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Best Hotels in New Hampshire

Enjoy charming rooms and access to skiing at the Omni Mount Washington Resort

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New Hampshire beckons visitors with craggy peaks, wooded lake areas, and even a tiny strip of Atlantic coast. Whether your plans for the Granite State include a romantic getaway skiing in the White Mountains, cooling off with the kids in Lake Winnipesaukee, or splurging and eating all the lobster rolls in seaside Portsmouth, there's a hotel in New Hampshire for you. From boutique inns to sprawling resorts, we've culled the vast list of the state's accommodations to help you better plan your trip. Read on for some of the best hotels in New Hampshire.

The Best Hotels in New Hampshire

- Best Overall: <u>Omni Mount Washington Resort</u>
- Best Budget: <u>Top Notch Inn</u>
- Best Luxury: The Bedford Village Inn and Grand Boutique Hotel
- Best for Families: <u>Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa</u>
- Best Seaside Stunner: <u>Wentworth by the Sea, a Marriott Hotel & Spa</u>
- Best Lakefront Getaway: <u>Church Landing</u>
- Best for Couples: <u>The Inn at Thorn Hill</u>
- Best for Independent Types: <u>The Inn Downtown</u>
- Best for Beer Lovers: <u>Woodstock Inn Brewery</u>

BEST OVERALL Omni Mount Washington Resort

Why We Chose It

The majestic Omni Mount Washington Resort in Bretton Woods appeals to all sorts of vacationers with its many amenities and activities.

Notable Amenities

Shuttle to ski area, arcade and game room, nine- and 18-hole golf courses, clay tennis courts

Pros and Cons Pros

- Proximity to Bretton Woods ski area
- 25,000-square-foot spa
- Fitness center and indoor and outdoor pools

Cons

- Not pet friendly
- Only Presidential Wing rooms have coffee makers
- Pricey, especially in high season

Hotel Overview

This 269-room resort in Bretton Woods features Spanish Renaissance architecture, bright red roofs that are especially stunning against fresh mountain snow, and a magnificent back porch that's ideal for admiring colorful <u>fall foliage</u>. Dating to 1902, the Omni Mount Washington Resort maintains its historic character, but that does mean some of its accommodations are small, particularly the 200-square-foot European Rooms, and past travelers report that some rooms are due for renovation. If that's concerning, book one of the 69 newly built (albeit pricier) rooms in the Presidential Wing, which was expanded in 2021.

The hotel is just a five-minute shuttle ride to <u>Bretton Woods</u>, the state's largest ski area. Activities abound here. In addition to alpine skiing and snowboarding, there are scenic gondola rides, sleigh rides, and zip-lining. In the summer, go fly-fishing, horseback riding, or rock climbing. In the evening, dress up for the hotel's elegant main restaurant, where seasonal menu items include plenty of New England seafood. And don't miss a cocktail at The Cave, which has a Prohibition-era speakeasy vibe.

BEST BUDGET Top Notch Inn

Why We Chose It

This 36-room motel on Main Street in Gorham is within walking distance of multiple restaurants and a small grocery store.

Notable Amenities

In-room mini fridge and microwave, EV charging station, gas barbecue grills, laundry facilities

Pros and Cons

Pros

- Convenient location for White Mountains sightseeing
- Outdoor pool and hot tub
- Pet friendly (with additional fee)

Cons

- Room decor is basic
- Motel-style doors open to the outside
- No on-site restaurant

Hotel Overview

Travelers who appreciate great value for money can't go wrong with the budgetpriced Top Notch Inn. The motel is ideal for sightseers who intend to explore the White Mountains during the day and appreciate a clean, comfortable room for a good night's sleep. That said, there are on-site amenities to keep guests occupied as well, including an outdoor pool and hot tub, cornhole, and a communal firepit for making s'mores (BYOMarshmallows). Though the motel is located on Gorham's main drag (U.S. Route 2), past guests say it's quiet. Recent visitors also rave about the friendly, welcoming staff.

BEST LUXURY The Bedford Village Inn and Grand Boutique Hotel

Why We Chose It

Combining luxury and New England charm, this Bedford property is known for its excellent dining and drinking venues.

Notable Amenities

Courtesy shuttle to/from Manchester–Boston Regional Airport, Molton Brown bath amenities, 24-hour fitness center, fireplaces and jetted tubs in some rooms

Pros and Cons

Pros

- Saltwater outdoor pool (seasonal)
- Two fine dining restaurants
- Full-service salon and spa

Cons

- Not near any major tourist attractions
- Popular wedding and conference venue

Hotel Overview

The Bedford Village Inn and Grand Boutique Hotel doesn't occupy a particularly scenic spot in <u>New Hampshire</u>. It's not in the mountains, next to a lake, or on the coast, but if you're looking for a home base in the southern half of the state and you're willing to splurge, consider this AAA Four-Diamond property. Its accommodations are spread across two buildings: the 14-suite original Bedford Village Inn and the 50-room Grand Boutique Hotel. All rooms feature timeless New England decor, including custom-crafted four-poster beds.

The main Dining Room restaurant is actually composed of seven individually decorated rooms that each seat 12 to 55 people. Come hungry, as the multicourse dinner menu focuses on New England favorites such as artisan cheese plates from local purveyors, clam chowder, lobster bisque, and New England sea scallops. There are plenty of veggie and meat options, too, plus an 8,000-bottle wine cellar. If you have a hankering for gourmet antipasti, pizza, or pasta, make your way to Fondi, a modern Italian trattoria.

BEST FOR FAMILIES Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa

Why We Chose It

This historic resort in Whitefield keeps families entertained with its on-site farm, where guests can pet and pose with sheep, goats, llamas, and rabbits.

Notable Amenities

Game room, movie screenings, complimentary weekend s'mores by the fire pit

Pros and Cons Pros

- Indoor and outdoor pools
- Full-service Tower Spa
- Farm-to-table restaurant and wine cellar dining

Cons

• Outdoor winter activities have a fee

Hotel Overview

Founded as a humble farmhouse inn in 1865, Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa lives up to its name with expansive vistas of <u>New Hampshire</u>'s White Mountains. The sprawling bright yellow building with a green roof and white trim houses 141 rooms and suites. Families can book a room with two queen beds or a suite with a king bed and a separate living area with a pull-out sofa bed. There are also connecting rooms.

Where this 400-acre resort shines is its activities program, which includes farm tours, family trivia, bingo, and weekend campfires. Teens aged 15 and up can participate in daily ax-throwing competitions. Kid-friendly amenities include a game room with foosball, air hockey, pingpong, and billiards, plus indoor and outdoor pools. Winter activities include ice-skating, tubing, sledding, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. Summer brings a nine-hole golf course, disc golf course, tennis courts, and biking and hiking trails.

BEST SEASIDE STUNNER Wentworth by the Sea, a Marriott Hotel & Spa

Why We Chose It This Gilded Age island hotel dates back to 1874 and has a full-service spa.

Notable Amenities

Indoor and outdoor pools, marble bathrooms, kitchenettes in some rooms

Pros and Cons Pros

- Spa and fitness center
- Two full-service restaurants

Cons

- Grounds are on a marina, not seashore
- Especially pricey in the summer

Hotel Overview

Located on New Castle Island (accessible by car), just three miles from downtown Portsmouth, Wentworth by the Sea once entertained 19th- and early 20th-century socialites who would escape Boston for this seaside retreat in summer. Today, the hotel is open year-round, and it serves as a great base for exploring New Hampshire's coast, including Hampton Beach and Portsmouth. Past travelers note that in the late fall, winter, and early spring, some island attractions are closed or open with limited hours, however.

The striking building has a white exterior, red roofs, and three romantic turrets that house two-level suites with harbor views. Guests give high marks to both the lively SALT Kitchen & Bar, which serves seafood, house-made pasta, and prime cuts of meat, and the marina-side Latitudes, which offers salads, sandwiches, burgers, and seafood in warm-weather months.

BEST LAKEFRONT GETAWAY Church Landing

Why We Chose It

Church Landing occupies a prime spot on Lake Winnipesaukee and has an on-site spa.

Notable Amenities

EV charging station; seasonal use of kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddleboards, and bikes; daily activities, such as yoga with mimosas (MoYoga); weekend firepit s'mores

Pros and Cons Pros

- On Lake Winnipesaukee
- Full-service restaurant and bar

• All rooms have fireplaces

Cons

• Expensive in peak summer months

Hotel Overview

Expansive water views abound at Church Landing, part of the Mill Falls at the Lake resort in Meredith. The hotel is set on Lake Winnipesaukee, New Hampshire's largest body of water, which is ringed with forest and surrounded by three mountain ranges. Guests have convenient swimming access from a sandy beach, and the property is within easy walking distance of cute shops and restaurants.

There's plenty to do at Church Landing. Book a massage at the hotel's intimate Cascade Spa; kick back at the indoor-outdoor pool and hot tub; read a book in a classic Adirondack chair on the manicured grounds; or dine at Lakehouse Grille, open for American favorites at breakfast, lunch, and dinner. You'll feel like a movie star with a charter aboard Miss Meredith, a mahogany Chris-Craft boat that was built in 1931.

BEST FOR COUPLES The Inn at Thorn Hill

Why We Chose It

All the rooms and suites at this AAA Four-Diamond inn in the White Mountains have two-person whirlpool tubs and gas fireplaces.

Notable Amenities

Whirlpool bathtubs, fireplaces in all standard rooms, free parking

Pros and Cons

Pros

- On-site spa
- Full-service restaurant, bar, and wine cellar
- Engaging, friendly staff

Cons

• Car required for exploration

• No dogs allowed

Hotel Overview

For a quiet romantic getaway at a quintessential <u>New England</u> country inn, you can't go wrong with the adults-only Inn at Thorn Hill, which dates back to 1895. Many of its 16 elegant rooms and suites are named after Presidential Range peaks, which are visible from the hillside property in Jackson. Guests rave about the gourmet à la carte breakfast that's served on the wraparound porch in summer months (rooms are available with or without breakfast). To amp up the romance, book a dinner reservation in the wine cellar, schedule a couples massage at Senses Spa, or arrange for delivery of a bottle of prosecco and the bubble bath amenity.

BEST FOR INDEPENDENT TYPES The Inn Downtown

Why We Chose It

The Inn Downtown, a short walk from <u>Portsmouth</u>'s waterfront, caters to folks who appreciate vacation rentals with kitchen facilities.

Notable Amenities

Kitchenettes in each room, access to washer/dryer, Malin+Goetz toiletries

Pros and Cons

Pros

- Contactless check-in
- Convenient downtown location
- Attentive management available 24/7

Cons

- No elevator
- No housekeeping (though supplies are provided)

Hotel Overview

This boutique "apart-hotel" in a fully renovated 1809 home is composed of 10 contemporary studio apartments, including two Penthouse Studio Apartments with sofa beds that can accommodate four people. The lodging is ideal for travelers who plan to explore <u>New Hampshire</u>'s seacoast area for a while or who

don't want to eat out every meal. Each studio includes cookware, dishes, a hot plate, a microwave, and a full-size refrigerator, while the Penthouse accommodations have a full oven/range, dishwasher, and in-room laundry facilities. There's no on-site staff, but a "personal concierge" can be reached via phone or text to troubleshoot any issues or recommend restaurants and activities.

BEST FOR BEER LOVERS Woodstock Inn Brewery

Why We Chose It

This 40-room inn in the heart of New Hampshire's White Mountains gives <u>beer</u> <u>aficionados</u> the chance to sample — and sleep next to — all the suds.

Notable Amenities

Included à la carte restaurant breakfast, prioritized dinner reservations

Pros and Cons

Pros

- Proximity to attractions in the White Mountains
- Regular live music at the on-site restaurant
- Cozy lodge rooms, some with fireplaces

Cons

- Can't take beer from the bar to your room
- No on-site pool or fitness center

Hotel Overview

There's no need to worry about a designated driver when you can eat, drink, and stay at the Woodstock Inn Brewery on Main Street in North Woodstock. A former train station, the inn is close to some of the <u>White Mountains'</u> most popular tourist attractions. Start your day with a hearty entree from the expansive breakfast menu, maybe a Womlette, a puffy omelet baked on a malted waffle. After adventuring in the mountains, return for a pint at one of four distinct bar areas.

Rooms at the inn are spread across six buildings, and their decor varies.

Accommodations in the Cascade Lodge feature rustic furnishings, such as roughhewn log beds and pillows adorned with bears, moose, and pine trees. The rooms in the Main House are in Victorian style and have flowery wallpaper. There's no on-site pool, hot tub, or fitness center, but guests can use the facilities at The Mountain Club on Loon, 4 miles away.

Final Verdict

Choosing where to stay in New Hampshire depends on your budget and your vacation goals. The Omni Mount Washington Resort checks a lot of boxes with its proximity to mountain activities, kid-friendly amenities, fine dining, and spa, not to mention its extraordinary history. The historic, full-service Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa is great for families. And if you're looking for more intimate accommodations, The Inn at Thorn Hill and The Inn Downtown fit the bill.

Compare the Best Hotels in New Hampshire

Property	Resort Fee	Room Rate	Free Wifi
Best Overall: Omni Mount Washington Resort	\$35+tax	\$\$\$	Yes
Best Budget: <u>Top Notch Inn</u>	None	\$	Yes
Best Luxury: <u>The Bedford Village Inn and Grand</u> <u>Boutique Hotel</u>	6%+tax	\$\$	Yes
Best for Families: Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa	\$30+tax	\$\$	Yes
Best Seaside Stunner: <u>Wentworth by the Sea, a Marriott</u> <u>Hotel & Spa</u>	None	\$\$	No
Best Lakefront Getaway: <u>Church Landing</u>	\$35+tax	\$\$	Yes
Best for Couples: <u>The Inn at Thorn Hill</u>	None	\$\$	Yes
Best for Independent Types: <u>The Inn Downtown</u>	None	\$\$	Yes
Best for Beer Lovers: <u>Woodstock Inn Brewery</u>	None	\$	Yes

Methodology

We evaluated about 30 hotels, resorts, and inns in New Hampshire before settling on the best property for each category. We considered each hotel's overall reputation, guest reviews, location, quality of service, and dining and drinking options. Whether the hotel offers amenities such as a spa, fitness center, or included activities were also taken into account. We relied heavily on our writer's experience but also consulted dozens of guest reviews and considered whether the property has won any awards in recent years.