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11 Female-owned Hotels Around the World With Amazing Stories

From the Caribbean to the U.S., here are 11 amazing female-owned hotels to support during Women's History Month and beyond.

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There are many unknowns surrounding travel right now, but one thing is for sure: A stay at any of these women-run properties will be memorable. From the captivating mountain views in upstate New York to the dazzling beaches of the Caribbean, consider this your way to have a vacation and stimulate the growing sector of female entrepreneurism.

The Chanler at Cliff Walk in Newport, Rhode Island



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With a hotelier dad, Lani Shufelt grew up surrounded by hospitality. Her father purchased this New England property, formerly known as Cliff Walk Manor, in 2000, and Shufelt worked there every summer through high school. Through that experience, Shufelt fell in love with the property, and after a three-year renovation, they opened the reimagined hotel in 2003. Fast-forward to 2016, and Shufelt took over as the sole owner, bringing the same excitement to her work as an owner that she had as a teenage employee. Today, it's a luxury hotel featuring 20 individually designed rooms, including the impressive Renaissance, one of the most beloved suites.

What sets The Chanler at Cliff Walk apart, according to Shufelt: "There is the natural landscape and grounds that overlook the Cliff Walk and Atlantic Ocean, captivating the minds and creative souls who enter. You almost feel as though you're staying in your own private mansion, served by a gracious and genuine staff that awaits you on your own floating island. We are fortunate to be a small and intimate establishment, bringing a high sense of personalization to every guest's stay. As often as the light changes over the ocean, we strive to make each day for our guests as meaningful in beauty and substance."