

# The Top 10 Hotels in Chicago

**In a city steeped in architectural history, T+L readers reward properties that balance modern amenities with heritage and tradition.**

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Past and present collide beautifully at the Chicago Athletic Association Hotel, voted one of the top properties in Chicago by T+L readers for the second year in a row. Housed in an 1893 landmark — with a Venetian Gothic façade inspired by the Doge’s Palace, no less — the hotel was once a sporting club for the city’s elite. Today the 241-room property still features the original chandeliers and floor-to-ceiling fireplaces, but it also has a new game room where guests can play bocce and billiards. “There’s no need to ever leave the building — stunning restoration and original architecture,” said one reader. Added another: “This is a very sexy hotel.”

Every year for our [World’s Best Awards survey](#), T+L [asks readers to weigh in on travel experiences around the globe](#) — to share their opinions on the top hotels, resorts, cities, islands, cruise ships, spas, airlines, and more. Hotels were rated on their facilities, location, service, food, and overall value. Properties were classified as city or resort based on their locations and amenities.



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## 5. Chicago Athletic Association Hotel

Score: 89.26