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The Most Charming Adults-Only Hotels in the United States

Romance and childfree joy at a selection of the best adults-only hotels in the country.

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A baby cooing in a hammock in the resort’s courtyard. A toddler giggling while coloring in his kids’ menu with crayons. A pre-teen splashing around in the hotel pool. These can be lovely sounds at a resort. But other times, these age groups offer up more disagreeable noises. And in those times, newlyweds or tax-paying or grizzled or even of-drinking-age vacationers might be interested in staying at an adults-only hotel.

Palm Springs may have revolutionized adults-only travel. Spin the bottle in that California resort town, and it’s more than likely it’ll point to an adults-only hotel full of stylish digs and overflowing with pools and parties.

But that’s not the only kind of grown-up accommodation. In the selection below, we’ve consciously curated a wide range of styles and geographies. Below, you’ll find intimate meals and soothing baths, historic Pennsylvania towns and beach-lined islands in Texas. What they have in common is a certain intrinsic charm, a combination of design, style and setting that makes for an intimate, highly memorable couples’ escape. Forever undisturbed by the shrieking of toddlers.



Leafy grounds on Martha's Vineyard. © Nobnocket Hotel

Nobnocket Boutique Inn – Vineyard Haven, MA

What it's all about: British and New England charm at a rare One-Key bed and breakfast, set on one of the great island getaways of the East Coast.

Built into a bed-and-breakfast is a certain understated quality, and it's rare that one rises to the level demanded by a MICHELIN Key. But Nobnocket, on one of the East Coast's toniest retreats, the island of Martha's Vineyard, and just a short walk from the ferry, achieves the feat. Set on two acres and surrounded by gardens and birdsong, it's run by a British couple, and though they may have differing opinions on the greatest Premier League football team, their public bickering stops there.

Everything else is serene and luxurious at the Nobnocket Boutique Inn. Visiting couples, however, might argue on matters like where to take breakfast (in the sunroom or on the patio), how to get into town (take a stroll or ride the complimentary bicycles), what cost-free summertime classes to take on property (yoga or Pilates), or which off-site activities to enjoy (between hiking, sailing, surfing, or golfing, to name a few).

 The storied facade of the Carversville Inn. © Carversville Inn

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The Carversville Inn – Carversville, PA

What it's all about: A curious and whimsical historic inn with a high-end restaurant and a setting just outside one of the country's most celebrated small towns.

Opened two centuries ago as a tavern in what was then a mill town in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, the Carversville Inn has come a long way since those humble beginnings when hard-working men came to drink. Today, the rooms in this romantic escape in rural Pennsylvania have softened to a whimsical charm. There is now jungle-scene wallpaper, elegant nude portraits, and light fixtures featuring monkeys donning clothes.

The town, a one-and-a-half-hour drive from Philadelphia, is just a hop outside of New Hope, known as one of the country's great arts and culture small towns, full of antiquing, theater, museums and dining. Couples will be sure to make a stroll in town a part of their escape, but the Carversville Inn's own French brasserie is a high-end destination itself, where elegant French 75 cocktails pair with duck leg confit or