

Boutique Hotels

The Jersey Shore

First opened to vacationers in 1956 at the height of the Wildwoods' "Doo Wop" heyday, the Caribbean Motel was among the most daring, imaginative structures to be built in the resort during that era of post-World War II optimism and leisure when everyone had one eye on the future and the other on dreams of exotic vacation destinations. The Caribbean rolled both of those fascinations into one with a motel that sported ultra-modern architectural elements like a futuristic "levitating" ramp, canted glass walls, and recessed "spaceship" lights along with "exotic" landscaping and theming including the very first plastic palm trees to be "planted" in the Wildwoods, giving vacationers the feeling of being in a far-away tropical paradise while only a short drive from home on the Jersey Shore.

Get back to the Fabulous 50's and Sixties for vintage Doo Wop. The rates are great and so is this property. Rock on!

The Caribbean Motel
The Caribbean Motel Travel Website
609-522-8292

Palm Desert, California

Experience the romance, glamour and sophistication of the desert of the 1940s in one of the newest luxury boutique Palm Desert hotels. Indulgent suites and guestrooms with dreamy beds and all the special touches you expect from today's world.

All rooms circle the pool and the mini bars are complete with candy and drinks from the 1940's. It's a motel with 24 suites and guestrooms and all the modern amenities.

The location is fantastic and within walking distance of fine shops and restaurants. Rates are very reasonable and include a continental breakfast.

If you long for nostalgia, but want today's conveniences mixed in - this is the place for you!

Mojave Resort
Mojave Resort Travel Website
800-391-1104

Point No Point Lighthouse

Washington State

The Point No Point Lighthouse, built in 1879, is considered to be the oldest lighthouse on Puget Sound. Now, with the cooperation of the U.S. Lighthouse Society, Kitsap County Parks and the Friends of Point No Point, the historic lighthouse Keeper's home has opened as a vacation rental.

Come and experience the century old history this unique property has to offer by spending time as keepers of the light. However, unlike the lighthouse keepers of days gone by, you will have no bothersome lighthouse duties to attend to at all hours of the night. Rather, your accommodations will include: a comfortable living room, formal dining area with breakfast nook, full kitchen, 2 bedrooms and a full bathroom.

The unique geographic location of the light station gives guests the opportunity to enjoy unsurpassed panoramic views of Puget Sound's many islands, Mount Baker, the Seattle skyline and Mount Rainier. Additionally, the Point No Point Lighthouse is adjacent to a nature preserve ensuring guests glimpses of bald eagles and other raptors, a wide array of water fowl, seals, abundant bird life and more.

The Point No Point Lighthouse and Keeper's quarters is approximately 1 hour from Seattle.

Point No Point Lighthouse
415-362-7255

New York City

In the heart of midtown New York, on West 51st Street. Seconds away from the excitement of Times Square, the theaters of Broadway, the variety of Restaurant Row, and Central Park, the Washington Jefferson offers attentive service and stylish rooms. Complimentary wireless Internet access, Frette linens and towels, I-pod docking stations are a few of the amenities offered to complete your perfect stay.

Rooms are small, but stylish and very affordable for New York.

The Washington Jefferson Hotel
The Washington Jefferson Hotel Travel Website
888-567-7550

New York City

The Library Hotel in New York City is the first hotel ever to offer its guest over 6,000 volumes of books organized throughout the hotel by the Dewey Decimal System.* Each of the 10 guestroom floors honor one of the 10 categories of the DDC and each of the 60 rooms are uniquely adorned with a collection of books and art exploring a distinctive topic within the category it belongs to.

Personal service goes one step further as guests may request their room based on their personal interests (subject to availability) such as the Literature floor featuring subjects from Poetry or The Classics to Erotic Literature. Such intriguing room themes offered on the Math and Science floor are Astronomy and Botany. Law, Eastern Religion, Money, and New Media are also among the 60 eclectic themes available on the room menu at The Library Hotel. Other distinctive features Library guests have at their disposal include the Writers Den a beautiful mahogany paneled room with working fireplace and The Poetry Garden, our sparkling greenhouse.

Library Hotel
Library Hotel Travel Website
877-793-7323

Catskill Mountains

This one is designed for boomers! Kate Pierson of the B-52s is the proprietor of this pet-friendly, 50's decor compound of cabins set on 9 acres overlooking the Catskill Mountains. It's only 12 miles from the Woodstock Art Colony and 130 miles from New York City. Features include:

- » Breathtaking Mountain Views
- » A truly lazy meadow on the banks of the soul-stirring Esopus Creek
- » Fabulous Fifties style full kitchens including all the fixin's for cooking and cocktails
- » Designer bedding, linens, towels, etc.
- » Private bathrooms for each bedroom
- » In-room high-speed Internet access and Cable television
- » DVD/VHS and CD players with an unusual selection of films
- » Direct line telephones with voicemail in every suite
- » Toiletries collected from around the world (Kate's grabbed 'em from every hotel she's stayed at while on tour. don't tell!)
- » All major credit cards accepted

Kate's Lazy Meadow Motel
Kate's Lazy Meadow Motel Travel Website
845-688-7200

Rome, Italy

Surrounded by a beautiful garden that ensures privacy and tranquility, the Hotel Panama Garden welcomes guests in elegant, well-cared-for rooms. The atmosphere and welcome are those of a private residence, while the amenities and services are way above those offered by 3-star hotels in Rome.

Hotel Panama Garden is the most conveniently located hotel in Central Rome most convenient to the Circonvallazione and the GRA (Grande Raccordo Anulare) highway ring roads, (5 km from the hotel) main thruways to all of Rome. Located in the Parioli quarter, the most elegant of the city, the Panama Garden is across the street from Villa Ada and its magnificent park.

Hotel Panama Garden
Website under construction
39 06 8552 558

San Francisco, California

Located in the heart of San Francisco's Theater and Shopping District, and just three blocks off historic Union Square, the Hotel California in San Francisco offers timeless style, personal service, meeting spaces, guestrooms, and suites. The Hotel is just steps to the City's finest restaurants, shopping, and nightlife. Moderately priced and immortalized in song - boomers will love it!

The Hotel California
The Hotel California Travel Website
800-227-4223

Washington, DC

The hotel occupies what was once Washington D.C.'s General Post Office, built in 1839 by Robert Mills, the same architect to design the Washington Monument. The hotel has inherited the legacy of the landmark building, with its beauty, quality and grace. Inside, its many unique pleasures invite guests to indulge their senses.

Sophisticated, stylish, warm and inviting describe the downtown luxury Hotel Monaco Washington DC, a Kimpton Hotel located within walking distance of the National Mall. Set in an historic all-marble building that is a Registered National Landmark, this completely renovated luxury boutique hotel has emerged as the discerning traveler's choice among downtown Washington DC hotels. Surrounded by the goings-on of our nation's capital outside and a vibrant setting inside, the luxury Hotel Monaco Washington DC caters to the savviest of travelers accustomed to world-class service. Be sure and ask for the "Young at Heart" deal for seniors.

Hotel Monaco
Hotel Monaco Travel Website
800-649-1202

Chicago, Illinois

The Whitehall Hotel in downtown Chicago remains a landmark destination, offering a very European sense of grace and grandeur. Step outside and you'll find that we're ideally located in the heart of the Gold Coast, nestled amid the Magnificent Mile's shops, restaurants, theaters, entertainment, and the business district. I've booked this hotel many times and have not had any complaints, only glowing reviews.

The Whitehall Hotel
The Whitehall Hotel Travel Website
312-944-6300

Paris, France

The hotel Sainte Beuve is located in a little alleyway within historical Paris, in the central 6eme district. Guests appreciate the quietness of the village like area and the proximity of Luxembourg Garden and the entertainment of the Saint-Germain and Montparnasse areas. The 6th Paris district ("arrondissement") is home to major French publishing houses, several universities, numerous bookshops, small theatres, the famous Boulevard St-Michel, fine restaurants, lovely antique shops. It is just an evening walk away from the Quartier Latin.

Hotel Le Sainte-Beuve
Hotel Le Sainte-Beuve Travel Website

London, England

The Draycott has 35 Rooms in total including Single Rooms, Double, Deluxe Double, Suites, Family Rooms and 2 Bedroom Suites. Many rooms and suites have their own working fireplaces, all are individually air conditioned and some have the benefit of views looking on to the beautiful private gardens of Cadogan.

Steeped in Edwardian splendour; with high ceilings and fireplaces; each room is theatrically themed and adorned with Victorian antiques. Each room contains something of its theatrical namesake - be it Sheridan, Coward, Grenfell, or Ashcroft - such as prints, posters, photographs and a miniature biography of the impresario in question. Each accommodation comes with ensuite bathroom containing a well-proportioned bath and a power shower. The Draycott Hotel suites feature fully kitted-out kitchens.

Accommodations at the back of the hotel benefit from glorious views over the private garden square below - particularly beautiful when the cherry trees are in blossom. And, at the end of the day there is the indulgence of sleeping between finest Sea Island cotton in a luxuriously large bed, especially made to Draycott Hotel's own specification and designed for perfect rest.

Draycott Hotel
Draycott Hotel Travel Website
800-747-4942

New York

The Beekman Hotel is not just a New York landmark. It is among the finest hotel accommodations in the city. Built in 1928, the Beekman's distinctive tower is an art deco icon located a few short steps from the United Nations. Spacious suites reflect traditional styling, and many offer terraces and inspiring river views. The Top of the Tower, located on the 26th floor, has been a centerpiece of Manhattan nightlife for decades. The sophisticated cocktail lounge offers panoramic views of the New York skyline, and an amazing setting to spark romance, or after hour business. It's my stay of choice in New York for location, spaciousness and most of all, it's cocktail lounge at the top of the hotel "Top of the Tower." I think it's the best kept secret in the City.

The Beekman Tower Hotel
The Beekman Tower Hotel Travel Website
212-355-7300

Malibu, California

Here's a great throwback to the 50's and the time of Motels instead of Hotels. This one is a real gem for under \$200 with a private beach and complimentary breakfast. It has 21 rooms and was built in 1949. The rooms were renovated in 2005. This spot is all about location and price. Just be sure to book well in advance because there is usually a waiting list.

Casa Malibu
website under construction
800-831-0858

Sweden

Utter Inn (in English, Otter Inn) is an art project by Mikael Genberg which offers an underwater accommodation for the public. The facility is entered through a typical Swedish red house located on the surface of the water.

The guests of Utter Inn arrive at the port of Vasteras and are taken out one kilometre on Lake Malaren with an inflatable boat. After receiving all the instructions guests need, they are then left alone. If guests prefer deluxe accommodation, someone can deliver dinner by boat in the evening. Guests can use an inflatable canoe to visit the closest uninhabited island. Guests can also swim, sunbathe or watch the fish (from both upstairs and downstairs) at the hotel. It's a remarkable feeling to go to bed while the fish surround and watch you carefully.

Private Islands Online
Private Islands Online Travel Website
647-477-5581

Paris

Here's a great bohemian, charming, budget hotel in the heart of the Saint Germain quarter. The Hotel de Nesle (pronounced "Nell") has 20 rooms all painted with frescoes of different events and themes. They only take reservations by phone and may forget your conversation, but if you have a sense of humor, their memory returns. The price for a private bath is extra, so be sure and ask when you call. It's in a great location - within walking distance of the Louvre and there are loads of cafes nearby.

Hotel De Nesle
Hotel De Nesle Travel Website

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Westport, CT

Built in 1873 and transformed into a luxury hotel in 1993, The Inn at National Hall was selected for inclusion in The National Register of Historic places in 1994, just one year after its opening. The Inn has earned the coveted AAA 4 diamond award since 2001.

In the 1900's New York commuters swelled its ranks and summer visitors flocked to Westport's picturesque beaches. Now Westport is known as a mecca for "creatives" in the world of theater and the arts. Familiar residents have included Robert Redford, Bette Davis, Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward and Martha Stewart. Referred to by some as "Beverly Hills East," Westport offers visitors an abundance of stimulating cultural and recreational activities.

The Inn at National Hall
The Inn at National Hall Travel Website
800-628-4255

Buenos Aires, Argentina

This boutique hotel is the ultimate expression of design that blends magically with the green spaces of Buenos Aires, creating a tranquil atmosphere. Located in front of one of the most beautiful squares of Buenos Aires, at walking distance from Santa Fe and Callao, one of the most lively corners of the city, Design Suites hotel Buenos Aires offers an scope where privacy is one of its key points. Close to all the most important attractions that Buenos Aires has to offer. From museums and historic buildings, to picturesque cafes, discos and the most important theaters. The Obelisco is at walking distance from the hotel; this place can be the perfect starting point to discover the melancholic Buenos Aires.

Epoque Hotels
Epoque Hotels Travel Website
866-376-7831

Wisconsin

Canoe Bay is a quiet destination getaway, with an outstanding chef, extensive wine list and large, current libraries of books, magazines, movies and music. You may go walking, canoeing, swimming or snowshoeing - even keep up with your workouts in our Fitness Center - all without leaving the property.

Secluded on three private lakes on a forested, 280-acre country estate, criss-crossed by trails, recreational possibilities at Canoe Bay are endless.

Canoe Bay is a 280-acre country estate with three private, spring-fed lakes, located in northwestern Wisconsin, off of U.S. Hwy. 53, just outside the town of Chetek.

Canoe Bay
Canoe Bay Travel Website
800-568-1995 x4