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## 10 HOTELS WITH THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ROOM KEYS

### Hotels with Real Room Keys

Hotels with key cards—and their attendant security risks—are everywhere nowadays. But there are holdouts, and even some newcomers handing out real, solid (and gorgeous!) room keys.

You'll notice many of the vintage hotel keys on this list are too bulky to slip in a pocket. Beyond the aesthetic appeal of having a unique room key, there's a reason for this. Back when keys were the norm, hotels wanted to encourage guests to leave their key at the front desk, rather than risk losing it. Nowadays, high end hotels often feel that a stop to drop off the key allows them to interact more with guests and offer assistance when needed.

#### **2** Hotel Joaquin, Laguna Beach



Hotel Joaquin's laid-back SoCal aesthetic doesn't stop at the cool decor (which includes French flea market finds!). Their beaded room keys offer a refreshingly modern, beachy take on a time tested tradition.