
HISTORIC HOTELS of AMERICA

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HISTORIC HOTELS OF AMERICA® WELCOMES EIGHT HISTORIC HOTELS FROM FIVE U.S. NATIONAL PARKS

Three Hotels Designated by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior as National Historic Landmarks are inducted into Historic Hotels of America

WASHINGTON, DC – October 11, 2012– Historic Hotels of America[®], a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation[®], is proud to announce their partnership with Xanterra Parks & Resorts with the induction of eight historic accommodations located in five U.S. National Parks.

The new members to Historic Hotels of America are located in the following National Parks: Grand Canyon National Park, Crater Lake National Park, Yellowstone National Park, Zion National Park, and Death Valley National Park.

Historic Hotels of America welcomes Phantom Ranch, Bright Angel Lodge and Cabins, and El Tovar from Grand Canyon National Park. Bright Angel Lodge was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1982, features great panoramic vistas, and is known to be the hub of the South Rim. El Tovar was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1974 and on May 28, 1987, El Tovar was designated by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark. Phantom Ranch, built in 1922, on the north side of the Colorado River is the only lodging facility located below the canyon rim.

Zion Lodge in Zion National Park is also a newly appointed member of Historic Hotels of America. Zion Lodge was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1987. The Lodge was designed in the 1920s by architect Gilbert Stanley Underwood and built by the Union Pacific Railroad.

Lake Yellowstone Hotel and Old Faithful Inn, both located in Yellowstone National Park, have been inducted as new members to Historic Hotels of America. Lake Yellowstone Hotel was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1991. On May 28, 1987, Old Faithful Inn was designated by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark. The Inn is

an icon of national park architecture and was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1973.

Crater Lake Lodge located in Crater Lake National Park originally opened in 1915 and is located on the edge of one of the country's crown jewels – Crater Lake. The Crater Lake Lodge was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1981.

The Inn at Furnace Creek, located in Death Valley National Park, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. In this below-sea-level basin, the inn features the world's "lowest golf course," at 214 feet below sea level.

To be selected for membership in Historic Hotels of America, a hotel must be at least 50 years old, be listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or recognized locally as having historic significance.

"These properties are so much more than overnight accommodations as they provide special and unique experiences," said Andrew N. Todd, president and CEO of Xanterra Parks & Resorts. "They are part of our social fabric, they were around during our grandparents' time, and they will be creating lifelong memories for our grandchildren and beyond."

"Historic Hotels of America is pleased to be partnering with Xanterra Parks and Resorts," said Thierry Roch, Executive Director of Historic Hotels of America. "We are delighted to be able to promote these historic accommodations located in the National Parks, our nation's great historic treasures."

Visit HistoricHotels.org to select from distinct and unique experiences, deals, and packages from the National Parks historic accommodations.

About Xanterra Parks and Resorts

Xanterra Parks & Resorts® (consisting of several affiliated Xanterra entities) operates lodges, restaurants, tours and activities at national parks and state parks and resorts. Xanterra Parks & Resorts is the country's largest park concessioner. Xanterra Parks & Resorts has operations in the following locations: Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Zion, Crater Lake, Rocky Mountain and Petrified Forest National Parks, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Furnace Creek Resort in Death Valley National Park and five Ohio State Park Lodges as well as the Geneva Marina at Ohio's Geneva State Park. Xanterra Parks & Resorts also operates Windstar Cruises, Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, Va. and Grand Canyon Railway in Williams, Ariz.

Xanterra Parks & Resorts has been committed to the preservation and protection of the environment for many years. Through its environmental program, "Ecologix," Xanterra Parks & Resorts has been recognized repeatedly for environmental leadership in the hospitality industry and is the recipient of many honors, including major awards from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Environmental Protection Agency, Travel Industry Association of America, American Hotel and Lodging Association, National Parks Conservation Association,

Conde Nast Traveler, National Geographic Traveler, Colorado Department of Public Health, State of Arizona, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and Utah Department of Environmental Quality.

For more information about Xanterra Parks & Resorts, links to individual properties and reservations numbers, visit www.xanterra.com.

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About Historic Hotels of America®

Historic Hotels of America was founded in 1989 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation® with 32 charter members. In 2007, Preferred Hotel Group partnered with the National Trust for Historic Preservation to grow and enhance Historic Hotels of America. Historic Hotels of America has more than 240 historic hotels. These properties have all faithfully maintained their authenticity, sense of place, and architectural integrity in the United States of America, including the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, Historic Hotels of America is comprised of mostly independently owned and operated properties. More than 30 of the world's finest hospitality brands, chains and collections are represented in Historic Hotels of America. To be nominated and selected for membership into this prestigious program, a hotel must be at least 50 years old, listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or recognized as having historic significance. For more information, please visit HistoricHotels.org.

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