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# HISTORIC HOTELS *of AMERICA*

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National Trust *for* Historic Preservation®

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HistoricHotels.org

## 2026 Historic Hotels of America® Fact Sheet

**MISSION**

Historic Hotels of America® is the official program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation with the mission to increase the preservation, recognition, and celebration of the finest Historic Hotels in the United States of America. On October 26, 1949, Congress chartered the National Trust for Historic Preservation to advance the policies established by the Historic Sites Act of 1935 and “provide for the preservation of historic American sites, buildings, objects, and antiquities.” For more than 70 years, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has led the movement to save Americas historic places. A privately funded nonprofit organization, it works to save America’s historic sites; tell the full American story; build stronger communities; and invest in preservation’s future. As a historic preservation and hospitality program focused on experiences, Historic Hotels of America supports cultural heritage tourism and sustainability. Hotels inducted into Historic Hotels of America are authentic, demonstrate historic preservation values, and celebrate historic significance while offering excellent hospitality and service.

**FOUNDING**

Historic Hotels of America was founded in 1989 by the National Trust for

**DATE**

Historic Preservation with 35 charter members to increase the preservation, recognition, and celebration of America’s finest historic hotels.

**MEMBERSHIP****CRITERIA**

To be nominated and selected for membership in this prestigious program, a hotel must be at least 50 years old; designated by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark or listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; and recognized as having historical significance. The Historic Sites Act of 1935 authorized the U.S. Secretary of the Interior to formally record and organize historic properties and to designate them as having

national historical significance and gave the National Park Service authority to administer the program. The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 established the National Register of Historic Places for recognizing districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects worthy of preservation. Both programs were combined with oversight by the National Park Service. Travelers can discover over 40 historic hotels designated by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior as National Historic Landmarks and experience more than 160 historic hotels listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

**HERITAGE** Members of Historic Hotels of America represent the heritage and development of the United States of America. For example, one of the earliest hotels, El Convento Hotel in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico is a former Carmelite Convent dating to 1651. Concord's Colonial Inn dates to 1716 and one of the inn's original buildings was used to store arms and provisions for the Concord Minutemen during the American Revolution. The Omni Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia, considered America's First Resort, has been welcoming guests since 1766. The Hermitage Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee, was the headquarters for the women's suffrage movement at a critical moment during the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

**TESTIMONY** *"The work of Historic Hotels of America is indispensable in maintaining architectural masterpieces, which not only continue to serve the traveling public, but are also enduring monuments to our national heritage."*

- Dr. A.K. Sandoval-Strausz, Ph.D., History Professor, University of New Mexico, Distinguished Lecturer, Organization of American Historians

*"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, from his

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|                             | <p>keynote address to owners, general managers, and other senior leadership attending the 2018 Historic Hotels Annual Conference.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>TOTAL<br/>MEMBERSHIP</b> | <p>More than 300 hotels that have faithfully maintained their authenticity, sense of place, and architectural integrity participate in the Historic Hotels of America program. Historic Hotels of America is comprised of mostly independently owned and operated properties. More than 30 hotel chains, brands, and collections are represented in Historic Hotels of America. More than 160 historic hotels are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>OWNERSHIP</b>            | <p>More than 130 of the 300+ hotels are part of some of the world's finest hospitality brands, including Fairmont, Hilton, Curio Collection by Hilton, DoubleTree by Hilton, InterContinental, J.W. Marriott, Marriott, Autograph Collection, Westin, The Luxury Collection, Omni, Sofitel, Preferred Hotels &amp; Resorts, and Hyatt; while others, including the American Club in Kohler, Wisconsin, and the Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz, New York, have been in the same family for generations. Historic Hotels of America does not own, operate, or manage historic hotels.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>ROOMS</b>                | <p>Hotels range in size from 1754 House, a historic inn in Woodbury, Connecticut, with seven rooms to the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Waikiki, Oahu with 3,386 rooms.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>SETTINGS</b>             | <p>Member hotels are located in 44 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Hotels are situated in settings that range from rustic to refined, in locales as diverse as the mountain wilderness, manicured country sides, the center of small towns and bustling metropolises. From opulent mansions to converted factories, each fascinating place has been inducted into this distinguished program based upon noteworthy standards, including quality of accommodations, historic significance, listed in or eligible to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and building age. Eight members are located within U.S. National Parks and many more are contributing resources within National Historic Landmark Districts.</p> |

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| <b>RESERVATIONS</b>                | Rooms at any of the member hotels can be reserved by visiting <a href="http://HistoricHotels.org">HistoricHotels.org</a> , calling + 1 800 678 8946, or a travel planner (GDS code HE). A portion of every booking fee for bookings made through HistoricHotels.org supports the National Trust for Historic Preservation in its mission to enhance local community historic preservation programs across America.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>GDS CODE</b>                    | HE (“Historic Experience”)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY</b>        | The Historic Hotels of America Member Directory is published every few years as a full-color printed book and as a fully searchable digital resource. The physical book is found in members’ guestrooms and lobbies, and with program partners. The digital edition can be accessed through this url:<br><a href="https://www.historichotels.org/us/directory.php">https://www.historichotels.org/us/directory.php</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>2026 MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS</b> | <p><b>Hotels Celebrating 175 Years</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mountain Lake Lodge (1851) <i>Pembroke, Virginia</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Hotels Celebrating 150 Years</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bellwether House (1876) <i>Savannah, Georgia</i></li> <li>▪ The Mission Inn Hotel &amp; Spa (1876) <i>Riverside, California</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Hotels Celebrating 125 Years</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cavallo Point (1901) <i>Sausalito, California</i></li> <li>▪ Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort &amp; Spa (1901) <i>Honolulu, Hawaii</i></li> <li>▪ The Carolina Hotel at Pinehurst Resort (1901) <i>Pinehurst, North Carolina</i></li> <li>▪ The Wall Street Hotel (1901) <i>New York, New York</i></li> <li>▪ West Baden Springs Hotel (1901) <i>West Baden Springs, Indiana</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Hotels Celebrating 100 Years</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 21c Museum Hotel St. Louis (1926) <i>St. Louis, Missouri</i></li> <li>▪ Benbow Inn (1926) <i>Garberville, California</i></li> <li>▪ Best Western Premier Mariemont Inn (1926) <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i></li> <li>▪ Colony Hotel &amp; Cabaña Club (1926) <i>Delray Beach, Florida</i></li> <li>▪ Fairmont Breakers Long Beach (1926) <i>Long Beach, California</i></li> <li>▪ Harbor Court Hotel (1926) <i>San Francisco, California</i></li> <li>▪ Historic Americus Hotel (1926) <i>Allentown, Pennsylvania</i></li> <li>▪ Hotel Ändra Seattle MGallery Collection (1926) <i>Seattle, Washington</i></li> <li>▪ Hotel Casa del Mar (1926) <i>Santa Monica, California</i></li> </ul> |

- Inn on Boltwood (1926) *Amherst, Massachusetts*
- InterContinental Indianapolis (1926) *Indianapolis, Indiana*
- InterContinental Mark Hopkins San Francisco (1926) *San Francisco, California*
- InterContinental New York Barclay (1926) *New York, New York*
- La Concha Key West, Autograph Collection (1926) *Key West, Florida*
- La Valencia Hotel (1926) *La Jolla, California*
- Omni Berkshire Place (1926) *New York, New York*
- Omni San Francisco Hotel (1926) *San Francisco, California*
- Sofia Hotel (1926) *San Diego, California*
- The Hotel Viking (1926) *Newport, Rhode Island*
- The Queensbury Hotel (1926) *Glens Falls, New York*
- The St. Regis Washington, D.C. (1926) *Washington, District of Columbia*

**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 of America. 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 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 of America spotlights the best historic hotels for a romantic proposal, road trips, beautiful gardens, historic golf courses, ghost legends, afternoon tea, and holiday gingerbread displays.

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