

Location

Jumeirah Essex House is situated between Sixth and Seventh Avenues in the heart of Manhattan on Central Park South, New York City. The hotel is located at walking distance from Broadway, Fifth Avenue, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Times Square (15 blocks), Carnegie Hall (1 block), Radio City Music Hall (8 blocks) and Lincoln Center (5 blocks).

Jumeirah Essex House is located less than 12 miles away from JFK Airport and 15 miles from Newark Airport with nearby access to New York's sophisticated subway system.

History

The historic Jumeirah Essex House first opened its doors in October 1931. Sharing its birthday with Rockefeller Center's first building, at the time of its construction it was the tallest tower in New York and to this day remains one of the city's premier Art Deco masterpieces of the 1930s. The Essex House was one of the first hotels in New York to offer a 'Sunday Brunch' for walkers in Central Park during the 1930s and many celebrity guests have stayed in the hotel throughout the many years the hotel has been in operation.

Structure and Design

Jumeirah Essex House overlooks Central Park, towering 44 floors from street level to the top of its tower. This New York City landmark has recently completed a \$90 million refurbishment that pays homage to its classic Art Deco heritage.

Atlanta-based design firm *Hirsch Bedner Associates* was selected to handle Jumeirah Essex House's redesign on all levels. Their design approach respected the hotel's historically significant Art Deco details and flourishes, upgrading the hotels rooms and suites, the lobby, health club & spa as well as the restaurants and bars.

Guest Rooms and Suites

Jumeirah Essex House features 509 luxury non-smoking rooms and suites ranging from 300 to 2,500 square feet that are beautifully appointed in Art Deco style, offer every amenity and present breathtaking views of Central Park and Manhattan.

Technology design features in the newly renovated guest rooms include high definition on-demand in-room entertainment, voice-over-IP telephones and interactive TV systems with touch-screen control pads for guests to select their preferred lighting, mood and temperature settings.

The choice of rooms and suites on offer includes:

- 301 Essex House Guest Rooms
- 67 Central Park View Guest Rooms
- 24 Manhattan View Guest Rooms
- 47 Junior Suites
- 17 Essex Suites
- 22 Manhattan Suites
- 28 Park View Suites
- 1 Governors Suite
- 1 Presidential Suite
- 1 Royal Suite

Restaurants and Bars

South Gate

In February 2008, the transformation of the lobby level restaurant and bar was completed by designer Tony Chi, to become one of the city's newest stand-alone dining destinations with separate street-level entrance and the largest fireplace in Manhattan underneath a massive skylight. South Gate offers outstanding Modern American cuisine from celebrated chef Kerry Heffernan.

Lobby Lounge

The newly designed lobby now offers a savory selection of culinary delights, including appetizers, entrées and sandwiches, in a setting of Art Deco style and ambience. Afternoon Tea can also be enjoyed daily between 2pm and 6pm.

The Restaurant at the Essex House

The Restaurant at the Essex House is open for breakfast, lunch or dinner in a beautiful Art-Deco setting.

Conference and Banqueting Facilities

Jumeirah Essex House features unrivalled conference and banqueting facilities in an elegant setting including 16 distinctive meeting rooms and executive boardrooms, The 'Grand Salon' with a seating capacity of up to 450 people and for smaller functions or receptions, the hotel's 'Petit Salon' provides a more intimate setting for events of up to 150 guests. The hotel's dedicated planning experts oversee even the smallest details of events including audio visual and production services with the latest technology, to suit all needs.

Business services include a Business Centre offering secretarial services and private offices, video conferencing services and high-speed Internet access in all meeting rooms.

Health Club and Spa

Jumeirah Essex House's recently renovated in-house spa facilities include a dedicated relaxation lounge, personal training, sauna and steam bath, a selection of massage treatments and other pampering options using only Sodashi products exclusively available in New York City at Jumeirah Essex House only.

The hotel also features a fully equipped fitness and guests can also enjoy the many jogging tracks and riding trails right outside the hotel.

In addition, Jumeirah Essex House, in association with CentralPark.com, presents the Central Park Walking Tours; a combination of audio Podcasts, maps and interactive guides designed to direct park visitors to some of the most remarkable and best loved features of Central Park providing background information and history. The tours also point out some of the most photogenic sites in the park.