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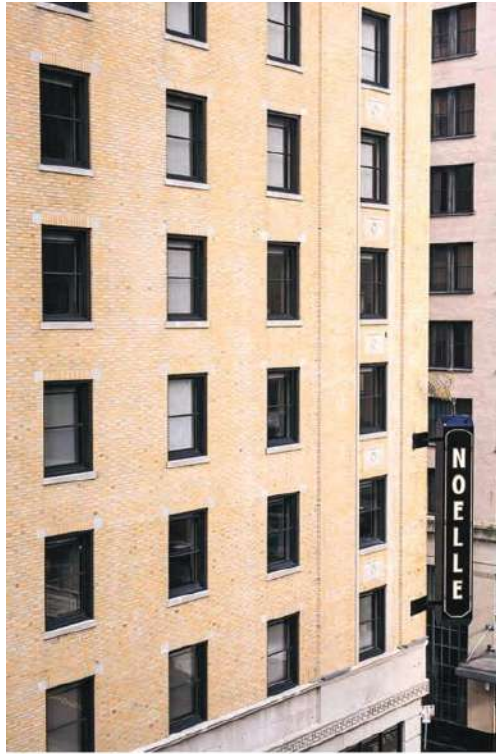
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GRAND VENUES FOR GREAT EVENTS

Looking for that unique venue to hold your next meeting or conference? When you can find just the right mix of location, ambiance and function space, along with those all-important dates and rates, you know you are on the path to a successful event! Here are a few suggestions for your consideration that should fill the bill!

NOELLE NASHVILLE, NASHVILLE, TN

Noelle Nashville is a gem located on the corner of 4th & Church in Nashville, just steps from the historic Printers Alley and a short walk to the hustle and bustle of Broadway. The hotel itself was built in 1930 at a time when downtown Nashville was experiencing a boom of hotels, department stores and characters aplenty. The hotel, created by some of the area's finest makers and artists, is designed to acquaint guests with the warmth, talent and delightful unpredictability that make Nashville so special. The hotel boasts 224 beautifully appointed guest rooms that dig into the city's rich history by showcasing "Nashvilians of Note" and telling their stories. Guestrooms are also equipped with plush linens and robes and refillable water bottles for guest use during their stay.

Noelle boasts a collection of food and beverage venues including Makeready L&L; offering seasonal American fare; Rare Bird, Noelle's rooftop lounge boasting incredible Nashville views and a collection of bites and craft cocktails; Drug Store Coffee, the hotel's first-floor coffee bar that serves as the perfect place for those looking to grab a pastry and a seat, or take their caffeine fix with them on their way out the door; and Trade Room,

Noelle's lobby bar equipped with a robust all-

American wine list, classic cocktails and a healthy rotation of local brews. The hotel is also home to Keep Shop, a luxury retail boutique filled with pieces from Nashville's top fashion designers, makers and artists.

For meetings and groups, Noelle offers four beautifully designed spaces with capacities ranging from 2 to 140 guests. The Saidee Gallery, a show-stopping ballroom, is the largest of Noelle's spaces and boasts floor-to-ceiling arched windows that run the length of two walls, allowing for natural light during the day and the city glow at night.

For more information, visit <https://www.noelle-nashville.com>



THE RITTENHOUSE, PHILADELPHIA, PA

A luxury treasure in the heart of Rittenhouse Square, The Rittenhouse is part of the Independent Collection Hotels & Resorts portfolio. The hotel embodies the city's rich history and charm while delivering world-class service, well-appointed rooms and suites and luxurious amenities that suit the needs of any guest.

Property highlights include The Rittenhouse Spa & Club, a tranquil oasis offering an expansive menu of spa treatments and salon services in addition to a state-of-the-art fitness center and pool. The Rittenhouse Spa & Club also features a steam room and outdoor deck that is available to any spa or hotel guest. The Rittenhouse is also known for its array of food and beverage options, with concepts including the award-winning French dining outpost Lacroix, led by Executive Chef Jonathan Cichon; Library Bar, offering an expertly crafted collection of cocktails and bites and Scarpetta, known for its elevated Italian cuisine.

For meetings, groups and weddings, The Rittenhouse offers 8,740 square feet of meeting and event space with the ability to

host groups of varying sizes. The hotel has a fully equipped business center and a trained professional staff to assist with any function along with a presentation services and in-house audio and video company. The hotel offers both indoor and outdoor event spaces, with standouts including the 4,285-square-foot Grand Ballroom, perfect for weddings and larger-scale events and the Mary Cassatt Tea Room, an intimate events setting that offers soaring ceilings, natural sunlight and beautiful garden views. For those looking to book more exclusive events and celebrations, The Rittenhouse's Park Suite Private Retreat package, designed for up to 10 guests, offers a complete buyout of the Premier Park Suite Floor; salon services at The Rittenhouse Spa & Club; private dining in the P-Suite foyer by Chef Cichon and a private breakfast the next morning.

For more information, visit <https://www.rittenhousehotel.com/>.



L'AUBERGE DEL MAR, Del Mar, CA

L'Auberge Del Mar is an iconic Noble House Hotels & Resorts property that overlooks the Pacific Ocean in Del Mar, a charming coastal village in Southern California just north of San Diego. The 121-room property is located on the historic site of The Stratford Inn, originally built in 1910 and recently underwent a \$10.5 million dollar renovation inclusive of a complete lobby re-imagination, stunning guest room upgrades, an entirely new dining experience, a new pool and pool bar and more.

Resort highlights include the newly introduced Adelaide, an ocean-forward, ingredient-driven dining experience that celebrates the bounty of the Pacific waters ranging from Baja to the North Salish Sea. The resort also boasts Lyric Coffee, serving product from local favorite Bird Rock Coffee Roasters and offers guests the energy of a favorite local cafe with the allure of Del Mar. The Pool Bar, part of the resort's multi-million-dollar renovation, celebrates L'Auberge Del Mar's ideal location.

Boasting a collection of beautifully appointed cabanas and a menu of frozen sips and specialty dishes help round out this elevated and quintessentially coastal pool experience. The resort is also conveniently located near local shops, restaurants, galleries, hiking golf and an array of outdoor activities and attractions and boasts a rotating menu of guest activities in addition to the luxurious Spa L'Auberge.

L'Auberge Del Mar offers six unique meeting spaces varying in size with both indoor and outdoor options that can accommodate the needs of various groups ranging from weddings to corporate retreats and beyond. L'Auberge Del Mar's resort team can also assist in building itineraries filled with team building activities like cocktail competitions, surfing or paddle board lessons, hot air ballooning and more. The resort is truly a spectacular location for any event.

For more information, visit <https://www.laubergedelmar.com>



SAN DIEGO MISSION BAY RESORT, SAN DIEGO, CA

San Diego Mission Bay Resort is an award-winning, 357-room luxury property located in the heart of San Diego on the Mission Bay Park waterfront. The treasured resort recently completed a \$32 million dollar renovation inclusive of upgrades to the property's beach-chic guest rooms; waterfront pool area; meetings, groups and dining facilities and other shared spaces that allows the resort to serve as an all-encompassing coastal respite for locals, couples, families and beyond.

Guests of the hotel can enjoy multiple food and beverage outlets including Covewood, the coastal California dining outpost with indoor and outdoor waterfront seating. Other culinary experiences on-property include Plaza del Sol, the inviting



ice breaker activities; enhancements including themes, music and signage; beach recreation rentals including water sports and boat/land rentals; on-site A/V and local transportation services; specialty catering and more. For more information, visit <https://www.missionbayresort.co>.

property centerpiece offering a collection of share plates, pizzas, beer and wine; Solrisa, the lively poolside stand offering vibrant Mexican cuisine and cocktails and Mission Joe, the resort's coffee shop offering a menu of fresh breakfast items like the signature acai bowl, grab-and-go bites and handcrafted coffees and teas. The resort also boasts multiple pools; access to water and land rentals like stand-up paddle boards, jet skis and bikes; the tranquil Spa Brezza, offering the San Diego area's only Himalayan Salt Table in addition to other signature treatments and experiences and a rotating calendar of family friendly activities.

The resort offers more than 25,200 square feet of event space that meets the needs of various groups. Recent upgrades include custom artwork completely reimagined design and enhanced WiFi and technology functions that have elevated the resort's ability to cater to the needs of the modern business traveler. The resort offers an events concierge service that can assist with customized team building events; creative meeting



including remodeled guest rooms, dynamic public spaces, two upscale F&B concepts and more.

The hotel's signature dining experience, Ámbar Restaurante, showcases centuries-old Mexican recipes with a regionally driven twist and serves as the meeting point of the cultures, tradition seen in El Paso and neighboring Ciudad Juarez. Ámbar also boasts North America's largest agave spirits collection with more than 800 bottles available. The rooftop lounge, La Perla, was once the location Elizabeth Taylor's penthouse and offers masterfully crafted cocktails, bites and unbeatable views of Ciudad Juarez, New Mexico and Texas.

The Plaza offers nearly 7,600 square feet of meeting and event space punctuated by artwork by Mexican National and Texas artists. The hotel's historic ballroom has been carefully preserved along with the mezzanine area on the second floor and boasts 2,815 square feet of event space. La Perla also offers stunning outdoor event space while Ámbar features a private dining room.

For more information, visit <https://www.plazahotelelpa-so.com>.

THE PLAZA HOTEL PIONEER PARK, El Paso, TX

Originally opening its doors in the 1930s as the El Paso Hilton, The Plaza Hotel Pioneer Park, an Independent Collection Hotels & Resorts property, was the ninth and tallest hotel in Conrad Hilton's fledgling chain. The hotel served as corporate headquarters into the 1940s and was the last major design commission for Henry C. Trust, who designed an Art Deco hotel tower crowned with a Ludowici clay tile pyramidal roof for Hilton that would hold the place as El Paso's tallest skyscraper for 24 years. The hotel was also once home to the legendary Elizabeth Taylor, who lived in the penthouse suite during her marriage to Conrad "Nicky" Hilton. The hotel attracted all kinds of Hollywood glamour and through a recently completed \$78M+ renovation project by El Paso legend Paul Foster, the hotel has been fully renovated (with the exception of the original facade) with highlights

