

Night at the Museum? Four Art Hotels

Surveys show art offers a life and often brings "pure pleasure" to those who spend the time to appreciate it

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For those who have ever wanted to spend a night surrounded by genius and creativity, a new trend in art-focused hotels is gaining steam and with new and legendary properties happy to accommodate.

According to a survey from Americans for the Arts, 72 percent of participants said they enjoyed the arts in "non-art" venues, 69 percent of the adult population believe the arts "lift me up beyond everyday experiences," 73 percent feel the arts give them "pure pleasure to experience and participate in," and 81 percent say the arts are a "positive experience in a troubled world."

This year, travelers can experience art and culture through their accommodations by booking a stay at some of the world's best boutique hotels.

Ocean House - Watch Hill, RI

Perched atop a bluff in Watch Hill, Ocean House is Rhode Island's first and only AAA Five Diamond and Forbes Five Star hotel. Reopening in 2010 after a \$140 million renovation, the Relias & Chateau property debuted a new restaurant and epic 12,000 square foot spa. The property boasts an impressive 250-piece art collection with work by Ludwig Bemelmans, which includes original work form the famous "Madeline" children's book. Additionally, Ocean House also offers an Artist In Residence program, which aims to foster collaboration in the community and celebrates the arts while furthering art education.