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You snooze, you win!

The days of ho-hum chocolate on hotel-room pillows may be numbered. Just in time for your holiday travels, inns across the U.S. are totally one-upping each other in the turndown game. For a sampling, read on. BY HALEY SHAPLEY



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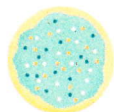
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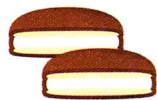


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Taking pillow chocolates to royal heights, Saint Louis's new Magnolia raids Bissinger's—once the Imperial Confectioner to Louis XIV—for such treats as **sea salt-flecked dark-chocolate bonbons**.

And what better way to honor the place where the whole custom is said to have originated? Back when the hotel was called the Mayfair, Cary Grant used to stay here and charm lovers by having (what else?) chocolate left on their pillows. Looking for more filling fare? Join fellow guests, some of whom may show up in PJs, at the **lobby-level cookie buffet** from 8 to 10 P.M. magnoliahotels.com



Is there any more appropriate nighttime snack than a **MoonPie**? The Thunderbird Inn in Savannah, GA, thinks not, which is why you'll find this regional specialty on your bed, alongside a can of chilled RC Cola. thethunderbirdinn.com



Excess marks the spot where you'll be laying your head at The Mark in NYC: A decadent **macaron from the famed Parisian patisserie Ladurée** awaits you in bed here. themarkhotel.com



Consider it sugar-rushin' roulette: Rather than one recurring sweet, there's a whole rotation of bedtime treats that turns up at the Washington School House in Park City, UT: **ginger-white chocolate scones**, almond snowflake cookies, red velvet cake pops, grapefruit-mint shortbreads, s'more bark, pomegranate crème brûlée—or classic chocolate chip cookies and milk. washingtonschoolhouse.com



One of the most venerated Southern treats—the **toasted sesame seed-filled, sweet and salty benne wafer**—gives local flavor to your stay at the Belmond Charleston Place in Charleston, SC. belmond.com/charleston-place



You have Goodyear, of all things, to thank for your turndown treat at the historic Wigwam in Litchfield Park, AZ. When the famed tire and rubber company found that the local cotton made its tires last longer, 16,000 acres of cotton farms soon followed here. And the **citrus-flavored cotton candy** that awaits you at bedtime is a tasty tribute to that legacy. wigwamarizona.com

HOT POTATO!

Latkes, the once humble (but always heavenly) Hanukkah staple, are getting funkier and fancier at restaurants across the U.S. Check out these tasty takes! BY DAVID FARLEY



GO FISH!

Chef Stéphane Tonnelier stacks potato pancakes with smoked salmon, baby golden beets, crème fraîche and salad at Five restaurant in Berkeley, CA. five-berkeley.com



GOBBLE IT UP

At the Canyons Resort in Park City, UT, the U.S.'s only ski-in, ski-out kosher eatery, nosh on smoked turkey latke croquettes with spiced compote. canyonsresort.com



THAI IT; YOU'LL LIKE IT!

Tamarind glaze and green onions add a tasty twist to Chef Nico Romo's Asia-inspired latkes at Charleston, SC's Fish. fishrestaurantcharleston.com



YOLK AROUND

The schmaltz-fried latke, smoked sockeye salmon and citrus-herb crème gets topped with a fried quail egg at Gold in Tucson, AZ. westwardlook.com



SAY CHEESE

The Yukon-russet latkes at Seattle's Sazerac get a tasty topper thanks to Chef Jason McClure: goat cheese and apple salad. sazeracrestaurant.com



In-sweet dining What has Pop-Tarts for shingles, Rice Krispies for wainscoting—and takes dinner reservations? One of 12 life-size gingerbread houses open through January 4 at Great Wolf Lodges nationwide. Book a meal even if you're not a hotel guest, and the \$10 tacked onto your bill will go to such charities as Big Brothers Big Sisters. Sweet! greatwolfodge.com