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## Great New Places to Stay in New England

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### 1. For Pampering

Tucked into the bucolic hills of northwestern Washington, Connecticut, **The Mayflower Grace** is a posh country inn that would make any Puritan blush. This season, the luxurious 30-room Relais & Chateaux property has updated a number of rooms and suites in an oh-so-sophisticated style by acclaimed designer Rod Pleasants. Guests lolling at the 20,000-square-foot spa can indulge in mind, body, and soul connection practices such as forest bathing, sound healing, and a Journey into Wellness program. 860-868-9466, [gracehotels.com/mayflower](http://gracehotels.com/mayflower)

### 2. For Modern B & B Lovers

If Victorian-themed B & Bs are not your style, there's a better-than-average chance you'll love the clean and contemporary renovations at

the seven-room **Nobnocket Boutique Inn** on Martha's Vineyard. Located on nearly 2 acres on a bluff that offers some views of Vineyard Haven Harbor, the Arts and Crafts-style house provides modern amenities like Frette linens and turn-down service. Don't sleep through breakfast or you'll miss out on a bounty of baked goodies, fresh fruit, and yummy egg creations. 508-696-0859, [nobnocket.com](http://nobnocket.com)

### 3. For Romance

Cuddle in Gilded Age splendor at **Spicer Mansion**, an eight-room luxury boutique hotel near the historic seaport of Mystic, Connecticut. Built as a sea captain's home in 1853, the meticulously restored property features swoon-worthy cuisine in its dining room and will serve up cocktails in soon-to-open Room No. 9, a speakeasy-style bar located behind a bookcase and down a set of stairs. Leave the kiddies at home; ages 16 and older only. 855-679-2468, [spicermansion.com](http://spicermansion.com)

### 4. For Cozy Elegance

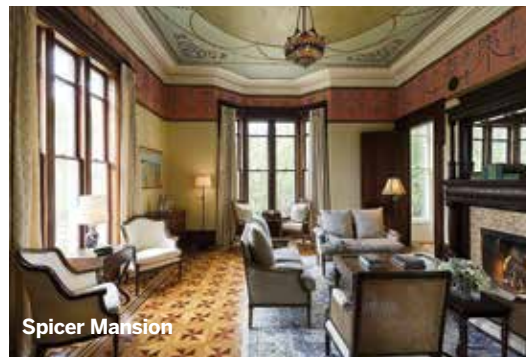
Old-world charm meets contemporary style at Nantucket's newest property on Broad Street, scheduled to open in late September. **Greydon House**, consisting of an 1850s Greek Revival structure and an addition, will offer 20 luxe rooms, restaurant and patio dining, and public spaces such as a living room with custom-built fireplace, low-slung vintage sofas, and marble-topped cocktail bar. The hotel is a 10-minute taxi ride from the airport and a five-minute walk from the ferry docks. 508-228-2468, [greydonhouse.com](http://greydonhouse.com)



Nobnocket Boutique Inn



Summercamp



Spicer Mansion



506 on the River Inn

### 5. For Childhood Nostalgia

Remember sleepaway camp? At **Summercamp** hotel in Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard — formerly the Wesley Hotel — you can relive the experience (or get a taste of it for the first time), with a few more creature comforts thrown in. Perched alongside Oak Bluff's iconic gingerbread

homes, the hotel is airy and bright, complete with Ping-Pong, a camp canteen that serves up classics like Cracker Jacks, and lockers for your bags (if you arrive early or leave late). Watch the ferries come and go from a rocking chair on the porch. Later, you'll snooze soundly, thanks to silky soft bedding. And in fall, you can stay for

a steal: Rooms start at \$149 per night through October. The hotel hibernates come November. 508-693-6611, [summercamphotel.com](http://summercamphotel.com)

### 6. For Chic Homebodies

A kitchen serving up country breakfasts and hearty dinners, antique decor, and a quiet setting (on the banks of the picturesque Ottauquechee River) are what you might expect from a Vermont inn. But it's the unexpected — an indoor pool, secluded suites, a game room with retro pinball machines, and a library with a pool table — that makes the family-owned **506 on the River Inn** a must-stay in Woodstock. Just minutes from downtown shops, the inn breathes fresh air into one of New England's quaintest towns and offers easy access to local ski resorts. 802-457-5000, [ontheriverwoodstock.com](http://ontheriverwoodstock.com)

### 7. For Newshounds

Here's the story: Portland's **Press Hotel** once housed the *Press Herald*, Maine's largest newspaper. That past is writ large in guest rooms furnished with sleek writers' desks and walls splattered with newspaper headlines (like "Elderly Lobster Set Free" and "Weary Fishermen Can Now Get Dinner at Becky's Diner"). The Old Port district is nearby (get there via complimentary bikes, if you wish), but there's terrific dining on-site too: The hotel's buzzy restaurant, Union, prides itself on locally sourced seafood and sustainably farmed produce. Rotating local art exhibits are featured in the hotel's gallery. 207-808-8800, [thepresshotel.com](http://thepresshotel.com)