

# HISTORIC HOTELS OF THE ROCKIES

Romantic Adventure with Historic Tradition...

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## Member Hotels

**Grand Union Hotel**  
Ft. Benton, MT

**Izaak Walton Inn**  
Essex, MT

**Historic Plains Hotel**  
Cheyenne, WY

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Cody, WY

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**Historic Elk Mountain Hotel**  
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Fort Collins, CO

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Denver, CO

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**New Sheridan Hotel**  
Telluride, CO

**Peck House**  
Empire, CO

**Strater Hotel**  
Durango, CO

**Bishops Lodge Ranch**  
Resort & Spa  
Santa Fe, NM

**Don Gaspar**  
Santa Fe, NM

**Plaza Hotel**  
Las Vegas, NM

## About the Historic Hotels of the Rockies Association

An eclectic collection of 19 vintage properties, the Historic Hotels of the Rockies resurrects the glory days of the late 1800's and early 1900's.

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## What's Nifty and Unusual at Historic Hotels of the Rockies

*Rocky Mountain States, USA (2008)* – The collection of properties that comprise the Historic Hotels of the Rockies is especially inviting because each has its own distinct personality. While some are grand Victorian hotels and others are intimate bed-and-breakfasts, one common theme that unites them all is their unique—sometimes quirky!—amenities and accolades, services and histories. Here's a peek:

### Montana



**Grand Union Hotel, Fort Benton**  
Montana's oldest operating hotel dates back more than 125 years; it was constructed even before Montana became a state.



**Izaak Walton Inn, Essex**  
*Sunset* magazine named this property one of the Top 10 "Spring Flings" of 2008. Here, each versatile staffer does each job in the hotel: don't be surprised if your evening bartender is the same guy who's arranging your cross-country ski lessons the next day. The friendly staff waves to passengers on Amtrak's Empire Builder line every morning and evening when it makes its "flagstop" nearby; guests can arrive via Amtrak and a hotel courtesy van will deliver them and their luggage to the inn's front door.

### Wyoming



**The Historic Plains Hotel, Cheyenne**  
When the elegant five-story Plains Hotel opened to the public in 1911, it was considered extraordinary for its day and location, in a town just a couple decades removed from a rustic tent city. The cost to build an ultra-modern hotel with contemporary amenities (three elevators, in-room telephones) and exquisite appointments (stained-glass skylight in the two-story atrium): \$250,000.



**The Irma Hotel, Cody**  
Guests can reserve one of Buffalo Bill Cody's private suites at the Irma Hotel, named after his daughter. Readers of *True West* magazine named it the "Best Hotel in the West" in 2008.



**The Historic Elk Mountain Hotel, Elk Mountain**  
Owner and Chef de Cuisine Susan Prescott-Havers is a Cordon Bleu-trained chef. At the on-site restaurant, she serves up hearty and delicious American country-style cooking with a hint of European influences.



**Nagle Warren Mansion, Cheyenne**  
It's all in the details at this AAA Four-Diamond property, where the entire staff goes out of its way to ensure guest satisfaction. For example, housekeeping leaves two differently sized paperclips in each guest-room desk drawer. (Some like them big, others small!)

### South Dakota



**Silverado Franklin Historic Hotel, Deadwood**  
The Otis elevator is one of only 35 left in the country; hotel staff operates it by hand.



**Hotel Alex Johnson, Rapid City**  
Named for the U.S. Presidents who have stayed there (Coolidge, Roosevelt, Eisenhower, Nixon and Bush), the majestic presidential suite offers an excellent view of Rapid City from the ninth floor and boasts three bedrooms, two baths, kitchen and dining/living room.

### Colorado



**Armstrong Hotel, Fort Collins**  
At this pet-friendly property, you can borrow (at no cost) a comfortable cruiser bike for a pedal around Old Town or along one of the nearby bike paths. Or workout for free at the Old Town Athletic Club. (Colorado is known as the country's fittest state, after all...)



**Beaumont Hotel & Spa, Ouray**  
The Beaumont Hotel & Spa was in disrepair for more than three decades until current owners Dan and Mary King bought the property in 1998 and spent five years restoring it to its former Victorian splendor.



**Castle Marne, Denver**  
Guests typically curtail sightseeing in the Mile-High City to make it back to Castle Marne in time for complimentary afternoon tea, where homemade scones, shortbread, lemon curd, raspberry butter and other sweet and savory treats are served.



**Delaware Hotel, Leadville**  
Don't expect to see the same antiques on successive visits to the Delaware Hotel. Guests and antique enthusiasts can purchase pieces for their own collections.



**Hotel Colorado, Glenwood Springs**  
This 115-year-old property was modeled after the 16<sup>th</sup>-century Italian Renaissance Villa de Medici Castle. Legend has it the teddy bear originated here; hotel staff sewed one for Teddy Roosevelt after a failed hunting expedition.



**New Sheridan Hotel, Telluride**  
While the New Sheridan Hotel and Chop House Restaurant is closed this summer to refurbish rooms and expand the lobby (still in period décor), visitors will need to sit tight until November 2008 to once again enjoy the property's chocolate-chip cookies each afternoon and to belly up to Telluride's oldest bar.



**Peck House, Empire**  
The oldest hotel extant in the state, the Peck House features antiques that were brought by ox cart by the Peck Family in 1862. Its location in Empire, Colorado, makes it close to the Continental Divide but only 30 minutes from Denver.



**Strater Hotel, Durango**  
Housing the largest collection of American Victorian walnut antiques in the world, the Strater Hotel named one guest room after western novelist Louis L'Amour, who stayed above the Diamond Belle Saloon, gathering inspiration for his stories.

### New Mexico



**Bishop's Lodge Ranch Resort & Spa, Santa Fe**  
Celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008 with a number of special events and vacation packages, Bishop's Lodge is nestled on 450 expansive acres, and located just three miles from downtown Santa Fe.



**Don Gaspar, Santa Fe**  
Choose from three homes with distinct décor, representing three periods of Santa Fe architecture: Arts and Crafts, Pueblo Revival and Territorial.



**Plaza Hotel, Las Vegas**  
Legend has it that gunslinger Doc Holliday shot a fellow who was cheating at cards in the hotel's Byron T's Saloon. Today, guests enjoy locally made Ulibarri Farms candy on their pillow every night, and the occasional alligator on the menu at the Landmark Grill. Celebrating 125 years in 2008, the Plaza is expanding into the historic building next door which will nearly double the number of rooms to 72 adding a well-appointed Bridal Suite, conference facilities, the new Ilfeld ballroom, and rathskeller Dirty Gerdi's Saloon.

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