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## 7 Hotels With Unexpected Past Lives

Soaked in history, these unique properties have intriguing former lives.

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### The Liberty Hotel

*Boston*

The ironically named [Liberty Hotel](#) was Boston's Charles Street Jail. Its former "guests" ranged from suffragists to Malcolm X to organized crime boss James "Whitey" Bulger. The 1851 ex-jail was converted into a 298-room luxury boutique hotel and a National Historic Landmark. At the foot of Beacon Hill, the Liberty Hotel is located near the Freedom Trail and Boston Common. Above the 90-foot lobby rotunda are catwalks with original railing. Bars from the former jail line windows in the Liberty's Clink restaurant. And the hotel's bar, Alibi, is the former drunk tank. True to the prison theme, the rooms' do-not-disturb signs read "Solitary."