



# Warm up: 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.

## 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?