The Oldest Hotels in the US You Can Still Stay In

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There's something special about historic hotels. Not just a place to lay your head, older properties offer stunning architecture, charming ambiance, and maybe even a ghost or two. They're full of fascinating stories, have hosted their fair share of celebrities, and have been the site of many historical moments in our country's past, including the spot where Elvis attended his senior prom!

12 of the Oldest Hotels in the US

From California to New York City, here are a few of the oldest hotels in the U.S. you can still stay in. While visiting, enjoy the beautiful blend of historic features and modern amenities. Bon voyage!

1. Hotel Del Coronado, San Diego

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Since 1888, the Hotel del Coronado has welcomed many celebrities, including Jimmy Stewart, Babe Ruth, and Greta Garbo, to name a few. A National Historic Landmark and one of the best places in San Diego, this legendary accommodation is also the iconic filming spot of *Some Like It Hot* starring Marilyn Monroe. Plus, rumor has it the hotel is haunted. Guests can join the hotel’s Nightly Happenings Tour to learn more.

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The historic 679-room red-roofed Victorian building is quite a sight. With prime real estate on the beautiful sandy Main Beach, visitors can stroll the sand or explore the property. There's plenty to do here, including shopping, taking a dip in one of two swimming pools, relaxing at the spa, and enjoying a meal at one of the hotel's eateries.

2. The Beverly Hills Hotel, Los Angeles

Over 100 years old, the Beverly Hills Hotel, also known as “The Pink Palace,” has welcomed an abundance of Hollywood Royalty. While the hotel offers throwback pieces, like an old-fashioned soda fountain, the rooms have been updated to include modern amenities. This means guests get the historic vibes as well as flat-screen TVs and modern California design.

Guests at the Beverly Hills Hotel will love the lush gardens, elegant spa, and Cabana Café. You can even rent complimentary Linus banana leaf bikes to explore the neighborhood. There's no better way to see the parks and tree-lined streets of Beverly Hills!

3. Omni Parker House, Boston

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At 161 years old, the Omni Parker House is one of the longest continuously running hotels in the U.S. It's also full of fun historical moments. Charles Dickens first read “A Christmas Carol” here, and John F. Kennedy proposed to Jackie in the on-site restaurant.

Located in Boston, one of the best cities to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, guests will not want to miss the chance to indulge in Boston Cream Pie at the award-winning Parker’s Restaurant. It’s the birthplace of the decadent dessert, after all! After a significant renovation in 2008, the Omni Parker House now perfectly blends historic features and many modern amenities.

4. The Palmer House Hilton Hotel, Chicago

A historic accommodation conveniently located in downtown Chicago, the Palmer House Hilton Hotel sits in the heart of the Theater District. Built by Potter Palmer in 1871, the building was a gift for his bride, Bertha. However, 13 days after opening, the Great Chicago Fire demolished the hotel.

It took two years to rebuild, and nowadays, the historic lobby still makes your jaw drop.

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Luckily for those traveling with furry companions, pets are allowed at The Palmer House Hilton Hotel. Additionally, as a Hilton brand, the hotel is committed to a sustainable future by investing in social impact and cutting their environmental footprint. There’s also a fitness center, spa, and pool.

5. Woodstock Inn & Resort, Woodstock

The town of Woodstock is charming, and the Woodstock Inn & Resort is one of its most beautiful hotels. During the day, stroll Main Street and explore the gorgeous Green Mountains. At night, stay warm with the hotel's many wood-burning fireplaces.

This historic hotel opened in 1793. However, Laurance Rockefeller rebuilt it in 1968. Current guests will love indulging in seasonal menus from its four unique restaurants and finding relaxation in the 10,000-foot spa.

6. The Willard InterContinental, Washington D.C.

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With a history dating back over 200 years (1818), The Willard InterContinental has changed its names and owners many times. Not everything at the hotel changed, though. In 1830, Kentucky Stateman Henry Clay first introduced the Mint Julip. It's currently the hotel’s signature drink.

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Guests are in good company at the Willard InterContinental. The hotel has housed famous historical figures, like Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Dalai Lama. The interior is colorful, ornate, and gorgeous, with wood and gold accents, beautifully patterned rugs, and plenty of greenery.

7. Algonquin Hotel, New York City

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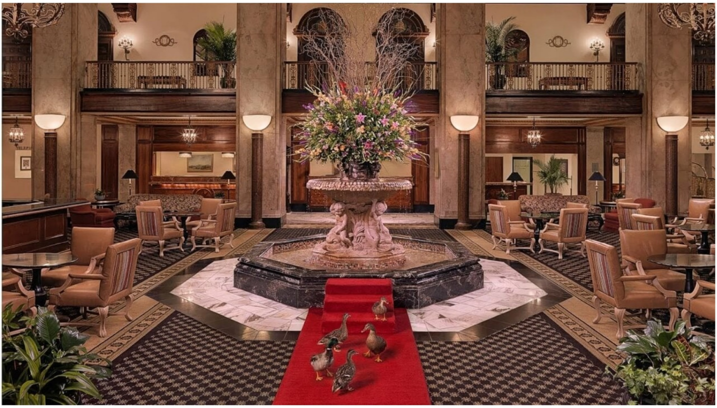
This old-school Midtown hotel in New York is where *The New Yorker* magazine was founded. Open since 1902, it's one of the finest luxury hotels near Times Square even though it is also one of the oldest hotels in the US. The Algonquin is steeped in literary history.

While rooms in the early 1900s cost only $2 per single, guests nowadays can expect to pay much more. The Round Table, the on-site restaurant, has been serving American cuisine for 80 years. The Blue Bar, which opened in 1933 right after Prohibition, is one of the most iconic hotel bars in the city.

8. The Peabody, Memphis



Elvis had his senior prom at The Peabody in Memphis. Also, since 1930, The Peabody has hosted a duck parade. This is where a group of ducks travels from the hotel rooftop through the lobby and into a large fountain before heading back up.

Full of quirky history, the most legendary hotel in Memphis is also a wonderful place to stay for modern luxuries. The on-site restaurant, Chez Philippe, is one of the most romantic restaurants in the U.S. There's also a rejuvenating spa and salon and loads of events, including rooftop parties and afternoon tea.

9. Kelley House Hotel, Edgartown

Open since 1742, the Kelley House Hotel in Edgartown, Massachusetts, was originally called The Tavern. Kelley House Hotel is one of the oldest hotels in the US. The hotel predates the Boston Tea Party and welcomed seafaring navigators during the Revolutionary War era. Today, it's considered the most iconic and historic hotel on Martha’s Vineyard.

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The property has a private pool, beautiful guest rooms, and award-winning dining. Plus, it’s near plenty of boutique shops. Movie buffs might get a kick out of the fact that the main buildings housed the production crew of the movie Jaws.

10. Admiral Fell Inn, Baltimore

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This charming property dates back to the 1800s. The central building is one of seven on the property and was formerly a boarding house for sailors. Even now, guests can spot the nods to nautical times, like old photos, boat wheels, and sailboat figurines.

Situated in the heart of Fell’s Point, the hotel's location is ideal. The cobblestoned streets of the historic neighborhood offer visitors plenty of shops, restaurants, and bars to enjoy. Join a free ghost tour to learn about the town's storied past and enjoy a complimentary drink afterward in the town’s tavern.

11. Congress Hall, Cape May

Congress Hall opened as a summer boarding house in 1816. A fire destroyed it in 1878, but it was rebuilt and opened again a year later. While staying at Congress Hall, make sure to visit the Brown Room, the first legal post-Prohibition cocktail bar on site.

Congress Hall now offers over 100 rooms, a pool, a spa, and a bar with an ocean view. The seaside resort is iconic along Cape May's beachfront. It's the perfect mix of luxury and good old-fashioned East Coast beach fun.

12. John Rutledge House Inn, Charleston

After exploring charming Charleston, check into the historic John Rutledge House Inn. Dating back to 1763, this accommodation was originally built by John Rutledge for his bride. In the drawing room, which is now the Signer's Ballroom, he wrote several iterations of the U.S. Constitution. It's also hosted two sitting presidents—George Washington and William Taft.

Visitors to this historical landmark and Inn will experience genuine Southern hospitality. Soak it all in! Enjoy the complimentary deluxe continental breakfast, afternoon tea and hors d'euvres, and an evening port, sherry, or brandy.