

14 Stunning National Park Hotels You Need To Put On Your Bucket List ASAP

Beautiful views and exciting activities aren't just for the parks. These accommodations also have their own charms.

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People are exploring [National Parks](#) more than ever before. Visitation increased 4% from 2022 to 2023, [according to the National Parks Service](#), with a record 325.5 million visits in the year.

This popularity doesn't stop at the parks themselves, either — the hotels and lodges near the parks are also in-demand. These accommodations regularly book out months in advance, with people clamoring to be close to the scenic destinations.

There are a few factors you should keep in mind when booking a hotel at or near a National Park, like the time of year you want to visit. Experts say shoulder season, like the fall and spring are best, because you're more likely to avoid the crowds. (Winter can be a nice time, too, but many National Park lodges close down during the colder months, so you'll need to think about alternative accommodations for that time.)

Beyond when to go, it's equally as important to know where to stay. Below, travel experts share their picks for the best hotels at or near National Parks:

Rush Creek Lodge and Spa at Yosemite National Park in California



“In addition to its modern amenities and location just outside of Yosemite, [Rush Creek](#) affords our groups easy access to more off-the-beaten-path sites in Yosemite,” Cotter said.

The hotel is close to Yosemite attractions like the Dead Giant Tunnel Tree, Yosemite Valley Vista Point and the Devil's Dance Floor mountain peak.

You can explore the park on your own, or sign up for one of the guided Yosemite tours that can be booked through Rush Creek.