

# The Pandemic Impacted How We Search for our Next Hotel Stay.

Americans haven't taken a proper spring break trip in nearly three years, and in that time, the travel landscape has changed and travelers' preferences along with it. That's why <a href="Hotels.com">Hotels.com</a> analyzed searches on its site and mobile app from the past three years to identify the most indemand and out of touch amenities so far in 2022.

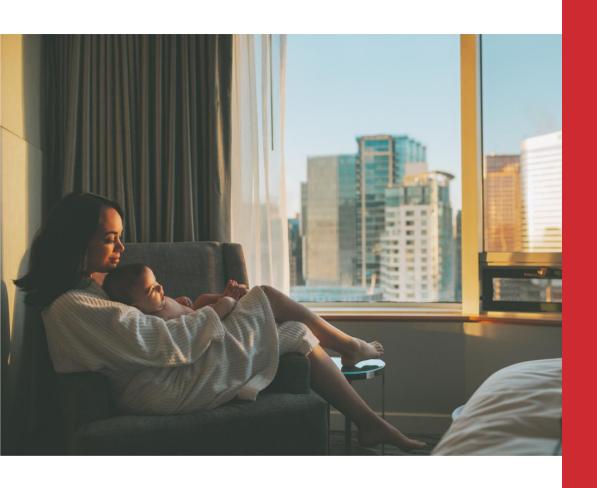
### Stressed Much? Searches For Bathtubs Surge

Call it a cry for help or just good old-fashioned self-care, but bathtubs were the most-searched hotel amenity during the peak of the pandemic. Searches so far this year are up 25% compared with 2019 and interest in spas have grown, too (+35%).

Sit back and soak at these top-rated hotels:

- Waldorf Astoria in Las Vegas, Nevada
- Hotel Contessa River Walk in San Antonio, Texas
- Hyatt Regency Downtown in Tulsa. Oklahoma





### We're \*\*Finally\*\* Taking A Family Vacation

Families have desperately missed out on quality vacation time together and it shows. Searches for properties with cribs (+65%), childcare (+45%) and connecting rooms (+20%) have increased double digits.

Parents love these kid-friendly properties:

- Green Valley Ranch Resort & Spa in Henderson, Nevada
- The Hotel at Midtown in Chicago, Illinois
- Holiday Inn Express in Virginia Beach, Virginia

And let's not forget the fur children, too. Interest in petfriendly stays is up 35% in 2022.

Hotel Nikko in San Francisco, California

### **Cooking At Home And The Hotel**

From baking bread to trying out that crazy TikTok pasta, kitchens were all the craze as the second most soughtafter amenity in 2021. The trend is continuing with kitchen searches increasing 15% year-over-year.

Get cooking on that next trip at these hotels:

- Clementine Hotel & Suites in Anaheim, California
- Floridays Resort in Orlando, Florida
- Homewood Suites by Hilton in Williamsburg, Virginia





#### No Wi-Fi, No Problem

Zoom meetings and doom scrolling aren't on the itinerary this year as searches for properties with free Wi-Fi are plummeting, down 50% since pre-pandemic.

Keep it IRL at these off-the-grid hotels:

- Allegheny Springs by Casago in Snowshoe Mountain, West Virginia
- The Chisos Suite in Terlingua, Texas

#### We Have No Business Here

Travelers are tired of work from home and turns out they really don't want to work from anywhere else, either.

Searches for properties with business facilities are down 40% compared with 2019.

Properties with amenities that prioritize time off the clock:

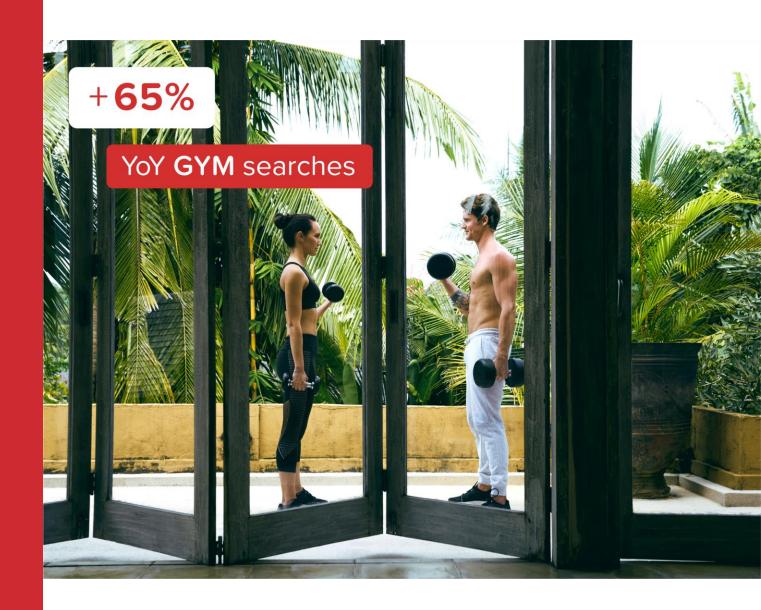
- The Tavern Hotel in Cottonwood, Arizona
- Channel Road Inn in Santa Monica, California

### Working out while on vacation

Working out really wasn't a top priority during the pandemic. Searches for gyms were down 30% or more last year compared with 2019. However, in 2022 travelers are getting back into their wellness routine and year-over-year searches for gyms have increased 65%.

Hotels with top-notch gyms and wellness offerings:

- The Perry Hotel in Key West, Florida
- Homewood Suites French Quarter in New Orleans, Louisiana
- Viva Wyndham Maya in Playa del Carmen, Mexico





#### **Dude, Where's My Car**

Don't retire that road trip playlist just yet. **Searches for properties with free parking are up 70%** this year as travelers continue to favor destinations within driving distance.

Properties where the parking spot is guaranteed (and free):

- Sonder Hotel Gravier in New Orleans, Louisiana
- Ohio House Motel in Chicago, Illinois
- Residence Inn by Marriott in Atlanta, Georgia

For those who can't stand another 10-hour drive, you aren't alone. Searches for properties with free airport transfers are up a whopping 105% so far this year.

#### New Hobby Alert: We Ski Now

The pandemic forced everyone to get in touch with their outdoorsy side, so it's not all that surprising that searches for ski-in/ski-out hotels are at peak levels, up 50% since 2019. Interest in properties with ski shuttles and storage are also up 20%.

Après ski all day at these top properties:

- Aspen Mountain Lodge in Aspen.
   Colorado
- Parkside Inn at Incline in Lake Tahoe, Nevada
- The Omni Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia





#### **Breakfast Is Back**

Free breakfast has been the top amenity since pretty much the beginning of time. But the pandemic knocked this fan favorite down a few pegs as hotels traded hot buffets for pre-packaged grab-and-go items. This year, breakfast is back and **searches are up 75%** 

Wake up to waffle makers and breakfast buffets at these hotels:

- Aloft at the Domain in Austin, Texas
- Embassy Suites in Napa Valley, California
- Tru by Hilton Downtown in Denver, Colorado

## How Your State Stays Spring Break Edition

Do Nebraskans prefer free breakfast over free parking? And which states search for bathtubs above all else?

Hotels.com looked at the most popular amenity, star rating and destination for every state to help travelers find their perfect somewhere this spring break.

#### HOW MY STATE STAYS

#### **SPRING BREAK** EDITION

Most popular hotel amenities state-by-state





State	Star Rating	Amenity	Destination	State	Star Rating	Amenity	Destination	Stat	Star Rating	Amenity	Destination
AL	2.5	Free Breakfast	Chattanooga, TN	KY	2.5	Free Breakfast	Nashville, TN	ND	3	Free Parking	Minneapolis, MN
AK	3	Free Breakfast	Portland, OR	LA	2.5	Bathtub	Biloxi, MS	ОН	2.5	Bathtub	Detroit, MI
AZ	4	Pet Friendly	Los Angeles, CA	ME	4	Free Breakfast	Boston, MA	ОК	2.5	Free Breakfast	Wichita, KS
AR	2.5	Pool	Branson, MO	MD	3	Bathtub	Philadelphia, PA	OR	3	Pool	Seattle, WA
CA	3	Pet Friendly	Phoenix, AZ	MA	4	Free Parking	Providence, RI	PA	3	Free Breakfast	Baltimore, MD
СО	3.5	Pool	Albuquerque, NM	MI	3	Free Parking	Chicago, IL	RI	3	Free Breakfast	Fort Lauderdale, FL
СТ	4	Free Parking	NYC	MN	2	Pool	Fargo, ND	SC	3	Pool	Savannah, GA
DE	2.5	Free Parking	Lancaster, PA	MS	3	Free Parking	Memphis, TN	SD	2.5	Free Parking	Omaha, NE
D.C.	4	Free Breakfast	Miami, FL	МО	2.5	Free Parking	Oklahoma City, OK	TN	3	Pet Friendly	Asheville, NC
FL	2.5	Pet Friendly	Atlanta, GA	MT	3	Pool	Salt Lake City, UT	TX	3	Pool	New Orleans, LA
GA	3	Free Parking	Orlando, FL	NE	2.5	Free Breakfast	Kansas City, MO	UT	2.5	Free Breakfast	Boise, ID
Н	3.5	Free WiFi	Tokyo, Japan	NV	4	Pool	San Diego, CA	VT	4	Free WiFi	Montreal, QC
ID	2	Free Breakfast	Spokane, WA	NH	3	Free Parking	Portland, ME	VA	2.5	Pet Friendly	Charlotte, NC
IL	4	Pool	Indianapolis, IN	NJ	3	Free Breakfast	Las Vegas, NV	WA	4	Free WiFi	Vancouver, BC
IN	3	Free Breakfast	Louisville, KY	NM	4	Pool	Denver, CO	WV	3	Kitchen	Pittsburgh, PA
IA	2.5	Pool	Galena, IL	NY	4	Free Breakfast	Washington, D.C.	WI	3	Pet Friendly	St Petersburg, FL
KS	3	Free Parking	St. Louis, MO	NC	3	Pool	Myrtle Beach, SC	WY	2.5	Pool	Rapid City, SD