



Rating & sharing my foodie finds in Chicago (and beyond)!

The Ridge Hotel, Lake Geneva

If you're looking for a quick winter getaway that's not too far from Chicago, I have to recommend a trip to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin's Ridge Hotel which is located just five minutes from downtown Lake Geneva. I've been to Lake Geneva quite a few times, but headed back for a girl's weekend with my mom. We were invited to check out the new Ridge Hotel which recently underwent a nearly \$5 million face lift, complete with new dining options (important to me, obviously!). The hotel has a sleek new lobby and outdoor spaces, including a cozy fire pit, and outdoor bar with views of Lake Como. There is also a full-service spa, health club, indoor and outdoor pools, and banquet space (there was a wedding while we were there!). It's a quiet and relaxing spot for a little weekend away from the big city.



The Ridge Hotel Lobby | Outdoor Fire Pit

The hotel's new dining options include a wine and coffee bar, bean + vine, as well as Crafted Americana, a full service restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The restaurant has a contemporary atmosphere and features modern American dishes with homemade touches.



Crafted Americana

Our dinner at Crafted Americana rivaled the quality of Chicago steakhouses, complete with fresh seafood, prime steaks, and decadent desserts.

When in Wisconsin, one must order cheese curds. I'm so glad we did because the curds at Crafted Americana were some of the best I've had. They were dipped in a Spotted Cow beer batter and their freshness was unbeatable!

My steak was well-seasoned and prepared to my liking which honestly happens only about 50% of the time (medium rare all the way) so I was pretty happy.

One of my favorite desserts of all time is bread pudding so when I spotted it on the dessert menu, it was a no-brainer choice. Their version was topped with sliced bananas, caramel sauce, and vanilla bean ice cream. It was heavenly.



Jonah Crab Cocktail | Squash Bruschetta | Wisconsin Cheese Curds



Filet Mignon | Bread Pudding

If you're a seasoned Lake Geneva visitor and want a new place to stay, or if you've never been, check out The Ridge for a quick trip!