

The Top 15 Resort Hotels in the Northeast

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This year's World's Best Awards survey closed on Mar. 2, just before widespread stay-at-home orders were implemented as a result of COVID-19. The results reflect our readers' experiences before the pandemic, but we hope that this year's honorees will inspire your trips to come—whenever they may be.

The most appealing resorts in [New England](#) and [New York](#) take all of the creature comforts of a classic bed-and-breakfast and turn up the dial. A welcoming glass of wine beside a roaring fire? Check. Rambling walking paths through picturesque forests or beside peaceful lakes? Check. Comfortable guest rooms and thick mattresses piled with warm coverings? Check.

Every year for our [World's Best Awards survey](#), T+L asks readers to weigh in on travel experiences around the globe — to share their opinions on the top hotels, resorts, cities, islands, cruise ships, spas, airlines, and more. [Hotels were rated](#) on their facilities, location, service, food, and overall value. Properties were classified as city or resort based on their locations and amenities.

This year, a number of properties are new to the list. The Vanderbilt, an Auberge Resort, occupies a Gilded Age mansion in the heart of downtown Newport, Rhode Island. Hidden Pond, located minutes from the Atlantic coast in Kennebunkport, Maine, offers tree-house-like spa and cabins on stilts. The Taconic Kimpton, just outside Manchester, Vermont, opened in 2017 and won raves from our readers, not least because, like all Kimptons, it's pet-friendly. "We were able to bring our fur baby Charlie Brown, a long-haired German shepherd," one voter wrote. "The resort had bowls of water when we walked into the lobby, a chalkboard with the guests' dogs' names, plus locally made biscuits. They provided a loaner bed and bowls, and we were allowed to bring them to the lobby for complimentary happy hour."

3. The Chanler at Cliff Walk, Newport, Rhode Island



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Score: 95.15

More information: thechanler.com

5. The Vanderbilt, Auberge Resorts Collection, Newport, Rhode Island



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Score: 94.86

More information: aubegeresorts.com

15. Castle Hill Inn, Newport, Rhode Island



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Score: 89.73

More information: castlehillinn.com