

# AAA Inspectors Pick Favorite Historic Hotels

As travelers look for ways to connect with our nation's history, AAA inspectors compiled a list of their favorite historic hotels. Selections are noted for environments that evoke an atmosphere of days gone by with period architecture, antique furnishings and charming gardens, from the genteel South to the rambunctious Old West.

Typically 75 years or older with historic architecture, design, furnishings, public record or acclaim and at least one of the following:

- Maintains integrity of the historical nature
- On the National Register of Historic Places
- A National Historic Landmark
- In a National Register Historic District

Read their descriptions below, and locate listings for more than 1,500 additional hotels with this notable classification in the searchable listings on [AAA.com](http://AAA.com).

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## UNITED STATES

### A-D

#### ALABAMA

##### [Fort Conde Inn](#), AAA Four Diamond, Historic Bed & Breakfast, Mobile

Built in 1836 by the third mayor of Mobile, the inn is the city's second oldest home. This 19th century Victorian style residence has been meticulously restored to its previous splendor. The quaint neighborhood of Fort Conde Village has brick paved streets and vintage-style metal gas lights, creating an ambience of a bygone era. Cooked-to-order gourmet breakfast is prepared daily by the resident chef. **Inspector Tips:** Room and special event/attraction combination packages are often available. The downtown location is in walking distance of the waterfront, entertainment district, historic landmarks and a multitude of dining venues.

#### ARIZONA (▲[top](#))

##### [Arizona Inn](#), AAA Four Diamond, Historic Boutique Hotel, Tucson

This 1930 luxury boutique hotel is tucked away in a quiet residential neighborhood in the heart of the city. Four generations of the Greenway family have lovingly cared for the inn since its creation, giving painstaking attention to every detail and ensuring personalized, discreet service. The 80 rooms are spread throughout 14 meticulously manicured acres that include flower gardens, croquet fields, a sparkling pool and clay tennis courts. The rooms are tastefully decorated in an English-inspired style furnished with hand-crafted pieces, many made at the on-site cabinet shop.



##### [La Posada Hotel](#), AAA Three Diamond, Historic Hotel, Winslow

A popular stop on the Santa Fe Railroad that runs behind the hotel, the hotel is just down the street from the "corner in Winslow, Arizona" made famous by the Eagles lyrics. Guest attractions include an art museum, historical exhibits, architecture, gardens and contemporary southwest cuisine from the Turquoise Room. Restorations that began in 1997 to preserve the property's historic nature include plans to add a million dollar garden to fulfill a dream of the original designer, Mary Colter.

#### CALIFORNIA (▲[top](#))

##### [Abigail's Elegant Victorian Mansion Historic Lodging](#), AAA Three Diamond, Historic Hotel, Eureka

As you enter this wondrous 1888 lodging, it's like traveling back in time or visiting a stage set. Every flat surface, from the ceiling to various nooks and crannies, is adorned with decorative accents. **Inspector Tip:** A highlight of the property is the opportunity to visit with the owner, Mr. Vieyra, a walking encyclopedia of local history and lore.

##### [Casa Laguna Inn & Spa](#), AAA Three Diamond, Historic Bed & Breakfast, Laguna Beach

Mission-style architecture adds charm to this ocean-view inn, situated on a terraced hillside among picturesque gardens. Because there is no elevator, be prepared to climb the stairs to get a full perspective of the property. Each step you take unveils yet another hidden seating area, artistic tile work or lush landscaping accent.

**[Emma Nevada House](#), AAA Three Diamond, Historic Bed & Breakfast, Nevada City**

In a quiet residential area, yet within walking distance of the historic city's shops and restaurants, this charming, restored bed and breakfast dates from 1856. The front porch is a perfect place for unwinding, and a creek runs through the property and along the nearby gazebo where you can get a relaxing massage. Breakfast is served in the sunny garden room. **Inspector Tip:** A complimentary wine and cheese hour is offered daily in summer and on weekends in winter.

**[The Ahwahnee](#), AAA Four Diamond, Historic Hotel, Yosemite National Park**

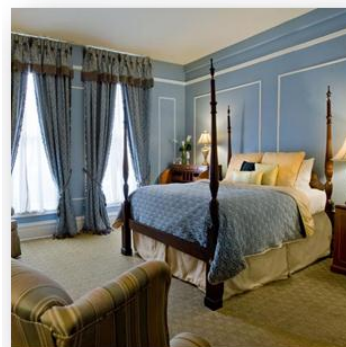


This beautiful and distinct hotel opened its doors in 1927 and has welcomed such guests as Queen Elizabeth II, John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan. It was constructed with over 5,000 tons of granite and offers floor-to-ceiling windows throughout the hotel, providing spectacular views of the waterfalls and park. Guestrooms, which feature a Native American design, include a variety of options including specialty suites. **Inspector Tip:** Due to the property's historic nature, some of the rooms are on the smaller side, but are just as beautiful.

**COLORADO (▲ [top](#))**

**[The Oxford Hotel](#), AAA Three Diamond, Historic Hotel, Denver**

Located near historic Union Station, this 1891 establishment is the city's oldest grand hotel. Ornatly painted lobby ceilings, Western-themed oil paintings and luxurious seating areas evoke unpretentious 19th century elegance. While every guestroom differs in size and configuration, each features a Victorian or art deco inspired look. **Inspector Tip:** Visit the Cruise Room for excellent lemon drops and mojitos, and enjoy the ambient neon lighting, wine-bottle-shaped bar and original art deco panels depicting toasts from around the world.



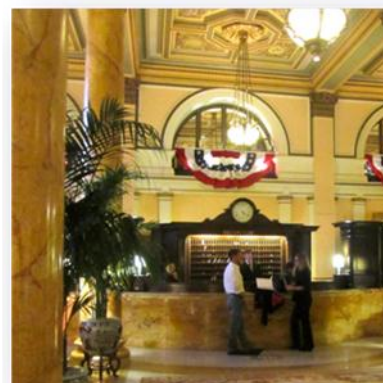
**[Strater Hotel](#), AAA Three Diamond, Classic Historic Hotel, Durango**

Steeped in history, this prominent downtown landmark delivers world-class accommodations and hospitality. Employees dressed in period costume add a sense of "stepping back in time" to your visit. The 93 Victorian-style rooms are filled with walnut antiques and period wallpapers. Western history enthusiasts will enjoy the beautiful lobby, lounges and public space. Other on-site offerings include fine dining, conference and banquet rooms, nightly live entertainment and live theatre performances.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (▲ [top](#))**

**[The Willard InterContinental](#), AAA Four Diamond, Classic Historic Hotel, Washington**

Opened in 1901, this time-honored hotel features rich, eye-catching Beaux Arts architecture. It was while staying here that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., put the finishing touches to his "I Have a Dream" speech. In 1968 the hotel closed and fell into disrepair. Demolition was averted when a developer stepped forward to restore the hotel, reopening its doors in 1986 to provide luxurious accommodations and a high level of personal services. In addition to welcoming everyday travelers, the hotel has accommodated presidents, heads of state and celebrities.



FLORIDA (▲ [top](#))[The Chesterfield Hotel Palm Beach](#), AAA Four Diamond, Historic Boutique Hotel, Palm Beach

Since the 1920s this boutique hotel has housed celebrities and dignitaries. The lobby, beautifully accented with floral arrangements and plush furnishings, exudes sophistication as soon as you step through its doors. The guest rooms vary in size, but all are appointed with furnishings fit for royalty and modern amenities including flat-panel televisions and iHome alarm clocks. **Inspector Tip:** The beach and world-famous Worth Avenue are just blocks away.

[Renaissance Vinoy Resort & Golf Club St. Petersburg](#), AAA Four Diamond, Classic Historic Resort Hotel, St. Petersburg

This 1925 resort set on Old Tampa Bay offers gorgeous views of the marina, The Pier and downtown St. Petersburg. Offerings include a private marina, tennis complex, 18 holes of golf, a full-service spa, swimming pools and dining. Dean Chihuly artwork is displayed in the lobby and ballroom, and the Chihuly Collection Museum is a short walk from the resort. **Inspector Tip:** The hotel's tower and bay view rooms offer fantastic viewing for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks over the bay.

GEORGIA (▲ [top](#))[The Georgian Terrace Hotel](#), AAA Three Diamond, Classic Historic Hotel, Atlanta

An Atlanta icon since 1911, this grand dame, was host to the 1939 gala premier of "Gone With The Wind" and accommodated luminaries including Calvin Coolidge and F. Scott Fitzgerald. Situated directly across from the Fox Theatre, the hotel's grand ballroom was converted into the Electric Ballroom in the 1970s, showcasing such acts as Billy Joel, Bruce Springsteen and Patti Smith. The ballrooms and meeting space have been return to conference facilities, and three restaurants serve a wide range of cuisine types.

ILLINOIS (▲ [top](#))[Palmer House - A Hilton Hotel](#), AAA Four Diamond, Classic Historic Hotel, Chicago

Rebuilt in 1875 after being destroyed in the 1871 Great Chicago Fire, this luxury hotel features one of the most breathtaking lobbies in the world. Visitors to Chicago drop in to marvel at its stunning architecture, gorgeous sconces and frescoed ceiling design. A full spa is available for those who want an extra level of pampering. In 1893 for the Columbian Exposition, Bertha Palmer's chef created the first brownie in answer to a request for a "lady's dessert," smaller than a piece of pie. The original recipe is still served at the hotel.

[Hotel Nauvoo](#), AAA Two Diamond, Classic Historic Country Inn, Nauvoo

Built in 1841, the hotel features eight spacious, wonderfully appointed guestrooms (now modernized with cable TV and wireless Internet access), a porch and upper verandah. Nauvoo, a National Historic Landmark District, is home to more than 60 restored historical sites. Considered by many to be among Illinois' most beautiful places to visit, Nauvoo is rich in scenery, history and family friendly offerings. **Inspector Tip:** The hotel is also in walking distance of Baxter's Vineyards, Nauvoo State Park and three historic museums.

MASSACHUSETTS (▲ [top](#))[Inn at Cape Cod](#), AAA Three Diamond, Historic Boutique Bed & Breakfast, Yarmouth Port

Massive Ionic columns define the front porch of this 1820 Colonial-style mansion, once a renowned overnight stop for stagecoach travelers. This historic gem continues to be a haven for those in search of luxury mixed with quintessential New England charm. The freshly renovated rooms offer rich Ethan Allen furnishings, super-soft bedding on pillow-top mattresses and modern conveniences such as wall-mounted flat panel TVs and DVD players. **Inspector Tip:** The hotel is just steps away from antique shops, art galleries, first-class restaurants and museums.

## MINNESOTA (▲top)

### [Fitger's Inn](#), AAA Three Diamond, Historic Hotel, Duluth

This renovated brewery building on Lake Superior houses a historic hotel, an operating brewery, a brewery museum, shops and several restaurants. The guestrooms reflect the elegance of the brewery's heydays, each unique in décor and size based on the style of building. Many rooms offer great views of Lake Superior. **Inspector Tip:** In summer the hotel's deck is the best place to watch Duluth's weekly sailboat regattas.

## N-O

## NEW HAMPSHIRE (▲top)

### [Omni Mount Washington Hotel](#), AAA Four Diamond, Classic Historic Hotel, Bretton Woods

Among its many historical claims is the The Cave, a Prohibition-era speakeasy still operating as a bar (but no longer a secret) and an octagon-shaped Dining Room designed to ensure no guest is ever seated 'in the corner.' The property is renowned for hosting the 1944 Bretton Woods Monetary Conference that resulted in the creation of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. From a distance, travelers on US 302 take note of this stately structure, with its distinctive red roof atop the pristine white stucco masonry and New Hampshire granite against the backdrop of the White Mountains.

## NEW MEXICO (▲top)



### [The Lodge Resort](#), AAA Three Diamond, Historic Hotel, Cloudcroft

Constructed in 1899 as a luxurious mountain retreat, this enchanting hotel is nestled in the pines at 9,000 feet. The elegantly casual décor extends to well-appointed guestrooms, a massive fireplace in the lobby, perfect on frosty winter mornings, and a heated swimming pool and nine-hole golf course spread over lush green hills. Guests can explore the establishment's haunting past in Rebecca's Restaurant (named after the spirit that wanders the halls). Additional offerings include a cozy dark paneled bar, full-service spa and upscale boutique.

### [Los Poblanos Historic Inn & Organic Farm](#), AAA Three Diamond, Historic Country Inn, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque

Listed in both the National Register of Historic Places and the New Mexico Register of Historic Places, this magical inn showcase the important agriculture, architecture and art of the historic Los Poblanos Ranch. The full breakfast is prepared using on-site and locally grown organic ingredients. The guest bathrooms feature handcrafted lavender body products available in the popular farm store. **Inspector Tip:** Plan your stay around one of the many special themed dinners or annual Lavender Festival.

## NEW YORK (▲top)

### [E. B. Morgan House](#), AAA Four Diamond, Historic Country Inn, Aurora

This 1833 Italianate stone mansion was built as a residence for Colonel E. B. Morgan, co-founder of The New York Times and American Express. Located in the Finger Lakes region, it is the epitome of world class luxury. Guests can immerse themselves in an era of quiet elegance, marked by fine art, antiques, opulent decorative moldings and warm wood floors enhanced by Oriental carpets. Other luxuries include Frette linens and down pillows, marble baths and a spacious porch offering views of the sweeping lawn that gently slopes to the lakefront.



### [Waldorf Astoria New York](#), AAA Four Diamond, Classic Historic Hotel, New York (Midtown Manhattan)

While the original Waldorf Astoria was torn down to make way for the Empire State Building, the current iconic art deco property on Park Avenue opened its doors in 1931. The lobby was recently restored to its original grandeur and instantly transports you to the golden age when this was the most famous hotel in America. Rooms have also seen updates over the past few years and retain historic character while still providing all the expected modern comforts.

## NORTH CAROLINA (▲[top](#))

[The Grove Park Inn](#), AAA Four Diamond Resort, Historic Resort Hotel, Asheville  
Dating from 1913, the Arts and Crafts inspired architecture and interior design are meticulously maintained. The lobby's floor-to-ceiling stone fireplaces mirror one another across the great hall. The hotel has hosted a number of distinguished guests including the last 10 U.S. presidents, prolific authors and a plethora of political notables. Carrying on this tradition, the 100-year celebration this July gathers well-known artists such as B.B. King. Amenities include outstanding cuisine, a 40,000-square-foot spa and — the icing on the cake — a magnificent mountain view.



### [The Carolina Inn](#), AAA Four Diamond, Historic Hotel, Chapel Hill

Built in 1924 on the campus of University of North Carolina, the charming inn serves as “the university’s living room,” and an elegant one at that. Following several additions over the years, the inn offers a variety of room sizes, including cozy queen rooms with dormer windows. Room décor is both stylish and classic, with modern amenities.

**Inspector Tip:** For a special treat that celebrates the leisurely ways of bygone days, make reservations for afternoon tea, served Thursday through Sunday in the lobby.

### [First Colony Inn](#), AAA Three Diamond, Historic Bed & Breakfast, Nags Head

An Outer Banks staple since 1932, the inn was carefully moved to its current site in 1988 when high seas threatened its survival. With cedar shake siding, wrap-around verandas stocked with rockers and swings and a wide grass lawn leading to a boardwalk path to the beach, the site captures a romantic nostalgia of the past. The rooms feature antiques, wooden blinds and modern bathrooms outfitted with pedestal sinks and heated towel bars.

## OHIO (▲[top](#))

### [Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza](#), AAA Four Diamond, Historic Hotel, Cincinnati

This 1931 hotel is an ornate example of early 20<sup>th</sup> century art deco architecture. The lobby, dining room and conference rooms are paneled in Brazilian rosewood and have elegant German silver sconces and railings. Of particular note is the Hall of Mirrors ballroom that was inspired by the Hall of Mirrors at Louis XIV’s Palace of Versailles. Located on Fountain Square in the heart of Cincinnati, the hotel offers easy access to an abundance of nightclubs and restaurants. **Inspector Tip:** Look out for “The Lady in Green”, a spectral presence reportedly haunting the Hall of Mirrors and the mezzanine level of the hotel.



## OKLAHOMA (▲[top](#))



### [Skirvin Hilton](#), AAA Four Diamond, Historic Hotel, Oklahoma City

William Balsler Skirvin, a successful real estate developer and millionaire who was also involved in the oil industry, founded and opened the hotel in 1911. A third tower was added in 1926 with architectural enhancements that matched the original structures. Closed from 1988 to 2007 for a \$50 million renovation, beautiful aspects of the architecture and ornately carved pillars in the lobby have been restored and the hotel now boasts modern conveniences and luxury.

## OREGON (▲[top](#))

### [The Benson Hotel, a Coast Hotel](#), AAA Three Diamond, Historic Hotel, Portland

Located the heart of downtown Portland, The Benson celebrated its 100th birthday is March 2013. This is a great place to stay while exploring the city’s must-sees include the Saturday Market and Lan Su Chinese Garden. As one sits in the lobby and appreciates the polished walls of Circassian walnut from the imperial forests of Russia and the twinkling Austrian crystal chandeliers, look to the Italian marble staircase and remember that every president since William H. Taft has soaked up this same beauty.

**PENNSYLVANIA** ([▲ top](#))**Glasbern, AAA Three Diamond, Historic Country Inn, Fogelsville**

This perfect romantic getaway is located on 130 remote acres of gorgeous greenery. Sprawled over the land are guestrooms and suites situated in renovated farm-house buildings from the 1800s, combining a rustic décor with elegant living. Room options include private cottages and bi-level suites, many with private patios, oversized whirlpool tubs, wood-burning fireplaces and wet bars. The main lobby also houses an enormous farm-to-table dining room with a cathedral ceiling and fieldstone walls. **Inspector Tip:** Visit one of the nearby wineries during your stay.

**The Priory Hotel, AAA Three Diamond, Historic Country Inn, Pittsburgh**

Located in the historic section of Pittsburgh's North Side, this 1888 former Benedictine monastery is in walking distance of PNC Park, Rivers Casino, Heinz Field and several museums and restaurants. In 2011, the inn underwent a renovation and added a new wing with 17 guestrooms, but maintained the historic atmosphere. All the guestrooms create a warm and welcoming environment with personal touches, along with upgraded amenities and bedding packages. Sitting on the Victorian porch or in the Verdant garden courtyard offers peace and tranquility from the everyday stresses of life.

**SOUTH CAROLINA** ([▲ top](#))**The Rhet House Inn, AAA Four Diamond, Classic Historic Bed & Breakfast, Beaufort**

Across from the waterfront in the heart of the historic district, this attractive antebellum home has attracted numerous movie stars and dignitaries to its quality accommodations and pure Southern charm. Guests retire in the evening to the rhythm of the cicada and a chocolate on their pillow, and they wake to the romantic clip-clop of horse-drawn carriages passing by. The inn's location offers walking access to the entire downtown area, marked by wonderful restaurants and shops.

**Rosemary Inn Bed and Breakfast, AAA Four Diamond, Historic Vintage Bed & Breakfast, North Augusta**

This stunning antebellum home, with its wrap-around porch and two-story columns, was built along with its nearby sibling property, Lookaway Hall, at the turn of the last century by the city's founding father. The inn is breathtaking in style with its intricate woodwork and numerous parlors reflecting a time gone by when women and men enjoyed separate sitting rooms. The inn holds six large guest rooms, each individually decorated in original and reproduction period pieces – and the grounds are meticulously landscaped, featuring huge moss-draped live oaks.

**TENNESSEE** ([▲ top](#))**The Hermitage Hotel, AAA Five Diamond, Classic Historic Hotel, Nashville**

Restored to its grandeur in 2003, one is quickly taken aback by the stunning 1910 architecture reflected in the building's exterior and the cathedral-height ornate ceilings of the large open lobby. Many impressive marble columns circle the lobby and antique, one-of-a-kind furnishings create the feeling of pre-Depression affluence, wealth and prosperity. One area not to miss is an impressive 1930s art deco style men's room near the restaurant bar. (Women are allowed in, but knock first as it's an operational restroom.)

**TEXAS** ([▲ top](#))**The Driskill, AAA Four Diamond, Classic Historic Hotel, Austin**

Since its 1886 opening, the hotel quickly established itself among Central Texas' most spectacular lodgings. From the cattle barons of the Old West, to LBJ commandeering the hotel to watch election returns to today's celebrities, guests encounter superior service and upscale amenities. Designated a National Historic Landmark in 1969, the hotel offers a spectacular lobby with inlaid marble floors and magnificent woodwork leading to a grand staircase.



### [The Adolphus](#), AAA Four Diamond, Classic Historic Hotel, Dallas

Just over 100 years old, the “grande dame of Dallas hotels” takes its name from founder Adolphus Busch, of the St. Louis beer dynasty. From the ornate roof details to the gilded interior of the lauded French Room restaurant, the hotel exudes luxury and opulence. English royalty, Vanderbilts and rock bands have all graced its doors. Rumor has it that the nineteenth floor is haunted but, true to most downtown high rises, the upper floor rooms are quieter. **Inspector Tip:** If you can’t spend the night, enjoy the hotel’s beauty and legendary service over afternoon tea.

### [The Historic Menger Hotel](#), AAA Three Diamond, Historic Hotel, San Antonio

Built in 1859, the dramatic three-story Victorian-style hotel is replete with custom period furniture, museum quality artwork, elegant sitting areas and themed guest rooms. Luxuriant central gardens provide ideal spaces for relaxing and soaking up the historical ambience. The on-site Colonial Room restaurant offers fine dining among white trellises, ornate columns and French windows, along with complimentary valet parking. **Inspector Tip:** Among its many striking qualities, the hotel is located across the street from The Alamo, the birthplace of Texas independence.

## U-W

### UTAH ([▲ top](#))

#### [Washington School House](#), AAA Four Diamond, Historic Boutique Hotel, Park City

With an original quarried limestone exterior, this extravagant hotel was built as a schoolhouse in 1889. A jaw-dropping 10-foot antique mirror from a French opera house sits in front of an enormous white-lacquered antler chandelier layered with crystals. The postcard perfect heated pool out back is cut into a terraced hillside. Bask amid Pratesi linens, mountain-ice-white marble in the baths, crystal chandeliers, reclaimed oak barn wood floors and a curated collection of European antiques. **Inspector Tips:** The hotel is just 200 yards from the town ski lift and around the corner from historic downtown.

#### [Haxton Manor Bed & Breakfast](#), AAA Three Diamond, Historic Bed & Breakfast, Salt Lake City

When you enter the dining room, you may wonder if you are in a magazine. Pause to set your sights on the antique carpets, shiny wood floors, ornately framed mirrors, sterling silver tea trays with period china and fresh floral arrangements. Enjoy the elegant breakfast presentation, and visit the Pub Room to relax in oversized stuffed chairs. In-room fireplaces, jetted tubs and room service are available. **Inspector Tips:** Parking is behind the inn, and public transportation is nearby. Just north of downtown, the hotel is convenient to nearby recreational activities and arts.

### VIRGINIA ([▲ top](#))

#### [The Martha Washington Hotel & Spa](#), AAA Four Diamond, Classic Historic Hotel, Abingdon

Built in 1832 as a personal residence, the property has been a college, a Civil War hospital and now an upscale hotel. Directly across from the famous Barter Theatre, the hotel offers a long front porch area and garden, a history of famous guests and even a ghost. Offerings include dining, shopping and a first-class spa.

### WASHINGTON ([▲ top](#))

#### [Lake Quinault Lodge](#), AAA Two Diamond, Classic Historic Hotel, Quinault

Built in 1926, the hotel served lunch to President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1937, just nine months prior to his endorsing the creation of Olympic National Park. Guestrooms retain the smaller, sparser furnishings of that era, when the idea was to spend time hiking in the rain forest or paddling at sunrise on the glass smooth lake. Curl up next to the lobby’s roaring fire with a glass of wine, relax in an Adirondack chair at sunset or wander the rolling lawn that disappears into the lake.

### WYOMING ([▲ top](#))

#### [The Occidental Hotel](#), AAA Three Diamond, Historic Hotel, Buffalo

The Wild West comes to life with embossed ceilings, mounted animal trophies and antiques. Calamity Jane, Butch Cassidy, Teddy Roosevelt and members of the Hole in the Wall Gang stayed here. Each guestroom features a unique theme. The hotel, a restaurant and saloon featuring the original back bar plus a complex of storefronts comprise a city block. **Inspector Tip:** If you’re really adventurous, ask the owner to show you the haunted rooms.





**The Wort Hotel, AAA Four Diamond, Historic Hotel, Jackson**

Next to Grand Teton National Park, this downtown hotel is amid art galleries, restaurants, and upscale boutiques and shopping. Rooms highlight custom-made furniture, hand-crafted bedspreads, upscale bathroom amenities and a signature welcoming yellow rose. Original artwork, bronzes, sculptures, silver dollars and limited-edition oils are displayed throughout. Seasonal and year-round activities include fly fishing, hiking, horseback riding, mountain bicycling, whitewater rafting, skiing and snowboarding. Room service, complimentary ski shuttles, ski valet and après ski refreshments are part of the fine western

hospitality. **Inspector Tip:** Winter advisories are in effect late October to mid May.

**Ferris Mansion Bed & Breakfast, AAA Three Diamond, Historic Bed & Breakfast, Rawlins**

This family heirloom was ordered out of a Barber pattern catalog and shipped in pieces in the early 1900s. The Blue, Gold, Lavender and Rose rooms are decorated with historical family pieces, each telling a story. Distinctive features include a grand oak staircase, cranberry crackle chandeliers, three-dimensional stencil trim ceiling borders, oak fretwork and a 1928 Franklin baby grand player piano. Breakfast is served in a side parlor of the tower portion. **Inspector Tips:** Closed 11 am-4 pm. Winter road advisories are in effect late October to May



**CANADA**

**ONTARIO (▲top)**



**Benmiller Inn & Spa, AAA/CAA**

**Four Diamond, Historic Country Inn, Goderich**

This 1830s Woolen Mill has been beautifully restored into a fine country inn. Over the years, many additions have been made on the expansive rural grounds. Each section has a unique charm and character. Guests can choose from smaller quaint rooms in the original main inn, to more spacious rooms overlooking the river or spa rooms that cater to rest and relaxation. Each season offers a distinct experience as the gardens transform from spring blossoms, to the flower gardens of summer, to the brilliant fall foliage spectacular and the pristine freshness of winter's snowy blanket.



**CARIBBEAN**

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (▲top)**

**Hostal Nicolas de Ovando, AAA Three Diamond, Historic Hotel, Santo Domingo**

As you arrive at this remarkable property in the city's historic colonial zone, the heavy stone walls might intimidate just a little. But beyond the walls you will find a spectacular upscale property. The building dates back to 1502, when it was the residence of the town founder, Governor Nicolas de Ovando, and has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Featuring marvelous architecture with original stone archways and flooring, the mainly exterior public areas have a lovely garden oasis theme. The guestrooms offer modern conveniences and either a colonial or contemporary theme.

**ST. LUCIA (▲top)**

**Fond Doux Holiday Plantation, AAA Three Diamond, Historic Cottage, Soufriere**

While colonial plantations are ubiquitous in the Caribbean, this establishment offers a memorable agritourism experience for travelers. The original buildings serve as restaurant, museum and reception area. Stay in colonial Creole cottages salvaged from various parts of the island and renovated with modern day comforts while maintaining historic integrity. Guests of the plantation, including royalty, confirm Fond Doux as a sweet place to visit, and not just because they produce chocolate here, from seed to sauce.

