

Visitor Accommodation : Historic Milestones & Hotel 1sts

| Feature [First] | Date | Property | Notes |
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| Historic items | | | |
| Concierge | 1758 | Hotel de Crillon Paris | |
| > 100 rooms | 1800 | Eagle Hotel Newport Rhode Island | |
| Space heating | 1818 | Alderney Hotel UK | "Hot air heating". |
| > 150 rooms | 1829 | Tremont House Boston | |
| Porte-cochere | 1829 | Tremont House Boston | Originally for horse-drawn coaches |
| Gas Lighting | 1829 | Tremont House Boston | |
| Baggage Hoist | 1833 | Holt's Hotel New York | [Pevsner; Willamson] |
| Central Heating | 1846 | Eastern Exchange Boston | [Pevsner; Willamson] |
| Spring Bed bases | 1853 | St Nicholas NYC | [Pevsner; Willamson] |
| Ensuite | 1854 | Murray Hill Hotel NYC | |
| Guest Lift [Safety] | 1857 | Haughton Hotel NYC | Invented Elisha Otis 1852. "Vertical screw railway" "ascending room" |
| Steel frame | 1862 | Hotel Metropole Paris | |
| Casino | 1862 | Carson City Hotel Nevada | |
| Bicycle Room | 1865 | Hotel de la Paix Geneva | |
| > 200 rooms | 1871 | Palmer House Chicago | |
| Ballroom | 1875 | Palace Hotel San Francisco | |
| Full Laundry | 1875 | Palace Hotel San Francisco | |
| > 500 rooms | 1875 | Palace Hotel San Francisco [800R] | |
| Fire Sprinklers | 1880 | Tremont House (Rebuild) | Patented by Henry Parmlee 1874. Rebuilt after Great Chicago Fire 1871. |
| Shower | 1881 | Hotel des Indes The Hague Netherlands | |
| Electric Lighting | 1882 | Gilsey NYC; Hotel Everett NYC | Invented by Thomas Edison 1879. 1st use Savoy Theatre London 1881. |
| "High-rise" Hotel | 1887 | Miller & Rhoads Hotel Richmond Virginia | |
| Pool (Modern) | 1888 | Hotel del Coronado California | Roman bathhouses/thermae, Medieval Inns bathing, Renaissance villas |
| Spa [Modern] | 1888 | Hotel del Coronado California | Hotel de la Paix Geneva had basic spa at opening in 1865 |
| Heated corridors | 1888 | Hotel del Coronado California | |
| Baths in all rooms | 1888 | Victoria Hotel Kansas City | [Pevsner; Willamson] |
| Room service | 1889 | Savoy Hotel London | |
| Gym | 1889 | Savoy Hotel London | |
| Suites [Modern] | 1889 | Savoy Hotel London | |
| Butler call | 1889 | Savoy Hotel London | Ancient concept of servants |
| Hotel shop | 1889 | Savoy Hotel London | |
| Revolving entry door | 1889 | Savoy Hotel London | Patented by Theophilus Van Kannel in 1888 |
| Hotel shop | 1889 | Savoy Hotel London | |
| Double-glazed windows | 1889 | Savoy Hotel London | Patented 1865. |
| Phones in Guestrooms | 1889 | Savoy Hotel London | |
| Enameled cast iron baths | 1890s | TBC | Kohler patent 1883. (Unfinished baths - Mott Iron Works Patent 1853) |
| Escalator | 1896 | Eden Musée. NYC | 1st "inclined elevator," patent Charles Seeberger 1892. |
| Front office | 1898 | Ritz Paris | Modern version of an ancient concept |
| Reception | 1898 | Ritz Paris | Modern version of an ancient concept |
| Guest Library | 1898 | Ritz Paris | Modern equivalent of an old concept. Hotel de Crillon Paris |
| Staff dining room | 1898 | Ritz Paris | |
| Ceiling fans (electric) | 1900 | Savoy Hotel London | Invented by Philip Diehl in the 1882 |
| Air-conditioning | 1902 | Old Colony Hotel Massachusetts | Designed by Willis Haviland Carrier, |
| > 1000 rooms | 1904 | Hotel Astor NYC | Statler Hotel Buffalo NY 1908 1,200 rooms |
| Heated towel rails | 1906 | Savoy Hotel London | Invented by MS Wright in 1903 |
| Motor garage | 1907 | Hotel Astor NYC | |
| Conference Centre | 1907 | Statler Hotel Buffalo NY | |
| Fire-rated doors | 1907 | Statler Hotel Buffalo NY | |
| Inter-connected rooms | 1907 | Statler Hotel Buffalo NY | |
| Spring mattresses | 1907 | Statler Hotel Buffalo NY | 1871 patent by Heinrich Westphal. |
| > 2,000 rooms | 1919 | Hotel Pennsylvania NYC. [2,200R] | |
| Radio | 1920 | Palace Hotel San Francisco | |
| Since WW2 | | | |
| At Airport | 1946 | RAF Hotel London Heathrow | |
| TV | 1947 | Hotel Statler NYC | |
| Business Centre | 1963 | Hilton NYC | |
| Light dimmers | 1965 | Hyatt Regency Hotels | Invented William CH Sturgeon in 1890s. Triac reinvented in 1950s |
| Minibar | 1967 | Hyatt Regency Atlanta | |
| Fridge | 1967 | Hyatt Regency Atlanta | |
| Disbled guestroom | 1967 | Royal National Hotel London | |
| Key card | 1970 | Hilton NYC | |
| > 3,000 rooms | 1989 | The Mirage Las Vegas | |
| > 5,000 rooms | 1993 | MGM Grand Las Vegas | |
| iPod | 2004 | Hotel 1000 Seattle washington | |
| Mobile phone door lock | 2015 | Marriott Group | |

Source : ChatGPT & as noted. Some items may have earlier precedents