

Historic Hotels Worldwide® 2025 FACT SHEET

Promoting Cultural & Heritage Travel to Prestigious Historic Treasures

MISSION

Historic Hotels Worldwide® is a global cultural tourism and historic preservation program with the mission to promote the finest historic hotels around the world, to celebrate their authenticity and unique character, and to support their success. Members of Historic Hotels Worldwide make up a prestigious collection of historic treasures, including historic hotels, castles, chateaus, palaces, academies, haciendas, villas, monasteries, and other historic lodging spanning ten centuries. Historic Hotels Worldwide represents the finest global collection of more than 300 historic hotels in more than 44 countries. The program is comprised of the world's finest hospitality brands, chains, collections, and independently owned and operated properties. It is the sister program of Historic Hotels of America, the official program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation with the mission to increase the preservation, recognition and celebration of historic hotels in the United States.

FOUNDING DATE

Launched in 2012, HistoricHotels.org is a global travel website allowing travelers to search and book historic hotels with a legendary significance.

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Eligibility encompasses strategic cultural and historic preservation elements that ensure quality heritage travel experiences. To participate in Historic Hotels Worldwide[®], historical lodging properties must be at least 75 years old; utilize historic accommodations; serve as the former home or be located on the grounds of the former home of famous persons or a significant location for an event in history; be located in or within walking distance to a historic district, historically significant landmark, place of historic event, or historic city center; be recognized by local preservation organization or national trust; and display historic memorabilia, artwork, photography, and other examples of its historic significance.

HERITAGE Hotels listed on Historic Hotels Worldwide[®] encourage revitalization and enhance preservation of magnificent architectural and cultural legacies. HistoricHotels.org provides a global historic emphasis celebrating the finest historic independent to hotels from all hotel brands, chains, and collections.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

With a growing global collection of hotels that have faithfully maintained their authenticity, sense of place, and architectural integrity, Historic Hotels Worldwide[®] is comprised of the world's finest hospitality brands, chains, collections, and independently owned and operated properties.

ROOMS

Hotels range in size from seven rooms, such as at Hotel Claude Marbella— once the Spanish summer residence of Eugénie de Montijo, Empress of France and wife of Napoleon III—to over 1,300 at the Fairmont Royal York, a luxury city-center hotel in Toronto, Canada.

SETTINGS

Historic Hotels Worldwide® features historic hotels, castles, chateaus, palaces, academies, haciendas, villas, and monasteries. Charter

member hotels span 10 centuries of history in Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas. Hotels are situated in diverse cultural settings, ranging from a 12th-century castle set among the rolling hills, prehistoric monuments, and Celtic landmarks of Ireland's Ancient Eastin, (Kilkea Castle, Castledermot Ireland, circa 1180) to the world's most magnificent Grande Dames such as Raffles Singapore, The Savoy London, and the Alvear Palace Hotel in Buenos Aires.

RESERVATIONS

Rooms at member hotels can be reserved by visiting HistoricHotels.org, calling + 1 800 678 8946, or a travel planner (**GDS code: HE**).

2025 MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS

175 Years

Visnes Hotel Stryn (1850) Stryn, Norway

125 Years

- Grand Hotel Vilnius, Curio Collection by Hilton (1900) Vilnius, Lithuania
- Hotel Regina Louvre (1900) Paris, France

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Historic Hotels Awards of Excellence honor, encourage, and recognize the most exemplary historic hotels, hoteliers, and leadership practices. From around the world, nominations are submitted by historic hoteliers, preservation supporters, community leaders, and leadership from Historic Hotels Worldwide. Nominee finalists are announced in summer and winners are announced at the Historic Hotels Awards of Excellence Ceremony & Gala in fall. The Fairmont Olympic Hotel in Seattle will host the 2025 Historic Hotels Awards of Excellence Ceremony & Gala, where winners will be announced before an audience of industry leaders on Thursday, October 16, 2025.

TOP 25 HISTORIC HOTELS LISTS

The Top 25 Historic Hotels Lists Program celebrates iconic hotels throughout the year for their magnificent art and architecture, stunning gardens, culinary heritage, thrilling local legends, and historic golf courses.

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