

LUXURY BOUTIQUE HOTELS IN MANHATTAN, NEW YORK CITY

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As a baby boomer from the Midwest, the concept of a luxury boutique hotel was foreign to me until we started to visit large metropolitan areas and Europe.

As I'm sure you're aware, many luxury destinations in the United States has become massive, sprawling complexes that can accommodate multiple hundreds of travelers. We don't have anything against these destinations, in fact we're madly in love with quite a few.

It seems the luxury boutique hotel is designed to give a more intimate experience and quite often an experience that revolves around a theme of some sort.

According to an article by Lucienne Anhar in [www.hospitality.net](#), "travelers nowadays expect more than simply comfort and convenience. An increasing number of travelers prefer to be "surprised" — positively, needless to say. When planning trips, they seek properties that are noticeably different in look and feel from branded hotels. Although many travelers claim to seek lodging facilities that coincide with the traditional hotel concept, boutique hotels are becoming more and more of a social manipulation: those who do not stay in boutique hotels are categorized as unfashionable and un-hip".

I don't know about the "un-hip" part, but we've been pleasantly surprised in a number of luxury boutique hotels and enjoy them regularly in our travel itinerary.

In our recent visit to New York City we decided to experience a variety of luxury boutique hotels and share them with you. Interestingly, in a large city like New York City, and particularly in Manhattan where real estate prices are astronomical, these luxury boutique hotels seem to have a fairly small street-front presence (wide), but tend to be deep and many stories high.

We visited five luxury boutique hotels during our visit, and you can find them *listed below in the order of our visit*.

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The Blakely New York

Our first stop found us at [The Blakely](#) which features 118 rooms total; 57 deluxe and 54 suites on 17 floors.

Located in midtown Manhattan, The Blakely is quite popular with those who desire a reasonably priced home away from home within walking distance to destinations such as Central Park, the Museum of Modern Art, Carnegie Hall, Rockefeller Center, and shopping on 5th and Madison Avenues.

Each room features full kitchenettes with mini-fridge, microwave, coffee-makers, dishes, and free Wi-Fi. There is a complimentary breakfast served each morning in the Michelin and Zagat rated Abboccato restaurant, as well as complimentary access to an on-site fitness facility.

We enjoyed one of the junior suites which gave us a little extra stretching room with a comfy couch and a great chair with footstool; a very welcome benefit after strolling the streets of Manhattan all day!

We'll be doing a separate Manhattan dining feature which will include the Abboccato restaurant located in this hotel.

Our bathroom was done in beautiful marble, featured a glorious rain-shower, and we greatly enjoyed the Frette Robes and Penhaligons toiletries.

We were always greeted by a cheerful doorman going in and out, found the staff to be very friendly, and loved the feeling and character of the rich paneled walls, fresh flowers, and leather furniture in the lobby.

Adding to the New York City allure was the quite-small elevator that we all used to usher us up to our rooms. When you pack six people into these small New York City elevators, it's quite easy to make new friends. 😊

The Blakely enjoys a chorus of praise from Travel & Leisure, Zagat, US News and World Reports, Michelin Guide, and now The Roaming Boomers. Value isn't generally something attributed to a Manhattan hotel, but we feel that we've really unearthed a reasonably priced boutique hotel with a fantastic location.

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Lobby



Junior Suite



Dining at Abboccato restaurant



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