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# HISTORIC HOTELS of AMERICA

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NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION®

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## 2014 FACT SHEET

### **PURPOSE**

Historic Hotels of America is the official program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation® for recognizing, celebrating, and promoting the finest historic hotels. Each fascinating place has been inducted into this distinguished program based upon noteworthy standards, including quality of accommodations, historic significance, record of preserving authenticity, sense of place and architectural integrity.

### **FOUNDING DATE**

Historic Hotels of America was founded in 1989 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation with 32 charter members.

### **MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA**

To be nominated and selected for membership in this prestigious program, a hotel must be at least 50 years old; designated by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark or listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; and recognized as having historic significance. The Historic Sites Act of 1935 authorized the U.S. Secretary of the Interior to formally record and organize historic properties and to designate them as having national historical significance and gave the National Park Service authority to administer the program. The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 established the National Register of Historic Places for recognizing districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects worthy of preservation. Both programs were combined and are overseen by the National Park Service.

### **HERITAGE**

Members of National Trust Historic Hotels of America represent the heritage and development of America. One of the earliest hotels, Hotel El Convento in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico is a former Carmelite Convent dating to 1651. Another, The Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, dates to 1773 and was originally established as a stagecoach stop.

*“The work of Historic Hotels of America is indispensable in maintaining architectural masterpieces, which not only continue to*

*serve the traveling public, but are also enduring monuments to our national heritage.”*

-Dr. A.K. Sandoval-Strausz.

**TOTAL  
MEMBERSHIP**

More than 250 hotels that have faithfully maintained their authenticity, sense of place and architectural integrity participate in the Historic Hotels of America program. Historic Hotels of America is comprised of mostly independently owned and operated properties. More than 30 hotel chains, brands, and collections are represented in Historic Hotels of America. Sixteen historic hotels have been designated by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior as National Historic Landmarks. Nearly one hundred historic hotels are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

**LOCATIONS**

Member hotels are located in 46 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**ROOMS**

Hotels range in size from a 15-room historic country inn, such as The Smith House in Dahlonega, Georgia to the city-center Palmer House Hilton in Chicago with 1639 rooms.

**SETTINGS**

Hotels are situated in settings that range from rustic to refined, in locales as diverse as the mountain wilderness, manicured country sides, the center of small towns and bustling metropolises. From opulent mansions to converted factories, each fascinating place has been inducted into this distinguished brand based upon noteworthy standards, including quality of accommodations, historical significance, listed on or eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and property age.

**RESERVATIONS**

Rooms at any of the member hotels can be reserved by visiting [HistoricHotels.org](http://HistoricHotels.org), calling + 1 800 678 8946, or a travel planner (GDS code HE). A portion of every booking fee received from Historic Hotels of America for bookings made through [HistoricHotels.org](http://HistoricHotels.org) supports the National Trust for Historic Preservation in its mission to enhance local community historic preservation programs across America.

**OWNERSHIP**

More than 100 of the 250 hotels are operated by some of the worlds finest hospitality brands, including Hilton, InterContinental, Marriott, Omni, Starwood and Wyndham, while others, including the Strater Hotel in Durango, Colorado, and the Mohonk Mountain

House in New Paltz, New York, have been in the same family for generations.

**MEMBERSHIP  
DIRECTORY**

The 272-page, 2014 directory of member hotels can be purchased by sending a check or money order for \$7.50 to Historic Hotels of America, 38999 Eagle Way, Chicago, IL 60678-1389. Or, request a directory online at [HistoricHotels.org](http://HistoricHotels.org).

**WEBSITE**

[HistoricHotels.org](http://HistoricHotels.org)

**LOGO**

To download versions of the Historic Hotels of America Logo, please visit [www.historichotels.org/about-historic-hotels/](http://www.historichotels.org/about-historic-hotels/)

**GDS CODE**

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