FACT SHEET
HILTON HOTELS & RESORTS PROPERTIES HONORED BY HISTORIC HOTELS OF AMERICA™ ORGANIZATION

Twenty storied Hilton Hotels & Resorts properties have been designated to join the prestigious Historic Hotels of America™ organization. The official program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation®, Historic Hotels of America recognizes and celebrates the finest hotels for faithfully maintaining their authenticity, sense of place and architectural integrity. To qualify for the program, hotels 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 have historic significance.


Hilton Hawaiian Village® Waikiki Beach Resort
Location: Honolulu, Hawaii
Year Opened: 1957

Hilton Hawaiian Village® Waikiki Beach Resort is the island’s only resort destination situated on 22 oceanfront acres of Waikiki’s widest stretch of beach. Nestled among mosaic lokoi’a fishponds and clusters of cottages in the Pi‘inaio Stream Delta, hotel guests can indulge in the color and magic of Hawaii’s history and heritage amidst the award-winning resort’s lush, tropical gardens.

Did you know?
• Location of Elvis Presley’s “Blue Hawaii” film in 1961.
• Exterior of the Rainbow Tower® features the world’s largest ceramic tile mosaic spanning 286 feet high. More than 16,000 colorful tiles are used to complete this spectacular mosaic.

Palmer House®, A Hilton Hotel
Location: Chicago, Illinois
Year Opened: 1873

A 25-story Beaux Arts marvel situated in Chicago’s iconic Loop District, Palmer House®, A Hilton Hotel is the longest continually operating hotel in the U.S. Built as a wedding present for Bertha Honore by her groom, Potter Palmer, the hotel is a historic city-center landmark with a legacy of romance. Today, guests are treated to the ultimate experience in luxury, with a two-story, gilded lobby with a formal staircase, marble-topped tables, velvet seating and a ceiling mural depicting Greek mythology.

Did you know?
• The brownie was invented when Bertha Palmer requested a dessert for ladies attending the Chicago 1893 World’s Fair.
• The Golden Empire Dining Room was converted into an entertainment epicenter hosting legendary entertainers, including Frank Sinatra, Judy Garland, Ella Fitzgerald, Harry Belafonte, Louis Armstrong and Liberace.
• During a banquet honoring Gen. Ulysses S. Grant’s return from a two-year around-the-world trip, Mark Twain jumped on a table and gave a speech that caused the general to “laugh and cry like a mortalest or mortals.”
Hilton Chicago
Location: Chicago, Illinois
Year Opened: 1927

Hilton Chicago has served as one of the city’s most revered addresses since its opening, hosting dignitaries and celebrities from Queen Elizabeth to Elizabeth Taylor. Located on South Michigan Avenue, the hotel has been meticulously redesigned and restored to preserve the magnificence of its early 20th Century style, while delivering all modern conveniences for 21st Century travelers.

Did you know?
• U.S. Army purchased the hotel for $6 million in 1942 for use as barracks and a Technical Training School for the Army Air Force during World War II, housing nearly 10,000 air cadets.
• Has hosted every United States President since Harry Truman.

Hilton Orrington/Evanston
Location: Evanston, Illinois
Year Opened: 1923

The hotel opened as Hotel Orrington with 300 transient rooms, 75 apartments and a rooftop garden overlooking Lake Michigan, staking its claim as “Evanston’s Finest Luxury Hotel.” While the hotel has gone through ownership changes over the years, each owner has stayed true to the original charm and attraction of the hotel from the European-style bathrooms to the beautiful grand staircase in the Grand Ballroom.

Did you know?
• Named in honor of Orrington Lunt, well-known philanthropist and co-founder of Northwestern University.
• In 1961, the Zweifel Company bought the Orrington and quickly started to make major renovations including the addition of a new indoor pool. The pool has since been closed.
• Vintage automobiles lined the entrance to Hilton Orrington/Evanston for its grand opening in 1923, and again in 1983, after the hotel’s extensive remodel, to remind guests of the property’s historic grandeur.

The Drake Hotel
Location: Chicago, Illinois
Year Opened: 1920

Upon opening its doors, The Drake Hotel was considered the most luxurious hotel in Chicago. Throughout the roaring twenties, icons such as Bing Crosby, Walt Disney, George Gershwin and Charles Lindbergh could be seen sipping a cocktail in The Gold Coast Room. The Drake Hotel that guests see today provides the grandeur of the past with accommodations fitting for today's high society.

Did you know?
• Newlyweds Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio carved their initials into the bar’s wooden counter.
• In 1932, the Cape Cod Room became Chicago’s first choice for fresh fish and seafood - and the nation’s first themed restaurant.
• Listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
The Seelbach Hilton Louisville
Location: Louisville, Kentucky
Year Opened: 1905

The Seelbach Hilton Louisville is equal parts historical landmark and architectural masterpiece. As the premier Louisville hotel in the roaring twenties, debutantes of upper-class society threw grand galas, similar to the parties in F. Scott Fitzgerald’s classic novel, “The Great Gatsby.” Following a $12 million renovation of this grand old hotel, guests can now experience genteel, Southern hospitality in historic grandeur.

Did you know?
• Inspired Tom and Daisy Buchanan’s wedding reception in F. Scott Fitzgerald’s “The Great Gatsby.”
• As the grandest hotel in Louisville and the center of Kentucky's bourbon and whiskey country, the hotel attracted some of the most famous gangsters.
• Legendary 1920s gangster Al Capone frequently visited the property and had a large mirror installed in his room so he could watch his back. Capone's favorite room also has two hidden doors behind special panels, leading to secret passageways.

Hilton New Orleans/St. Charles Avenue
Location: New Orleans, Louisiana
Year Opened: 1926

Hilton New Orleans/St. Charles was built in 1926 as the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. Today, touches of the original craftsmanship and architecture are evident throughout the hotel, with magnificent, meticulously restored ballrooms that were originally lodge halls. The boutique hotel is centrally-located within walking distance to all that is New Orleans.

Did you know?
• Upon completion, this magnificent 20-story Gothic Revival story Neo-Gothic style building was hailed as the first skyscraper in New Orleans.
• The hotel opened in 1926 as the Grand Lodge of Louisiana’s Masonic Temple.

Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center
Location: Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Year Opened: 1927

Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center continues to stand proud as it did when it briefly served as the Louisiana State Capitol in 1931. Once the home of Huey Long, former governor of Louisiana, the historic Heidelberg and Capitol House Hotel building have undergone over $70 million in renovations to become fully restored to their former state of grandeur. Today, Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center guests enjoy modern amenities amidst a beautiful hotel with a vibrant past.

Did you know?
• The song “Every Man a King,” co-authored by Huey Long and Castro Carazzo, was first played on a piano on the 10th floor of the hotel.
• Huey Long is thought to haunt the historic hotel, with some guests reporting seeing an apparition accompanied by a strong cigar smell in the hotel’s halls.
• Listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
**Hilton Boston Downtown/Faneuil Hall**  
**Location:** Boston, Massachusetts  
**Year Opened:** 1928

Boasting 15 floors, Hilton Boston Downtown/Faneuil Hall was built in 1928 as Boston’s first Art Deco skyscraper, known at the time as the Batterymarch Building. Designed by architect Harold Field Kellogg, the hotel is situated in the heart of downtown Boston’s Historic and Financial Districts, putting guests in the center of Boston’s historical, economic and social hub.

**Did you know?**
- The building marked Boston’s first Art Deco skyscraper and was originally designed as an office building.
- Marks from America’s Industrial Age - including an eagle and covered wagon - are found etched in the Batterymarch Street entrance.
- The hotel exterior’s use of brick creates the illusion of height. Thirty shades of brick were used, from dark brown at the base to tan at the top.

**Hilton President Kansas City**  
**Location:** Kansas City, Missouri  
**Year Opened:** 1926

The stunning President Hotel was built as one of the finest hotels in the country. When the Kansas City population left downtown, The President sat empty and abandoned for nearly 35 years, until visionary developer Ron Jury purchased the hotel and spent $45 million to renovate and restore the hotel to its original look and feel of a grand hotel, reminiscent of a 1930s and 1940s-eras.

**Did you know?**
- Served as the headquarters of the 1928 Republican National Convention.
- After landing his famous “Spirit of St. Louis” aircraft in Kansas City for the dedication of the Kansas City Airport, American Aviator Charles A. Lindbergh delivered a speech to fans and media at the hotel.
- The original terrazzo floors installed in 1926 still have their original luster in the Congress Ballroom.
- Listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

**Hilton St. Louis Downtown at the Arch**  
**Location:** St. Louis, Missouri  
**Year Opened:** 1888

Built as the Merchant Laclède National Bank, Hilton St. Louis Downtown at the Arch offers historic charm with a modern twist. Designed for banks and brokerage firms located in the area during the 1880s, the building was part of the city’s commercial epicenter during the height of St. Louis’ economic boom. Today, guests can discover the city’s premier attractions with ease from this elegant turn-of-the-century hotel.

**Did you know?**
- Retains the original vaults of its 19th century predecessor, Merchant Laclède National Bank.
- The hotel is one of the oldest examples of St. Louis’ tall, fireproof office buildings, and was one of the first office buildings in the country to have individual fireplaces in the offices.
Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza
Location: Santa Fe, New Mexico
Year Opened: 1625

Housed in a three-century-old hacienda, Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza captures the magic of the Southwest and its rich cultural heritage in a luxury boutique hotel just two blocks from the historic Santa Fe Plaza. In 1973, Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza expanded the original estate into a Spanish Colonial-style hotel combining contemporary comfort with old-world charm.

Did you know?
• Housed in a landmark 300-year-old hacienda.
• Three luxury casitas were built within the adobe walls of the original coach house of the 17th Century estate, feature planked ceilings, exposed brick walls, traditional kiva fireplaces and Colonial furnishings.

Hilton Manhattan East
Location: New York, New York
Year Opened: 1931

Opened in 1931, Hilton Manhattan East was part of the Tudor City residential development, including parks, tulip gardens and golf courses, when Model T Fords would cruise down Manhattan’s cobble stone streets. This boutique style hotel, renowned for its Neo-Gothic architecture, has been renovated back to its original splendor. Today, the guest halls and lobby are beautifully-decorated with classic black-and-white photos, taking guests back to “old” New York.

Did you know?
• The 20-story Tudor City apartment complex was hailed as the first residential skyscraper complex in the world.
• With its location just two blocks from the United Nations building complex, the hotel has hosted countless visiting diplomats since its creation and commencement of the annual General Assembly in 1952.

Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza
Location: Cincinnati, Ohio
Year Opened: 1931

Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza is a true French Art Deco hotel masterpiece. Since its opening, the landmark hotel was an integral part of the first multi-use complex in the U.S. Described as a “city within a city,” the complex featured an office tower, hotel, fully-automated garage, shopping complex and restaurants. The historic hotel is now the anchor for the city’s famous skywalk system.

Did you know?
• One of the world’s finest examples of French Art Deco style.
• Doris Day made her professional debut in the tiered ballroom of the hotel.
• The hotel’s exquisite Hall of Mirrors is modeled after the Palace of Versailles.
• Designated by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark.
The Skirvin Hilton Oklahoma City
Location: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Year Opened: 1911

Upon its opening to the public, the Skirvin Hotel was billed as “the newest, finest hotel in the Southwest.” After passing through the hands of several investors, the hotel closed in 1988 and sat neglected for 19 years. In 2007, the hotel reopened after an extensive renovation which restored the original exterior finish. Today, the hotel once again stands as a proud testament to the history and future of Oklahoma City.

Did you know?
- Had a safe room for guests to privately drink during the Prohibition era.
- Providing the backdrop to much political debate, the Skirvin’s lobby became a political arena for Republicans and Democrats who stayed at the property.
- Perle Mesta, W.B. Skirvin’s daughter, became the ambassador to Luxembourg under Harry Truman and inspired the Broadway hit “Call Me Madam.”
- Listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Hilton Fort Worth
Location: Fort Worth, Texas
Year Opened: 1921

Famously known as the scene of President John F. Kennedy’s final address, Hilton Fort Worth’s legacy spans nearly a decade of American History, back to a time when the cattle town of Fort Worth found itself a new kind of wealth – oil. Once billed as “the South’s Greatest Lobby,” the hotel is today known among the city’s finest accommodations for travelers.

Did you know?
- President John F. Kennedy delivered his last address during the Chamber of Commerce Breakfast in the Crystal Ballroom at the hotel on Nov. 22, 1963.
- The artwork and sculptures in President John F. Kennedy and Mrs. Kennedy’s suite were masterworks assembled from local private collections specifically for the Kennedy’s brief stay.
- Listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Capital Hilton
Location: Washington, D.C.
Year Opened: 1943

Set in the heart of the U.S. capital, this landmark hotel first opened its doors as the Statler Hotel. For nearly 70 years it has flourished, hosting every U.S. president since Franklin Delano Roosevelt. To this day, the hotel remains the place to see politicians and world leaders, and sometimes even witness history in the making.

Did you know?
- President Obama sent the first presidential “Instagram” photo from the hotel.
- Built a hidden auto-lift for President Franklin D. Roosevelt to access the second-floor Presidential Ballroom.
- Civil Rights March on Washington leaders returned to the hotel after Dr. Martin Luther King’s famous “I Have a Dream” speech.
**Hilton Milwaukee City Center**  
**Location:** Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
**Year Opened:** 1928

Hilton Milwaukee City Center’s distinctive Art Deco architecture has graced the Milwaukee skyline for nearly 85 years. The property has been restored to its original grandeur with regal historic ballrooms and luxurious guestrooms. Today, guests enjoy private skywalk access to the Frontier Airlines Center - a large exhibition and event venue - making the hotel popular for business travelers.

**Did you know?**
- The city’s largest classic Art Deco hotel with rich furnishing and distinctive architecture built in 1927.
- The hotel hosted the fifth National Football League (NFL) draft in the Empire Ballroom. The draft involved roughly 30 officials from what were then only 10 NFL teams. Within a few hours, 200 players were selected.
- Listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

**Caribe Hilton**  
**Location:** San Juan, Puerto Rico  
**Year Opened:** 1949

Set on a peninsula with 17 acres of lush foliage, the award-winning Caribe Hilton is ideally-situated between historic Old San Juan and the contemporary Condado area. From inventing the official drink of Puerto Rico – the piña colada – to hosting countless celebrities, Caribe Hilton is where ordinary ceases to exist and paradise never ends.

**Did you know?**
- Beachcombers Bar is the birthplace of the piña colada (1954). The cocktail became the official drink of Puerto Rico in 1978.
- The resort is located two miles from Old San Juan, a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Site.
- First Hilton hotel built by Conrad Hilton outside of the continental U.S. in 1949, making the brand international.

**The Condado Plaza Hilton**  
**Location:** San Juan, Puerto Rico  
**Year Opened:** 1963

First opened as The Condado Plaza in 1963, the hotel has gone through many identity changes over the years. In 2013, the hotel officially became The Condado Plaza Hilton, representing the significant value placed on its heritage on the island, as well as Hilton’s history in Puerto Rico. The hotel is ideally-located in the posh, contemporary Condado area, where guests can overlook both the Atlantic Ocean and the Condado Lagoon or visit the hotel’s casino - one of the largest in San Juan.

**Did you know?**
- Designed by renowned architect Morris Lapidus, known for his neo-baroque modern style that defined the era.
- The property is historically connected to the Hilton brand, having once operated as the San Geronimo Hilton.