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The 10 Top Cozy U.S. Hotels to Visit This Winter

With their firepits and comfort-minded interiors, these are the best hideaways where you can embrace the chill this season.

When it comes to winter travel, you have one of two options: Run from the cold and find some tropical beach where it's sunny right now, or embrace the seasonal chill and opt for maximum coziness. We're talking wintry hideaways where firepits are abundant, the smell of wood smoke fills the air, and the interior design goes heavy on comfy wools and flannels. They're places where it's just as rewarding to go out and explore as it is to sit by a window with a good book and take in the snow globe-like scene outside. As part of our Hotels We Love series, we've selected our 10 favorite winter retreats from around the country, listed here in no particular order.

9. Parker Palm Springs, California



Yes, even Palm Springs can get chilly, and there's no better place to warm up than around the firepit at the Parker. Courtesy of Parker Palm Springs

- Location: Palm Springs, California
- Why we love it: A midcentury setting where it's just as lovely to make s'mores by the fire as it is to hang
 by the pool
- Loyalty program: Leaders Club (Leading Hotels of the World)
- Book now

Opened in 1959 as California's first Holiday Inn, the Parker Palm Springs is a midcentury landmark that has lived many lives in its first six and a half decades: Western movie star Gene Autry bought the property to house his baseball team, the California Angels, during spring training in the '60s; TV producer Merv Griffin later took it over in the 1990s; and Jonathan Adler later spruced up the interiors, adding his whimsical hodgepodge style with eclectic art pieces (like a seven-foot-tall bronze banana sculpture) and homey touches, including needlepoint pillows and sheepskin throws.

At the on-site spa, the Palm Springs Yacht Club, guests relax in plush cotton terry robes in between treatments like hot stone massages and honey cocoon body wraps. And after the sun sets and the desert temperatures drop, many make their way into Mini Bar for a coveted spot around the mod fireplace, where the seating is divided between cushions and leather poufs, or head to the butterfly chairs around the firepit to make s'mores. With the crisp night air and the starry sky overhead, there may be no better way to experience winter in the California desert. From \$699\$