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What It's Like to Stay at This Historic (and Possibly Haunted) North Texas Hotel

The Nutt House, in Granbury, was thoughtfully restored following a fire in 2023.

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A sitting area inside a room at the Nutt House Hotel. Courtesy of the Nutt House Hotel

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Named for three brothers who established a mercantile on the town square in Granbury, about forty miles southwest of Fort Worth, the historic Nutt House Hotel was nearly destroyed in a 2023 fire, which engulfed the roof and second story of the 1893 limestone building. Ten investors, most with ties to the North Texas town, swooped in to rebuild the hotel, incorporating some of the building's original features.

The Look:

Eight self-check-in guest rooms with king beds, each a little different in size and layout, are decorated with rugs and drapery in gray, cream, and teal. Two corner rooms have claw-foot tubs and windows that overlook the town square. The original cypress columns (hauled to the site from East Texas by oxcart when the hotel was built) and some of the original singed-wood floor planks were preserved.

The Fare:

Christina's American Table, a local-favorite bistro, relocated to the hotel's main floor following the reopening, in November 2024. The restaurant serves weekend brunch—try the decadent coconut-stuffed French toast—sandwiches and salads for lunch, and seafood and steaks for dinner. Christina's offers a slate of ghost-themed cocktails (a nod to the hotel's alleged paranormal activity), such as the gin-sour-inspired Faceless Girl, with lemon syrup and egg white.

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The Extras:

Guests have access to a balcony with views of the square, and there's a small coffee bar on the second floor.

The Pro Tip:

During the renovation, crews uncovered an abandoned cistern, which you can glimpse underneath Plexiglas in the men's bathroom inside Christina's (women may ask to take a peek). Across the street, you'll see a statue of Mary Lou Watkins ringing her dinner bell to welcome guests to the hotel's cafe. Credited with helping preserve the town square, she managed the hotel for years. Local ghost-tour guides still stop at the Nutt House to share her story.

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The Rate:

Rooms start at $239 a night.

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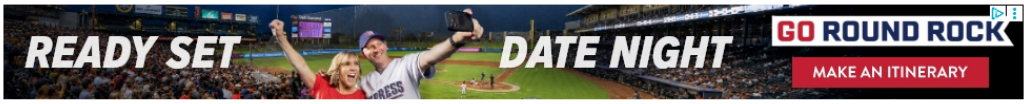

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