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## Our Hall of Fame Hotels From Around the World

From Bel-Air to Paris, these 21 properties from around the world have stood the test of time—and just keep getting better.

There's nothing like the sheen of a new hotel. We would know because here at Esquire we make it our job to see what's new and what's good—see our [Best New Hotels list here](#). But staying someplace fresh and new is just one way to travel. There's also something about a hotel that has already stood the test of time. It's become synonymous with its city. It might be the sole reason to visit a particular place at all. We want to honor those hotels, too. Welcome to Esquire's Hotel Hall of Fame.

So what are the criteria that make an establishment eligible for this list? Well, the doors need to have been open for five or more years for consideration. (You'll find one property on this list that has been at the top of its game for five times that—and another that debuted way back in 1910!) But it's not just longevity that makes a place Hall of Fame worthy. It also needs to have been a constant in its community—defining or shaping the very region in which it stands.

**This year, we've added nine hotels to the Hall of Fame this year, including a New York City institution, a hotel in Monte-Carlo fit for royalty, and in our opinion, the best place you can sleep in Los Angeles.**

Being great for any span of time is hard work; doing so for years on end is downright remarkable. But the thing is, for these twenty-one hotels, there's no end to their reign in sight. —Madison Vain

### The Mark

New York

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Do you live in New York? Great, so you've been to the Mark. For dinner at the namesake restaurant, run by the famed Jean-Georges, or drinks at the similarly named The Mark Bar, where a crowd buzzes nightly. Maybe you've cruised by the hot dog cart or flower stand out front. My point being: You've seen the way the city bends around the block the 152 key property occupies—making this institution a regular part of their routines. Maybe you don't live in the Big Apple and could use a primer. The landmark hotel first opened in 1927, making it a few years older than nearby icons like The Carlyle (1931) and The Pierre (1930) and the pride it feels in its tenure, is both

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