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These Are the 15 Best Hotel Getaways in New England

New England is brimming with historic grande dames, design-minded boutique hotels, wellness retreats, and glamping getaways.



The Mayflower Inn & Spa features bold decor by designer Celerie Kemble. Courtesy of Mayflower Inn & Spa

Few parts of the United States have as long-running a connection to hotels and leisure travel as New England. In fact, there are some **historic taverns and inns** in this region—comprising Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine—that predate the Declaration of Independence. During the Victorian era, the area really hit its stride as a magnet for summering industrialists (and their workers) who hoped to escape the rigors and heat of the big city for a few months of relaxation on the coast. Grand seaside resorts popped up everywhere along these shores; many remain unchanged, while others have been transformed with bold designs and luxurious new amenities.

Woodstock Inn & Resort



Hotelier Laurance Rockefeller is responsible for the Woodstock Inn & Resort as we know it today. Photo by jenlo8/Shutterstock

- **Location:** Woodstock, Vermont
- **Why we love it:** A historic retreat offering plenty of mountain adventures
- **Book now**

This storied stretch of real estate in the heart of Vermont's Green Mountains has been a beacon of hospitality since 1793, when a tavern opened on this site. The current incarnation of **Woodstock Inn & Resort** dates back to 1967 when conservationist and hotelier Laurance Rockefeller tore down the previous Woodstock Inn (built in 1892) and constructed a new one.

Its 142 rooms and suites exude a timeless elegance, with furnishings handcrafted by area artisans, cherry- or mahogany-wood bed frames, and playful details like wind-up alarm clocks and gingham accents. While on site, you can take part in a falconry or owl meet-and-greet experience, unwind in a Scandinavian cedar sauna at the LEED-certified spa, or play a round at the Robert Trent Jones, Sr.–designed course at the Woodstock Country Club. Also worth checking out are the Kelly Way Gardens, one mile south of the inn, where master gardener Benjamin Pauly offers guided tours, tastings, gardening classes, and special dinners in the historic red barns. *From \$320*

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