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The best hotel deals for Labor Day weekend and September in the US right now

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- As domestic travel resumes, hotels are offering steep discounts, upgrades, and booking incentives, even for peak travel periods like Labor Day weekend.
- We selected 10 of the best hotel deals in the US right now, from luxury retreats to urban escapes, with rates ranging from \$107 to \$435.

- All hotels have enhanced COVID-19 safety protocols such as touchless check-in, enhanced cleaning procedures, and increased outdoor dining space.
- Read more: Is travel safe? We interviewed experts on risks associated with flying, booking hotels or Airbnbs, renting cars, and more, plus ideas on safe vacations during COVID-19

With the COVID-19 pandemic halting most international travel, and restrictions changing every day, domestic destinations continue to be the best option for US travelers to explore safely.

And while summer is creeping to a close, don't be dismayed by the rapid approach of Labor Day weekend. The three-day stretch is typically a peak weekend for travel with inflated hotel prices, but this year, in an effort to support the hospitality industry and welcome back guests, many hotels are offering uncharacteristically low rates and discounted packages you would normally never snag this time of year.

So, if you've been contemplating a socially distanced road trip or other safe vacations during COVID that's close to home, there's still time. And if you're not comfortable traveling just yet, many of these deals are available well beyond Labor Day.

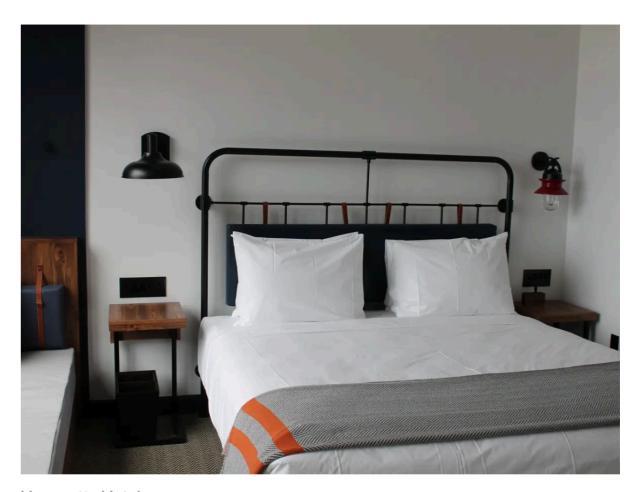
However, it's important to remember that without a vaccine, there is no firm guarantee with regard to safety. It's crucial to follow CDC guidelines and practice safety measures, such as wearing masks, social distancing, and washing hands. Additionally, consider your own level of risk, and whether you're traveling from or to a hotspot, so as not to increase the rate of infection. In those cases, it might be wise to wait until it's safer to travel. After all, experts say checking-into a hotel means mingling with other guests and staff in common spaces like the lobby, elevators, pool decks, spas, and golf courses. And that's all assuming your own guest room is clean and sanitized.

Also be sure to check for specific property rules, such as mandatory quarantine periods for out-of-state travelers, or the possibility that you may be required to do so upon your return.

But for those seeking a last-minute travel deal or Labor Day getaway, we rounded up 10 hotels offering steep discounts, with enhanced COVID policies, and are highly reviewed and rated on trusted traveler sites such as Trip Advisor and Booking.com.

From a \$100 food and beverage credit at SLS Brickell in Miami to in-room local craft beers at Whitney Peak Hotel in Reno, and complimentary upgrades at Montage Deer Valley in Park City, these peak season travel deals in sought-after US destinations are hard to come by, and likely won't be seen again.

Hammetts Hotel - Newport, RI



Hammetts Hotel

Book Hammetts Hotel starting at \$295 per night

The 84-room Hammetts Hotel opened this summer in downtown Newport, welcoming guests and the local community to explore, gather, and dine. The expansive lobby lounge is sun-drenched with floor-to-ceiling windows that offer stunning views of the harbor and adjacent Newport Marina.

Amenities include a 9,000 square foot deck, along with spacious outdoor gathering spaces. Giusto, a full-service waterfront restaurant with an outdoor bar and expansive patio, will open later this summer.

Labor Day travel deal: Book Friday and Saturday nights of Labor Day weekend at a regular rate, and stay Sunday night (September 6) for just \$96. This offer is based on availability, but suites and Marina King rooms are excluded. Reservations are fully pre-paid at the time of booking. The full deposit is refundable until seven days prior to arrival and cancellations will be able to credit their deposit to a future stay at prevailing rates. The typical average nightly rate is \$295 per night. Book this deal here.

Pros: The prime location is close to both Easton's Beach and Second Beach. Nothing beats drinks on the hotel's deck during sunset.

Cons: The rooms don't have mini-fridges or in-room coffee makers, but it's newly opened and clean.

Trip Advisor ranking: 3 out of 17 specialty lodging in Newport

Booking.com rating: 9.2 out of 10

COVID-19 status and policies: Hammetts Hotel is open and taking reservations. They have added new protocols that include:

- Rigorous cleaning protocols, increased frequency of sanitization, and thoughtful approaches to reducing contact.
- Guests are greeted by a parking attendant that will provide self-parking assistance.

- Masks will be provided to guests at check-in and plexiglass was added to the front desk to safeguard guests and employees. An area was created for a selfcheck-in and check-out.
- Hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the property.
- All employees are required to wear masks.