

## PLAZA HOTEL (ОТЕЛЬ «ПЛАЗА»)

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*Мова йде про готель «Плаза» в Нью-Йорку, США, один із найстаріших у місті й найвідоміших у світі, який розташований на Великій армійській площі і перетині П'ятої авеню з 59-ю вулицею в серединній частині Манхеттену.*

With a height of 250 ft (76 m) and a length of 400 ft (120 m), the hotel occupies the west side of Grand Army Plaza, from which it derives its name, and extends along Central Park South, which is abutted to the north by Central Park. The nearest cross-street is Fifth Avenue, which extends along the east side of Grand Army Plaza. The Plaza Hotel is recognized as a Historic Hotel of America by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The hotel's main entrance at 768 Fifth Avenue faces the southern portion of Grand Army Plaza, which commemorates the Union Army in the Civil War, whence its eponymous predecessor derived its name.

Construction on the first Plaza Hotel at this location began in 1883, on the site of the New York Skating Club. The builders ran out of money, and the New York Life Insurance Company foreclosed and hired the most-celebrated architects of the era, McKim, Mead & White, to complete the hotel, which finally opened on October 1, 1890. Prior to 1904, John L. Scherz was in charge of the Plaza Hotel. He also built a hotel casino in Harlem and was later in charge of the Manhattan Beach Hotel in Rockaway Beach, and the Sea Side Hotel. Westin sold the Plaza to Donald Trump for \$390 million on March 27, 1988 (equivalent to \$843 million in 2019). Trump installed his wife, Ivana Trump, as the hotel's president. After \$50 million in renovations, the hotel was earning a healthy operating income, but not enough to make the payments on its heavy debt load. The agreement was submitted as a prepackaged bankruptcy in November 1992.

The Plaza Hotel offers its guests and residences many services including a butler on every floor, baby-sitting and concierges, a shopping mall, the Palm Court under the restored stained glass ceiling, the Champagne Bar located in the hotel lobby with views of Grand Army Plaza, several restaurants like the Edwardian Room, the Terrace Room, the Rose Club, the Grand Ball Room, Food Hall Restaurant and Marketplace and others, as well as meeting rooms and conference rooms.