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## 10 Historic American Hotels That Have Mastered the Art of Timeless Hospitality

These storied stays prove true luxury only gets better with age.

The great **American escape** doesn't lie in the new—but rather the storied retreats that have mastered the art of hospitality, dazzling guests for centuries with impeccable service while evolving with the ages. What hasn't changed? Their commitment to delivering once-in-a-lifetime experiences. From Victorian grande dames to a rustic lakeside camp, these 10 historic American hotels endure as tributes to thoughtful stewardship, sterling hospitality, and the luxury of an unhurried hideaway.

### **The Point**

**Saranac Lake, New York**



Courtesy of The Point

An original iron chandelier illuminates The Point's Weatherwatch room.

In 2016, Connecticut-based designer Paige Hammond had a treasure put in her care. Longtime clients Pierre and Laurie Lapeyre had purchased **The Point**, a circa-1930 Great Camp built on granite-bouldered Upper Saranac Lake by William Avery Rockefeller II. Their charge: Revive the early 20th-century beacon of swoony luxury and bracing adventure. Honoring the Arts and Crafts-meets-American Craftsman bones of the lodge and outbuildings, Hammond scoured the Adirondacks for antiques, vintage pieces, and artisan-crafted timber furniture and iron chandeliers for the Great Hall and 11 guest rooms.



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**The Boathouse guest suite.**

While she refreshed each room with its own mix of textiles, she chose to retain the baths' original black-and-white tiles. And learning that Ralph Lauren had once designed a guest room with his fabrics, she honored that legacy by redecorating it in new fabrics by the style titan. The result—a retreat where guests dress down for canoe paddles and up for biweekly black-tie dinners—is as intoxicating as a deep breath of mountain air.

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