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Hotel Fauchère, Milford, Pennsylvania

🍷 Hotel Fauchère is a tasteful addition to a growing category of hostelry: the destination inn. Its impeccable decor (chic and eclectic), food (a New American menu that includes frog's legs in garlic and caramel-glazed rockfish fillet), art collection (Hudson River School oils), and history (past guests include Franz Liszt and Henry Ford) underscore its appeal. This 1852 inn, lovingly restored to period architectural quality, hosted presidents and movie stars at the turn of the nineteenth century; today it's a weekend magnet for sophisticated New Yorkers and Philadelphians who are discovering this small, revitalized Poconos town and making it a base for antiques, skiing, hiking, and spa-ing at the nearby Lodge at Woodloch (see "Hot Spas"). Anigre wood and contemporary photographs make the basement Bar Louis a slick contrast to the more traditionally decorated dining room and guest rooms upstairs. The service is warm, but bad weather can leave the place regrettably shorthanded. **When to go:** Take a weekend in fall for leaf-peeping. **Which room to book:** One of the two second-floor rooms with balconies (570-409-1212; hotelfauchere.com; doubles, \$275–\$350). 🍷