

ESCAPE the HEAT!

The dog days of summer descend with a vengeance in August and there's no shame in fleeing the sweltering triple digit temperatures. But where to go? We scoured the globe to find these mild-climate luxurious properties all with August and September highs below 75 °F.

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Mild

THE EDGEWATER HOTEL
Seattle, Washington

Average high temperature in August: 75 °F



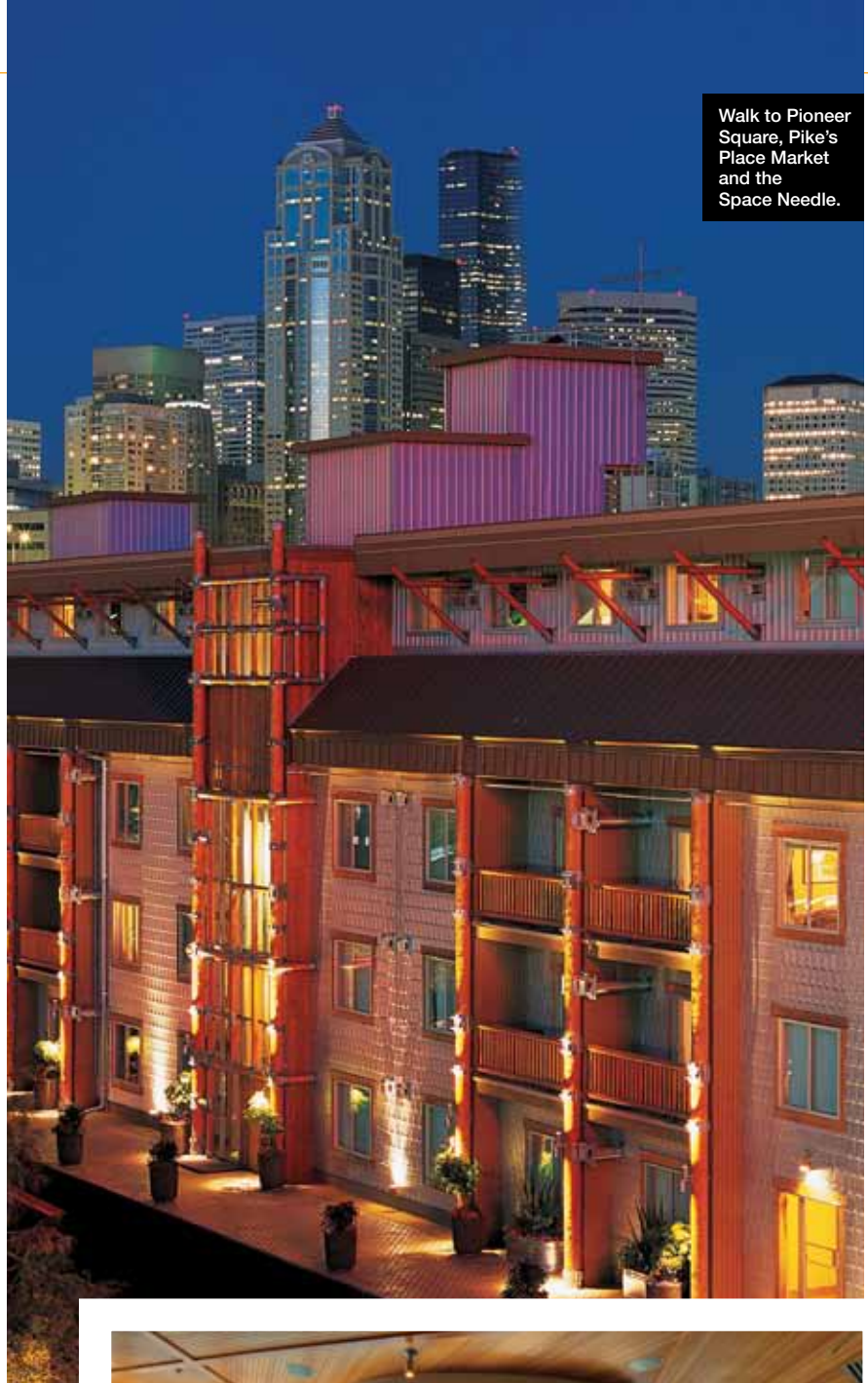
Located on Seattle's waterfront at Pier 67, The Edgewater Hotel is the only waterfront hotel in the area, treating guests to glistening views of the Olympic Mountains and Elliott Bay. Originally built for the Century 21 exposition at the 1962 World's Fair, its central location puts you within walking distance of some of the city's very favorite places, like the Seattle Space Needle.

The lodge-like hotel provides an authentic Pacific Northwest experience including aluminum exteriors, natural wood interiors and river-rock fireplaces. If you find yourself too chilly (Is that possible in August?) every one of the 223 guest rooms boast a gas fireplace!

With floor to ceiling windows, Six Seven—the on-site restaurant dishes—up breathtaking views of the majestic mountain range and glistening Elliott Bay. Guests, who can dine indoors or out, are served seasonally inspired cuisine crafted with fresh, naturally raised ingredients. The Pan Roasted Halibut with chipotle onions, asparagus tips, bacon lardons, artichokes and cherry heirloom tarragon salad looks especially promising. >>

1.800.624.0670 / www.edgewaterhotel.com

Walk to Pioneer Square, Pike's Place Market and the Space Needle.



Milder

ASHFORD CASTLE

Cong, Co Mayo, Ireland

Average high temperature in August: 66 °F



What better way to feel like royalty than to stay in an actual castle? Dating back to the 13th century, Ashford Castle, originally built in 1228 by the Anglo-Norman de Burgos family, has changed hands several times including an 84-year ownership by Sir Benjamin Lee Guinness of the great Guinness brewing dynasty. In 1985, a group of Irish American investors purchased Ashford Castle and, in the years since, built its reputation as one of the most luxurious castle hotels in the world.

With six dining options, not including in-room service, you won't have to leave the elegant grounds in search of sustenance unless you choose. Ashford's Executive Chef Stefan Matz oversees all of Ashford's restaurants, which offer dishes that emphasize locally-sourced ingredients. The Atlantic Ocean, the lake and the surrounding rich farmland offer the freshest fish, the best Connemara lamb and the most succulent Irish beef for the world-class menu of modern Irish and international cuisine.

The 83 guest rooms, including six staterooms and five suites, are all individually designed from the marble fittings of the Italian-designed bathrooms to the antique furniture and the sumptuous fabrics. On-site activities include a nine-hole, par 35 parkland golf course, fly fishing lesson, horseback riding, clay shooting, archery, a falconry, tennis, lake cruising and more. >>

1-800-346-7007 / Ashford.ie



Walk to the Quiet Man Museum, Cong Abbey and Lough Corrib, Ireland's second largest lake.



Mildest

OTAHUNA LODGE
Canterbury, New Zealand


Average high temperature in August: **52 °F**



Otahuna was built in 1895 for Sir Heaton Rhodes, a high-profile pioneer of Canterbury remembered as a Victorian country gentleman and benefactor known for his enthusiasm for life and kindness toward others. The homestead sits on a small hill providing breathtaking views of the gardens and the Southern Alps and is considered one of the best examples of unspoiled Queen Anne architecture in Australasia. Today Otahuna Lodge entertains its guests in the refined tradition of Sir Heaton Rhodes.

For example, at dinner, guests dine communally in the formal dining room—complete with a roaring fire and sparkling candlesticks—on an ever-changing five-course chef's menu that makes use of the best fresh produce and local ingredients. Those wishing for privacy may retreat to a table for two in the sunken wine cellar, the intimate library, the drawing room turret, or a location of their choosing.

Heli-touring, horseback riding and hiking through the Southern Alps are all close to your doorstep.

This country estate offers an intimate vacation experience with only five suites and two master suites. Each boasts 19th century features such as ornate original fireplaces, carved inglenooks and stained glass windows. No stay at Otahuna Lodge is complete without a tour of the estate's century-old garden. The tour explains why and how Victorians grew certain kinds of plants and the current methods of maintaining Heaton Rhodes' greatest legacy. 

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