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Hotel Chatter's 11 Best NYC Hotels For Fall 2012

We've noticed a few major changes in the New York hotel scene over the past year. First off, prices are higher than ever. This is something that became quite obvious in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, with some hotels last week charging upwards of \$300/night last week, even though rooms had no electricity, heat or hot water.

But then again, with both the *WSJ* and the *NY Times* agreeing that there's a major "hotel boom" happening in New York right now, this was hardly surprising.

Secondly, Brooklyn is hotter than ever. And with good reason—head across the East River, and you're likely to find more space, hipper crowds, and (relatively) low prices. For evidence of that, see #2 on our list.

And things are still heating up: last week, we learned of a new mega project going up in Times Square that will include a 500-room hotel. Add to that, CitizenM, Virgin, Dorchester Collection, Edition, Public and SLS are all coming to NYC in the near future.

But enough recapping. Time for the list! Here's a look at the best (according to us, anyway) hotels right now in NYC. *Agree? Disagree? Need to vent? Drop a comment below!*

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The NoMad

Designed by Jacques Garcia (La Mamounia, Delano Marrakech, Hotel Costes), the hotel's gorgeous 168 rooms offer wooden floorboards, vintage ocean liner trunks

and clawfoot tubs. Oh, and did we mention how much we love that wood-paneled library in the back of the lobby?

Room Rates: \$395 a night

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The Wythe

If you're on the fence about venturing outside of your Manhattan bubble, let this Williamsburg gem give you the incentive you need. Located on a quiet block next to the East River, this 64-room hotel just oozes the reclaimed-materials, industrial-chic vibe that the hip neighborhood has become known for. Heck, it was even built inside an old textile factory!

Room Rates: \$289 a night

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The Mark

This classy, uptown joint is where all the celebs stayed when they got evacuated from their plush downtown apartments—and we totally understand why. With an unforgettable black-and-white tiled lobby, Jean-Georges restaurant, and old-fashioned shoe shine kiosk, we kinda wish we had enough dough to visit this place more often!

Room Rates: \$675 a night

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Pod 39

The newest member to the Pod family debuted this fall, and its stellar rooftop quickly gained the midtown hotel a dedicated following. This month, the hotel plans to complete the final phase of its opening: the "Great Room" lobby and adjacent taco bar.

Room Rates: \$215 a night

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The Jade

Set to open later this fall, the Jade is sure to make a splash with its French Art Deco-inspired interiors, unbeatable views of lower Manhattan, and quaint, Greenwich Village vibe.

Room Rates: \$400 a night

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Andaz 5th Avenue

As they say in real estate, it's all about location. And you can't do much better than this upscale, art-filled 184-room beauty located across from Bryant Park. We first fell in love with it two years ago, and the attraction hasn't waned a bit.

Room Rates: \$495 a night

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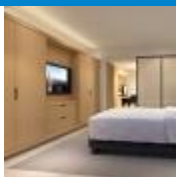


The Nolitan

After overcoming a few initial hurdles, we're happy to report this downtown boutique hotel has matured nicely. Rates remain steady, the staff are friendly, and you can't beat those Williamsburg Bridge-facing balconies! .

Room Rates: \$365 a night

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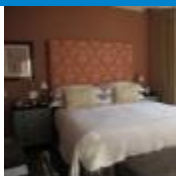


Conrad New York

Things sure have come a long way for this 463-room waterfront hotel, which used to be an Embassy Suites until Conrad swooped in last year and added some seriously awesome lobby art. Public spaces aside, the all-suite hotel offers great Hudson River views, and in the summer, the Loopy Doopy rooftop bar is the place to be if you wanna get drunk on boozy popsicles.

Room Rates: \$440 a night

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Crosby Street Hotel

Demi Moore sulks here. The cast of *Mad Men* likes to party here. Movie geeks get cozy in the screening room. Clearly, the charm of this classic Soho hotel isn't lost on many folks.

Room Rates: \$505 a night

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Indigo Brooklyn

With the opening of the Barclays Center in September, the usefulness of this 128-room hotel increased times a hundred. Airy, light-filled rooms with hardwood floors mean you can enjoy that Justin Bieber concert *and* have a nice, clean place to sleep right around the corner.

Room Rates: \$243 a night



Mondrian Soho

We want to say we're over the bright, peppy, cute-ness of this 270-room Soho hideout. But then again, its cool factor is hard to ignore: between nightlife hotspot Mister H and the sex parties that go on in the rooms, it's clear people are still smitten with this place.

Room Rates: \$339 a night

We will keep on rolling out HotelChatter's Hotel Rankings for several other major cities over the next few months. If you have hotels you want us to check out, or questions on the list, you know where to leave comments.