

World's Best Nightlife Hotels



No. 15: The Vendue, Charleston, South Carolina

Catch postcard-worthy panoramas of Charleston harbor, Waterfront Park, and the bridge from the rooftop bar, a spacious and convivial spot atop the inn. The extensive cocktail list is matched by an equally impressive beer and wine list. Order a local brew, like the Palmetto Porter or Westbrook IPA from nearby Mt. Pleasant, and ask locals to dish on the latest city happenings.

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Hotels—at least, the very best of them—are so much more than a place to bed down. Often, hotels are the epicenter of a city's nightlife, offering guests and locals everything from sleek jazz lounges to innovative mixology bars.

In our annual World's Best survey, readers were asked to rank their favorite hotels on a number of categories, including value, service, and—of course—their nightlife scene. For some, the best hotel bar is a watering hole meant for mingling with fellow travelers and unwinding after a long flight. Others seek out low-lit, bass-thumping clubs, where they can while away the evening hours before slipping quickly, and easily, back to their rooms.

In Denver, visitors to The Little Nell are after cozy, après ski sessions that can languish long after the final run of the day. In Miami, on the other hand, the most highly ranked hotels offer a far more electric scene, with DJ lineups, boozy punch bowls, and more than a city's share of ultraviolet lights.

No matter the scene, be it pearls and cigars or bikinis and blue tiki cocktails, all of these hotels and resorts offer an entry into each destination's particular brand of nightlife. So slide into one of those cushy, pin-tucked booths and order a drink—ask for the house specialty—because these are the world's best hotels for nightlife.