

## Photos: TripAdvisor Touts Ten Holiday Hotel Hideouts to Shake the Season's Stress

### 'Go/No Go Index' Helps Travelers Escape the Holiday Rush by Digging Up Off-the-Beaten-Path Alternatives to Larger, Overrun Hotels

NEWTON, Mass. Nov. 13 /PRNewswire/ -- TripAdvisor®, the world's most popular and largest travel community, today announced its second installment of the Go/No Go Index, surfacing "holiday hotel hideouts" in ten major U.S. cities.

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With the craziness of the holiday season nigh, travelers seeking a quiet retreat from the madness need look no further: TripAdvisor site data has revealed undiscovered hotel havens for the holiday season. These hidden-gem properties are among the most popular on TripAdvisor.com, but were viewed an average of 70 percent less in the past 30 days than their popular -- but larger and busier -- counterparts. Travelers may want to avoid the "No Go" hotels for a break from the stressful holiday crowds, and head straight for the "Go" hotels for more obscure but still highly-rated hotel escapes -- (hopefully with nary a nagging mother-in-law in sight).

#### 1. Holiday Hotel Hideout in New York City

**GO: Nicolena's Bed and Breakfast** -- 49 Warren Street, New York, N.Y. -- Average Nightly Rate: \$234

Made up of two suites and a studio, Nicolena's is a stylish Tribeca holiday haven. Access to the subway and renowned restaurants and shops make it easy to enjoy the city in all its holiday splendor before stealing away to large but cozy rooms. One TripAdvisor traveler said, "Nicolena provides respite from the hustle and bustle of downtown."

**NO GO: Casablanca Hotel** -- 147 West 43rd Street, New York, N.Y. -- Average Nightly Rate: \$316

With Times Square buzzing just outside its doors, Casablanca Hotel is top-notch for service and location, but being right in the heart of the bustling New York action may not suit those looking for a quiet holiday getaway.

#### 2. Holiday Hotel Hideout in Los Angeles

**GO: Venice Admiral Suites** -- 29 Navy Street, Venice, Calif. -- Average Nightly Rate: \$227

As one TripAdvisor traveler put it, "It feels like your own apartment right in Venice." Steps from the beach, Venice Admiral Suites has an intimate penthouse feel, with no reception and no hotel bustle, making it a great Venice hideaway over the holidays.

**NO GO: Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites Walk of Fame** -- 1921 North Highland Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif. -- Average Nightly Rate: \$162

Its location minutes from the Hollywood Walk of Fame draws tourists here in droves, making it busy and bustling. One TripAdvisor traveler also cited "noise and heavy traffic until very late every night."

#### 3. Holiday Hotel Hideout in Chicago

**GO: University Quarters Bed & Breakfast** -- 6137 South Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, Ill. -- Average Nightly Rate: \$202

The name may call to mind a dormitory, but University Quarters is an intimate bed and breakfast in a charming greystone near the University of Chicago. With only three rooms and a suite, it is an excellent place to hide away for the holidays.

**NO GO: Affinia Chicago** -- 166 East Superior Street, Chicago, Ill. -- Average Nightly Rate: \$229

The Affinia is a popular hotel which boasts 215 rooms and a fantastic location just off the Magnificent Mile, but as one

TripAdvisor traveler points out, "With the convenient location comes the noise."

#### 4. Holiday Hotel Hideout in Philadelphia

**GO: Lippincott House** -- 2023-2025 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa. -- Average Nightly Rate: \$200

Staying in Lippincott House is akin to staying in your own small private castle, and the B&B gets rave reviews for its owners' hospitality. One TripAdvisor traveler called it "comfortable and quiet" -- perfect for some holiday peace.

**NO GO: Alexander Inn** -- 301 South 12th and Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pa. -- Average Nightly Rate: \$117

This may be a fabulous place to stay, but everyone knows it, so be prepared to share your getaway with a good many neighbors, especially given the Alexander Inn's desirable location near many of Philadelphia's historical sites.

#### 5. Holiday Hotel Hideout in San Francisco

**GO: Golden Gate Hotel** -- 775 Bush Street, San Francisco, Calif. -- Average Nightly Rate: \$130

A 25-room inn with cozy furnishings and a great San Francisco location, the Golden Gate Hotel is beloved by those who know it for its warm, charming and friendly home-away-from-home atmosphere (there's even a resident cat and dog). One TripAdvisor traveler even said, "Felt homesick for this hotel after I left."

**NO GO: Omni San Francisco Hotel** -- 500 California Street, San Francisco, Calif. -- Average Nightly Rate: \$238

A great base for visiting the city, the Omni's Financial District location and numerous amenities make it a great San Francisco hotel -- but not for escaping the holiday crowds.

#### 6. Holiday Hotel Hideout in Dallas

**GO: Corinthian Bed & Breakfast** -- 4125 Junius Street, Dallas, Texas -- Average Nightly Rate: \$180

Situated in a beautiful Dallas home, guests call this property the perfect place for a getaway. But still lesser-known, it retains its private, intimate feel. One TripAdvisor traveler said, "The house is stately, yet warm and intimate."

**NO GO: Hotel Palomar Dallas -- a Kimpton Hotel** -- 5300 E Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas -- Average Nightly Rate: \$260

Near downtown Dallas and shopping, dining, and entertainment, the Hotel Palomar Dallas is large and well-appointed, and may be a better choice for those looking for a big, bustling, Texan holiday experience.

#### 7. Holiday Hotel Hideout in Boston

**GO: Green Turtle Floating Bed and Breakfast** -- Shipyard Quarters Marina, 13th Street, Charlestown, Mass. -- Average Nightly Rate: \$195

True to its name, the small bed and breakfast floats elegantly atop Boston Harbor, away from the hustle and bustle of the city streets. From here, travelers can enjoy breathtaking views of Boston at a safe distance from the stress of the holidays. One TripAdvisor traveler said, "What an exciting and different place for a 'getaway.'"

**NO GO: Hotel Commonwealth** -- 500 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Mass. -- Average Nightly Rate: \$253

Well-known for its excellent service and location, the Hotel Commonwealth's 150 elegant rooms, housed in a 100-year-old brownstone, are likely to be filled with holiday travelers this season.

#### 8. Holiday Hotel Hideout in Washington, D.C.

**GO: Akwaaba DC** -- 1708 16th Street NW, Washington, D.C. -- Average Nightly Rate: \$200

Located in an historic townhouse, Akwaaba DC has a unique literary theme, and each guestroom features the literature of the genre or the author after which it is named. Guests also love the hospitality, with many TripAdvisor travelers remarking that the innkeeper "created a comfortable atmosphere."

**NO GO: Sofitel Washington DC** -- 806 15th Street NW, Washington, D.C. -- Average Nightly Rate: \$321

The Sofitel has an amazing location for sightseeing, along with memorable service, but is very popular as a result, making it better for a busy, touristy trip than for a peaceful break.

## 9. Holiday Hotel Hideout in Miami

**GO: Sadigo Court** -- 334 20th Street, Miami, Fla. -- Average Nightly Rate: \$226

A charming B&B, Sadigo Court boasts intimate suites overlooking a tropical courtyard providing guests with tranquility and privacy, away from the wild and noisy atmosphere that South Beach radiates. One TripAdvisor traveler called it "an escape from the nearly inescapable hustle of the world today."

**NO GO: EPIC Hotel -- a Kimpton Hotel** -- 270 Biscayne Blvd Way, Miami, Fla. -- Average Nightly Rate: \$395

A large and luxurious hotel, it lives up to its epic name. But for a more secluded getaway, look elsewhere -- EPIC is metropolitan in feel and is more a populated resort than an intimate hotel.

## 10. Holiday Hotel Hideout in Phoenix

**GO: Maricopa Manor Bed and Breakfast Inn** -- 15 West Pasadena Avenue, Phoenix, Ariz. -- Average Nightly Rate: \$216

Maricopa Manor Bed and Breakfast Inn's six suites feel more like individual, intimate guest apartments. One TripAdvisor traveler said, "We could feel ourselves breathe a sigh of relief when turning off the long, straight, mall-laden streets into this quiet, almost elegant but certainly peaceful area."

**NO GO: Arizona Grand Resort** -- 8000 S. Arizona Grand Parkway, Phoenix, Ariz. -- Average Nightly Rate: \$244

A top choice for families, Arizona Grand Resort is indeed grand... and busy. Lots of vacationers with children enjoying the Arizona sunshine make this feel like a big, fun resort without much opportunity for a quiet retreat.

"The holidays can get overwhelming, with lots of family, crowds, and the pressure of finding that perfect gift," said Christine Petersen, chief marketing officer for TripAdvisor. "Just in time, the Go/No Go Index has surfaced holiday hotel hideouts to give travelers a breather this season, based on opinions from the millions of travelers on TripAdvisor.com."

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