

TIMELESS LUXURY ON THE HUDSON RIVER

THE STEWART HOUSE

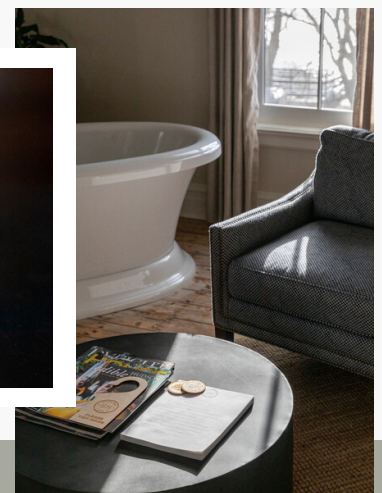
WATERFRONT LODGING & DINING



The Stewart House is an idyllic waterfront escape with magnificent views of the Hudson River, a vibrant local culture, and modern hospitality. Steeped in history and located just two hours from New York City, guests have been warmly welcomed since 1883.

The Italianate-style boarding house turned boutique hotel was meticulously restored in 2018 with a fresh perspective, striking a balance between luxury and comfort. An Art Deco bar, farm-to-table tavern, and waterfront grill complement nine elegantly appointed guest rooms.

Framed by majestic willow trees, this architectural gem graces the riverfront in Athens, NY, a quaint valley town just minutes from Hudson and Catskill. Discover a haven of modern amenities and quiet charm in a setting that has anchored a local community for generations.





ROOMS & AMENITIES

Nine spacious guest rooms express a fusion of modern elegance and traditional comfort in their thoughtful design. Carefully selected antique pieces, color palettes and textiles compose a warm and indulgent setting against a monumental Hudson River backdrop. Guests are greeted each morning with a continental breakfast. Refreshments are always available in the cozy reading nook on the second floor, where a bounty of literature adorns the shelves.

- Custom & antique furnishings
- Elegant, custom ensuite bathrooms
- Locally made bath amenities by Village Common
- Luxury SFERRA linens & robes
- Heated towel racks
- Massage therapy available
- Seasonal fruit, yogurt, house-made granola and artisanal breads each morning
- Self-serve coffee, tea and spring water
- Complimentary Wifi
- In-room temperature control (including air conditioning)
- Flat screen smart televisions

Room 1: River view, queen bed, 2nd floor, sleeps two. \$249 per night.

Room 2: Overlooks the village, queen bed, 2nd floor, sleeps two. \$249 per night.

Room 3: River view, 2 queen beds, living area, 2nd floor, sleeps four. \$299 per night.

Room 4: River view, king bed, sitting area, 2nd floor, sleeps two. \$279 per night.

Room 5: Large room, king bed, sitting area. 2nd floor, sleeps two. \$249 per night.

Room 6: River view, king bed, living room, soaking tub, 3rd floor (walk up), sleeps two. \$349 per night.

Room 7: Overlooks village, king bed, sleeper sofa. 3rd floor (walk up), sleeps three. \$279 per night.

Room 8: River view, king bed, living area, soaking tub, 3rd floor (walk up), sleeps two. \$349 per night.

Room 9: Overlooks village, king bed, twin, 3rd Floor (walk up), sleeps three. \$279 per night.



EAT & DRINK

The beauty and bounty of the Hudson Valley shines through in the seasonal cuisine thoughtfully prepared by Executive Chef Bob Turner and his team. Favorite menu standards like 5th generation family secret Irish soda bread with house-made cultured butter appear alongside unique seasonal specialties that embrace local agriculture.



CA. 1883 TAVERN

Hand-painted murals and tin ceilings adorn the Art Deco bar and dining room. The decor is stunning, but the food steals the show. Farm-sourced dishes comprise an ever-evolving menu, while locally distilled spirits, craft beer, and delicious wine flows from the bar. A destination in the Hudson Valley for live, often local music, Thursday burger & beer specials, “Fish Frydays” and “Sunday Roasts”.



THE RIVER GRILL

Waterfront dining on the banks of the Hudson River, under a canopy of colossal willow trees. Bright, fresh cocktails, local craft beer, and a curated wine list accompany famed single-flip Highland Hollow beef burgers and other wood-fired grill specialties. A dedicated dock welcomes boaters, and the Hudson-Athens Ferry runs on weekends in July & August for a fun adventure from neighboring Hudson. As day turns to night, live music invites you to pause in a setting that lets summer linger.

BOB TURNER, EXECUTIVE CHEF

Bob's philosophy is straightforward: Cook locally, seasonally, and simply. An honors graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, Bob continued his training at the Institute for Integrative Nutrition and Cornell University. His twenty years of food service experience includes Executive Chef roles at The Omega Institute in Rhinebeck, NY and Rivertown Lodge in Hudson. His holistic approach to food is focused on relationships. He believes a closer relationship with food, including knowing the farmers who grow it, is not only meditative, but also promotes conscious consumption that positively impacts other areas of life.





PRIVATE EVENTS

Tailored special events, momentous celebrations, and impactful business retreats are produced on the banks of the Hudson, year round. The ca. 1883 Tavern, River Grill, or intimate Captain's Table are available.

PRIVATE PARTIES

A beautiful setting for rehearsal dinners, bridal luncheons, birthdays, anniversaries, business meetings and networking cocktail hours. Chef Bob and the team create custom and versatile menus, wine pairings and special stylizations.

BUSINESS RETREATS

Teams move into nine spacious guest rooms and utilize common areas for meetings and meals. Chef Bob will customize the perfect menu for a memorable retreat. Many historic landmarks, museums and nature preserves in the area provide inspiration in history, art, and architecture.

INTIMATE WEDDINGS

Unforgettable Hudson Valley wedding weekends. Magical riverside ceremony and festivities, locally-sourced and expertly prepared meals, on-site lodging. Special attention is given to every detail for an exceptionally refined event in an historic venue.



STEEPED IN HISTORY

Athens is a longstanding community along the Hudson River, first settled in 1706. Rich in history and natural beauty, much of its original architecture can still be admired today. Notable residences, storefronts and industrial buildings emerged as local industry thrived in the 19th century. Brickyards, ship builders, ice harvesters and potters contributed to the bustling economy.



In 1877, Athens was at the height of prosperity, when William and Ida Stewart purchased a plot on Water Street and began work on their new boarding house, which first welcomed guests in 1883. Simultaneously, the Stewarts started a family, having three children and tragically losing two of them at young ages. Their daughter, Harriet, or “Hattie”, was raised alongside the growing business, becoming a keen business woman, and taking over operations as an adult.

Original documents Hattie left behind include payroll sheets, the tab log, and hotel reservation lists. The occasional diary entry, post card, or love letter reveal she was likely more interested in the success of her business than fulfilling a traditional domestic role. Some records suggest she eventually married an Abram Post, though no evidence of a marriage license has been found. She is revered as the earliest suffragette in Athens.



As Hattie's successful run came to an end, another young Athens couple took over. Bill & Marion Garbasz ushered in a new era for the property in 1949, re-establishing it as The Athens Hotel. Marion's cooking put it on the map as an outstanding dining destination, and it was a haven for club meetings, milestone events and celebrations. Locals hold fond memories of the Garbasz days, which came to an end in 1986.



RESTORATION & REVIVAL



After more than 100 years in business, the property closed to the public but remained in the spotlight. Movie buffs will recognize the building from the 1988 film *Ironweed*, based on William Kennedy's novel, starring Jack Nicolson and Meryl Streep. It can also be spotted in several scenes of Steven Spielberg's *War of the Worlds* in 2005. The new millennium brought several rounds of ownership changes and re-openings before The Stewart House landed in the hands of Lon and Lois Ballinger in late 2017. Entrepreneurs by nature, the Bilingers were at the helm of iconic Webster Hall in New York's East Village for over thirty years. Lois recalls a love at first sight feeling on their first tour of the Athens property. She knew they could restore it to its full, gorgeous and lively potential. In May of 2018, The Stewart House reopened once again. This time, with a focus on elevated authentic style, subtle yet attentive hospitality, locally sourced food and quality live music. The rest is history in the making.





LOCATION

The great outdoors, wild adventure, historical landmarks, timeless architecture, stunning waterfalls, and artistic treasures have drawn visitors to the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains for nearly two centuries. A vibrant local agriculture and dining scene and communities rich in arts and entertainment, make it a destination now more than ever.

Nearby Attractions:

Catskill Charters River Cruises (will pick up from SH dock), Screaming Eagle Outdoor Adventures (kayak rentals & guided tours), Charter Cruises (river cruises for groups of 15 - 135), Hudson Athens Lighthouse Cruise & Tour, Thomas Cole House National Historic Site, Olana State Historic Site, Lumberyard Center for Film and Performing Arts, Catskills Beverage Trail.

Greene County is home to one of two “forever wild” parks in the state, the highest peaks in the Catskills, and New York’s highest cascading waterfall, Kaaterskill Falls.

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The Stewart House is in Athens, NY, just two hours north of NYC and 40 minutes south of Albany.

Amtrak: a 15 minute drive from Hudson Station.

Enterprise Rental Car: Schedule in advance for a pick-up at the Amtrak station.

Uber & Lyft are available.

Driving: less than 15 minutes from the NYS Thruway.

Hudson-Athens Ferry: runs Friday and Saturday 5:00—10:30 p.m, Memorial Day through Labor Day. The last run from Athens to Hudson is 10:30pm.



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Experience the authentic appeal of the Northern Hudson Valley & Catskills from a posh home base.

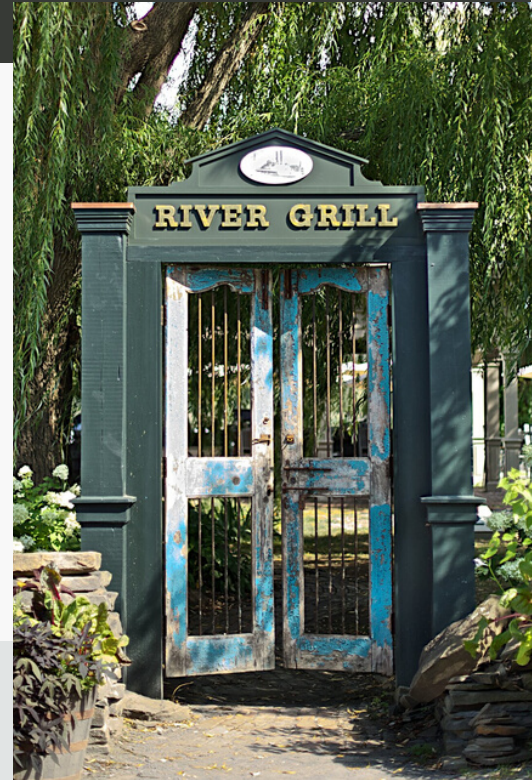
100+ YEARS OF HOSPITALITY ON THE HUDSON
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SET SAIL FOR A TRUE DINING DESTINATION

A private dock at The River Grill welcomes boaters from up and down The Hudson with fresh cocktails, craft beer, curated wine, single-flip Highland Hollow beef burgers and other wood-fired grill specialties.

DINNER & A SHOW DONE RIGHT

Live music is kind of the family business for Stewart House owners, Lon & Lois Ballinger, who ran Webster Hall in NYC's East Village for over thirty years. It shows in the live music presented at ca. 1883 Tavern & The River Grill.



STEP BACK IN TIME

Indulge in a well-crafted cocktail at the art deco bar before settling into the dining room for a farm-sourced meal. Take in the local flavors as you lose track of time and capture the essence of a bygone era.

