

# The 7 Most Stunning Hotels in America

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These stunningly beautiful hotels are a destination in their own right. Incredible architecture, lush landscaping, and gorgeous details make these properties restful retreats worth traveling for.

## **Fairmont Grand Del Mar: San Diego, California**

Set amidst 400 coastal canyon acres, the magnificent [Fairmont Grand Del Mar](#) is reminiscent of a private villa—albeit on a much grander scale. The resort's grounds feel like a tropical paradise, with four heated pools surrounded by towering palm trees.

Inside, rooms are luxuriously outfitted with marble soaking tubs, gold fixtures, and plush furnishings which add to the hotel's opulent vibe.

## **Halekulani: Honolulu, Hawaii**

It's hard for a hotel to compete with its surroundings when it's located somewhere as stunningly beautiful as Honolulu's Waikiki Beach. [Halekulani](#) blends into the surrounding scenery, with minimalist and airy rooms that keep the focus on the view.

The Halekulani's centerpiece is their famous beachfront, oval-shaped heated pool. The pool's floor is an orchid mosaic made out of 1.2 million glass tiles, so you'll have something beautiful to admire no matter which direction you look.

## **The Equinox Hotel: New York City, New York**

[The Equinox Hotel](#), a contemporary high-rise hotel in Manhattan, doesn't look out of place next to the neighboring modern-art Vessel structure in Hudson Yards. The renowned fitness brand's wellness ethos extends to its first hotel, with a design that's intended to help guests relax and rejuvenate during their stay.

Eat an organic, healthy meal on the outdoor terrace overlooking New York, admire the Vessel while swimming laps in the pool, or take a workout class in the sprawling Equinox gym on-site. After, retreat to the guest rooms, which are optimized for sleep (with blackout curtains and ideal temperature settings) for a total reset.

## **Omni Mount Washington: Bretton Woods, New Hampshire**

A stately white building topped by eye-catching red roofs and backed by The White Mountains—The [Omni Mount Washington](#) makes quite the first impression, even from afar. (Eagle-eyed hikers can spot the hotel from some of the many trails around the property.)

This historic hotel was built by 250 skilled Italian craftsmen in the early 1900s and has since undergone over \$90 million in renovations to lovingly restore it to its current glory. Guests will spot plenty of nods to the past throughout the property, including paintings of the original owners, vintage crystal chandeliers, and an original grandfather clock that dates back to the hotel's opening.

**Don Cesar: St. Pete Beach, Florida**

The “Pink Palace”, nicknamed for its colorful exterior, certainly stands out. The rose-hued [Don Cesar](#) towers over the white sand and turquoise waters of St. Pete Beach, making for a stunning contrast.

The famous hotel opened in 1928, and the property’s history is evident throughout, especially in the grand public spaces. The 277 guest rooms have all been thoroughly modernized, with custom millwork and a whimsical coastal bird motif that lends a fully Florida feel to the hotel.

**Edgewood Tahoe Resort: Tahoe, Nevada**

Nestled on the banks of Lake Tahoe, the [Edgewood Tahoe Resort](#) is beautiful in all seasons. Modeled after the great lodges of the American West, Edgewood Tahoe adds a modern and eco-friendly ethos, with LEED-certified engineering and sustainability efforts.

The 235-acre resort offers incredible views of the High Sierras, and many rooms feature balconies from which to admire the scenery.

**Cliff House Maine: Cape Neddick, Maine**

With two outdoor pools and an oceanfront location, you might think that the [Cliff House Maine](#) is best visited in the summer. However, the resort’s floor-to-ceiling windows offering panoramic views of the cliffs and ocean beyond, make this an unforgettable place to hole up during the winter and watch a storm come in. For peak coziness, book one of the guestrooms with a fireplace.