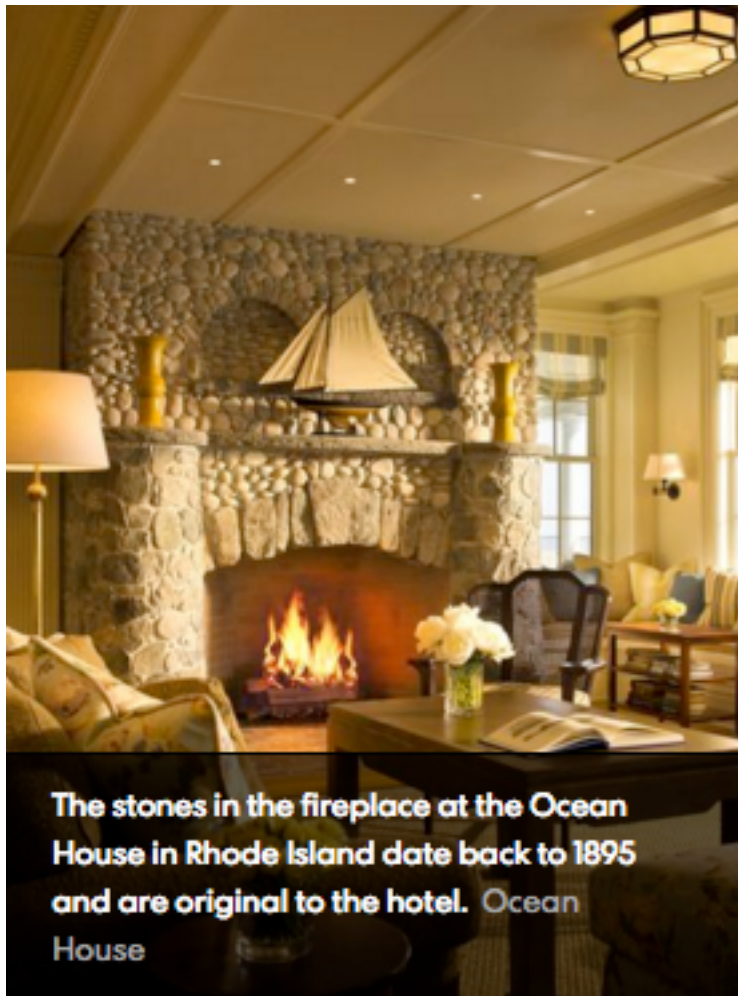




Warm up this fall: Beautiful hotel fireplaces around the USA

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Is there any better way to warm up after a cold fall or winter's day than fireside with a mug of hot cocoa, a hot toddy, or your favorite cocktail? Here's a look at some magnificent fireplaces found throughout the USA.

Rustic Fireplaces:

Fireplaces reign supreme in rustic – albeit often luxurious – lodging and hotels, and that's certainly obvious at these spots across the USA.

[The Ahwahnee](#) within [Yosemite National Park](#) features architecture with Native American, Middle Eastern, and [Arts and Crafts](#) design elements, which are certainly seen in the fireplaces found in lodge's elevator lobby and sitting areas.

Another California hotel with a fireplace boasting a rustic feel is [Tamarack Lodge](#) in [Mammoth Lakes](#), and it's the perfect place to sit a spell after hitting the slopes or exploring the lodge's 19-plus miles of trails via cross country skis.

The 55-foot fireplace at [The Ritz-Carlton, Lake Tahoe](#) truly is the hotel's centerpiece – the property was built around it! Keeping with the architect's "water and the woods" theme found throughout the hotel, the fireplace resembles a tree trunk, and there are various seating alcoves to enjoy its warmth.

After a day on the slopes, warm your fingers and toes in the lobby at the [Waldorf Astoria Park City](#). Then, set out on your next winter adventure in [Canyons Resort](#). The fireplace in the hotel's back lobby is another spot to warm up, and cool down.

Centered right in the lobby, the fireplace at [The Sebastian – Vail](#) greets guests just as they walk through the door, and welcomes them back for drinks or simply a warm spot to read a good book. It's also the "go to" spot for fireside proposals! Grab a spot at [Vista Verde Ranch's](#) fireplace in [Steamboat Springs](#), and you may just see a stampede of 100 horses run into their corral from the overnight pasture just beyond. Talk about entertainment! And 3,000 feet above [The Broadmoor](#) sits [Cloud Camp](#) overlooking Colorado Springs – this fireplace goes to new heights!

Five hundred tons of rhyolite quarried within five miles of the [Old Faithful Inn](#) in [Yellowstone National Park](#), built in 1903-1904, were used to build the stone chimney that features eight fireboxes. The clock that adorns one side of the chimney is 14 feet tall – there's no excuse for running late here!

Though a highlight of Wisconsin's [Canoe Bay Resort](#) is surely its Rattenbury Cottage, designed by [Frank Lloyd Wright's](#) protégé [John Rattenbury](#), the 30-foot stone fireplace in the main lodge certainly shouldn't be overlooked. And neither should its views of three glacier-fed lakes.

It's hard to take away from the stunning views of the [Ozarks](#) and [Table Rock Lake](#), but the fireplace at [Big Cedar Lodge](#) in Missouri's [Ozark Mountains](#) does just that. It's part of the new "[Top of the Rock](#)" expansion, and is truly a work of art in its own right.

At any time of year, the [Blue Ridge Mountains](#) provide idyllic viewing opportunities from the wood-burning, 72-foot tall stone fireplace at [Brasstown Valley Resort & Spa](#) in north Georgia. Cool mountain temperatures mean the fireplace is lit at least three-quarters of the year.

Elegant:

Fireplaces can be elegant, too, which is how you'll find them at these hotels.

→ The stones in the fireplace at the [Ocean House](#) in Rhode Island date back to 1895 and are original to the hotel, and were placed during renovations in 2010. Sip a glass of wine or a mug of hot cocoa and watch the snowflakes fall just outside.

In Vermont, three-foot long logs burn bright in the hearth at the [Woodstock Inn & Resort](#). Its warm ambiance greets guests as soon as they walk through the inn's front doors.

It's thought that the first instance of Santa coming down a chimney was first introduced in "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," penned by Clement Clark Moore. [The High Line Hotel](#) and its [Refectory](#), with an incredible chimney and working fireplace, sits on the site of the original [Chelsea, New York City](#) estate owned by Moore and is used daily by seminarians at the [General Theological Seminary](#). When the Refectory's not occupied, sneak a peek at the chimney, and maybe even [Old St. Nick!](#)

The antique marble fireplace with cast iron inset is certainly a focal point at the [Holladay House Bed and Breakfast](#) in Virginia. Made of Italian black marble with gray and taupe highlights, the 1859 fireplace replaced the original wooden one, built in 1830.

Guests at the [Grand Geneva Resort & Spa](#) in Wisconsin not only enjoy the warmth of the fire, but nightly live music as well. A number of other public space fireplaces can be found as well, offering ample opportunity to find just the right cozy spot.

When the wind's whipping through the [Windy City](#), warm up with a 1930s-inspired craft cocktail and friends at [PUBLIC Chicago](#). Or, sip your drink with a good book and let the world pass by beyond the hotel's front door.

Artist [Arnold Ronnebeck](#) incorporated symbols and characters from local Zuni and Hopi tribal stories in his terracotta artwork that hangs over the fireplace at [La Fonda on the Plaza](#) in Santa Fe, New Mexico. These special symbols and characters can also be seen in the artwork found throughout the hotel.

[Clark Gable](#) and [Carole Lombard](#) spent their honeymoon at [The Willows Historic Palm Springs Inn](#), and you can warm up next to the same fireplace they did. In the Great Room, the fireplace was designed by Los Angeles architect [William Dodd](#) in the 1920s, and the one in the Dining Room features antique Spanish tiles – considered antique when the property was built.

You'll feel like you're in a friend's living room when you sit fireside at [Shutters on the Beach](#) in Santa Monica. What could be more comfortable?

Modern:

These hotels take a modern approach to their fireplaces, adding a bit of flash and dazzle.

Let the buzz of the Big Apple control the streets of New York. Inside [The Fifty](#), life slows down fireside in two spots – the lobby lounge and the Den. Relax – the City That Never Sleeps will be waiting for you when you've reenergized!

The City of Brotherly Love certainly loves its fireplaces, which is evident at the [Radisson Blu Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia](#), which is listed on the [National Register of Historic Places](#). The wording around the fireplace represents a conversation between two brothers. Another spot that's within the most historic square mile in the USA is the [Hotel Monaco, Philadelphia](#), and its fireplace may just become historic itself with its sunny décor.

After a busy day navigating our nation's capital, whether it be sightseeing or meetings, cozy up by the fire at [Melrose Georgetown](#) and sip a handcrafted cocktail as you plan the next day.

Guests arriving at the [Milwaukee Marriott Downtown](#) receive a warm greeting from the hotel's fireplace, with comfortable seating to take a load off after a long day of travel, work, or fun.

The 20-foot long gas fireplace in the Living Room at the [MGM Grand Detroit](#) is accessible by hotel guests only, providing respite from the busy world outside. Adding to the ambience, the artwork in the room features stones and represents the five [Great Lakes](#).

Back in Chicago, the [Radisson Blu Aqua](#) features a fireplace that expands 50 feet across the lobby. The hotel event tried for the world record for longest hotel fireplace!

The Living Rooms at the [W Austin](#) and [W Seattle](#) are cool, hip, fun places to hang up while you warm up on a cold day, both with local décor featured. In Austin, one entire wall holds more than 8,000 vinyl records, while in Seattle, 31 floor-to-ceiling sculptural "totem poles" run throughout the space.

Outdoor & Coastal:

Enjoying a fire under the stars is quite popular any time of year, whatever the weather! While you're at it, why not toast some marshmallows and make s'mores?

Fires blaze at the [Wequassett Resort and Golf Club](#) on [Cape Cod](#), at [The Lodge and Spa at Callaway Gardens](#) in Georgia, and at [The Boulders, a Waldorf Astoria Resort](#), just north of Scottsdale, all providing the perfect spots to gather with friends, and make new ones, with stunning views!

Watch the sunset fireside at the [Sandpearl Resort](#) on Florida's [Clearwater Beach](#), even if the average temperature is 83 degrees on any given day! And on the west coast, take in views of the Pacific Ocean and the stars above at [Terranea Resort](#) in Southern California and the [Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay](#), just outside San Francisco.

Back at the [Grand Geneva Resort & Spa](#) in Wisconsin, sit outside and keep warm amidst the lush forests, golf courses and picturesque lake that provide a gorgeous backdrop.