by September, early in the Green Bay Packers 2003 season. Already one of the most recognized sports venues in the world, Lambeau Field in Green Bay is being transformed from a football stadium used 10 days a year into a year-round fan and tourist destination.

Featuring a true retro look, the new stadium occupies more than 1.6 million square feet, nearly three times as much space as the former stadium.

Fans will enjoy modern amenities such as wider concourses, enhanced concession areas, a Packers Pro Shop, special-event facilities, interactive fan areas, state-of-the-art scoreboards and brighter field lighting.

The nation's largest water-park, Noah's Ark in Wisconsin Dells, celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. For the 2003 season, the park unveils the new Noah's Incredible Adventure, a \$2.5 million amusement theme ride. The ride allows 60 passengers at a time to experience a



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Among Wisconsin's newest attractions is Ten Chimneys, the restored estate of one of America's most revered acting teams.

simulation of Noah's perilous journey on turbulent seas, incorporating special audio and visual effects.

Wisconsin's newest destination spa, Sundara Spa in Wisconsin Dells offers guests luxurious accommodations, unique services and healthy gourmet cuisine to pamper both mind and body. Perched on 26 acres of forested hills, Sundara showcases the style of organic architecture, with the spa's outdoor pools, fireplaces and patios designed to connect harmoniously with the surrounding landscape.

Services include massage, aromatherapy, holistic skin care and a variety of bath and body treatments.

This year, The Milwaukee Mile in West Allis celebrates its 100th anniversary. The world's oldest oval racetrack, The Mile is completing the final phase of its recent \$20.5 million renovation.

Since 1903, the relatively flat-banked oval has been known as a "driver's track," famous for producing CART, NASCAR and

other races with extremely close competition.

A \$6.1 million renovation and expansion of the Wisconsin Maritime Museum doubles its size to a total of 60,000 square feet. Located in Manitowoc on the shores of Lake Michigan, the expanded museum includes the Wisconsin-built Boat Gallery; a 67-ton, working steam engine; the Little Lakefarer's Room, where toddlers and preschoolers can touch and feel their way through Lake Michigan; the Wisconsin Waterways Gallery, where school-age children can build a sailboat and operate a lock and dam system; and a theater where visitors can watch a video before taking a tour of the USS COBIA, the most authentic World War II submarine in the nation.

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