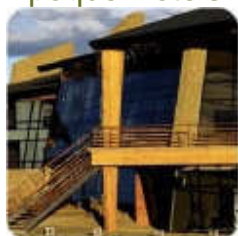


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Epoque Hotels: An offbeat guide to luxury



Forget the [Four Seasons](#) crowds and snobs who adore [The Leading Hotels of the World](#). Epoque Hotels, which has been building its portfolio of boutique properties for five years, tantalizes with a different kind of hotel experience (apparently, one with a lot of hyphenated adjectives needed to describe it): avant-garde, trendy-chic and luxury-classic. While that may sound like just so much hype, their collection of 270 innovative, creative hotels around the globe reveals some stimulating surprises.

Deal: Epoque Hotels doesn't offer any exclusive deals for booking rooms online through their website. When I tested them, however, the reservations agent and online search tool for special rates and promotions often (but not always) turned up the best available rates for booking directly with member hotels. The real value of this website is that you're free to search around for new, artful and invigorating places to stay in destinations you've become all too familiar with. Then you can surf to that hotel's own website to check for better deals.

[Have you stayed at any Epoque Hotels? Post your critiques in the Comments section.](#)

More...details: The Epoque Hotels [home page](#) has a clickable global map for you to explore. Almost half of their North American properties are located in Miami, where the company is headquartered, with member hotel rooms starting at \$100/night before taxes. They also have hand-picked properties in Boston, Chicago, New York, Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles (interestingly, WeHo's [Sunset Marquis Hotel and Villas](#)). I lost track of time drooling over properties I hadn't heard of in places I'd actually visited before, from the lakeside [Design Suites](#) in Calafate, Argentina, to the much ballyhooed [Dream Bangkok](#) in Thailand.

Why Go: If you are feeling jaded about boutique hotels, or tired of traveling in general.

Why Not: The hotels vary from unpretentious and relatively unknown to exclusive see-and-be-seen spots.

Critique: Epoque Hotels' online search tool for special packages and promotions can be awkward to use and misses out on some deals that are available while surfing other sections of the site. That said, I loved the detailed dossier available for each hotel property, listing everything from available amenities and the total dimensions for each room type to all of the languages spoken at the front desk.

Connect: The majority of Epoque Hotels provide high-speed Internet access for guests, with access types and surcharges that vary depending on the destination (i.e., don't expect free WiFi everywhere in the world).



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I have used this website before and had a wonderful experience. The staff at Epoque Hotels went to great lengths to research the best location for me to stay in Paris. There were so many to choose from and I wanted to get the best package for the budget that I had.

It is somewhat like a travel agency and I really love that I can tell them what I want and they will do the rest.

I most certainly will continue to use this service when traveling with friends and family.

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I often visit the Epoque Hotels website when I need inspiration on where to go on vacation. The site is easy to search and the staff who responds at the toll free number is always cordial and efficient. Of course, the hotels are amazing!!

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