



Dual-brand Homewood Suites & Tru by Hilton in Albany, NY

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Albania is a 400-year-old city on the banks of the Hudson River and the capital of the State of New York.

From museums and historic sites in downtown Albany, to scenic views and outdoor adventures in the Helderberg Hilltowns, Albany County boasts a variety of must-see attractions. Tour top landmarks, explore the rich landscape or visit one of the world-class museums for a trip that is beyond conventional.

This 192 room dual-branded Homewood Suites and Tru by Hilton opened in 2018. It features two separate areas designed for each brand, unique public spaces designed to promote social connectivity, a 24-hour fitness center, an indoor pool, outdoor grills, sport courts and an airport shuttle. The hotel offers a meeting room and a business centre. The different lobby and dining spaces are extremely large and offer all of the comforts of home and more. There is 24 hour complimentary coffee and tea in the Tru by Hilton lobby.

Our room had a kitchen, stovetop, fridge, dishwasher, microwave, coffee maker and all of the necessary dishes and cutlery. There were two televisions, two queen sized beds in the master and a safe (always a must for us) as well as a pullout couch in the spacious large living room area.

I was beyond impressed with the complimentary hot and cold morning breakfast, from the neat pancake machine to the array of bagels, English muffins, cereals, yogurts and hot and cold drinks. Next to the front desk there is a small market to purchase refreshments and light bites.

A huge plus for this property is its location: virtually in the parking lot of the fabulous Crossgates Mall, the largest shopping, dining and entertainment destination in New York's Capital Region. The center is anchored by Macy's, JC Penney, Dick's Sporting Goods, Primark and Best Buy, while offering more than 180 retail shops. ■



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Here are reasons why The Londoner is the perfect choice for a city break holiday:

Suite Dreams: 350 rooms and suites harmoniously blend residential charm and London class. Each is individually designed, with spacious living areas, separate bedrooms, objets d'art, and magnificent views.

Residence Access: As a guest, the suite keys open the door to three beautifully designed spaces to socialize, dine, and relax for residents only.

The Retreat: Access to the pool, gym, superfood clinic, full-service salon, yoga classes, and priority access to daily curated experiences.

VIP Packages: Elevate the experience with thoughtfully curated packages designed for exploration or relaxation, which include West End premieres, luxury shopping access, customized wellness and medicinal programming, and more.

Food and Beverage: Savor culinary masterpieces at the six concept eateries and bars, indulge in artisanal cocktails, or experience private dining in the comfort of your suite.

Personalized Service & Events: Whether it's arranging bespoke experiences tailored to your preferences or indulging in exquisite amenities, the team is committed to making each stay truly unforgettable.

Prime Location: Conveniently situated near popular attractions including Covent Garden and West End theatres, offering the perfect blend of tranquility and accessibility. ■

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