

honorable “mentions”



*Celebrating over 80 years
as Louisville's most
gracious host*

Splurge at The Brown. Indulge yourself with a luxurious stay at this beautiful Kentucky landmark. I love a grand hotel. I adore sweeping into a lavish lobby that looks as though it came straight from a 1930's movie set. I enjoy opening the door to my room and finding it spacious, stylish, and containing every amenity I need – and some I hadn't thought of. Let me introduce you to The Brown Hotel. The lobby alone warrants a visit, with its 2-story, columned expanse. But do get past the lobby, where you'll find other wonderful reasons to adore this place. Another reason this grand hotel keeps guests coming back is the English Grill.

— SOUTHERN LIVING

Just blocks from the waterfront, it's ornately designed, characteristic of the early 1900's and has faultless service. The Lobby's Tudor style bar is casual, but get dolled up for the English Grill.

— CONDE NAST TRAVELER

In October 1923, The Brown Hotel...opened with a grand affair, welcoming more than 10,000 guests. Today, that legacy of grandeur continues. Known for magnificent food and service, the hotel imparts a lavish and socially refined experience. The rooms exude southern charm, and the renovations add contemporary style.

— AAA HOME AND AWAY MAGAZINE

A most elegant Kentucky hotel. Few places offer such sparkling accommodations as Louisville's Brown. Built in 1923...it opened to great acclaim back then, and it is still a star attraction today. Delight in the pampering sanctuary of your room. Go to the Lobby Bar, where guests gather at the dimming of the day to sip cool drinks and wait for an amazing dinner. Now you can further explore the luxury of your room. And because you're in The Brown, you're bound to have sweet dreams.

— SOUTHERN LIVING

If sophistication were palpable in the air, then you could bottle it at the English Grill. The Brown Hotel, which opened in 1923, is now one of the outstanding contemporary hotels of the South or anywhere else in the U.S. And its English Grill has emerged as one of the finest of restaurants. The English Grill is as much a celebratory place as it is romantic, and to bask in its beauty is to partake of something of southern hospitality you won't find as easily as you once might have, even in a mannerly town like Louisville.

— JOHN MARIANI

FOOD COLUMNIST FOR ESQUIRE
MAGAZINE AND WINE SPECTATOR

This spot has been setting the standard for elegance for more than 80 years. Celebrities and royalty have slept at The Brown, it has been in the movies, and songs have been written about it. This kind of place isn't easily forgotten – or reproduced. You'll feel welcome the minute you step foot in the opulent lobby. Once in your guest room, you'll find lots of space (a surprising feature for a historic hotel).

— SOUTHERN LIVING

The Brown Hotel, built in 1923, provides a glimpse at the Georgian Revival style with hints of English Renaissance throughout its interior. The English Grill is among the best restaurants in town, but guests also make a point of checking into J. Graham's, a lovely café, for an order of the Hot Brown.

— LONG WEEKENDS MAGAZINE

Built in 1923, it remains famous as a hot spot for celebrities and socialites. When Derby comes, this is Celebrity Central.

— VOICE TRIBUNE

Regarding The English Grill...

If I had to sum up the way Louisville restaurants have managed to balance the old and the new with real finesse, I would say the work of chefs...at the stately Brown Hotel's English Grill is exemplary. And there is plenty of tradition to uphold at this hotel. I believe that the graceful English Grill, with its varnished wooden pillars, stained glass windows, equestrian paintings, ceiling tracery and broad tables set with lovely little lamps, has emerged as the finest restaurant in the city right now.

— WINE SPECTATOR

English Grill wraps up the whole package beautifully. It's the details that add up to make a restaurant worthy of four stars. The staff at the historic Brown Hotel's English Grill pays attention to the details. Highly professional servers are correct, but never stuffy.

— COURIER JOURNAL

Perfection is Possible. It marks the first time I have ever given a Louisville eatery four stars in all three review categories. Such a rating implies as close to perfection as a restaurant can come, and that's exactly the dining experience friends and I enjoyed the other evening. From cocktails to coffee, everything was exactly right. Every bite induced a chorus of yums. Each entrée was a sonata on a plate. A simply exquisite dinner.

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