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The Top 12 Pet-Friendly Hotels in the USA

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Pets can join their owners in many of the country's top hotels.

While taking a vacation is certainly something travelers look forward to, not everyone loves having to part ways with their furry family members. But globetrotters with equally curious pets don't have to worry: Hotels have taken note of this growing trend and more properties are inviting animals to stay. Part of the research the U.S. News Travel team conducted while compiling the rankings this year included gathering information on the pet policies of top hotels across the United States. The following properties not only fall in the top 10 percent of all 1,775 Best Hotels in the USA for 2016, they also welcome pets with open arms -- and often with extra perks.

The Jefferson, Washington, DC

This Washington, D.C. hotel -- ranked No. 2 in the USA and No. 1 in Washington, D.C. -- is home to its own pet ambassador, a beagle named Lord Monticello (also known as Monti), who serves as The Jefferson's "Executive Canine Officer." Guests' dogs (up to two per traveler) are invited to stay in any of the hotel's rooms as well. Pets are given beds, dog bowls and treats, plus maps of nearby walking routes. The Jefferson charges a one-time $50 fee per dog per stay.

The Little Nell

The Little Nell is the No. 1-ranked Best Hotel in Aspen, Colorado (and No. 14 Best Hotel in the USA) and it treats pets to ample amenities, including pet beds, water bowls and gourmet pet dining options. The hotel even provides a Puppy Jet Lag Kit to help animals adjust to Aspen's altitude. All types of animals are welcome, and The Little Nell offers walking and pet-sitting services along with a pet-friendly trail guide. Keep in mind, a $125 cleaning fee, plus an additional $25 fee per night, applies to guests staying with their pets at the hotel.

The Greenwich Hotel

Pet owners don't have to worry about extra fees at this property: The Greenwich Hotel welcomes all types of pets for no additional charge and guests bringing pets can stay in any of the hotel's accommodations. Plus, there's no weight limit for pets and the property provides guests' four-legged friends with their own beds and bowls. The Greenwich Hotel is the No. 3 Best Hotel in New York City and the No. 19 Best Hotel in the USA.

The Beverly Hills Hotel

In short, pets are spoiled at The Beverly Hills Hotel (the No. 4 Best Hotel in Los Angeles). And luckily for pet parents, all that pampering doesn't cost a fortune: For an additional $35 per night, pets can travel with their owners and enjoy the hotel's many pet-friendly amenities. Some signature touches include pink tennis balls, dog treats, pet beds and bowls. Pets also receive personalized bone-shaped welcome cookies with their name. Plus, dog-walking and pet-sitting services are available for an extra fee and can be booked through the concierge.

The Hermitage Hotel

The Hermitage Hotel welcomes cats and dogs for a $50 nightly fee. Plus, the property provides animals with custom pet beds, treats, water bowls and evening turndown service, along with dog-sitting, walking and massage services. The No. 1 Best Hotel in Nashville is also situated near a few parks, making it easy for owners to walk their pets.

The Umstead Hotel and Spa

The No. 1 Best Hotel in North Carolina welcomes dogs and cats to its property for a one-time $200 fee that gets your furry friend a pet bed, a water bowl and treats, plus dog-walking and pet-sitting services at no additional cost. But what really stands out at The Umstead is DogWoods -- an enclosed playground specifically created for pets that offers plenty of outdoor space to run around.

The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel

This Ritz-Carlton hotel, the No. 22 Best Hotel in California, allows dogs to accompany their owners on vacation and hosts a variety of pet-centric festivities throughout the year, including seasonal events, such as Howl-O-Ween and photos with Santa during the annual Yappy Howl-iday Celebration. The hotel's "Posh Pooch" amenities include dog beds, water bowls, complimentary chew toys, a doggie room service menu, a walking trail map and waste bags. Plus, pet owners get a Club Yappy loyalty card for discounts at hotel outlets and the spa. But all that pampering comes at a price: The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel allows up to two dogs per room and charges a nonrefundable cleaning fee of $150 per stay, plus an additional $50 nightly fee.

The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas

The No. 9 Best Hotel in Las Vegas invites dogs to join travelers in Sin City. Here, pets are provided with special amenities from BarkBox -- a monthly subscription service for dogs -- plus treats and water bowls. The Cosmopolitan is also home to an outdoor, fenced-in dog area for pups to play near the Bamboo Pool. The property allows two dogs per room (up to 25 pounds each) for an additional $50 per dog, per night.

The Mark

Just a block away from Central Park, The Mark puts guests and their furry friends within walking distance of ample green spaces and walking trails. The hotel (ranked No. 16 on our list of the Best Hotels in New York City) welcomes dogs with a Molly Mutt dog bed, signature Mark water bowls, a custom place mat and gourmet treats. There is a one-time $115 fee per stay and the concierge can recommend dog-walking and pet-sitting options.

Four Seasons Hotel Boston

The Four Seasons Hotel Boston welcomes cats and dogs that weigh 25 pounds or less for no additional fee and provides amenities, such as beds, food and in-room pet menus. For owners who want to sightsee around Boston, pet-sitting and dog-walking services are available for an extra fee. Additionally, the No. 2-ranked Best Hotel in Boston is situated near Boston Common and Boston Public Garden, which offer green spaces for owners and pets to explore together.

Calistoga Ranch, An Auberge Resort

Calistoga Ranch (the No. 2 Best Hotel in Napa Valley and the No. 4 Best Hotel in California) is a dog-friendly property that accepts dogs of all sizes. Dogs are greeted with a bowl, a bed and treats, and can participate in on-site activities, such as the infamous Bacon Scavenger Hunt. There is also a specialized dog menu and activity pamphlet, enabling travelers to order their pup room service and learn about nearby pet-friendly venues. There is a $125 fee per pet, per stay.

The St. Regis Aspen Resort

The No. 2 Best Hotel in Aspen welcomes dogs to enjoy the great outdoors with their owners. Pets are greeted with special amenities, including a blanket, a bed, doggie bags and bowls for water and food. There is a $25 fee per room along with a $25 daily fee. Plus, nearby Wagner Park is a perfect spot to take pooches for a walk.

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