

Fertility statue visit inspires Baltimore hotel baby-making package

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According to the legend, touching the Ripley's Believe It or Not African fertility statues is a ticket to pregnancy.

So while the statues are in town, the Lord Baltimore Hotel is getting in on the action — offering guests a room and a special baby-making package.

For \$299 a night, the “And Baby Makes Three... Or More” promotion gives guests a room in a suite, taxi vouchers, two tickets to the Ripley's exhibit, “libido-enhancing” hors d'oeuvres, a scented candle, chocolate strawberries, cake and champagne. They're even tossing in baby's first plush toy.

Should the recipe work, guests who send the hotel a copy of their baby's birth certificate nine months later will be treated to a first birthday party at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

The statues were on permanent display in Orlando for the past five years, but beginning in June, they're going on tour. First stop: Baltimore.



The fertility statues will be on display at the Baltimore Odditorium beginning in June.

statues' magic and create a little magic of their own. But, general manager Gene-Michael Addis warns, results are not guaranteed.

If it's strange, bizarre or just plain out-of-the-ordinary, there's a place for it at Ripley's Harborplace Odditorium.--Chris Kaltenbach

Guests must be 21 years or older to book the package, which is available through Nov. 30. Cost must be paid in full prior to arrival. Book your stay at lordbaltimorehotel.com or 410-539-8400.



The Lord Baltimore Hotel will offer a baby-making promotion, inspired by the arrival of Ripley's Believe it or Not fertility statues to Baltimore. (Courtesy of the Lord Baltimore Hotel)

After acquiring the statues in 1993, Ripley's placed them in the lobby of company headquarters. Within months, 13 women were pregnant, Ripley's said in a release. The phenomenon made headlines, and the fertility statues have since made three trips around the world.

Though the average Lord Baltimore Hotel room rate is \$299, the same price as the promotional room, the hotel hopes the extra perks will offer future families a chance to take advantage of the fertility