

# The Best Hotels in The Hamptons

From manor houses to beachside retreats, each of these hotels promise a slice of old-school, east-coast luxury.

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Gurney's Montauk Resort occupies one of the most coveted spots in the whole region / ©Gurney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa.

Come summer, a trip to the Hamptons is engrained in the psyche of Manhattan's elite. When the heat clogs the streets of the city, wealthy New Yorkers understandably leave en masse, flogging a few hours east to the far tip of Long Island where the cool Atlantic breeze awaits.

While many opt to go the whole hog and get a rental – be it for the entire summer or just a week or two – the Hamptons also has its fair share of luxury hotels, ranging from the chic beachside hideaways to the grand Shingle-style manor houses.

Below you'll find our top picks of the best hotels in the Hamptons – as well as a few rentals, just for good measure – each of which promises a slice of old-school, east-coast luxury.

# Shou Sugi Ban House



Shou Sugi Ban House meditation room / ©Fredrika Stjerne for Shou Sugi Ban House

Shou Sugi Ban House is not your typical Hamptons retreat. Located in the village of Water Mill, between Bridgehampton and Southampton, the resort-hotel spreads across five acres and encompasses a bed and breakfast and a small collection of short-stay rentals, as well as, most importantly, a designated retreat and spa.

It is this retreat that really cemented Shou Sugi Ban House's reputation as one of the best hotels in the Hamptons – here, guests can indulge in a Japanese-inspired wellness package, which includes daily meditation, hydrotherapy and movement classes, with the option for additional spa treatments.

Truly bucking the region's coastal-core interior style, the retreat is all restrained color palettes and minimalist furnishings. You could even book a night or two at Shou Sugi Ban House as a mini-retreat within your wider Hamptons trip – everyone needs a vacation within a vacation after all.