

LARGEST AREA HOTELS *Ranked by number of rooms*

Rank	Name Address Phone/Fax/Web site	No. of rooms	No. of employees	Corporate room rates	Year opened	Owner	General manager	Amenities, entertainment and meeting facilities
1	The Columbia Marriott 1200 Hampton St. Columbia SC 29201 (803) 771-7000 / (803) 254-2911 www.marriottcolumbia.com	300	197	\$139	1983	MSPA Acquisition II LP	Don Bomer	Indoor pool and hot tub, grille and two lounges, 15 meeting rooms with a total of 27,000 sq. ft., gift shop, room service, wireless Internet, fitness room, Starbucks cafe
2	Carolinian Hotel 7510 Two Notch Road Columbia SC 29223 (803) 736-3000 / (803) 736-6399 www.hotelcarolinian.com	251	125	\$89 to \$109	1983	Midfirst Bank	Robert Liptak	Restaurant & lounge, indoor and outdoor pool, putting green; free Internet access, exercise room, pingpong and billiards
3	Columbiana Hotel and Conference Center 2100 Bush River Road Columbia SC 29210 (803) 731-0300 / (803) 731-4892 www.columbianahotel.com	237	200	\$99 to \$139	1984	Augusta Riverfront Limited Partnership	Allan Balocik	Restaurant and lounge, meeting rooms for 10 to 2,000 people, indoor and outdoor pools, whirlpool, keyed access, van transportation
4	Embassy Suites Hotel Columbia - Greystone 200 Stoneridge Drive Columbia SC 29210 (803) 252-8700 / (803) 256-8749 www.embassysuites.com	214	147	\$109 to \$189	1988	John Q. Hammons Inc.	Steve Graves	Complimentary breakfast and manager's reception, two-room suites with Internet access, refrigerator, microwave, indoor pool, fitness center, 15,000 sq. ft., of meeting space, business center
5	Travelodge Suites Northeast 1539 Horseshoe Drive Columbia SC 29223 (803) 736-1600 / (803) 736-6691 www.travelodge.com	192	41	\$49 to \$59	1977	Schneider Management Co.	Bill Lloyd	Indoor heated pool, outdoor pool, game room and pool tables; complimentary breakfast, rooms with coffee makers and hair dryers
6	Ramada Plaza Hotel 8105 Two Notch Road Columbia SC 29223 (803) 736-5600 / (803) 736-1241 www.columbiaramadaplaza.com	186	110	\$69-\$99	1986	IMIC Hotels	Tom Farrell	Restaurant & lounge, fitness center, outdoor pool, whirlpool, spa, 4,000 sq. ft. of meeting space rooms with safes, two-line phones, wireless Internet access,
7	Holiday Inn City Centre at USC 630 Assembly St. Columbia SC 29201 (803) 799-7800 / (803) 252-5909 www.holiday-inn.com	175	100	\$99 to \$129	1969	RFS Hotel Group	Michael Wells	Restaurant, sports bar, 9,000 sq. ft. of meeting space, priority club floor, outdoor pool, fitness facilities, free airport shuttle, rooms with two telephones, free Internet access
8	Clarion Town House Hotel 1615 Gervais St. Columbia SC 29201 (803) 771-8711 / (803) 252-9347 www.clariontownhouse.com	163	100	\$109	1996	Town House Associates Inc.	Bill Ellen	Restaurant & lounge, swimming pool, fitness room, room service, 9,000 sq. ft. of meeting space, free airport shuttle, ground-level parking, wireless Internet access
9	Columbia Courtyard - Northwest 347 Zimalcrest Drive Columbia SC 29210 (803) 731-2300 / (803) 772-6965 www.courtyard.com	149	40	\$74 to \$124	1989	Marriott International Corp.	Matt Barker	Restaurant, breakfast buffet, indoor Jacuzzi and fitness room, 750 sq. ft. of meeting space, business center, free, Internet access
10	Holiday Inn Columbia Airport 500 Chris Drive West Columbia, SC 29169 (803) 794-9440 / (803) 794-9449 www.holiday-inn.com	144	45	\$89	1967	Satya LLC	Tyson Schweitzer	Restaurant and lounge, 2500 sq. ft. of meeting space, complimentary breakfast, complimentary airport shuttle, fitness center, business center, guest laundry, valet service, free Internet access

SOURCE: Interviews with hotel representatives.

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