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# Warm Up By The Fire At These 5 Cozy Travel Destinations

A crackling blaze relaxes the body and soothes the soul.

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Roaring, wood-burning fires have long held a **seductive power**, drawing us in close to **congregate** around them. After all, who can resist the flickering soft light and the staccato popping, hissing and crackling? And don't forget the aroma, which can bring back a flood of memories of camp bonfires from long ago. Fireplaces also soften the atmosphere, helping us emotionally relax and unwind, **lowering blood pressure** and **stoking romance**. We feel safe and are willing to share — am I wrong? You won't be surprised that hotels are well aware of the power a good fireplace exerts over guests, offering a cozy atmosphere like nothing else to quash chills, elevate calm and boost good feelings. Here are a handful of our favorites that offer glorious roaring fireplaces. Cue up the hygge vibes, come in from the cold and join us around the fire at these fabulous hotels!



Courtesy of The Point Resort

**The Point, Saranac Lake**, New York

This exquisite inn — the first Relais & Châteaux property in the United States — which sits on Upper Saranac Lake, was built during the height of the Adirondacks' Great Camp era by William Avery Rockefeller II. The 11-room estate evokes the Gilded Age, and its Great Hall is centered around two large fireplaces that burn an average of 25 logs a day — an irresistible setting for reading and snacking on the lodge's signature truffle popcorn. This is the heart and soul of the inn. Twice a week, seven-course communal black-tie dinners are served, harking back to the inn's storied traditions. A nearby bar makes it easy to linger late into the night with after-dinner drinks by the fire. Outside the snow may be swirling, but in the charming Great Hall, guests have even been known to slip into their PJs and play charades, noshing on sumptuous cheese platters.