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# The best boutique hotels in Chicago

Rest your head somewhere special at these cozy, personalized spots

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Sprawling chain hotels can be a snooze. Luckily, Chicago boasts an impressive assortment of boutique properties that trade size for warm personalized service and lashings of character. Here, seven of our favorite Chicago boutique hotels, from a family-run charmer far from the madding crowd to a British import crowned by one of the city's best rooftop pools.

## Best boutique hotels



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You can almost feel the history in the walls at this Loop landmark, built in 1895 as the Reliance Building by no lesser architectural lights than Daniel Burnham and John Root. Following a 2015 refresh, the property retains touches of old-world elegance—see, for instance, the elaborate ironwork and sumptuous marble that graces the stairways—while skewing decidedly modern and clean in guest rooms. Guests can enjoy custom yellow beach cruisers to explore the city, a fitness center, afternoon coffee and cupcakes in the lobby and comfy slippers you can take with you.

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