

New York City has some of the best hotels in the world – and, believe it or not, some are not too expensive. But here are our picks for “the best of the best”

\$\$\$\$ Very expensive
 \$\$\$ Expensive
 \$\$ Moderately priced
 \$ Budget – Cheap

| Most famous hotel | Best service at a low price | Most interesting hotel | Best health club |
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| THE PLAZA HOTEL \$\$\$ | THE BROADWAY INN \$\$ | HOTEL CHELSEA \$\$ | THE PENINSULA-NEW YORK \$\$\$\$ |
| 789 Fifth Ave. 800 441-1414 805 rooms | 264 W. 46 th St. (At eighth Ave) 800 826-6300 | 222 W. 23 rd St. 212 243-3700 400 rooms, 100 available to travelers | 700 Fifth Ave. (at 55 th St.) 800 262-9467 41 rooms |
| <p>Located at the southeast corner of New York’s fabulous Central Park, The Plaza is as near as it gets to the best shopping along New York’s famous Fifth Avenue. The 1907 hotel, with its beautiful fountain, is a famous location in many popular movies and books. 4 restaurants, excellent full-service spa and health club, concierge and ticket desk, car-rental desk, business center, 24-hour room service, babysitting, laundry.</p>  | <p>Impeccably clean and very comfortable, this hotel is a real winner. Suites can be a great deal- with sofa, microwave, mini-fridge and lots of closet space. Located right in the noisy Theater District, the hotel is peaceful and quiet inside. Best of all are the attentive staff who work hard to make their guests happy. Note: This four-story hotel has no elevators. 2 restaurants next door, concierge, fax and copy service.</p>  | <p>If you’re looking for the usual hotel comforts, go elsewhere. But if you’re looking for atmosphere- the New York of artists, actors, and writers – this is the only place to stay. Artists and writers live here even today. This 1884 Victorian hotel has beautiful balconies and a busy lobby filled with artwork. Rooms are simple, but large. Everything is clean, but don’t expect new. Not all rooms have air-conditioning. There’s no room service. Restaurant, bell service, lounge.</p>  | <p>The Peninsula Hotel is a place to see. Every room is high-tech with remote controls for lighting, music, TV, and air-conditioning – even in the bathroom! Wonderful food service and a very helpful concierge desk and one of the biggest and best spa and health clubs on the roof, make this quite a hotel. Valet parking, 2 restaurants, spa with heated pool, exercise classes, sauna, and sundeck. 24-hour concierge, massage, babysitting, laundry service.</p>  |

Pair work. Use the hotel listings to complete each statement. Explain your answers.

1. Stella Meyer is 70 years old. She likes to travel, but she has some difficulty with stairs. She'd better not stay at _____.

2. Carl Ryan loves to see plays and musicals. He should stay at _____.

3. Mark and Nancy Birdsall are traveling with their kids. They'd better stay at _____.

4. Lucy Lee loves a hotel that is very comfortable. She'd better not stay at _____.

5. Burt and Susan Rey are very active. They run and exercise every day. They should stay at _____.