

Southern Living

The South's Best Stays 2021



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Our favorite stays in the South are spots that feel like home, but they're also packed with all the amenities you could ever dream of. Some are cozy and quiet, others are shiny and new, and a few are all-inclusive mega-stays that invite you to lounge as long as you like. (We like the sound of that.) All of them are as welcoming as can be; in fact, they're the most inviting stays we can imagine, and

we're happy to share them with you. These bookable spots are perfect places from which to jump-start your exploration of their surroundings, whether that's in the mountains, along the coasts, or in Southern cities and small towns. However, these stays are also destinations in and of themselves, so you might be tempted to stay put, kick back, and relax for the duration of your visit. (We totally get it.) Check in any time of year, and stay awhile—the South's Best stays will be glad to have you.



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Highlander Mountain House

Highlands, North Carolina

This cozy clapboard inn was built in 1885. With 18 rooms in the main house and bunkhouse, it practically oozes rustic authenticity and Carolina charm. Enjoy all-day service at The Ruffed Grouse tavern, where the dining room invites you to savor local fare as you sit by a roaring fire.

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