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**Top 100  
Hotels**

THE MOST SPECTACULAR  
ACCOMMODATIONS FROM ALL  
OVER THE WORLD — DON'T STAY  
ANYWHERE ELSE



# Top 100 Hotels in the World

For the third edition of our annual top hotels list, we've carefully selected those that offer the most captivating atmosphere, extraordinary comfort, impeccable service and standout amenities. There are a few hotels in the world that keep you coming back for more, so we've pulled out the must-do experiences, the must-taste dishes, and the hidden extras to make each visit delightfully different. Read on to see if your favorite made the list, and perhaps discover a new favorite.



## THE POINT ^

### SARANAC LAKE, NEW YORK, USA

A cozy hideaway in the Adirondacks, The Point brings your childhood dreams to life. This cabin in the woods was built over a century ago by William Avery Rockefeller, who created the 75-acre property as a summer escape for family and friends. There are 11 guestrooms spread out on the land, and each was renovated in 2017. The Boathouse is exactly what it sounds like — the two-story structure has a bedroom on top, as well as a wraparound deck, while the ground floor houses boats that you can take out during the day for water activity. Details such as a rock-walled shower, period windows and nautical motifs bring a sense of place.

**Top suite** The Boathouse from \$3,700 per night

**Fresh air** During summer, partake in an evening cocktail cruise after a day of water skiing or hiking; in the winter, ice skate, go curling and fish on the frozen lake.

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## MANDARIN ORIENTAL, NEW YORK ^

### NEW YORK, NEW YORK, USA

Just a few steps from Central Park, the Mandarin Oriental, New York has sweeping views of Midtown Manhattan and the Hudson River. Its East Asia origins are apparent in every detail, from Chinese artwork and decor to the perfectly polished Asian-style service. By far the most exclusive accommodation, Suite 5000 spans 3,300 sq ft atop the hotel's highest floors. The three-bedroom suite features a coveted art collection, a Swarovski crystal wall and floor-to-ceiling windows with glittering skyline views. The drinking and dining options are not to be missed — Grant Achatz, known as the Willy Wonka of cocktails, opened The Aviary NYC in 2017, while The Office serves rare vintage spirits. The fine-dining Asiate is a full-blown sensory experience, from the tree-branch sculpture hanging on the ceiling to the foie gras torchon dish and caviar flight.

**Top suite** Suite 5000 from \$36,000 per night

**Spa sanctuary** Visit the spa to enjoy the Ayurvedic Ritual — a customizable, three-hour, full-body restoration.

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## OCEAN HOUSE >

### WATCH HILL, RHODE ISLAND, USA

Before the Hamptons, there was Watch Hill, a charming New England escape that attracted traveling city dwellers to this quaint town. Ocean House is a grand Victorian building with a facade that has retained its signature butter-yellow hue since its opening in 1868. A change of ownership in 2014 saw a complete renovation of the building, yet pieces from the original property remain, such as the phone booth, stone fireplace and reception desk. Play croquet or enjoy a round of golf at a nearby course before retiring to the beach. Choose from over five dining options to indulge in the culinary wonders of executive chef Shane Coopriider — ranging from the fine-dining Coast to the more casual The Bistro.

**Top suite** Wickiup Cottage from \$5,000 per night

**Explore** Four Mercedes-Benz cars remain at your disposal to explore shops around town or dine off-site.

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## MEADOWOOD NAPA VALLEY ^

### ST HELENA, CALIFORNIA, USA

The 250-acre Meadowood is an idyllic Napa Valley getaway that blends the best of wine country with spectacular cuisine. Of course, you can enjoy exceptional wine tours, daily tastings and a selection of more than 1,000 wines. Let Meadowood's sommelier choose a wine to pair with your meal when you dine at The Restaurant at Meadowood, a three-Michelin-starred dining experience that curates thoughtful meals with local growers and artisans. When you need a break from indulgence, a welcome reprieve awaits at the newly renovated swimming pool and fitness center. The concierge can also arrange private croquet, tennis, biking and golf sessions for you.

**Top suite** Estate Suite from \$4,900 per night

**Wine and dine** Book a private wine tasting and tour with the Estate Sommelier, either tasting a selection of Meadowood's wine collection, or enjoy one at a vineyard. Arrange a private dinner to accompany your tasting.

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## FOUR SEASONS HOTEL NEW YORK

### NEW YORK, NEW YORK, USA

Last year, the IM Pei-designed Four Seasons Hotel New York on Manhattan's Billionaires' Row underwent a \$120m restoration; each of its 368 rooms (plus the swanky Ty Bar and The Garden restaurant) have contemporary custom furnishings with an Art Deco feel. Towering 52 stories above Manhattan's streets, it's the tallest hotel in New York City, and the one-bedroom Ty Warner Penthouse is easily one of the most remarkable stays in the city — it has 360-degree views through floor-to-ceiling windows, or from four cantilevered balconies. Book a private spa treatment from the L.Raphael Beauty Spa in the comfort of your suite.

**Top suite** The Ty Warner Penthouse from \$50,000 per night

**Private excursion** Guests of the Ty Warner Penthouse have access to a private concierge who will book everything from exclusive shopping experiences to private museum tours — travel throughout the city via Rolls-Royce.

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