AAA FOUR DIAMOND HOTEL AND RESTAURANT FACTS

For more than 80 years, AAA has conducted professional, in-person property inspections on behalf of its member travelers. The AAA Four Diamond designation represents some of the highest caliber hotels and restaurants in AAA’s Diamond Program.

Four Diamond hotels, just 6.5% of all AAA Diamond properties, are noted for upscale style and amenities enhanced with the right touch of service. Four Diamond restaurants, just 2.3% of all AAA Diamond restaurant listings, feature distinctive fine dining, well-served amid upscale ambience.

To earn the impressive AAA Four Diamond designation, hotels and restaurants must pass a rigorous evaluation that includes unannounced, in-person evaluations by AAA’s expert inspectors.

- For 2020, 125 hotels and 62 restaurants were added as new Four Diamond honorees.

- A total of 2,400 establishments (1,718 hotels and 682 restaurants) throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean have earned the AAA Four Diamond designation in the last year.

- Four Diamond establishments represent just 4.2% of the nearly 60,000 AAA Diamond hotels and restaurants.

- States with the greatest number of Four Diamond hotels: California (179); Florida (159); Texas (109); New York (99); and Quintana Roo, Mexico (59).

- Cities with most Four Diamond hotels: New York (66); Chicago (40); Houston (28); and Boston (25). Toronto, Canada, and Playa Del Carmen, Mexico, each have 22.

- States/provinces with the greatest number of Four Diamond restaurants: California (76); New York (59); Florida (50); Ontario, Canada (47); and Texas (32).
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• Cities with the most Four Diamond restaurants are New York (49); Las Vegas (20); Chicago (20) and Toronto, Canada (18). San Francisco and Vancouver, Canada, each have 16.

• States/provinces with the greatest number of Four Diamond establishments: California (255) – 179 hotels/76 restaurants; Florida (209) – 159 hotels/50 restaurants; New York (158) – 99 hotels/59 restaurants; Texas (141) – 109 hotels/32 restaurants; and Ontario, Canada (95) – 48 hotels/47 restaurants

• Eleven hotels have maintained the Four Diamond designation for 44 consecutive years, since 1976 when the Diamonds were first introduced for hotels. An additional 164 hotels have maintained the Four Diamond designation for 25 or more years, while 57 restaurants have maintained the Four Diamond designation for 25 or more years.

ABOUT THE AAA DIAMOND PROGRAM

For more than 80 years, AAA’s professional inspectors have conducted in-person property evaluations. AAA is the only entity using comprehensive, on-site professional hotel and restaurant evaluations guided by member priorities. AAA’s inventory includes some 60,000 Diamond hotels and restaurants across the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean.

Travelers can find AAA Diamond hotels and restaurants and inspector insight in AAA’s trip planning products: AAA Mobile app, AAA Travel Guides, TripTik Travel Planner and the AAA TourBook guides available to members at AAA offices. For more information, visit AAA.com/Diamonds.