WEST VIRGINIA: THE GREENBRIER HOTEL

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MACKINAC ISLAND: GRAND HOTEL

The famous 880 ft Long Porch overlooking the swimming pool.
The Heritage Group has recorded details of the history, architecture and engineering services in a variety of early Hotels. These may be viewed from SPECIAL SUBJECTS on the opening page of our website. Many hotels have been completely rebuilt, extended or renamed over their hundred year or longer existence. Those which follow are regarded as icons.

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Originally four floors, extended with a ten-storey tower wing added in 1924.
HAVANA: HOTEL SEVILLA

Opened as Sevilla-Biltmore in 1924.
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The main entrance.

The Roof Garden room.
HAVANA: HOTEL SEVILLA

Entertainment in the Roof Garden in 1924.

The Patio about 1924.
HAVANA: HOTEL SEVILLA

The Ground Floor Arcade with a variety of shops 1924.
HAVANA: HOTEL SEVILLA

Fountain in the Patio, 1924.
There is a Presidential Suite and seven Suites named for Former First Ladies.
With an 880 ft Porch said to be "The Longest in the World."
MACKINAC ISLAND: GRAND HOTEL

The carriages await.
Drinks and conversation on the porch.
MACKINAC ISLAND: GRAND HOTEL

The Geranium Bar.
The Salle a Manger.
Under construction in 1906. The predecessor hotel was built 1883-90.
NEW YORK: PLAZA HOTEL

THE PLAZA
NEW YORK

Fifth Avenue at 59th Street

THE WORLD’S
MOST LUXURIOUS HOTEL

Opened Tuesday, October 1, 1907

RATES
Single Rooms $2.50 per day, with bath $4.00, $6.00
Double Rooms with bath $6.00 to $10.00 per day.
Parlor, Bedroom and Bath $12.00 to $20.00 per day.
Parlor, two Bedrooms and two Baths $16.00, $18.00,
$20.00 and $25.00 per day.

FRED. STERRY, Managing Director

Room rates 1907.
NEW YORK: PLAZA HOTEL

21 floors with over 800 rooms at its peak.
Ground Floor included Oak Room Restaurant, Edwardian, Terrace Rooms and Palm Court.
NEW YORK: PLAZA HOTEL

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A Mecca for Film Stars and a location for many movies including "North By Northwest."
NEW YORK: WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL

The original 1893 hotel comprised the Waldorf and Astoria Hotels. It was demolished in 1929 to make way for the Empire State Building.
An early bedroom and lounge complete with fireplace.
NEW YORK: WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL

Opened 1931, 625 ft, 47 floors: world's tallest hotel 1931 until 1963.
NEW YORK: WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL

The Starlight Roof 1931.
NEW YORK: WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL

In 2014, the hotel had 1413 rooms, but many are being converted to condominiums.

The four hotel restaurants are: Peacock Alley, Bull and Bear, Steakhouse and La Chine.
NEW YORK: WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL

The Peacock Alley, famous for Sunday Brunch.
The first Palace Hotel had 755 guest rooms, each with a water closet, a fireplace, some form of mechanical (?) ventilation, and a fire protection system with 20,000 ft of fire hose and 350 outlets. However, the hotel was destroyed in the earthquake and fire of 1906.
The second Palace Hotel opened in 1909, 9 storeys high with 880 rooms and with the world-famous Garden Court.
SAN FRANCISCO: PALACE HOTEL

The entrance.

The Pied Piper Bar (temporarily moved during Prohibition).
SAN FRANCISCO: PALACE HOTEL

The Garden Court Restaurant.

Today the Palace is surrounded by skyscrapers.
The Hotel now has 556 rooms and 53 suites.
TORONTO: ROYAL YORK HOTEL 1929

The Largest Hotel in the British Empire

The Royal York
Toronto Canada
A Canadian Pacific Hotel

407 ft tall, 28 floors, 1363 rooms, 4 restaurants.
TORONTO: ROYAL YORK HOTEL

Built by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.
The Hotel under construction around 1927-28 (with airship flying over).
TORONTO: ROYAL YORK HOTEL

Construction nearly completed. Opened 1929.
TORONTO: ROYAL YORK HOTEL

The four restaurants.
WEST VIRGINIA: GREENBRIER HOTEL 1913

The Hotel has 710 guest rooms, 20 restaurants, 36 shops and 55 indoor and outdoor activities.
WEST VIRGINIA: THE GREENBRIER HOTEL

An All-Year Resort in White Sulphur Springs in the Allegheny Mountains.
WEST VIRGINIA: THE GREENBRIER HOTEL

Set in 1100 acres. Served as a 2000 bed US Army Hospital 1943-46. Also held a secret, classified underground facility (bunker) "Project Greek Island" 1959-89.

The luxury indoor Swimming Pool.
The Hawley Porch on an Estate House (complete with ceiling fan).
WEST VIRGINIA: THE GREENBRIER HOTEL

The Greenbrier Golf Club was the site of the 1979 Ryder Cup, the first to be contested under the format of United States against Europe. In 1994, it hosted the Solheim Cup, the women's equivalent. Head Golf Professionals have included Sam Snead, Tom Watson and Lee Trevino.

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