

bon appétit

The Key to Hotel Happiness: Amazing Food



(Credit: Erik Peterson)

At *Bon Appétit*, we think we've got a pretty good handle on what makes a great hotel. Attentive service is a must. Thread count counts--a lot. A prime location is, of course, essential.

But the most crucial ingredient? Well, that's easy--food. Because if you're like us, you travel to eat. Which means where you lay your head each night ought to be where you wake up to, say, buttery, freshly baked biscuits, expertly brewed coffee and a plate of crisp, thick-cut Benton's bacon. Or maybe you chose a particular hotel for the tiny bar with the fireplace, tucked just off the lobby--perfect for a last-call night cap before you retire for the evening. [Our list of 40 nominees for the Best Food Lover's Hotels in America](#) encompasses all manner of spots, from high to low, urbane to rustic. But all of them place unparalleled focus on making sure their clientele eats and drinks remarkably well. Because food isn't the only reason to travel, it's just the best.

[And so now we present the 40 nominees.](#) Check back on Tuesday, April 16, for our final list of the Top 10 Food Lover's Hotels in America.

INTRODUCING THE 40 **NOMINEES** FOR
THE BEST
FOOD LOVER'S
HOTELS
IN AMERICA

From a stylish, smart hostel in Miami to a luxe rustic retreat in the Smoky Mountains, here are 40 escapes where the food (and drink) goes way beyond room service eggs and a beer from the mini-bar. **Tune in April 16th as we reveal the winners of the 10 Best Food Lover's Hotels in America.** Until then, check in and check out the full list of nominees.

[SEE THE NOMINEES](#) ➔



Each of these 40 hotels offers superior food and drink, as well as a comfy place to lay your head. But only 10 will make our final cut



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THE RANCH AT MALIBU

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Malibu, CA
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This strict rules at this luxury bootcamp and wellness retreat—no caffeine, alcohol, or processed sugar is allowed on the premises—are balanced out by chef Rob Dalzell's delicious vegan meals from morning until night.

ON THE MENU

Dishes like plump celery root gnocchi with chanterelles and Brussels sprout leaves won't leave you pining for meat (or even dairy).

WE ALSO LOVE

That the bungalows are spartanly furnished, but still luxe, with Frette linens and organic toiletries.

(Photograph courtesy the Ranch at Malibu)

