

## ALL OVER THE MAP

### LIGHT MY FIRE →

Like down comforters and hot cocoa, fireplaces mean cold-weather comfort. What's more, they often spark the flames of romance. Though guests of ski resorts and country inns routinely curl up by the hearth, enjoying a fire in the urban wilderness is considerably more difficult...but not impossible. Here are a few spots to consider if you're seeking the magical ambience kindled by an in-room fireplace.



**New York:** Converted from a pre-WWII apartment building, **The Lowell Hotel**'s many wood-burning fireplaces are grandfathered, making it the city's only hotel where guests can light it up. Other features that are rarities in Big Apple hotels include balconies, kitchenettes, and plenty of space.

**Philadelphia:** Just steps from its namesake historic square, **Rittenhouse 1715** has fireplaces in all of its deluxe rooms and suites. And each of the 16 guest rooms feature iPod docking stations, large-screen plasma televisions, and wireless Internet access.

**Washington, D.C.:** A hidden gem on Dupont Circle, the **Swann House** has been named the capital's best B&B by *Frommer's* for seven years. Half of the 12 guest rooms have wood-burning fireplaces (there are three fireplaces in public areas). And all rooms feature featherbeds and whirlpool baths.

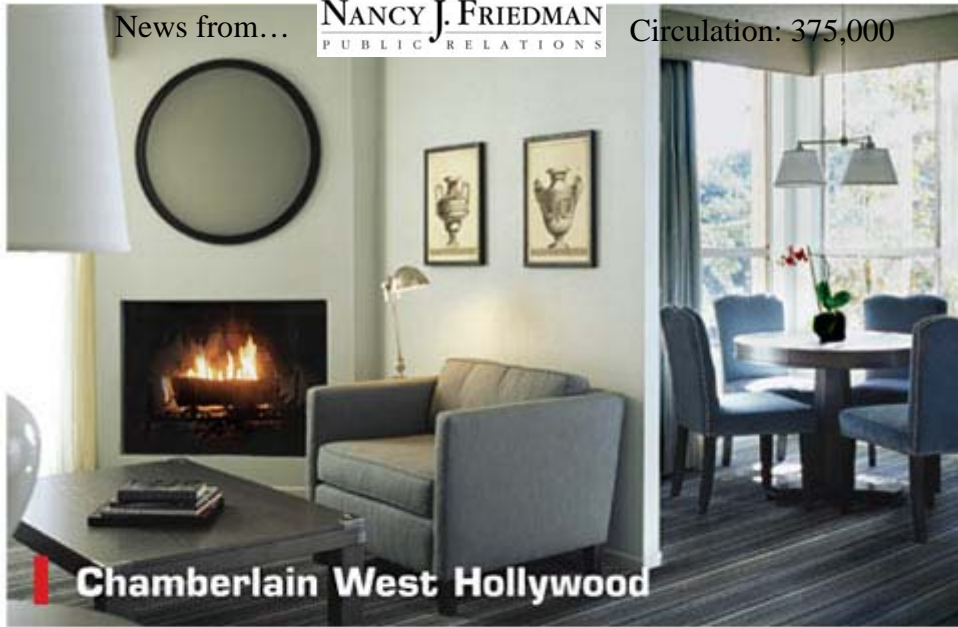
**Phoenix/Scottsdale:** Despite its warm climate, this area is flush with accommodations in which you can cozy up in front of a fire. All rooms in the **Four Seasons Troon North** come with fireplaces, while the **Royal Palms Resort and Spa**, **Camelback Inn Scottsdale**, and The Phoenician boast them in their better rooms and suites. In addition to sporting working fireplaces, rooms at **The Hermosa Inn** feature HDTVs, private patios, and hand-painted Mexican tile.

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**Boston:** All 60 rooms at the city's premier boutique hotel, **XV Beacon**, have gas fireplaces. Other special touches include complimentary chauffeured sedans within Boston for all guests. Also, the hotel's restaurant, The Federalist, features one of the nation's largest wine lists.

**Los Angeles:** You don't have to be a film idol or rock star to enjoy creature comforts worthy of a VIP at **Chamberlain West Hollywood**, a chic boutique hotel that opened in 2005. Every room (112 total) includes a gas-log fireplace, as well as high-speed Internet access and an LCD flat-panel television.

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