

## AAA FOUR AND FIVE DIAMOND HOTELS 2018 FACT SHEET

Continuing a tradition of more than 80 years, AAA's professionally trained inspectors use published guidelines to conduct unannounced hotel evaluations. Properties that meet the requirements to be AAA Inspected & Approved are assigned a rating of One to Five Diamonds.

### Five Diamond Hotel Facts

- ◆ Properties identified by AAA as potential candidates for the Five Diamond Rating are based on multiple unannounced evaluations including anonymous overnight stays and final review by a panel of experts.
- ◆ For 2018, eight hotels were added to the Five Diamond Award list:
  1. Esperanza An Auberge Resort in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico;
  2. Four Seasons Hotel New York Downtown in New York City;
  3. Grand Luxxe Riviera Maya in Playa del Carmen, Mexico;
  4. Grand Velas Los Cabos in San Jose Del Cabo, Mexico;
  5. Kimpton Seafire Resort + Spa in Seven Mile Beach, Cayman Islands;
  6. The Langham, New York, Fifth Avenue in New York City;
  7. The Ritz-Carlton, Dallas in Dallas, Texas;
  8. Williamsburg Inn in Williamsburg, Virginia.
- ◆ Of note among this year's additions to the list are two properties that are the only Five Diamond hotels in their cities: The Ritz-Carlton, Dallas and Williamsburg Inn.
- ◆ New York City added two ultra-luxury accommodations, bringing its total to 11 Five Diamond hotels.
- ◆ A total of 121 hotels throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean received the AAA Five Diamond Rating in the past 12 months, qualifying them for the 2018 Five Diamond Award list.
- ◆ Five Diamond hotels represent just 0.4 percent of the more than 27,000 AAA Inspected & Approved and Diamond Rated hotels.
- ◆ States with the greatest number of Five Diamond hotels: California (16); New York (11); Florida (10); Quintana Roo, Mexico (8); and Nevada (7).
- ◆ Cities with the greatest number of Five Diamond hotels: New York (11); Las Vegas (7); Playa del Carmen, Mexico (5); Chicago (4) and Scottsdale, Arizona (4).
- ◆ Only one hotel has maintained the Five Diamond Rating for 42 consecutive years, since 1976 when the Diamond Ratings were first introduced: The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Eleven additional hotels have maintained the Five Diamond Rating for 25 or more years: Fairmont Scottsdale Princess in Scottsdale, Arizona; The Little Nell in Aspen, Colorado; Four Seasons Resort Maui at Wailea in Wailea, Hawaii; Four Seasons Hotel Boston in Boston, Massachusetts; Four Seasons Hotel Chicago in Chicago, Illinois; Four Seasons Hotel Washington, D.C., in the District of Columbia; The American Club in Kohler, Wisconsin; The Inn at Little Washington in Washington, Virginia; The Peninsula Beverly Hills in Beverly Hills, California; The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel in Dana Point, California; and The Ritz-Carlton in Naples, Florida.

### **Four Diamond Hotel Facts**

- ◆ For 2018, 126 hotels were added to the AAA Four Diamond Award list.
- ◆ A total of 1,676 hotels throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean received the Four Diamond Rating in the past 12 months, qualifying them for the 2018 Four Diamond Award list.
- ◆ Four Diamond hotels account for 6.1 percent of the more than 27,000 AAA Inspected & Approved and Diamond Rated hotels.
- ◆ States/provinces with the most Four Diamond hotels: California (173); Florida (145); Texas (95); New York (93); Illinois (56); Ontario (52); Massachusetts (50); Quintana Roo, Mexico (50); and Arizona (47).
- ◆ Cities with the most Four Diamond hotels: New York (58); Chicago (38); Boston (27); Toronto (23); New Orleans (21); Houston (20); San Antonio (20); Atlanta (19); Austin (19); San Francisco (19); Las Vegas (18); Miami Beach (17); Montreal, Canada (17); Punta Cana, Dominican Republic (17); Seattle (17); Cancun, Mexico, (16); Playa Del Carmen, Mexico (16); Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (16); Lake Buena Vista, Florida (15); Orlando (15); and Vancouver, Canada (15).
- ◆ Twelve hotels have maintained the Four Diamond Rating for 42 consecutive years, since 1976 when the Diamond Ratings were first introduced: Carriage House Inn in Carmel-by-the-Sea, California; Silverado Resort and Spa in Napa, California; Lost Valley Ranch in Deckers, Colorado; The Brown Palace Hotel and Spa, Autograph Collection in Denver, Colorado; General Palmer Hotel in Durango, Colorado; Stage Neck Inn in York Harbor, Maine; The Carlyle, A Rosewood Hotel in New York City; Tu Tu' Tun Lodge in Gold Beach, Oregon; Omni La Mansión del Rio in San Antonio, Texas; The Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; The Westin Prince Toronto; and Fairmont Le Château Frontenac in Québec.
- ◆ An additional 158 hotels have maintained the Four Diamond Rating for 25 or more years.

### **ABOUT AAA DIAMOND RATINGS**

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