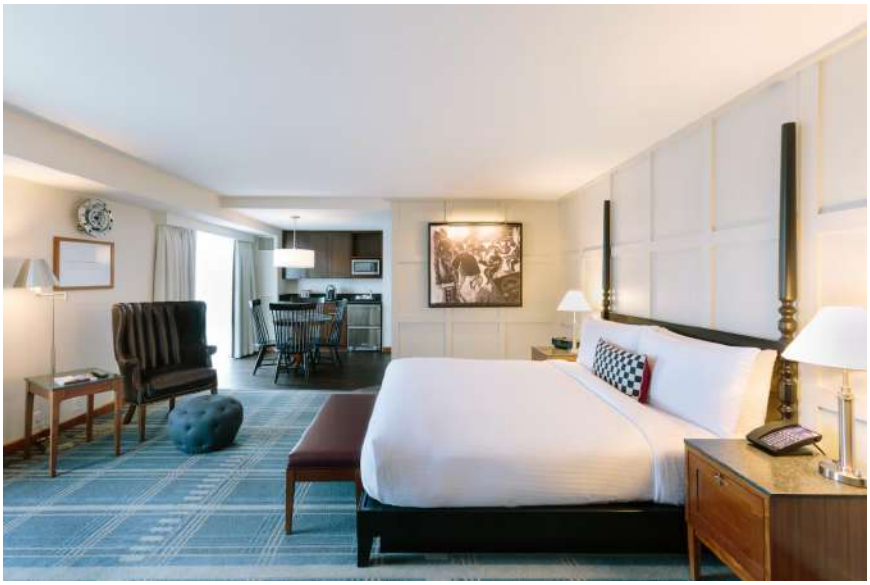
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What's the best hotel in Boston? How about in all of the Northeast? Here's what Condé Nast Traveler has to say.

The Charles Hotel takes top honors for Boston. Castle Hill Inn is named best in the Northeast.

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The Studio King Suite at the Charles Hotel in Cambridge. Readers of Condé Nast Traveler named the hotel the best in Boston. Susan Seubert

Condé Nast Traveler readers are fickle when choosing their favorite Boston hotels.

The high-end travel magazine released its 2026 World's Best Awards, and this year's Top 10 Hotels of Boston featured some surprising new entries and several old favorites dropping off the list.

Condé Nast readers named the Charles Hotel in Harvard Square Boston's best hotel. Built in 1985 and originally intended as the site of the JFK Library and Museum, the hotel debuted at the top of the 2026 list. The Langham Hotel, which the magazine named as Boston's top hotel in 2025, was nowhere to be seen in this year's ratings. The Kimpton Marlowe, also on the 2025 list, missed the top 10 in this year's rankings.



The lobby of the Atlas Hotel in Allston was designed by the firm INC. Christopher Muther/Globe Staff

The newly opened Atlas Hotel, on the Allston-Cambridge border, debuted on the Condé Nast list at number eight. Raffles, the first North American outpost of the Paris-based chain, dropped from last year's ranking of four to 10. Hospitality stalwarts, such as XV Beacon and the Boston Harbor Hotel remained favorites among Condé Nast Readers.

1. The Charles Hotel, Cambridge
2. Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport
3. InterContinental Boston, an IHG Hotel
4. Hyatt Regency Boston Cambridge
5. Four Seasons Hotel One Dalton Street, Boston
6. XV Beacon, Boston
7. The Liberty, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Boston
8. The Atlas Hotel, Boston
9. Boston Harbor Hotel
10. Raffles Boston



A premiere one-bedroom suite at Raffles Boston. Brandon Barré

Overall, Condé Nast readers gave Boston and New England hotels the cold shoulder this year. In 2025, several Boston and New England hotels earned spots on the national and international best-of lists. This year, there were none on those lists.

Rhode Island and Cape Cod properties made a strong showing on the magazine's list of best hotels in the Northeast. No Boston hotels made the Northeast top 20 list. Castle Hill Inn in Newport, R.I., suffered a fire earlier this year but rebuilt and reopened, landing the top spot.



The Harbor House at the Castle Hill Inn in Newport, R.I. The hotel was named the best hotel in the Northeast by readers of Condé Nast Traveler. Handout

Top 20 hotels in the Northeast according to Condé Nast Traveler

1. Castle Hill Inn, Newport, R.I.
2. Mayflower Inn & Spa, Auberge Collection, Washington, Conn.
3. The Nantucket Hotel & Resort
4. Watch Hill Inn, Westerly, R.I.
5. Belden House & Mews, Litchfield, Conn.
6. The Weston, Weston
7. White Barn Inn, Auberge Collection, Kennebunk, Maine
8. Shandaken Inn, Shandaken, N.Y.
9. Prospect Berkshires, Egremont
10. The Vanderbilt, Auberge Collection, Newport, R.I.
11. Harborview Hotel, Martha's Vineyard
12. Delmar Westport, Westport, Conn.
13. Delmar Mystic, Mystic, Conn.
14. The Docent's Collection, Portland, Maine
15. Chatham Inn Relais & Châteaux, Chatham
16. White Elephant Nantucket
17. The Wentworth, Jackson, N.H.
18. Summercamp, Oak Bluffs
19. The Beatrice, Providence
20. The National Hotel, Block Island



Prospect Berkshires, a resort in Egremont, was named as one of the top hotels in the Northeast by readers of Condé Nast Traveler. Handout

Condé Nast Traveler readers showed a taste for the finer things in naming their top New England resorts. During the busy summer months, many of these resorts on the Cape and Islands charge upward of $1,000 a night.



Hydrangeas in full bloom at Chatham Bars Inn. Readers of Condé Nast Traveler named the Cape Cod resort the best resort in New England. Handout

Top 20 resorts in New England according to Condé Nast Traveler

1. Chatham Bars Inn, Chatham
2. Weekapaug Inn, Westerly, R.I.

3. The Lodge at Spruce Peak, Stowe, Vt.
4. Ocean House, Watch Hill, R.I.
5. The Mansion at Ocean Edge Resort and Golf Club, Brewster
6. Twin Farms, Barnard, Vt.
7. Hidden Pond, Kennebunkport, Maine
8. Wequassett Resort & Golf Club, Harwich
9. Cliff House Maine, Cape Neddick, Maine
10. The Wauwinet, Nantucket
11. Inn by the Sea, Cape Elizabeth
12. Woodstock Inn & Resort, Woodstock, Vt.
13. Winnetu Oceanside Resort, Martha's Vineyard
14. Basin Harbor Resort & Boat Club, Vergennes, Vt.
15. The Lake Estate on Winnisquam, Tilton, N.H.
16. von Trapp Family Lodge & Resort, Stowe, Vt.
17. Cape Arundel Inn & Resort, Kennebunkport, Maine
18. Under Canvas Acadia, Surry, Maine
19. Omni Mount Washington Resort, Bretton Woods, N.H.
20. Spruce Point Inn Resort & Spa, Boothbay Harbor, Maine