

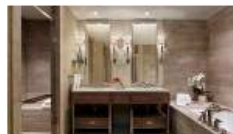
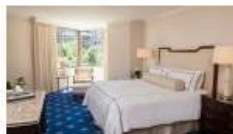
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5 Best Hotels for 4th of July Weekend

The Rittenhouse (Philadelphia)

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The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were both signed in Philadelphia, so it is only fitting to celebrate Independence Day in the historic city. **The Rittenhouse**, located across the street from the picturesque Rittenhouse Square Park, offers a special **Independence Day Package** just for the occasion. The package includes overnight accommodations, valet parking, breakfast for two, and spa treatments. (Prices vary depending on the room or suite selected.) Guests also will receive two tickets to ride the Philly Phlash bus loop, which stops at destinations such as Penn's Landing, One Liberty Observation Deck, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art, where they can watch some of the best fireworks in the city. (rittenhousehotel.com)

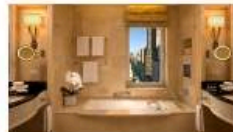
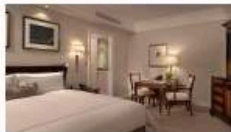


The Peninsula New York

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Make the most of your 4th of July weekend by visiting iconic New York City staples like Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. When evening arrives, head to **the Peninsula New York** and watch the East River fireworks show from the newly redesigned rooftop lounge, Salon de Ning. Located on the 23rd floor, the lounge features iron-rod tables and chairs, giant canopied umbrellas, and colorful floral accents. Room rates start at \$595 per night for the 4th of July weekend. (newyork.peninsula.com)

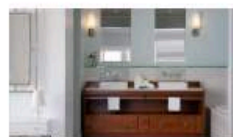


Casa Madrona Hotel & Spa (San Francisco)

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Built in 1885, the Mansion at **Casa Madrona Hotel & Spa** overlooks Richardson Bay, just half an hour from San Francisco. To celebrate the 4th of July in style, guests can stay in one of the Mansion's 11 guest rooms, or they can reserve the Alexandrite Suite (from \$10,000 per night), a 5,000-square-foot residence that overlooks the San Francisco skyline. Equipped with an outdoor bar, barbecue station, fire pit, lounge, and plenty of seats, the suite is the ideal place to relax while watching fireworks light up the bay. Large groups can book the entire 11-room mansion (accommodates up to 24 people) for around \$25,000 per night. Guest rooms in an adjacent contemporary hotel building, as well as individual cottages, are available also (rates upon request). For a truly bespoke holiday experience, the concierge will help guests reserve seats on the schooner *Freda B* so they can watch fireworks while on the water. (casamadrona.com)



The Ritz-Carlton, Marina del Rey (Los Angeles)

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Overlooking a beautiful boat-filled marina just south of Santa Monica and Venice Beach, **the Ritz-Carlton, Marina del Rey**, is one of the best places to watch fireworks in the Los Angeles area. And the five-star property is going all out for the 4th of July weekend. The on-site restaurant, Cast & Plow, will host a special dinner to celebrate the occasion. The meal (\$78 per person; reservations required) allows guests to choose one of four appetizers (watermelon and feta, smoked potato salad, crispy rock shrimp, or gazpacho) and one of five main dishes (barbecue brisket, mesquite smoked chicken, salmon, smoked barbecue pork, or grilled eggplant lasagna). For dessert, guests can choose between a streusel-topped cherry tart and a brownie sundae with salted-caramel ice cream. Throughout the day, registered hotel guests can relax in rented cabanas overlooking the waterfront pool. The rentals (starting at \$500 on the weekend) include all-day food and beverage service, one chilled fruit presentation, one refrigerator stocked with nonalcoholic beverages, one bottle of Champagne, and access to television. The poolside restaurant Wave Poolside Bar + Grill (for registered guests only) will offer such summertime drinks as fresh melon berry mojitos and piña coladas. Room rates start at \$409. ([ritzcarlton.com](https://www.ritzcarlton.com))





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Opened in 1875, **Palace Hotel** is located in the heart of downtown San Francisco. Stationed just a few blocks from the Embarcadero waterfront (where the fireworks will take place), the grande dame features a sky-lit indoor swimming pool and a Ghirardelli chocolate and ice-cream shop. Family-friendly activities include kids' sushi-making lessons with the chef, movie nights, and tours of the historic hotel. Nightly rates start at around \$225.

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