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2026 Historic Hotels Worldwide® Fact Sheet

MISSION	Historic Hotels Worldwide® is a global cultural tourism and historic preservation program with the mission to promote the finest historic hotels around the world, to celebrate their authenticity and unique character, and to support their success. Members of Historic Hotels Worldwide make up a prestigious group of historic treasures, including historic hotels, castles, chateaus, palaces, academies, haciendas, villas, monasteries, and other historic lodging spanning ten centuries. The program is comprised of the world's finest hospitality brands, chains, and collections, as well as independent owners and operators. As a historic preservation and heritage tourism program focused on experiences, Historic Hotels Worldwide is dedicated to promoting travel to the world's best historic hotels and cultural destinations. Hotels inducted into Historic Hotels Worldwide are authentic, demonstrate historic preservation values, and celebrate historic significance while offering excellent hospitality and service.
FOUNDING DATE	Historic Hotels Worldwide was established by the National Trust for Historic Preservation (in the United States) in 2012. It was founded as a separate but complementary sibling program of Historic Hotels of America, which was founded in 1989 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation (in the United States) to increase the preservation, recognition, and celebration of America's finest historic hotels.
MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA	Eligibility encompasses strategic cultural and historic preservation elements that ensure quality heritage travel experiences. To participate in Historic Hotels Worldwide®, historical lodging properties must be at least 75 years old; utilize historic accommodations; serve as the former home or be located on the grounds of the former home of famous persons or a significant location for an event in

history; be located in or within walking distance to a historic district, historically significant landmark, place of historic event, or historic city center; be recognized by local preservation organization or national trust; and display historic memorabilia, artwork, photography, and other examples of its historic significance.

HERITAGE Members of Historic Hotels Worldwide® represent the heritage and development of the world’s fascinating and diverse cultures. While the program’s historic hotels, resorts, and other lodgings may offer travelers different experiences and appear very different in style, architecture, and origin, the stewards of these places have shared interests in the values of cultural preservation, sustainability, and heritage tourism. Members support historic preservation through the stewardship of magnificent architectural and cultural legacies, as well as by making history and culture core aspects of the guest experience.

TESTIMONY *“If a hotel was not built recently, then consumers will categorize the hotel as either historic or old. Obviously, it is better to be historic...Academic research conducted across several different industries suggests that brand heritage supports premium pricing. ... historic hotels can achieve a significant advantage in ADR and REVPAR versus contemporary hotels ... The key variable seems to be the degree to which the older hotel emphasizes and celebrates its history.”*
- Bradford Hudson, Ph.D., Marketing Professor, Boston College, Excerpts from his keynote address to owners, general managers, and other senior leadership attending the 2018 Historic Hotels Annual Conference

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP Historic Hotels Worldwide represents the finest global assemblage of more than 300 historic hotels in more than 44 countries. Historic Hotels Worldwide is comprised of the world’s finest hospitality brands, chains, collections, and independently owned and operated properties.

OWNERSHIP More than 130 of the 300+ hotels are part of some of the world’s finest hospitality brands, including Fairmont; Sofitel and Sofitel Legend; Hilton and Curio Collection by Hilton; Waldorf Astoria; Kempinski; Rosewood; Raffles; Fullerton; Wyndham Hotels & Resorts; Swissôtel; Omni Hotels & Resorts; and Preferred

	Hotels & Resorts. Others, including Hotel Regina Louvre in Paris and Walaker Hotell in Norway, have been in the same family for generations. Historic Hotels Worldwide does not own, operate, or manage historic hotels.
ROOMS	Hotels range in size from seven guestrooms, such as at Hotel Claude Marbella—once the Spanish summer residence of Eugénie de Montijo, Empress of France and wife of Napoleon III—to over 1,300 at the Fairmont Royal York, a luxury city-center hotel in Toronto, Canada.
SETTINGS	Historic Hotels Worldwide® features historic hotels, castles, chateaus, palaces, academies, haciendas, villas, and monasteries, spanning 10 centuries of history in Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, and the Americas. Historic Hotels Worldwide embraces Irish castles, art-forward beach resorts from the Philippines to Bermuda, city-center Grande Dames on every occupied continent, luxurious hideaways with views of Norwegian fjords, and charming boutique inns on Crete. Hotels are situated in diverse cultural settings, ranging from a 12th-century castle set among the rolling hills, prehistoric monuments, and Celtic landmarks of Ireland's Ancient Eastin, (Kilkea Castle, Castledermot Ireland, circa 1180) to the world's most magnificent Grande Dames such as Raffles Singapore, The Savoy London, and the Alvear Palace Hotel in Buenos Aires.
RESERVATIONS	Rooms at member hotels can be reserved by visiting HistoricHotelsWorldwide.com , by calling + 1 800 678 8946, or a travel planner.
GDS CODE	HE (“Historic Experience”)
2026 MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS	<p>Hotels Celebrating 475 Years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hacienda Jurica by Brisas (1551) <i>Querétaro, Querétaro, Mexico</i> <p>Hotels Celebrating 175 Years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Flemings Mayfair (1851) <i>London, England, United Kingdom</i> <p>Hotels Celebrating 150 Years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Porter House Hotel Sydney - MGallery Collection (1876) <i>Sydney, Australia</i> <p>Hotels Celebrating 125 Years</p>

- Sofitel Legend Metropole Hanoi (1901) *Hanoi, Vietnam*

Hotels Celebrating 100 Years

- Boutet Bastille Hotel Paris - MGallery Collection (1926) *Paris, France*

Hotels Celebrating 75 Years

- Røros Hotel (1951) *Røros, Norway*

THE 2026 HISTORIC HOTELS ANNUAL AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Historic Hotels Awards of Excellence honor, encourage, and recognize the most exemplary historic hotels, hoteliers, and leadership practices. From around the world, nominations are submitted by historic hoteliers, preservation supporters, community leaders, and leadership from Historic Hotels Worldwide. Nominee finalists are announced in a press release in late summer, and winners are announced live at the Historic Hotels Annual Conference in fall. Colonial Williamsburg Resorts in Williamsburg, Virginia (USA) will host the 2026 Historic Hotels Annual Conference, where winners will be honored in front of an audience of industry leaders on Thursday, October 15, 2026 during the Historic Hotels Annual Awards of Excellence Ceremony & Gala.

THE 2026 TOP 25 HISTORIC HOTELS LISTS

The Top 25 Historic Hotels Lists Program celebrates iconic hotels through their history, heritage amenities, and cultural experiences. This year, Historic Hotels Worldwide spotlights the best historic hotels for a romantic getaway, ones near UNESCO World Heritage Sites, or historic hotels with beautiful gardens, afternoon tea, and holiday heritage traditions or grand holiday displays.

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