

TripAdvisor's Top List of Converted Hotels Llandudno and Oxford Make World's Top 10 Spend a Night in a former Prison, Lighthouse or Granary

London December 4, 2007: What do a former water tower, bank, monastery, palace and fortress all have in common? Hotel construction around the world is at an all time high but not everything is new build. Some hotel operators and their architects are imaginatively changing commercial, industrial, religious, military and other premises into modern premium hotels whilst still retaining the spirit of the original structure. Here is TripAdvisor's global top10 list of converted hotels:

1. Watershed Moment: Hotel Im Wasserturm, Cologne, Germany – Average Nightly Rate: £165

A former aquatic hub, the unique Hotel Im Wasserturm was the largest water tower in Europe before its conversion to a hotel in 1990. Enjoy the hotel's beautiful and chic interior design and continue the liquid tradition by sipping a drink at La Vision, located on the circular brick tower's roof terrace. As one TripAdvisor traveller said, "This is a designer's dream of a hotel, well thought out and very cleverly built from a water tower with lots of design touches from the bottom to the top!"

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