

## Historic New York Found On Overnight Stay

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Hotels with history are a dime a dozen. Go to any city and you can easily find a place that's been lovingly restored in a combination of old-school glory and new school aesthetics, boasting a celebrity clientele and upgraded accoutrements.

But few know how to do historic well, seamlessly

blending the old with the new, honoring what was while also offering what is.

That's exactly what [The Blakely Hotel](#) does.

The Blakely – part of [the K Hotels group](#) – makes its home in midtown Manhattan, sandwiched between 6th and 7th on a peaceful stretch of 55th street. From the moment you walk in you feel like you've stepped into a gorgeous 30s library, with leather-bound hardback books sitting in rich, walnut-wood cases. Comfortable wing-back chairs and dainty settees line the lobby leading up to the check-in desk, making you feel as though you should be walking past men in bowler hats smoking cigars, while women wearing finger-waved hair sip cocktails.

But it doesn't stop there. Head up to your room and you'll find yourself mesmerized by the hunter green velvet walls that are so tempting to touch that you'll see a multitude of lines from fingers who have traced their sumptuousness, while a plaid strip of runner carpet lies over hardwood floors. And while it's tempting to think your room will be roughly the size of a closet, The Blakely will surprise you with decent sized rooms. Their studio and one-bedroom suites are accented with bay windows looking out onto the street below, with more than enough room for a king-sized bed, desk and sitting area... and if you have a one-bedroom, you'll have a separate living room as well.

The Blakely's on-site restaurant, [Abboccato](#), offers a complimentary continental breakfast for all hotel guests, but also has an incredible lunch and dinner menu featuring some of the best Italian food you'll ever eat. Thank goodness it's stumbling distance from the elevator leading up to your room!

Just steps away from Times Square and Broadway, staying at The Blakely puts you in the epicenter of New York entertainment. It's the perfect spot to rest, rejuvenate and luxuriate.