

Editors' CHOICE

The Plaza Hotel, New York

LOCATED AT FIFTH AVENUE AND CENTRAL Park South, The Plaza Hotel (www.fairmont.com/theplaza) has long been a New York landmark. With the completion of a \$400 million renovation, the Beaux Arts building features some of the world's most luxurious suites, as well as some of Manhattan's finest spots to see and be seen.

All The Plaza Hotel's suites, from the 625-square-foot Rose Suites to the 2,100-square-foot duplex Royal Terrace Suite, are equipped with high-speed wireless Internet access and a guest services panel that connects each room with a vast array of concierge and butler services and allows guests to control the lighting, heating, and entertainment systems. The bathrooms are finished with inlaid stone mosaics in floral motifs; a bathtub and separate glass shower; Sherle Wagner gold-plated sinks, faucets, and accessories; handcrafted solid white marble vanities; oversized Mascioni bath towels; and Miller Harris toiletries made exclusively for the hotel. Guest rooms also boast Beaux Arts-inspired decor, including chandeliers, and modern amenities such as a video-on-demand system and a CD and DVD player.

In addition to these luxurious accommodations, The Plaza Hotel is also home to several noteworthy restaurants, bars, and lounges. Among them is The Rose Club, which embodies the grandeur of the landmark hotel with a splash of contemporary style and spirit and overlooks the new Fifth Avenue lobby. Located where the Persian Room nightclub played host to such acts as Bob Hope, Bob Fosse, Liza Minnelli, Duke Ellington, Miles Davis, John Coltrane, and Billie Holiday, today The Rose Club offers an array of signature cocktails and the lighter gourmet fare of Chef Didier Viot. The elegant ambience of the club blends the past, present, and future of the legendary hotel.

Located in the center of the lobby level, the storied Palm Court has been restored to its original grandeur. A stained-glass lay light pays homage to the life, vitality, and grandeur of New York, as guests enjoy Afternoon Tea, as well as breakfast, lunch, and Saturday and Sunday brunch menus featuring international cuisine and fresh, locally grown products.

These opulent new accommodations and amenities prove that, while The Plaza Hotel is still a legendary grande dame of New York luxury and hospitality, there are many new discoveries to make within its storied walls. ●



The newly renovated lobby of The Plaza Hotel (top); The Rose Club (bottom)