

## Historic Hotels of the Rockies: In the Headlines

Rocky Mountain States, USA (summer 2009) – Historic Hotels of the Rockies, an eclectic collection of vintage properties all located in the Mountain time zone and all more than fifty years old, continue to write new chapters to their own legend-rich histories. In recent months the various historic hotels have been in the news nationally.

### In The News:

Travel enthusiasts look forward every year to the *National Geographic Traveler* Stay List - Hotels We Love--and listed on the Stay List 2009 are HHR members **The Historic Elk Mountain Hotel** (est. 1905) in Elk Mountain, Wyoming; **Historic Occidental Hotel** (est. 1880) in Buffalo, Wyoming; and **The Strater Hotel** (est. 1887) in Durango, Colorado.

Also featured in a recent issue of *National Geographic Traveler* is an article about Las Vegas, New Mexico (the original Las Vegas), and the Belle of the Southwest, **The Plaza Hotel**, built in 1882 and recently restored and expanded with the purchase of the adjacent Charles Ilfeld commercial building. This addition creates thirty-five more rooms, a grand ballroom for up to three hundred people, and various other salons for convention and banquet events.

The **Izaak Walton Inn** (est. 1939), located in Essex, Montana, was recently reviewed in *The New York Times* travel section, and it was pointed out that this charming historic hotel was the only one open year round in Glacier National Park, and that business was booming during the winter months as guests come to enjoy the thirty-three kilometers of groomed cross-country skiing.

**The Irma Hotel** (est. 1902) in Cody, Wyoming, also made *The New York Times* in an article in the real estate section, and The Irma won the Reader's Choice Award for Best Hotel in the January/February edition of *True West* magazine. This hotel is named after Buffalo Bill's daughter, and features the Cody Gunfighters reenacting famous showdowns in front of the hotel nightly throughout the summer.

Special notice was given to historic hotels on the specialty meetings online resource, **Connectyourmeetings.com**. Listed in their Top Ten locations for meetings are the **Historic Occidental Hotel** (Buffalo, Wyoming), **The Historic Plains Hotel** (Cheyenne, Wyoming), **The Alex Johnson Hotel** (Rapid City, South Dakota), **The Grand Union Hotel** (Fort Benton, Montana), **The Historic Plaza Hotel** (Las Vegas, New Mexico), **The Hotel Colorado** (Glenwood Springs, Colorado), **Castle Marne** (Denver, Colorado), and **The Strater Hotel** (Durango, Colorado).

Two more noteworthy mentions include the recognition of **The Nagle Warren Mansion** (est. 1888) in Cheyenne, Wyoming in **TeaAtlas.com**. The Nagle Warren Mansion serves traditional English High Tea, in period costumes, on Friday and Saturday afternoons. Also, **The Nagle Warren Mansion** was featured in **MotorcycleRiderNews.com** with their special rates for those traveling to the annual Motorcycle Rally in Sturgis, South Dakota.

**Historic Hotels of the Rockies** welcomes new members to this history-rich consortium. For more information go online at [www.historic-hotels.com](http://www.historic-hotels.com).

**About Historic Hotels of the Rockies**

An eclectic collection of vintage properties, the Historic Hotels of the Rockies resurrect the glory days of the late 1800's and early 1900's. For detailed information on each hotel, go to [www.historic-hotels.com](http://www.historic-hotels.com).

For a press kit and press releases, go to [www.historic-hotels.com/press\\_room/hotel\\_news\\_mainview2](http://www.historic-hotels.com/press_room/hotel_news_mainview2)

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