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AAA Inspectors Name the Skirvin Hilton as a Favorite Historic Hotel

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As travelers look for ways to connect with our nation's history, AAA inspectors compiled a list of their favorite historic hotels. Selections are noted for environments that evoke an atmosphere of days gone by with period architecture, antique furnishings and charming gardens, from the genteel South to the rambunctious Old West.

Typically 75 years or older with historic architecture, design, furnishings, public record or acclaim and at least one of the following:

- Maintains integrity of the historical nature
- On the National Register of Historic Places
- A National Historic Landmark
- In a National Register Historic District

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[Skirvin Hilton](#), AAA Four Diamond, Historic Hotel, Oklahoma City

William Balser Skirvin, a successful real estate developer and millionaire who was also involved in the oil industry, founded and opened the hotel in 1911. A third tower was added in 1926 with architectural enhancements that matched the original structures. Closed from 1988 to 2007 for a \$50 million renovation, beautiful aspects of the architecture and ornately carved pillars in the lobby have been restored and the hotel now boasts modern conveniences and luxury.

Here are a few of the other 42 historic hotels named by AAA inspectors as the nation's best:

[The Driskill](#), AAA Four Diamond Classic Historic Hotel, Austin, Texas

Opened in 1886; designated a National Historic Landmark in 1969; spectacular lobby with inlaid marble floors and magnificent woodwork leading to a grand staircase. Superior service and upscale amenities.

[La Posada Hotel](#), AAA Three Diamond Historic Hotel, Winslow, Ariz.

Hotel art museum, historical exhibits, grand architecture, gardens and contemporary; southwest cuisine in the Turquoise Room. Restorations to preserve the property's history include plans for a million dollar garden.

[Strater Hotel](#), AAA Three Diamond Classic Historic Hotel, Durango, Colo.

Steeped in history, this downtown landmark features employees in period costumes, 93 Victorian-style rooms filled with walnut antiques and period wallpapers. Western history enthusiasts will enjoy the beautiful lobby.

[The Willard InterContinental](#), AAA Four Diamond Classic Historic Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Opened in 1901, this time-honored hotel features rich, eye-catching Beaux Arts architecture. It was while staying here that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., put the finishing touches to his "I Have a Dream" speech. Luxurious accommodations and a high level of personal service.

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