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## Chicago

Chocolate-brown carpets spun from recycled soda bottles are just one of the many earth-friendly details at the **Hotel Felix**. The 225 rooms have motion sensors to control the heat and lighting, and the spa has sustainably produced bamboo floors. Drivers of hybrids park free, but the hotel is a 10-minute walk from the Hancock tower, so you could also skip the car entirely. [hotelfelixchicago.com](http://hotelfelixchicago.com), from \$129.

### NEW YORK CITY

Staying at the 133-room Jane hotel in the West Village feels a bit like stepping back in time: For starters, the clanky elevator still uses a manual operator. Celeb hoteliers Sean MacPherson and Eric Goode restored the century-old building, which housed *Titanic* survivors in 1912, and dressed it up with bohemian details like zebra-print chairs and mismatched velvet sofas in the lobby. Suited to solo travelers, the 90 wood-paneled single rooms have been fashioned after train and yacht cabins, with built-in drawers underneath twin beds. [thejanenyc.com](http://thejanenyc.com), singles from \$99.



A retro room key at the Jane

### MILWAUKEE

The **Iron Horse Hotel** was dreamed up a year ago to cater to people visiting the Harley-Davidson Museum down the street. Owner Tim Dixon's goal was to welcome guests wearing everything from business suits to buckle boots. The look in the 100 rooms is all oak floors, exposed-brick walls, and black-leather headboards. And metal hooks for hanging motorcycle gear are just the kind of thoughtful touches to warm a biker's heart. [theironhorsehotel.com](http://theironhorsehotel.com), from \$149.



Hotel Monaco's eclectic lobby, which adjoins the restaurant

### ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Built on the site of the first Civil War skirmish in 1861, the 2-year-old **Hotel Monaco Alexandria** pays respect to the area's rich history. Free bike rentals are the best way to see the Old Town neighborhood, once home to George Washington and Robert E. Lee and now a shopping district. In the 241 rooms, deep jewel tones echo soldiers' uniforms, including Union-blue and Confederate-yellow throw pillows. With star-shaped mirrors and ink-print portraits on the walls, the Tall Rooms also have eight-foot beds, long enough for Lincoln himself. [monaco-alexandria.com](http://monaco-alexandria.com), from \$149.