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BOUTIQUE HOTELS THAT CATER TO BUSINESS TRAVELERS

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Rittenhouse Hotel, Philadelphia

One of Philadelphia's most elegant hotels is the Rittenhouse, located on leafy Rittenhouse Square, the City of Brotherly Love's most famous public square. The 98 rooms—the city's largest hotel rooms—are done up with mahogany furnishings, damask fabrics and marble baths. And for business travelers, there are the usual assortment of amenities, including dual-line speakerphones and Internet access, as well as laptop-sized in-room safes.

The Lacroix Restaurant, under the direction of Jean-Marie Lacroix, serves refined French fare, and the Mary Cassatt Tea Room overlooking the garden is a beautiful spot for afternoon tea, which can be a refreshing alternative to the business lunch. There are corporate spaces available, including the Grand Salon, decorated with chandeliers and artwork. (210 West Rittenhouse Square, tel. 215-546-9000, www.rittenhousehotel.com, doubles from \$330)