

## Metro Bank Ballpark “Worthiest of a Road Trip” by Huffington Post

Sidebar: more regional accolades for the Hershey Harrisburg Region

**Harrisburg, PA** – The Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau ([HHRVB](#)) congratulates their Partner in Tourism, The Harrisburg Senators Baseball Team, on their home field Metro Bank Park recently being named as the “Worthiest Minor League Ballpark in America of a Road Trip” in an article in The Huffington Post entitled “7 Superlative Minor League Ballparks.” ([Article posted: June 10, 2013](#))

## THE HUFFINGTON POST

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This gem in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, lies along the route between two blockbuster summer destinations--the [Gettysburg battlefield](#), celebrating its 150th anniversary this summer, and [Hershey](#), a town famous for chocolate and roller coasters. There's something wonderful about waterfront ballparks, and this one--built on a lovely, 63-acre island in the Susquehanna River with a playground, volleyball courts, picnic areas, and jogging trails--is as pleasing as they come. You can even take a short riverboat cruise before cheering on the Harrisburg Senators, a Double-A affiliate of the Washington Nationals.



See more regional accolades on the following page.

## **SIDEBAR: Regional Accolades – Updated July 24, 2013**

**Harrisburg, PA** – The Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau ([HHRVB](#)) continues to collect impressive accolades for our region from the travel and publishing industry. The 2013 awards and recognitions top the growing list dating back to 2006. (*Updated July 24, 2013*)

**Worthiest Minor League Ballpark of a Road Trip: Metro Bank Park in Harrisburg, PA”** – *Huffington Post*, July 2013

**Places & Planners to Watch in the New Year. 2013 Readers’ Choice Award** – *SportsEvents Magazine*

**Top 10 States for Student Travel in U.S. (Pennsylvania) 2013** – *Teach & Travel magazine*, 2013

**High Standards of Professionalism and Quality Service: 2012 Readers’ Choice Award** – *SportsEvents Magazine*

**Top 10 Destination Marketing Organizations in Eastern U.S.: 2012 Readers’ Choice** – *Groups Today magazine*

**#1 Minor League Sports Market in the Nation 2009 & 2011** – *Street and Smith’s Sports Business Journal\**

**Top 10 Destinations for Family Fun 2011** – Hershey, PA (#7) - *TripAdvisor’s Traveler’s Choice Family List*

**Top 10 Best Courses to Play in PA 2011** – Hershey Links & Hershey Country Club – *Golfweek magazine*

**America’s Most Livable Cities 2009 (#12) & 2010 (#5)** – Harrisburg – *Forbes.com*

**100 Top Places to Live 2007, 2009, 2010** – Harrisburg – *Relocate America*

**Sweetest Attraction In America 2010** – Hershey’s Chocolate World Attraction – *Travel Advisor*

**Renovation of the Year 2010 – Metro Bank Park** – *Ballpark Digest* ([BallparkDigest.com](#))

**Top 10 Cities in America for Business 2010** – *Marketwatch.com*

**Top 50 Family Hotels in US/Canada 2009** – The Hotel Hershey – *Travel + Leisure*

**Top 25 Hotel Spas in Continental US/Canada 2009** – The Spa At The Hotel Hershey – *Travel + Leisure*

**The 75 Best Golf Resorts in North America 2009** – Hershey Resorts – *Golf Digest*

**Best Local Festival Readers’ Choice 2009** – Pennsylvania Farm Show – *Central Penn Parent Magazine*

**PA Preservation Award 2009** – Harrisburg’s Historic District Design & Preservation Guide – *Preservation PA*

**Best of Hershey Award in Entertainment Service 2009** – Hershey Theatre – *US Commerce Association (USCA)*

**40 Strongest U.S. Metro Economies 2009** – Harrisburg – *BusinessWeek*

**Top 5 Best Cities to Retire 2007** – Harrisburg – *Kiplinger’s Magazine*

**Top 25 of the Best Green Places in 2007** – Harrisburg – *Country Home Magazine*

**Top 10 Ultimate Hockey Experiences in North America 2006** – Hershey – *ESPN.com*

**Top Ten Most Affordable U.S. Meeting Locations** - *GetThere magazine*

### **South Central PA is Keystone to Major Markets in Mid-Atlantic and Canada**

The South Central Region of Pennsylvania is strategically located close to major domestic and international markets. Within a 500 mile radius of the Region lies 40 percent of the United States population and more than 60 percent of Canada’s population. An extensive inter-modal transportation system of highways, railroads, ports and airports easily moves people and goods to these vital markets. Consider the opportunities when you are within several hours to a one-day drive from some of the richest consumer and industrial markets within the United States and Canada. Not only are these vast markets, but doing business in the Region has never been easier.

– Source: [SmartMarket.org](#).

\*Consecutive biennial awards from *Street and Smith’s Sports Business Journal*

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### **About the Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau (HHRVB)**



The Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau (HHRVB) is the official non-profit partnership-based Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) serving Pennsylvania’s Dauphin and Perry counties. This Destination Marketing Association International ([DMAI](#)) accredited organization is committed to actively marketing the region locally, domestically, and internationally to leisure and business travelers, event organizers, sporting event producers and group tour leaders in order to stimulate the local economy and support tourism-related jobs. For more info go to [VisitHersheyHarrisburg.org](#), or call 877-727-8573. To access our online Media Lounge Resource Center, visit <http://media.visithersheyharrisburg.org>.

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