Inter-Continentals

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I'm not a general Hotel collector, but I do collect major chains, and no chain is as exotic as Inter-Continental. From every corner of the world, from locations that you can't read, much less be familiar with, come an astounding variety of luxurious, beautiful covers that please the eye...and the heart...of any collector.

Inter-Continental Hotels and Resorts, in fact, is the world's most international hotel chain, with properties in more countries than any other first-class international hotel group—more than 200 hotels and resorts in some 60 countries. The chain is owned by Bass, which also owns Holiday Inn.

According to a 25th anniversary cover, the chain was formed right after World War II, in 1946. First opening in Belem, Brazil, 'InterContinental' soon became a byword in luxury destinations.

John Williams, OH, maintains a listing of these fascinating covers, and at last word it numbered 533 as of 1995.

On the following page is a list of their past locations that you can use as a checklist against the covers you have in your collection, although there may have been some recent changes in the past few years that are not shown here:

Past Inter-Continental Locations

NORTH AMERICA

Austin, Texas, USA
Cancún, Mexico
Chicago, Illinois, USA
Cleveland, Ohio, USA
Cozumel, Mexico
Addison, Texas , USA
Guadalajara, México
Zihuatanejo, México
México City, México
Miami, Florida, USA
Miami, FL, USA(Miami Airport)
Quebec, Canada
New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
New York City, NY, USA (2nd loc.)
New York City, NY, USA
Puerto Vallarta, México
San Francisco, California, USA
San José del Cabo, Baja Calif., México
Toronto, Canada
Washington D.C., USA

LATIN AMERICA

Antioquia, Colombia
Bogota, Colombia
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Cali, Colombia
Caracas, Venezuela
Ciudad Guayana, Venezuela
Isla Verde, Puerto Rico
Managua, Nicaragua
Managua, Nicaragua (Downtown)
Maracaibo, Venezuela
Medellin, Colombia
Panamá, Panamá
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
San José, Costa Rica
San Pedro Sula, Honduras
San Salvador, El Salvador
Santiago, Chile
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
São Paulo, Brazil
Tegucigalpa, Honduras,
Valencia Edo. Carabobo, Venezuela

MIDDLE EAST

Abha, Saudi Arabia
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Al Ain, United Arab Emirates
Al Jubail, Saudi Arabia
Amman, Jordan
Amman, Jordan (2nd location)
Beirut, Lebanon

Beirut, Lebanon (2nd location)
Bethlehem, Palestinian Authority
Cairo, Egypt
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Giza, Egypt
Hurghada, Red Sea, Egypt
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Jericho, Palestinian Authority
Kfardebian , Lebanon,
Madinah, Saudi Arabia
Madinah, Saudi Arabia (2nd loc.)
Madinah, Saudi Arabia (3rd loc.)
Makkah, Saudi Arabia
Manama, Bahrain
Muttrah, Sultanate of Oman
Muscat, Sultanate of Oman
Wadi Mousa, Jordan
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Taif, Saudi Arabia
Tel Aviv, Israel

AFRICA

Abidjan, Republic De Côte D'Ivoire
Abidjan, Republic De Côte D'Ivoire
(2nd location)
Asmara, State of Eritrea
Cape Town, South Africa
Umhlanga Rocks, South Africa
Franceville, Gabon
Johannesburg, Rep. of South Africa
Libreville, Gabon
Lusaka, Zambia
Mpumalanga, South Africa
Nairobi, Kenya
Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

ASIA/PACIFIC

Bali, Indonesia
Bangkok, Thailand
Broome, Western Australia
Colombo 1, Sri Lanka
Hong Kong, People's Rep. of China
Manila, Philippines
New Delhi, India
Phnom Penh, King. of Cambodia,
Seoul, South Korea
Seoul, South Korea (2nd location)
Singapore, Republic of Singapore
Jammu & Kashmir, India,
Sydney, New South Wales,
Australia
Taipei, Taiwan
Tokyo, Japan
Tokyo, Japan (2nd location)

Yokohama, Japan

EUROPE

Amsterdam, Netherlands
Amsterdam, Netherlands (2nd loc.)
Antalya, Turkey
Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan,
Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan,
Athens, Greece
Barcelona, Spain
Berlin, Germany
Berlin, Germany (2nd location)
Bratislava, The Slovak Republic
Brussels, Belgium
Bucharest, Romania
Budapest, Hungary
Cannes Cedex, France
Cracow, Poland
Edinburgh, Scotland
Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany
Geneva, Switzerland
Geneva, Switzerland (2nd location)
Hamburg , Germany
Hamburg, Germany (2nd location)
Hannover, Germany
Helsinki, Finland
Istanbul, Turkey
Leipzig, Germany
Ljubljana, Slovenia
London, England
London, England (2nd location)
London, England (3rd location)
London, England (4th location)
Luxembourg, Luxembourg
Madrid, Spain
Montreux, Switzerland
Moscow, Russian Federation
Munich, Germany
Nicosia, Cyprus
Paris, France
Paris, France (2nd location)
Prague, Czech Republic
Rome, Italy
St. Andrew's, Malta
Stuttgart, Germany
Tashkent, Uzbekistan
The Hague, Netherlands
Vienna, Austria
Vienna, Austria (2nd location)
Warsaw, Poland
Warsaw, Poland (2nd location)
Zagreb, Croatia
Zurich, Switzerland

PAPEETE, TAHITI
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