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## 7 Gorgeous, Historic Post Offices Around the World That Are Now Luxury Hotels

These first-class stays get our stamp of approval.

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Back before computers and cell phones, people wrote letters. Star-crossed lovers professed amorous desires. Presidents shared wartime worries with trusted generals. Parents checked on their children in other states. Authors scribbled ideas to literary confidants. And all these correspondences were sent to their intended recipient by the postal service. It didn't take long for cities to begin erecting grand buildings to house mail depots.

Fast forward a few hundred years, and the invention of email and a major shift toward tech-based forms of communication have changed the scope and scale of the postal service. So what became of these extraordinary temples to snail mail? Some old post offices around the world – from [Washington, D.C.](#) to [Singapore](#) – are having a fascinating second act as luxury hotels worth writing home about. Here, a few of our favorites.

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Built in 1912, the architectural marvel that's now home to [Villa Copenhagen](#), part of the Nordic Hotels & Resorts, spent 104 years as the Danish Central Post and Telegraph Head Office. Billed as a grand dame for the 21st century, the recently opened property offers 390 bedrooms that reflect a deep-rooted understanding of Scandinavian minimalism and hygge. Herringbone wood floors, crisp linens, and soft shades create an exceptionally serene atmosphere. Other standout spaces include the rooftop swimming pool, sauna, courtyard bar, brasserie, and T37, a cozy drinking den named after the code postal employees used for after-work gatherings.