

The 15 Best Luxury Hotels in New York City

N.Y.C.'s hotel scene received a much needed boost of adrenaline, with iconic hotels getting major overhauls and flashy newcomers showing what five-star service and style truly mean.

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The Fifth Avenue Hotel

You can’t throw a mustard-covered pretzel in New York City without hitting a hotel. There are about 700 of them in the city, but only a few are truly luxurious.

Designer details, out-of-the-box amenities, Michelin-starred chefs, sumptuous suites, tony locations, and highly personalized service are all de rigueur. While many of N.Y.C.’s best inns are century-old institutions, very prominent newcomers are testing the old standbys’ ability to stay fresh. (In fact, many of the city’s legacy hotels have undergone full-scale renovations, with billions being pumped into the Waldorf Astoria alone.)

“I think it was long overdue to keep up with other places around the world who have reputations as being incredible hotel cities, such as London and Paris,” Josh Alexander, a luxury travel advisor with ProTravel International, a Virtuoso agency, told *Robb Report*. “New York City was falling behind.”

In short: It’s a race to up the ante that has resulted in “six, even seven star hotels,” said Lesser, although there isn’t any regulated definition of what those stars mean. And as Michelin Keys get doled out to hotels and resorts for the first time, *Robb Report* decided it was also time to dust off our list of the best hotels in New York City right now, with some extra help and attention from our expert Travel Masters. You may notice a few iconic spots, like the Plaza and Mandarin Oriental with its stellar Central Park views, missing from this list. Though they remain cherished in the city, the guest rooms need a refresh; we expect them back in the mix soon. Others, like the Faena, were too new for inclusion.

In no particular order, these are the 15 best luxury hotels in New York City in 2025.

The Mark



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Housed in a 1927 landmark building renovated in 2009, the Mark oozes Upper East Side. With 106 rooms, 44 suites, and three penthouses—including the largest in New York City at 10,000 square feet—designer Jacques Grange has created modern French flair within its walls. But above and beyond that, a stay here gives guests unparalleled perks. There’s special access to Bergdorf Goodman goods via concierge, should you suddenly feel the urge for the perfect pair of Louboutins. Or live like a Kennedy and hire the Mark sailboat, a luxe 70-foot vessel. Sightseeing, anyone? Borrow from a fleet of chic, Mark-branded bikes, or, for the more sedentary, jump in one of their pedicabs. Michelin three-star chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten is at the helm of the Mark Restaurant, open super late for post-theater munchies, while Parisian restaurant Caviar Kaspia recently joined the Mark’s roster. For the pampered pooch, amenities include chef curated room service. Bonus: You’re just a few paw prints from Central Park.

Best amenity: Parents, rejoice: The hotel keeps a fleet of custom Maclaren strollers to loan out to guests. Plus, in season and for the inner child in us all, there’s a fabulous “Haute Dog Cart” by Jean-Georges.

Can’t-miss experience: It’s got to be whizzing up Madison Avenue on one of their signature N+ Mercedes-Benz Formula E Team e-bikes.

What our Travel Masters say: “There’s nothing like a classic. The Mark has been a fixture in the city for nearly 100 years and shows no signs of slowing down.” —*Jason Squatriglia, luxury travel advisor for Embark Beyond*

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