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## **Gig Harbor Plays Perfect Host To Outstanding Meetings**

*Serene setting, proximity to Chambers Bay, new attractions lend destination advantage*

**Gig Harbor, WA** – February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Planners for executive conferences, small and mid-size meetings, and special occasions are discovering more reasons than ever to gather in Gig Harbor, the Pacific Northwest’s premier maritime city.

“Gig Harbor is in a unique position, situated on a quiet, beautiful peninsula yet very close to metropolitan centers,” said Karen Scott, Tourism and Communications Director, City of Gig Harbor. “This picture perfect community offers all the components for successful small to mid-size meetings or executive retreats – ease of access, dedicated meeting space, fine accommodations, world-class golf and recreational options, top-notch caterers, welcoming restaurants, lively pubs, and more.”

New and noteworthy for groups are the following:

*Proximity to Chambers Bay* – Gig Harbor is the closest leisure and meeting destination to Chambers Bay Golf Club, which is located across the landmark Tacoma Narrows Bridge and 8.5 miles from Gig Harbor. Chambers Bay, a public, links-style course designed by Robert Trent Jones, Jr., and built on reclaimed land that was formerly a gravel pit, is receiving international attention as the site of the 2015 U.S. Open, June 15 to 21;

*Nearness to Eight Additional Golf Courses* – As if Chambers Bay isn’t enough of an attraction, Gig Harbor is within a 30-minute drive or less to Gold Mountain, Canterwood, McCormick Woods, Trophy Lake, The Home Course, and Madrona Links. Canterwood and Madrona Links are located in Gig Harbor;

*Unique Venues* – In addition to dedicated meeting space at the INN at Gig Harbor and the Wesley Inn, small to mid-size groups of many kinds might gather at unique venues such as a waterfront museum, a distillery or a park pavilion;

*Good Spirits and Tasty Ales* – The landmark Tide’s Tavern and 7 Seas Brewing craft brewery are among the favorite watering holes, while Heritage Distilling is making its mark with My Batch classes, as well as its signature whiskey, vodka and gin;

*Water Play and Boat Tours* – Destiny Harbor Tours, located on the harbor, offers three guided tours daily from June through September, as well as private charters. Gig Harbor Rent-a-Boat rents motorboats, canoes, kayaks, paddleboats, and stand-up paddleboards.

Lodging for executive groups range from a full-service, conference hotels to harbor-front inns. Conference hotels can accommodate up to 250 people theater style and up to 230 banquet style.

Located 23 miles from Seattle via the Bremerton ferry and 15 miles from downtown Tacoma, Gig Harbor is easily accessible by automobile from the Seattle/Tacoma metropolitan region. Seattle Tacoma International Airport is a 40-minute drive and Portland International is 2.5 hours away. For chartered and private aircraft, Tacoma Narrows Airport is located in Gig Harbor.

“Your meeting can be memorable, effective, interesting and economical in Gig Harbor,” Scott adds.

For additional meeting and destination information for Gig Harbor, Washington’s Maritime City, please visit [www.gigharborguide.com](http://www.gigharborguide.com).

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