

Travel

4 Hip LGBTQ+-Friendly Boutique Hotels Across the US

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(Source: The Garland)

Queer travelers often keep inclusivity top of mind, especially when it comes to choosing a hotel. This fall, *Hotels Above Par* and EDGE Media Network team up to present a monthly series of expert-curated guides to the world's best LGBTQ+-friendly boutique hotels and destinations. Today, we start with the U.S.

The Garland, North Hollywood, CA

Instagram: @TheGarland

Founded by actress Beverly Garland in 1972 as the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, The Garland in North Hollywood, CA, is a boutique hotel with a queer upbringing: It was a safe gathering space for LA's LGBTQ+ community in the '70s and '80s. Beverly's son, James, who took over in 2013, remembers all his parents' parties and the array of queer celebrities who attended. Groovy to its core, James refurbished the hotel and on-site restaurant *The Front Yard's* '70s California bohemian décor. The Garland hosts Brave Trails Annual Fundraiser—an LGBTQ+ leadership organization—and the Drag Yourself to The Valley show.



Herwood Inn

The Herwood Inn, Woodstock, NY

Instagram: @theherwoodinn

The Herwood Inn is a queer woman-owned boutique inn located in the heart of Woodstock, NY. Each of the four suites pays homage to iconic female musicians: Aretha Franklin, Carole King, Stevie Nicks, and Joni Mitchell. Additionally, the property partners with female, LGBTQ+, BIPOC, and minority-owned businesses, a nod to Woodstock's history of inclusivity.



The Gaige House

The Gaige House, Glen Ellen, CA

Instagram: @foursistersinn

A tasteful mélange of vintage and contemporary, this Sonoma Valley-located and TAG-approved inn features 23 thoughtfully appointed guest rooms with a modern, Asian flair. Next summer, stay here during the area's **Gay Wine Week**, which offers queer winemaker dinners, winery tours, and events benefiting local charities.



Clayton Hotel & Members Club

Clayton Hotel & Members Club, Denver, CO

Instagram: @ClaytonMembersclub

Denver-bound travelers will love this TAG-approved hotel's 63 deonair rooms, ambrosial restaurant, and rooftop bar with a connecting pool. The property collaborates with dozens of diverse artists to establish its unique aesthetic, including Black queer "Inaugural Poet in Residence" **Don B. Wilson**.