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A-List Hotels Where Celebs Go

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Entertainment industry A-listers jet around the world to promote their movies, music and other projects—not to mention to take lavish vacations—and they check in to the world's most luxurious hotels at every stop. Startle.com has the inside scoop on the favorite hotels of the Hollywood elite and the special services offered to help them escape the flashing paparazzi bulbs and throngs of fans. Below are a few of the hotels where they frequent—click through the slideshow above for the full list.

L'Ermitage Beverly Hills

Angelina Jolie, Katie Holmes and Penélope Cruz have all stayed at the Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star L'Ermitage Beverly Hills, which is located just minutes from Rodeo Drive. The staff caters to celebrity schedules—if an A-lister flies in from across the globe, he or she can expect a jet lag reviver bath upon arrival. During the awards season, L'Ermitage's seamstress has colored thread, sequins and other materials on hand should a star's outfit need touching up before the red carpet. Unique requests are filled by the chef and housekeeping team—think special moisturizers from Sweden, sodium-free tortillas from an artisan bakery across town and hand-crushed lilac bath salts from Japan.

The Mark Hotel, New York

Since reopening two years ago, the ultra-chic, avant-garde Mark Hotel in New York, which is housed in a 1920s-era building on the Upper East Side, features impeccable guest rooms outfitted with custom-made beds, Italian linens by Quagliotti, Bang & Olufsen sound systems, heated towel racks and deep soaking tubs. Scarlett Johansson, Justin Timberlake, Renée Zellweger and Anna Wintour were all guests here during the 2012 Costume Institute Met Gala. You'll find an onsite restaurant from famed chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten and a trendy bar serving cucumber martinis and lychee raspberry Bellinis.

Skylofts at MGM Grand, Las Vegas

The Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star Skylofts at MGM Grand occupies the top two floors of MGM Grand Hotel & Casino, and since the resort's Garden Arena hosts major Las Vegas events—the Academy of Country Music Awards and the iHeart Radio Music Festival to name a few—it's a popular pick for high-profile guests. If you're staying here, you'll be fetched at the Las Vegas airport by the hotel limo or Rolls-Royce. Check in can be conducted in your room to avoid crowds downstairs, although Skylofts' entrance is separate from the main hotel's for added exclusivity.

Click through the slideshow above to see where you just might run into Jennifer Aniston or Jimmy Fallon.



The Mark Hotel, New York City

Every aspect of the New York hotel has been designed and chosen by French designer Jacques Grange. Grange also worked closely with Pierre Passebon, owner of Galerie du Passage in Paris, to select the artwork by designers and artists like Ron Arad, Vladimir Kagan and Karl Lagerfeld, for the hotel's public spaces.



The hotel's onsite restaurant and bar from famed chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten is the perfect spot for celebs to unwind with a drink like a cool cucumber martini or a lychee raspberry Bellini.