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9 The Windsor Boutique Hotel Asheville, NC

In a historic building in the heart of Asheville, this luxury boutique hotel brings unexpectedly sleek design to the town's down-to-earth atmosphere. The lobby feels like a family living room with plush, contemporary furnishings in shades of gold and lilac. In the morning, fresh pastries and coffee await. The 14-room stay is ideal for families or larger groups, because each room offers a fully functioning suite (with a washer/dryer and complete kitchen). Uniquely customized designs are featured throughout—oversize couches, comfy area rugs, and an earthy color palette bring a cozy feeling to exposed brick walls, industrial lighting, and rough woods and iron.

The entire property features wide-planked floors made of wood reclaimed from barns in Tennessee and Virginia.

For the finishing touches, the owners went to entrepreneurs from the community: The chocolates on your pillow come from Chocolate Gems, and the bath soap hails from Farmer Jane. In the shared spaces, look for works of art in various media commissioned from local artists.

DON'T MISS

Exit the hotel right onto Broadway, the hub of Asheville's burgeoning culinary scene. Cúrate, where chef Katie Button serves distinctive Spanish tapas (try the Pulpo a la Gallega), is a four-minute walk. Rhubarb (number five on our 2014 list of best new restaurants) is just three minutes away by foot.

THE ESSENTIALS

RATES: \$244 and up
ADDRESS: 36 Broadway;
windsorasheville.com



A suite at The Windsor Boutique Hotel
OPPOSITE: The lobby at The Redbury