

Bottom Tier Status Current as of February 15, 2015	Hyatt Gold Passport Platinum	Starwood Preferred Guest Gold	Hilton HHonors Silver	Marriott Rewards Silver	IHG Rewards Gold	Club Carlson Silver
Elite Qualifying Nights Required	15	25	10	10	15 (or 10 + 3 brands)	15
...or Stays	5	10	4	N/A	N/A	10
Earning Points						
Base Points Earned Per Dollar	5	2	10 base + 5 bonus [3]	10 [3]	10 [3]	20
...Plus Elite Bonus	15% (5.75 total)	50% (3 total)	15% (16.5 total)	20% (12 total)	10% (11 total)	15% (23 total)
Credit Card Points per Dollar	3	2	6 (Citi) or 7 (Amex)	3 (basic card) or 5 (Premier)	N/A	6 (basic card)
Total Possible per Dollar	8.75	5	23.5	17	11	29
Redeeming Points						
Points per Free Night	5,000 - 30,000	2,000 - 35,000	5,000 - 95,000	6,000 - 70,000	10,000 - 50,000	9,000 - 70,000
Cost to Earn those Points [1]	\$870 - \$5,217	\$667 - \$11,667	\$303 - \$5,757	\$500 - \$5,833	\$909 - \$4,545	\$391 - \$3,043
Do Award Nights Earn Status?	Points + Cash awards only	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Upgrades						
Upgrade to Preferred Room	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
...Including Suites (if Available)	No	No	No	No	No	No
Confirmed Upgrades Available	No	No	No	No	No	No
Property Benefits						
Bonus Points Amenity	No	125 - 250	No	No	300 - 600	No
Food/Beverage Amenity	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Free Bottled Water	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Free Breakfast	No	No	No	No	No	No
Reservations						
Guaranteed Availability	72 hours advance notice	No	No	No	No	No
Late Check-out	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	By Request	By Request	No	By Request
General Information						
Number of Properties (Approx.)	500 hotels	1,100 hotels	3,900 hotels	3,700 hotels	4,600 hotels	1,000 hotels
Strengths (Scott's Opinion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistent quality Points offer good value Status match to MGM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good benefits for Gold Highly valuable points Stay credit for 3 rooms [2] Fifth award night free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Huge portfolio Earn points quickly Fifth award night free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Huge portfolio Earn points quickly Fifth award night free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largest portfolio Recently acquired Kimpton Buy unlimited points for \$0.007 each 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong presence in Europe Credit card offers last award night free
Weaknesses (Scott's Opinion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Few properties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inconsistent quality Awards can be expensive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some award levels are relatively high without including credit card spend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ritz-Carlton brand has separate program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mostly cheaper properties InterContinental brand has separate program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheaper properties in U.S. No luxury brand
Partners	MGM Resorts	Delta Air Lines, Emirates, & Caesars Entertainment	N/A	United Airlines	IC Alliance Resorts & Kimpton InTouch	N/A
Footnotes: [1] Calculation divides the award cost (in points) by the number of points earned per dollar (excluding credit card rewards). [2] Elite qualifying credit is awarded for up to three rooms booked under the member's name in the same reservation. [3] 50% reduction in points awarded at Home2Suites, Residence Inn, TownePlace Suites, Staybridge Suites, and Candlewood Suites.						

Middle Tier Status Current as of February 15, 2015	Hyatt Gold Passport Platinum	Starwood Preferred Guest Gold	Hilton HHonors Gold	Marriott Rewards Gold	IHG Rewards Gold	Club Carlson Gold
Elite Qualifying Nights Required	15	25	50	50	15 (or 10 + 3 brands)	35
...or Stays	5	10	20	N/A	N/A	20
Earning Points						
Base Points Earned Per Dollar	5	2	10 base + 5 bonus [3]	10 [3]	10 [3]	20
...Plus Elite Bonus	15% (5.75 total)	50% (3 total)	25% (17.5 total)	25% (12.5 total)	10% (11 total)	35% (27 total)
Credit Card Points per Dollar	3	2	6 - 10 (Citi) or 7 - 12 (Amex)	3 (basic card) or 5 (Premier)	5	6 (basic card) or 10 (Premier)
Total Possible per Dollar	8.75	5	29.5	17.5	16	37
Redeeming Points						
Points per Free Night	5,000 - 30,000	2,000 - 35,000	5,000 - 95,000	6,000 - 70,000	10,000 - 50,000	9,000 - 70,000
Cost to Earn those Points [1]	\$870 - \$5,217	\$667 - \$11,667	\$286 - \$5,429	\$480 - \$5,600	\$909 - \$4,545	\$333 - \$2,592
Do Award Nights Earn Status?	Points + Cash awards only	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Upgrades						
Upgrade to Preferred Room	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
...Including Suites (if Available)	No	No	No	No	No	No
Confirmed Upgrades Available	No	No	No	No	No	No
Property Benefits						
Bonus Points Amenity	No	125 - 250	100 - 1,000	No	300 - 600	No
Food/Beverage Amenity	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Free Bottled Water	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Free Breakfast	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Reservations						
Guaranteed Availability	72 hours advance notice	No	No	No	No	72 hours advance notice
Late Check-out	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	By Request	By Request	No	By Request
General Information						
Number of Properties (Approx.)	500 hotels	1,100 hotels	3,900 hotels	3,700 hotels	4,600 hotels	1,000 hotels
Strengths (Scott's Opinion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistent quality Points offer good value Status match to MGM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good benefits for Gold Highly valuable points Stay credit for 3 rooms [2] Fifth award night free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Huge portfolio Earn points quickly Fifth award night free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Huge portfolio Earn points quickly Fifth award night free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largest portfolio Recently acquired Kimpton Buy unlimited points for \$0.007 each 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong presence in Europe Credit card offers last award night free
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Partners	MGM Resorts	Delta Air Lines, Emirates, & Caesars Entertainment	N/A	United Airlines	IC Alliance Resorts & Kimpton InTouch	N/A

Footnotes: Shaded cells indicate bottom tiers. **[1]** Calculation divides the award cost (in points) by the number of points earned per dollar (excluding credit card rewards). **[2]** Elite qualifying credit is awarded for up to three rooms booked under the member's name in the same reservation. **[3]** 50% reduction in points awarded at Home2Suites, Residence Inn, TownePlace Suites, Staybridge Suites, and Candlewood Suites.

Top Tier Status Current as of February 15, 2015	Hyatt Gold Passport Diamond	Starwood Preferred Guest Platinum	Hilton HHonors Diamond	Marriott Rewards Platinum	IHG Rewards Platinum	Club Carlson Concierge
Elite Qualifying Nights Required	50	50	60	75	50 (40 + 4 brands)	75
...or Stays	25	25	30	N/A	N/A	30
Earning Points						
Base Points Earned Per Dollar	5	2	10 base + 5 bonus [3]	10 [3]	10 [3]	20
...Plus Elite Bonus	30% (6.5 total)	50% (3 total) [4]	50% (20 total)	50% (15 total)	50% (15 total)	75% (35 total)
Credit Card Points per Dollar	3	2	6 - 10 (Citi) or 7 - 12 (Amex)	3 (basic card) or 5 (Premier)	5	6 (basic card) or 10 (Premier)
Total Possible per Dollar	9.5	5	32	18	20	45
Redeeming Points						
Points per Free Night	5,000 - 30,000	2,000 - 35,000	5,000 - 95,000	6,000 - 70,000	10,000 - 50,000	9,000 - 70,000
Cost to Earn those Points [1]	\$769 - \$4,615	\$667 - \$11,667	\$250 - \$4,750	\$400 - \$4,667	\$667 - \$3,333	\$257 - \$2,000
Do Award Nights Earn Status?	Points + Cash awards only	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Upgrades						
Upgrade to Preferred Room	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
...Guaranteed Suite (if Available)	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Confirmed Upgrades Available	4 per year (7 nights each)	10 nights per year	No	No	No	No
Property Benefits						
Bonus Points Amenity	500 - 1,000	250 - 500	100 - 1,000	500	300 - 600	No
Food/Beverage Amenity	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$10 credit	Yes	Yes
Free Bottled Water	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Free Breakfast	Yes	Yes (instead of points)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Reservations						
Guaranteed Availability	48 hours advance notice	72 hours advance notice	48 hours advance notice	48 hours advance notice	72 hours advance notice	48 hours advance notice
Late Check-out	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	By Request	By Request	No	By Request
General Information						
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Strengths (Scott's Opinion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistent quality Points offer good value Status match to MGM Share benefits w/ friends 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More perks for 50+ nights Highly valuable points Stay credit for 3 rooms [2] Fifth award night free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Huge portfolio Earn points quickly Fifth award night free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Huge portfolio Earn points quickly Fifth award night free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largest portfolio Recently acquired Kimpton Buy unlimited points for \$0.007 each 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong presence in Europe Credit card offers last award night free
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