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11 female-owned hotels around the world with amazing stories

From the Caribbean to the U.S., here are 11 amazing female-owned hotels to support during Women's History Month and beyond

There are many unknowns surrounding travel right now, but one thing is for sure: A stay at any of these women-run properties will be memorable. From the captivating mountain views in upstate New York to the dazzling beaches of the Caribbean, consider this your way to have a vacation *and* stimulate the growing sector of female entrepreneurism.



The Retreat Costa Rica in Atenas, Costa Rica

Diana Stobo struggled with a handful of health issues and wanted a solution that wasn't based on taking one pill after another. Instead, she turned to her diet and began eliminating foods, monitoring the impact on her overall vitality. This experience inspired her to write a book, which led to more books, speaking appearances, and fame. When her mother's husband passed away, their property in Costa Rica went up for sale. Stobo purchased it on a whim — sight unseen — and three months later, she started The Retreat, a picturesque boutique hotel with jaw-dropping views.

What sets The Retreat apart, according to Stobo: "Most who describe it talk about the details that go beyond a hotel room and the feeling of home. The highlights that most people rave about are the open kitchen, the food, the service, and the staff's warmth. The whole experience is set around the comfort and healing vibrations of the crystal mountain and nature."