

# Museum or Hotel? Properties With Amazing Art Collections

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Hip hoteliers wouldn't be caught dead adorning their property's walls with generic mass-produced prints. In fact, some hotels make great artwork the centerpiece of their brand and curating incredible contemporary art has become a focus for many new properties. It's a thing right now.

Collaboration, curation, and collection are key for properties that want to create an authentic art experience. Some partner with area artists to commission original works and many hire a consultant, curator, or docent to help piece together the perfect mix. Here are some with amazing collections.



*Photo: The Vendue*

The Vendue in downtown Charleston has majorly impressive artistic flair thanks to a major renovation that happened last year. It's now home to 300 original works displayed throughout the guest rooms and on-site restaurant (Drawing Room), and even has its very own gallery space. To fill it, the Vendue partners with area and international art galleries in three themed exhibitions per year. What's more, the hotel even employs a full-time art docent, who conducts art tours and daily art talks and has a dedicated art studio, where the full-time artist-in-residence (currently Belgian painter Fred Jamar) works. There's also a smaller, more private gallery that hosts local exhibits, small parties, receptions, and meetings. The best part? Most works aren't just for décor, they're for sale. Rates start at around \$162.