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**Top 10 Brunch Hotels in the U.S.**

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**L**azy Sundays are for sleeping in, reading the paper, watching the sun dance around your bedcovers and finally—but most importantly—indulging in brunch. That hour when it's way too late for breakfast but not quite time for lunch is the best time to indulge in a languorous meal. So we scoured the country for the best brunch experiences, where you can sip and sup in style. Whether you're looking for freshly squeezed juice and an egg or two, or a full-on carnivorous meal, here are some of the best [hotel](#) brunch spots in the country designed to curb your mid-morning Sunday hunger pangs.

**PENNSYLVANIA**

**Philadelphia**  
**The Rittenhouse Hotel:**  
**Lacroix at The Rittenhouse**

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Situated in a gorgeous minimalist space, [Lacroix](#) promises an adventure in dining that should not be missed. Start with raw bar specialties—smoked trout, peppered mackerel, American caviar, Windy Point oysters—paired with the [restaurant's](#) own Cuvée Lacroix, an elegant Blanc de Blancs Premier Cru Brut. Move on to hors d'oeuvre selections that include deviled quail eggs and crayfish mousseline married with a white Côtes du Rhône, and then finish with charred scallions drizzled with black truffle vinaigrette and a glass of crisp [Riesling](#).

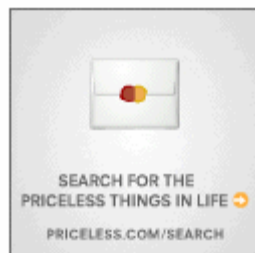
**CALIFORNIA**

**Beverly Hills**  
**Beverly Hills Hotel:**  
**Polo Lounge**

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Set inside the renowned pink [Beverly Hills Hotel](#), the Polo Lounge, once an iconic hotspot synonymous with old Hollywood glamour, is still a favorite brunch spot with both the glitterati and Hollywood's most powerful movers and shakers. The Moët et Chandon Champagne Sunday Brunch is served from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. [Champagne](#) is the perfect accompaniment to scrambled eggs and smoked salmon. Don't like your eggs scrambled? Then take them poached, or try the eggs Benedict. If that's not enough to cure the munchies, then try the vegetarian pasta, some steak or one of the myriad fish dishes. Dungeness crabs anyone? Try the chicken tortilla soup appetizer, but be sure to leave room for entrees that include such delectables as Maine lobster risotto and Dutch apple pancakes.





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**San Francisco**  
**The Palace Hotel:**  
**The Garden Court**

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The rarefied atmosphere of this beloved local grande dame turns Sunday brunch into a very special occasion. There's no prettier room in San Francisco. Beneath a spectacular glass roof, elegant tables, chairs and willowy palms are arranged over a richly patterned carpet. Enjoy a selection of traditional breakfast items, plus Japanese sushi and sashimi, Chinese delicacies and a crêpe station. The grand dessert buffet, with its display of cakes, pastries and chocolates, is especially impressive. Free-flowing fizz is included, along with live jazz.

**FLORIDA**

**St. Pete Beach**  
**The Don CeSar Beach Resort:**  
**King Charles Ballroom**

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It's appropriate that you find a brunch fit for a king in the King Charles Ballroom of The Don CeSar Beach Resort. With over 180 offerings to choose from, coupled with spectacular gulf views from the hotel's windows, you'll find yourself indulging in the royal treatment, especially when brunch runs from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. You can feast on made-to-order crepes, more fish choices than you thought were humanly possible, meats, fruit and an array of dizzying desserts designed to leave you in a hazy, delectable sugar coma.



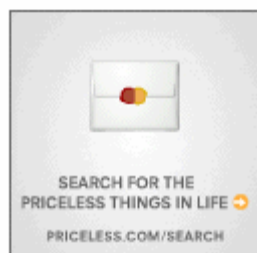
**ILLINOIS**

**Chicago**  
**Four Seasons Hotel Chicago:**  
**Seasons Restaurant**

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A brunch of contemporary American cuisine starts at one of the world's great hotels with traditional breakfast favorites that include hash browns and homemade doughnuts. Savor a taste of the Midwest with basil-crusting rack of lamb in a Cabernet reduction, then follow a global trail strewn with individual quiches, Malaysian style beef, tabouleh with mint and cucumbers, and shaved Parma ham with black mission figs. The usual omelet and waffle stations are enhanced with a smoothie bar composed of a variety of fresh juices, ices and more.



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**RHODE ISLAND**

**Newport**  
**Castle Hill Inn & Resort:**  
**The Ocean Room**

Situated on a 40-acre peninsula and offering breathtaking views of [Narragansett Bay](#), Castle Hill Inn & Resort offers guests oceanfront seclusion and fabulous dining. The resort's quartet of restaurants supports local farmers and fishermen, especially those who employ sustainable practices. Come Sunday, each of the dining rooms serves the same brunch menu, created from delectable organic ingredients. Try the tofu napoleon, the lobster hash and a luscious cheese plate composed of local artisanal cheeses served with poached pears, candied nuts, honey and toasted rustic bread.

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**TEXAS**

**Houston**  
**Alden Houston:**  
**17 Restaurant**



17 takes its name from days gone by, when [Houston](#) was a city where seventeen railroads met the sea. Its three-course Sunday brunch is deceptively simple. Start with house-cured salmon on a toasted bagel or rock shrimp tacos spiced with cucumber salsa. Second courses include a croque madame (a variant on croque monsieur) and duck hash over poached eggs topped with black truffle hollandaise. Dessert poses a happy dilemma: your choice of crème caramel, sticky toffee pudding with ginger ice cream or banana ice box pie with hot fudge.

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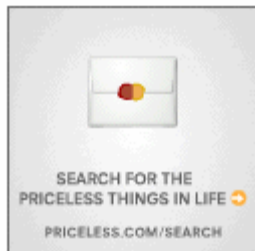
**WASHINGTON**

**Seattle**  
**The Edgewater:**  
**Six Seven**

Perched over [Elliott Bay](#) in a historic property, Six Seven offers a lovely waterfront setting with spectacular views. Dine indoors or out as you enjoy a buffet created from chef Hans Reisinger's contemporary Pan-Asian twists on classic—mostly seafood—dishes of the Pacific Northwest. Enjoy beautifully presented traditional breakfast selections or tuck into a plate of oysters, crack a few crab legs, make your way through a mound of mussels, treat your taste buds to the smoked salmon and throw back a complimentary Mimosa.

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**Jurys Washington Hotel:  
DuPont Grille**

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This upscale eatery features a casual setting with glass doors-as-walls that let the outside in and vice versa, while the menu is ideal for those who want to sample American cuisine infused with flavors from [France](#), [Spain](#) and [Asia](#). Spend your time surveying the DuPont Circle scene and nibbling on vanilla pecan waffles with homemade caramelized banana syrup, crabmeat and exotic mushroom cheesecake or smoked salmon hash. Or simply head for the steak frites, a tender cut of grilled steak surrounded by thick, crisp fries.

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