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Indonesia

Top 100 Suites

The best amenities, incredible service and excitement await you in our definitive list of the top suites on the planet. From sprawling villa escapes in the Balinese jungle to a historic grand château in the French countryside, no detail is overlooked in these opulent, over-the-top and elegant accommodations

by Kristen Shirley, Samantha Coles
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THE AMERICAS



◀ Penthouse Suite

FAENA HOTEL MIAMI BEACH,
FLORIDA

Faena Hotel Miami Beach is decidedly eccentric and playful in its art and design — Damien Hirst's 24K-gold woolly mammoth installation, *Gone but Not Forgotten* (2014), lives here, as do eight murals from artist Juan Gatti — but it also has whimsical restaurant concepts and even a shaman-developed healing spa. The hotel attracts your typical Miami crowd, but also welcomes families, and it boasts a glamorous ambience, best shown through the lavish, residential-style Penthouse Suite. Designed by film director Baz Luhrmann (*Moulin Rouge!* and *The Great Gatsby*), the bi-level, five-bedroom penthouse has a full kitchen, multiple living areas and dining spaces, all decorated in bright hues, with a red-painted bedroom, cheetah-print pillows and gold accents. The space is accented with unique artwork, eccentric prints and plenty of over-the-top accents.

From \$50,000 per night. Contact Melody Miller, reservations manager, mmiller@faena.com, +1 844 733 4190, faena.com



▲ Three-bedroom Duplex

ENCORE AT WYNN LAS VEGAS

If you're visiting Sin City and want the best nightlife, day clubs, casinos, restaurants and entertainment under one roof, head to Encore at Wynn Las Vegas. It's affiliated with Wynn Las Vegas, so you have 19 restaurants at your fingertips, plus access to world-class shopping and nightlife. Whether you're a high roller or not, the Three-bedroom Duplex is no gamble. The bi-level suite has a homey feel with three bedrooms (all big enough to be considered the master) with massive en-suite bathrooms, plus a billiards room, massage room and fitness room. It's quite possible you'll never leave your suite (there's a 24/7 butler, ready for you at any time of night — or morning), but if you do, you'll have priority access to restaurants, a daily beach cabana and VIP access to Encore Beach Club. Views from the suite aren't too shabby either: Double-height windows show the Strip, desert and mountains in all their glory.

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▲ Penthouse

THE SETAI, MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

The Setai Miami Beach redefines what you might expect from a South Beach hotel with a dark, Southeast Asian-inspired aesthetic. There are rich woods, exotic materials and East-Asian artwork and artifacts everywhere from the lobby to the three restaurants to your room. Both the design elements and the interior architecture marry the hotel's Art Deco history (the landmark building was first built in 1937) with a modern, minimalistic Asian vibe. High on the 40th floor, the Penthouse Suite is a stunning four-bedroom suite that occupies the entire floor. Each room in the ocean-facing suite has at least one wall of floor-to-ceiling windows, so whether you're in one of the two master bedrooms, the kid's bunk/media room or the queen-sized bedroom, it feels bright and airy. There's a music foyer with a Steinway piano, double living rooms and a 3,000-sq-ft private rooftop terrace with an infinity pool, Jacuzzi and lounge area, should you want complete privacy while soaking up the Miami sun.

From \$32,000 per night. Contact Annelore Hanssens, reservations manager, ahanssens@thesetaihotel.com, +1 305 520 6000, thesetaihotels.com



▲ Chairman Suite

THE PALAZZO, LAS VEGAS

The Palazzo in Las Vegas is part of The Venetian and offers guests gaming options, dozens of fine-dining restaurants and cocktail bars, a Canyon Ranch Spa, nightclubs and pools. The resort has a distinct Italian theme and resembles a mini Venice, Italy. Go on a gondola ride along the manmade canal (and see exceptional art and architecture along the way) or take in the myriad shows (ranging from country music performances to Motown shows). The Chairman's Suite will delight design aficionados: It has a refined, European style and a neutral color palette of ivory and beige hues with high, vaulted ceilings and gold accents running along the white columns. Because it's Las Vegas, the room is incredibly spacious and has a private terrace with a pool and hot tub, plus a fitness room with steam and sauna, salon, dining area for eight and wet bar. You have the option to make it a three- or four-bedroom suite.

From \$15,000 per night. Contact Nicole Hanisko, director of resort services, nicole.hanisko@sands.com, +1 702 607 7777, venetian.com

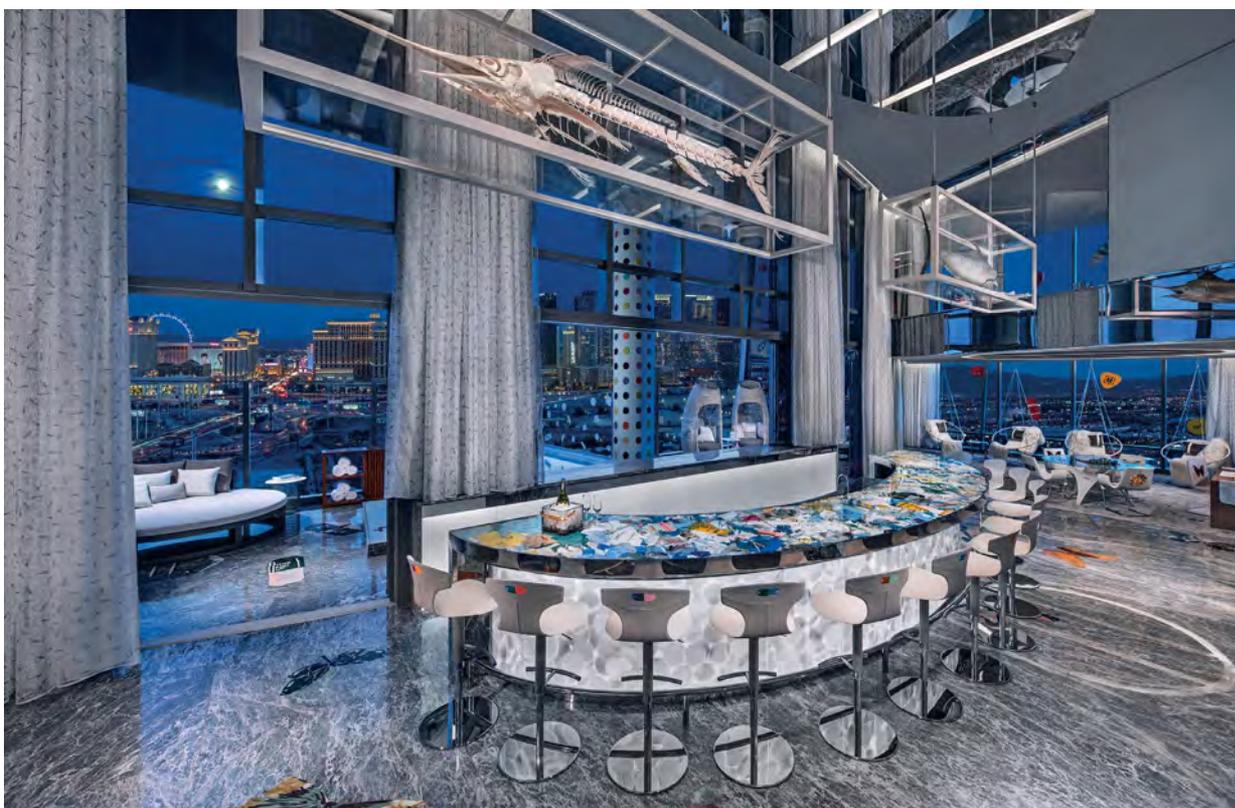


▲ Chairman Suite

BELLAGIO RESORT & CASINO, LAS VEGAS

The Roman-style Bellagio Resort & Casino is instantly identifiable by its marvelous fountains and eight-acre lake that surround the property, and theatrics abound once you step inside. The hotel has dozens of restaurants and bars, the casino, premier shopping, and even botanical gardens and a conservatory with rotating art each season. The Chairman's Suite is located in a private corner of the hotel, and the 4,075-sq-ft suite can host up to six guests. Enter through the mosaic- and marble-floored foyer into the suite's lofty living room, with double-height ceilings and a large fireplace. Dramatic views over the Bellagio's iconic fountains and the glittering lights of the Las Vegas Strip delight from large windows in each room. The contemporary suite is the ideal space for entertaining: There's a solarium, indoor garden and fountain, fireplace and L-shaped bar. You'll also have access to VIP seating for 'O' by Cirque du Soleil and premium seating at any MGM restaurant or club.

From \$7,000 per night. Contact Amy Young, concierge, guestservices@bellagioresort.com, +1 888 987 6667, bellagio.com



◀ Empathy Suite

PALMS CASINO RESORT, LAS VEGAS

Guests love the Palms for its irreverent, fun vibe — the party here is nonstop, and the hotel constantly introduces new concepts. In addition to its classic casino, there are entertaining residencies, shows and myriad bars and lounges, plus non-party options such as the wellness-focused Spa at Palms, a recording studio, plenty of dining concepts and rotating art galleries featuring the world's most acclaimed artists. And just when you thought Las Vegas couldn't get any more extravagant, the resort debuted an over-the-top suite in collaboration with world-famous British artist Damien Hirst and design firm Bentel & Bentel for the world's highest rollers (it is surely one of the most expensive suites out there). The two-story, 9,000-sq-ft suite is laden with Hirst's most famous works and sculptures, including a tank of formaldehyde with two sharks in it — *Winner/Loser* (2018), plus specially designed furniture and decor. The contemporary-styled, two-bedroom suite is an adult's playground: There's a large outdoor cantilevered pool, salt-therapy room, gym, massage room and multiple lounges.

From \$200,000 for a two-night minimum stay. Contact reservations team, empathysuite@palms.com, +1 702 942 1222, palms.com

THE AMERICAS



▲ Suite 5000

MANDARIN ORIENTAL NEW YORK

There are few more central hotels than Mandarin Oriental, New York, which is snug within Columbus Circle in Midtown Manhattan. The hotel has the same Asian-inspired swankiness the company is so revered for, but with an urban flair. Here, guests will love fine-dining restaurant Asiate as well as The Office and The Aviary, two lounges from renowned Chicago-based chef Grant Achatz. Suite 5000, a 3,300-sq-ft, three-bedroom suite, is located on the 50th floor with exceptional views of the skyline and Central Park. In addition to the sleek decor (think shimmering silver and gray hues), the suite has a rotating exhibit of contemporary artwork, most notably an exceptional Swarovski crystal hanging wall installation in the dining room. Music lovers will enjoy a specially curated collection of vinyl records from local music shop Academy Records.

From \$35,000 per night. Contact Susanne Hatje, general manager, monyc-reservations@mohg.com, +1 212 805 8800, mandarinoriental.com

▶ Baccarat Suite

BACCARAT HOTEL NEW YORK

No matter how many times you visit the pristine Baccarat Hotel New York, it never fails to transport you to Paris with its pleated silk walls, sweeping French art collection and elegant interiors. Throughout the hotel, there are countless deep-red floral bouquets and thousands of crystal sculptures. Every room is expectedly elegant, but The Baccarat Suite has that extra-special touch. The suite makes you feel like Parisian nobility as you are surrounded by porcelain busts, herringbone flooring, a marble dining table, lacquered-wood walls and 17 ornate Baccarat crystal chandeliers. Guests of the one-bedroom, 1,740-sq-ft suite are privy to dedicated hosts, hair blowouts, linens by Mascioni, La Mer amenities and a gift of Baccarat crystal stemware. Plus, its central location in New York means you're a short walk from top cultural attractions.

From \$15,000 per night. Contact Patrice Hairston-Carter, reservation manager, patricehcarter@baccarathotels.com, +1 212 790 8829, baccarathotels.com



Royal Suite ▶

PARK HYATT NEW YORK

Park Hyatt New York takes up the first 25 floors in the coveted residential address, One57. The modern glass building is across the street from Carnegie Hall and just steps from some of the city's most famous attractions. Its lobby, dining area and rooms all feel 'big city,' but the hotel's Spa Nalai is a tranquil haven offering wellness retreats for the frequent traveler. The spectacular pool has city views from double-height windows, and a curated soundtrack from neighboring Carnegie Hall plays underwater. Enter the Royal Suite through a residential-style foyer before coming into the spacious living room lined with floor-to-ceiling windows with views over Central Park. The one-bedroom Royal Suite is bright and airy, with impressive contemporary art in each room. There's a full kitchen, wet bar, personal bar and, if needed, additional security and staff. **From \$30,000 per night. Contact Gus Pitkethley, director of sales and marketing, angus.pitkethley@hyatt.com, +1 888 286 4540, parkhyatt.com**



▲ Presidential Suite

THE ST REGIS NEW YORK

First opened in 1904 by the Astor family, The St Regis New York is a luxe fixture in the heart of the city. The landmark hotel retains its early-20th-century charm in its well-preserved Beaux-Arts-style interiors, including ornate gold detailing on the walls, frescoes and sparkly crystal chandeliers. Have a drink at King Cole Bar (book Table 55 for an ultra-exclusive evening); or the stately Astor Court, known for its afternoon tea. Feel like you're part of the hotel's history when you reserve the Presidential Suite (Salvador Dalí was one of many notable figures to stay here). The glamorous suite has classical interior architecture paired with modern design elements like animal-print fabrics, bold-hued furniture and contemporary art. The two-bedroom suite has everything you need, including separate living and dining areas, a study, library and kitchen. **From \$35,000 per night. Contact Katie Donald, director of sales and marketing, katie.donald@stregishotels.com, +1 212 753 4500, stregis.com**



▲ Ty Warner Penthouse

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL NEW YORK

Situated on 'Billionaires' Row,' the IM Pei-designed Four Seasons Hotel New York embodies elegant sophistication; yet the Art Deco lobby with soaring ceilings, towering columns and stone flooring has an intimate feel thanks to dim lighting and a quiet atmosphere. Visit Ty Bar for daily afternoon tea or live jazz on Friday nights. The luxe Ty Warner Penthouse on the 52nd floor is a most impressive urban suite. The one-bedroom suite has 26-ft ceilings, hand-lacquered walls inlaid with mother of pearl, floor-to-ceiling bookcases, a grand piano, zen room with a waterfall of South African-sourced semi-precious granite, a Peloton bike, Chinese onyx bathtub, in-suite spa and an exquisite chandelier made by Deborah Thomas. There are four cantilevered glass balconies (the highest in the world) that perfectly align with the grid of Manhattan's streets. **From \$50,000 per night. Contact John Jun Rabb, reservations and revenue manager, nyf.reservations@fourseasons.com, +1 212 758 5700, fourseasons.com**



▲ Jewel Suite by Martin Katz

LOTTE PALACE NEW YORK

Lotte Palace New York perfectly marries Manhattan's rich 19th-century history with the modern day throughout, most notably in the landmark original building, which is connected to a modern tower. There's a quaint courtyard between the street and the front entrance; once you step inside, you're greeted by an opulent lobby — one of the most well-preserved in the city. Get to know the history of New York through its six restaurants and bars, which include Rarities, a rare wines and spirits bar that recalls interiors of a bygone era, or via the hotel's craft-cocktail bar. The Jewel Suite by Martin Katz, created in collaboration with the esteemed jeweler, is a triplex suite featuring a two-story crystal chandelier and radiant features like mirrored furniture, sumptuous velvet fabrics in rich dark purple and grey hues, and shiny silver art sculptures and light fixtures. When you book the suite, you will receive a complimentary Martin Katz diamond microband ring, as well as a private consultation with the jewelry designer himself should you want to design a custom piece. **From \$25,000 per night. Contact Yana Thompson, director of travel industry sales, ythompson@lottenypalace.com, +1 212 303 6053, lottenypalace.com**

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◀ Royal Suite

THE PLAZA HOTEL, NEW YORK

The Plaza Hotel in New York isn't just a 19th-century landmark hotel, it's a cultural icon. The hotel is mentioned in iconic works of literature, such as *The Great Gatsby* and the famed children's book, *Eloise*, and has appeared in dozens of films. A step inside the lobby feels like stepping into a museum: Beaux-Arts design is alive and well, and much of the old-world elegance that made the hotel so famous remains. The Palm Court is an iconic power-lunch destination, and tea here is a can't-miss experience. Enjoy the royal treatment in the three-bedroom Royal Suite: It has a private elevator so you can keep a low profile and an exceptionally large living room with a grand piano, library and a 12-seat dining table. Design is inspired by King Louis XV, most apparent through sumptuous fabrics, 24K-gold detailing, high ceilings, ornate crown moldings and spacious windows. **From \$40,000 per night. Contact George Cozonis, managing director, theplaza@fairmont.com, +1 212 759 3000, theplazany.com**



▼ Presidential Penthouse Suite

WALDORF ASTORIA BEVERLY HILLS, LOS ANGELES

Beverly Hills is a mecca for luxe hotels, and Waldorf Astoria is one of the newest to make a splash in the upscale neighborhood. French designer Pierre-Yves Rochon infused his elegant touch into every corner of the hotel, from its opulent, marble-floored lobby to chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten's three restaurants, the chic La Prairie Spa and perhaps the largest rooftop pool in Beverly Hills. The Presidential Penthouse Suite combines French flair with California cool: Expect Noir Saint Laurent marble floors, golden silks, and statement-making flowers. There's a 1,459-sq-ft terrace overlooking the Hollywood Hills, though they're easily viewed from the floor-to-ceiling windows in the 12-person dining room, kitchen, lofty living room, private fitness room or with a glass of champagne from the comfort of your master bath. There's truly a residential feel, especially with a private cinema and in-suite spa room at your disposal. **From \$20,000 per night. Contact Lisa Madison, reservations manager, lisa.madison@waldorfastoria.com, +1 800 774 1500, waldorfastoriaberlyhills.com**

▲ The Mark Penthouse

THE MARK HOTEL, NEW YORK

Those in the know instantly recognize this Upper East Side hotel's geometric black-and-white striped marble flooring. Whimsical in design but rooted in French elegance, The Mark Hotel, designed by Jacques Grange, has incredible artwork and objets d'art throughout. There are gourmet picnic baskets, a chauffeured The Mark-branded pedicab, custom bicycles and a private sailboat, *The Mark Sailboat*. It's also home to the US's largest suite, a penthouse on the 16th floor that clocks in at 10,000 sq ft. It has all the luxuries of a residence, and then some, with five bedrooms spread over two floors, a living room with 26-ft ceilings, conservatory, library, lavish dining room, private rooftop terrace overlooking Manhattan and outdoor dining space made for entertaining.

From \$75,000 per night. Contact Andrew Jeffries, sales and marketing director, andrew.jeffries@themarkhotel.com, +1 212 744 4300, themarkhotel.com





◀ The Boathouse

THE POINT, SARANAC LAKE, NEW YORK

Head to upstate New York's Adirondacks and relive the glory of the Gilded Age at The Point, originally William D. Rockefeller's Great Camp. The property nicely blends rustic charm with elegance and exceptional service, and it gives new meaning to the term 'all-inclusive.' Full bars are scattered throughout the property, so you can mix a G and T while you meander through the forest, or spike a hot chocolate during a chilly evening by a fire. The Point's staff excels in adding that special something to its activities, whether hosting a curling party on the frozen lake complete with a roaring fire and an ice luge, or setting up a hammock in a perfect hidden alcove. If you're staying at the romantic Boathouse, you'll be hard-pressed to leave the dreamy deck with its swinging twin beds and serene views of the water. **From \$3,750 per night. Contact Joe Maiurano, general manager, jmaiurano@thepointresort.com, +1 518 891 5674, thepointresort.com**



▲ Wilshire Presidential Suite

BEVERLY WILSHIRE, A FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES

Beverly Wilshire has enticed the rich and famous since it opened in 1928. The hotel exudes classic glamour, but has been updated with a modern style. There is a Wolfgang Puck-led restaurant called Cut, a five-star spa, and world-class shopping on Rodeo Drive is just steps away. Retreat to the two-bedroom Wilshire Presidential Suite on the eighth floor of the newly renovated Wilshire Wing and enjoy views overlooking Beverly Hills. The foyer resembles that of a private residence with ornate white pillars leading you through a hallway into the spacious living room. The suite has a wood-paneled library, private bar and gorgeous marble bathroom, all decorated with contemporary furnishings, colorful art and exquisite floral arrangements at every turn. **From \$12,500 per night. Contact Kevin White, leisure sales manager, kevin.d.white@fourseasons.com, +1 310 385 3964, fourseasons.com**



▲ Presidential Suite

HOTEL BEL-AIR, LOS ANGELES

Hollywood's golden era is alive and well at Hotel Bel-Air, part of the Dorchester Collection, a Mediterranean-style sanctuary tucked away in the wooded hills of the exclusive Bel Air community. First opened in 1946, the hotel has been a private escape for Tinseltown's most iconic movie stars, celebrities and filmmakers (Cary Grant, Marilyn Monroe and Grace Kelly, to name a few), be it for a power lunch at the alfresco restaurant, a relaxing spa escape at Hotel Bel-Air Spa or a long-term stay in one of its seven Signature Suites. The Presidential Suite is one of the finest with a classic-yet-modern California-style design and a charming, private Spanish-inspired courtyard enclosed by towering trees and plants. You never need to leave: There's a full-sized swimming pool and outdoor space, plus a large living room with a grand piano, chef's kitchen and a monolithic fireplace to cozy up next to. Each room has high, vaulted ceilings and plenty of windows to let in the California sunshine. **From \$15,000 per night. Contact Rob James, director of sales, reservations.hba@dorchestercollection.com, +1 424 421 0070, dorchestercollection.com**



▲ Ty Warner Villa

FOUR SEASONS RESORT THE BILTMORE SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

Santa Barbara's Spanish colonial style lives on at this historic seaside resort, first built in 1927. It covers 22 acres dominated by lush, tropical greenery, with direct access to the beach and fine views over the Pacific Ocean. There's lots to do: casino gaming, golf, wine tastings with the in-house vintner, plus the six dining concepts — most are alfresco and beachside. The hotel's indoor-outdoor style is best enjoyed in the new Ty Warner Villa, a residential-style one-bedroom villa that's whimsical and colorful. The oceanfront villa has an expansive terrace with a private plunge pool, outdoor fireplace, loungers and beach access. Inside, design details include a marble-backed wet bar, French doors, bright wallpaper and hand-laid mosaic tiles on the many indoor fireplaces and the shower. **From \$12,500 per night. Contact Janet Garr, assistant reservations manager, janet.garr@fourseasons.com, +1 805 969 2261, fourseasons.com**

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▲ Estate Lodge

MEADOWOOD NAPA VALLEY, ST HELENA, CALIFORNIA

This iconic resort embodies the spirit of California's Napa Valley. Set amid pretty rolling hills, the resort has charming cottage-style decor, attentive service, an award-winning spa, and a three-Michelin-starred restaurant celebrating the region's exceptional produce and wines. The four-bedroom Estate Lodge is serene, set away from the main hotel for privacy. The cozy great room's open layout includes a kitchen, lounge and dining area, and opens onto a large terrace with views of the bucolic setting. As a guest here, your trip will be seamless: You'll be met at the airport; a host will plan a bespoke itinerary for you, including visits at the top wineries; and all of the comforts of home, including a fully stocked kitchen and your preferred housewares, are at your fingertips. **From \$6,050 per night. Contact Pam Hugo, director of executive office, phugo@meadowood.com, +1 707 967 1215, meadowood.com**



▲ Summit View Four-bedroom Penthouse Residence

MONTAGE DEER VALLEY, PARK CITY, UTAH

Deer Valley is part of Utah's premier ski destination, Park City. The area attracts skiers from around the world thanks to its near-200 acres of skiable terrain and fine restaurants. Montage Deer Valley is a ski-in/ski-out resort that takes you right to the chair lifts, making it easy to get on and off the slopes. The hotel has a rustic yet sophisticated feel — wood beams, a neutral color palette, roaring fireplaces and animal antlers provide a sense of place. The 5,300-sq-ft Summit View Four-bedroom Penthouse Residence offers lovely mountain vistas and is extremely cozy after a day on the slopes, with roaring fireplaces in nearly every room, wool chairs, comfy couches and heated bathroom floors. The suite also has three terraces, a dining room, two living areas and a large kitchen. **From \$5,000 per night. Contact Jamie Fisher, director of leisure sales, jfisher@montagehotels.com, +1 435 604 1300, montagehotels.com**



▲ The Paepcke Suite

THE LITTLE NELL, ASPEN, COLORADO

As the only true ski-in, ski-out property in Aspen, The Little Nell is beloved for its convenience and superb views; après skiers love its raucous parties. In 2019, the boutique hotel renovated its public areas; the new look evokes Aspen's rustic natural landscape and impressive contemporary-art scene. (The rooms and suites were renovated in 2017). The restaurants are also excellent, especially Element 47, with a superb wine cellar and world-class sommeliers. Stay in the Paepcke Suite, named for an illustrious Aspen resident. The art-filled one-bedroom suite has a private balcony overlooking the base of Aspen Mountain. After a day on the slopes, spend a quiet night by the fire playing chess or backgammon at a custom-designed game table, and ready yourself to face the mountain's challenges again. **From \$2,500 per night. Contact Jonathan Fillman, general manager, jfillman@thelittlenell.com, +1 970 920 4600, thelittlenell.com**



▲ Alii Royal Suite

FOUR SEASONS RESORT LANAI, HAWAII

Visiting the island of Lanai feels like taking a step back in time to an undiscovered Hawaii, albeit one with a Four Seasons Resort (soon to be two). There is very little development, and much of the island remains ready for exploration, whether that's on horseback, a 4x4 or from a 50-ft catamaran. The ultra-luxurious resort has a prime oceanfront location next to Hulopoe Bay, a marine sanctuary frequented by pods of spinner dolphins. Tropical flora practically explodes throughout the hotel's many courtyards, making the property feel intimate despite its size. For the best view of it all, book the 3,984-sq-ft Alii Royal Suite. Warm, earthy tones fill the contemporary space, which is highlighted by marine-inspired art — we love *Bronze Fish* by sculptor Yorgos Kypris. The bathroom is particularly extravagant with a double Japanese soaking tub and a double steam shower. Outside, relax on one of the three private lanais and keep an eye out for dolphins through tripod binoculars. **From \$21,000 per night. Contact Maureen Flood, director of reservations, maureen.flood@fourseasons.com, +1 808 353 3058, fourseasons.com**





▲ Presidential Suite

THE POST OAK HOTEL AT UPTOWN HOUSTON

Houston's only AAA Five-Diamond hotel, The Post Oak at Uptown Houston, comprises floors 10-25 of a tower housing residential space, offices and retail (including a ground-floor Rolls-Royce showroom). The Post Oak offers plenty to its discerning guests: seven dining and bar destinations, a spa, salon, fitness center, pool, library, casino, extensive art collection and over-the-top programming, like a \$1m wine package and a \$1,600 gold-flaked burger. They say everything's bigger in Texas, and the 5,000-sq-ft Presidential Suite proves it. Retreat to the two-bedroom suite via private elevator to enjoy the media room, fitness room and a secluded terrace overlooking the city skyline. The modernly designed space has marble columns, silver and grey furniture and magnificent chandeliers, plus a dining room, private bar and separate living areas.

From \$12,000 per night. Contact Pilar Florez, director of luxury travel, pilar.florez@thepost oak.com, +1 346 227 5005, thepost oakhotel.com

▲ Makaloa Villa

FOUR SEASONS RESORT HUALALAI, HAWAII

Embrace the aloha spirit on the Island of Hawaii at Four Seasons Resort Hualalai, which celebrates the unique culture, architecture, landscape and decor the islands are known for. From the lava-rock walls to lush vegetation, incredible restaurants and enormous spa, and seven — yes, seven — outdoor pools, there's something for families and honeymooners alike. Don't miss the myriad cultural and outdoor activities, including water sports and ukulele lessons. There is a lovely Presidential Suite, but if you're looking for something with more privacy, book the Makaloa Villa. The dreamy 3,885-sq-ft villa is set away from the rest of the hotel and has serene views of Waikauhi Pond and the ocean beyond. Best of all, it has a private garden with a plunge pool and hot tub, as well as plenty of places to lounge and soak in the sun.

From \$18,000 per night. Contact Pomai Ascino, reservations manager, reservations.hualalai@fourseasons.com, +1 808 325 8000, fourseasons.com



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◀ Casa del Cielo Residence Estate

FOUR SEASONS RESORT COSTA RICA AT PENINSULA PAPAGAYO, COSTA RICA

This mostly outdoor Four Seasons property in a remote area of Peninsula Papagayo boasts ocean and beaches on both sides. There are plenty of adventure offerings (zip lining, wildlife excursions and surfing), and five dining options ranging from tapas and seafood to Italian and a DIY bar experience. The largest residence on property is Casa del Cielo Residence Estate. It sleeps up to 14 guests and has uninterrupted views over the ocean, resort and bay. The sleek indoor-outdoor living space, complete with teak roofing, traditional elements and a neutral color palette, has sliding glass doors in nearly every room that open to the pool deck or terrace. But the main draw is the wraparound infinity pool, perfect for enjoying blazing orange sunsets with a tequila drink in hand.

From \$20,450 per night. Contact Julieta Carli, reservation manager, julieta.carli@fourseasons.com, +50 62 696 0000, fourseasons.com



▼ Villa One

ONE&ONLY PALMILLA, LOS CABOS, MEXICO

If it's authentic Mexican luxury you seek, One&Only Palmilla delivers. A hideaway for ultra-private travelers, the hotel sits on an oceanfront bluff far (but not too far) from the craziness of downtown Cabo San Lucas. Family-friendly, but quiet, One&Only has a 27-hole golf course, a lovely spa with locally inspired wellness rituals, and superb restaurants, including chef Jean-George Vongerichten's Seared, focusing on fresh fare straight from the hotel's herb garden and the Sea of Cortez. And while there's no bad place to stay, Villa One takes the cake. Upon entering Villa One's dramatic, sliding glass doors, you know you've entered a unique Mexican hideaway. At 14,962 sq ft, the modern-style villa is one of the largest suites in the region. Within, it has four bedrooms, a movie theater and a terrace with a fire pit. Have your butler (available 24/7) deliver you a fresh margarita (or two) on the *palapa* hanging by your glass-walled infinity pool, and you might never leave your villa, or maybe even Los Cabos.

From \$9,000 per night. Contact Arturo Canales, reservations assistant manager, arturo.canales@oneandonlypalmilla.com, +52 624 146 7000, oneandonlyresorts.com

▲ Ty Warner Mansion

LAS VENTANAS AL PARAÍSO, A ROSEWOOD RESORT, LOS CABOS, MEXICO

There are few places that combine Mexico's hacienda-style living with world-class art and modern design quite like Las Ventanas al Paraíso. Add the resort's top-notch service to the list, and the result is an elevated vacation experience unlike any other in Los Cabos. When you stay at the resort, you have access to five nearby golf courses, tennis and beachside cabanas with plunge pools and Jacuzzis. One of the largest in the region, the Ty Warner Mansion is a sprawling beachfront residence with a 328-ft infinity pool that wraps around the entirety of the property, a 360-degree vertical garden enclave, a secret games and media room, 9,000-sq-ft rooftop terrace, outdoor beds, multiple lounging areas, a full kitchen and private cellar with world-class wine, spirits and tequila. The entire residence has ultra-high ceilings throughout the stark-white hacienda-style home. For an unforgettable night, order a fireworks display, all controlled via an iPad.

From \$35,000 per night. Contact Marinette Dorkhom-Giaquinta, director of sales and marketing, marinette.giaquinta@rosewoodhotels.com, +1 833 224 1926, rosewoodhotels.com



THE CARIBBEAN



◀ Villa Rockstar

EDEN ROCK, ST BARTHS

After Hurricane Irma's devastating destruction in 2017, St Barth's' most notable property, Eden Rock, is refreshed and open for business. The beachfront property is perched atop a jagged rock formation along one of St Jean's liveliest coves. Despite its central location, Eden Rock remains exclusive, perfectly secluded from the area's bustling streets. All of its suites and villas have been restored, including Villa Rockstar. The ultra-private villa, which has 10-ft walls on each side, has been a hallmark of the property since 2009 — it famously has a recording studio where many artists have recorded hit songs, plus a fully equipped gym, full kitchen and a brand-new private 66-ft pool. The glamorous suite wouldn't look out of place in a swanky Beverly Hills hotel thanks to its contemporary design, but its views over the turquoise water tell you otherwise. **From \$26,000 per night. Contact Laura Hitié, reservations manager, reservations.edenrock@oetkercollection.com, +1 855 333 6762, oetkercollection.com**



▲ Seven South

THE RITZ-CARLTON, GRAND CAYMAN

The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman has it all, with its nine-hole Greg Norman-designed golf course, Nick Bollettieri-run tennis program and environmental activities headed by ambassadors for Jean-Michel Cousteau's foundation. Of course, its position on the famous Seven Mile Beach doesn't hurt, nor do its six restaurants and bars, including Blue by Eric Ripert. Seven South, perfect for families, takes up the entire top floor of Ocean Tower; it's the largest suite configuration in the Caribbean with a total of 11 bedrooms. The rooms feature elegant furnishings and a neutral color palette to complement the Caribbean Sea seen through French doors and from the vantage point of the private terraces and outdoor dining areas, plus their own kitchens and lounge areas. A private beach cabana is reserved for you each day. **From \$25,000 per night. Contact Jasmine James, travel industry sales manager, jasmine.james@ritzcarlton.com, +1 345 943 9000, ritzcarlton.com**



▲ The Villa

SANDY LANE, HOLETOWN, BARBADOS

Sandy Lane in Barbados is one of the most grandiose hotels in the Caribbean. Opened in 1961, it's known for its see-and-been crowd, its Bentley house car, three famous golf courses, tennis, water sports, four restaurants and many bars, a 47,000-sq-ft spa and endless white-sand beach. Sandy Lane departs from the island's traditional Bajan style with its grand, Palladian-style architecture, and is instantly recognizable for its signature pink hue. Stay in The Villa, an elegant five-bedroom private residence with its own gardens, staff, fully stocked bar, pool and Jacuzzi, large dining area and a courtyard. Impeccable service and warm, Bajan hospitality keep guests returning again and again. Experience it firsthand with The Villa's full staff, which includes a private chef, butler, personal housekeeper and night security for those who are ultra-private. **From \$10,000 per night. Contact James Matthews, hotel manager, reservations@sandylane.com, +1 855 558 6412, sandylane.com**



▲ Amanya Villa

AMANYARA TURKS & CAICOS

The secluded Amanya resort in Turks & Caicos is a minimalistic space with a zen-like quality. There are dozens of low-hanging structures spread spaciouly over the western coast of Providenciales island, which are perfectly woven into the protected marine reserve and parkland. Amanya aims to enhance and blend in with its local surroundings, rather than conceal them, which is why the resort is made with a neutral color palette, open-space floor plan for easy indoor-outdoor living and natural materials. The six-bedroom, 14,450-sq-ft Amanya Villa may as well be its own resort: It has direct beach access through a teak walkway, as well as a private pond that meanders throughout the villa's independent structures. There are multiple dining *salas*, a personal bar, Pilates studio, black infinity pool and more lounging areas than you can count. When you want to emerge from your private lair, there are three golf carts at your disposal.

Fom \$18,100 per night. Contact Ian White, general manager, iwhite@aman.com, +1 649 941 8133, aman.com

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▲ The Apartment

THE CONNAUGHT, LONDON

The 19th-century, red-brick facade of The Connaught is as instantly recognizable as the curious water feature outside: a piece by Japanese architect Tadao Ando, *Silence*, it sees a mist of water seep into the air every 15 minutes. Art aficionados will delight further at the 3,000-strong collection of original artworks from artists like Damien Hirst, Louise Bourgeois and Barbara Hepworth. You know you're in for a treat when you see the cobalt-blue, hand-carved front door of The Apartment: Inside the 3,070-sq-ft penthouse, you'll find double-height ceilings with a fireplace, a four-poster king bed in the master bedroom, guest bedroom, two-and-a-half bathrooms, a large living room, dining room with space for eight, separate kitchenette, large wraparound balcony and two terraces.

From \$24,350 per night. Contact Nancy Getlan, director of sales and marketing, ngetlan@maybourne.com, +1 212 715 0995, theconnaught.co.uk



▲ Royal Penthouse Suite

CORINTHIA HOTEL LONDON

Near London's Westminster neighborhood, the Corinthia is lavish with its glass-domed lobby, grand floral displays and glittering chandeliers. The two-story Royal Penthouse Suite has views from its 680-sq-ft terrace of landmarks of the London skyline: the London Eye, Big Ben, Nelson's Column, St Paul's and the Thames. Inside, the two floors connect via a private elevator and a swirling staircase. On the lower floor, there's a large living room, dining room for 10, office and butler's kitchen. The upper floor has a huge master bedroom with walk-in closet and master bath with spa suite, a TV lounge, 75-sq-ft balcony, terrace and a second bedroom with walk-in closet. You have your own spa, but do visit the ESPA Spa. It's the best in the city: four subterranean floors of slick black marble, dancing fireplaces and an excellent treatment menu.

From \$24,350 per night. Contact Darren Cousins, head concierge, penthouses.london@corinthia.com, +44 207 321 3000, corinthia.com



▲ Sterling Suite

THE LANGHAM, LONDON

Delivering impeccable service since 1865, The Langham in Marylebone was London's first grand hotel, and it is famed as being the birthplace of afternoon tea. At 4,844 sq ft, The Sterling Suite is one of the largest suites in London, and it can be configured to include up to six bedrooms. It has a dining room, drawing room with a piano, media lounge and the 24/7 services of a butler. You'll also have access to the Langham Club, where there's complimentary breakfast, afternoon tea and free-flowing Perrier-Jouët champagne — get tipsy and hit the nearby shops on Regent Street. Enjoy the suite's elegant and opulent furnishings, including a marble fireplace and gold-accented furniture, and views over the posh neighborhood. The six bedrooms allow ample space to accommodate large parties.

From \$30,000 per night. Contact Bob van den Oord, managing director, tlon@langhamhotels.com, +44 207 636 1000, langhamhotels.com



▲ Royal Suite

THE LANESBOROUGH, LONDON

The gleaming white facade of The Lanesborough is a neoclassical monument on Hyde Park Corner in London's affluent Knightsbridge neighborhood. The hotel is a destination in itself — many visit to dine at the Michelin-starred restaurant, Celeste, or for the award-winning afternoon tea. For a longer stint, book the Royal Suite (you might recognize it from *Eyes Wide Shut*, the 1999 movie by Stanley Kubrick). As the name suggests, it is unashamedly regal and has views over Buckingham Palace Gardens. The 4,845-sq-ft suite has seven bedrooms and bathrooms, two inviting living rooms and a dining room with space for 12 guests. Guests of the Royal Suite enjoy butler service and the use of a chauffeur-driven Rolls-Royce Phantom.

From \$15,400 per night. Contact Marco Novella, managing director, reservations@lanesborough.com, +44 207 333 7250, lanesborough.com



◀ Royal Wing

HOTEL CAFÉ ROYAL, LONDON

Positioned between the high-class Mayfair borough and the vibrant Soho neighborhood, Hotel Café Royal is in the thick of it, yet is surprisingly relaxed inside. The landmarked building dates back to 1865 and is full of history: Oscar Wilde, Brigitte Bardot, David Bowie, Winston Churchill and Elizabeth Taylor are all past patrons. The Royal Wing is an extension of the grand Royal Suite and can be configured to include up to 13 bedrooms, all in a private wing. The Royal Suite itself has two bedrooms, two living rooms, a kitchen and three bathrooms in Carrara marble. Check out the Portland Stone, used to mirror the Regent Street architecture (you'll have views of the famous street from the expansive windows). Beautiful golden walls add a bit of glitz to your stay. Don't leave without having afternoon tea in the exquisitely gilded Oscar Wilde Lounge.

From \$12,900 per night. Contact Marie Kelly, director of reservations, marie.kelly@hotelcaferoyal.com, +44 207 406 3322, hotelcaferoyal.com



▼ Mandarin Oriental Penthouse

MANDARIN ORIENTAL HYDE PARK, LONDON

The Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park stands majestically in a turreted Edwardian building in Knightsbridge. The biggest refurbishment in the hotel's 115-year history was completed in summer 2019 (it was supposed to be completed sooner, but a catastrophic roof fire caused an understandable delay). The interiors were given a new lease on life by designer Joyce Wang and, most noticeably, the color palette is fresher and lighter. The Mandarin Oriental Penthouse is sublime, with three en-suite bedrooms, two salons (each with dining space for eight) and two kitchens. There are views of the Shard and the London Eye from the floor-to-ceiling windows in the master bedroom, and the third bedroom has a private balcony with views over leafy Hyde Park. Have dinner at, well, Dinner by Heston Blumenthal. Order the tipsy cake for dessert.

From \$43,500 per night. Contact Amanda Hyndman, general manager, molon-reservations@mohg.com, +44 207 235 2000, mandarinoriental.com

▲ Manor House Suite

ROSEWOOD LONDON

Situated in the bustling Holborn area, Rosewood London is at the heart of the action, but inside it is another world. Enter through a grand archway and carriageway into a quaint courtyard (during the winter holidays you'll see an enormous Christmas tree adorned with baubles and fairy lights). The hotel is a restored Edwardian mansion with beautiful architectural details throughout. The Manor House is the only suite in the world with its own zip code, and it has its own entrance from Holborn Street, as well as a private elevator. The 1,990-sq-ft, one-bedroom suite is filled with curious trinkets, books and sculptures, and it feels far more like a chic city apartment than a hotel suite. The bathroom is spectacular with a large freestanding marble tub as a striking focal point to the lacquered space. Need more bedrooms? There are six connecting rooms available, creating the Manor Wing.

From \$15,400 per night. Contact Michael Bosnor, managing director, london@rosewoodhotels.com, +44 207 781 8888, rosewoodhotels.com



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▲ Royal Suite

THE SAVOY, LONDON

Needing little introduction, The Savoy is one of London's most legendary hotels. It sits right on the bank of the River Thames (the only five-star hotel in the city to do so) and was the first luxury hotel in all of Britain. It has had many famous patrons during its 130-year history, and many of the guest rooms pay homage to them — the Marlene Dietrich Suite has a bouquet of pink roses that the actress requested whenever she stayed. The Royal Suite is the grandest of them all: It occupies the entire riverside of the fifth floor and has a master bedroom with four-poster bed and a Savoir mattress. The open-plan layout is perfect for entertaining; the sitting room leads into a spacious living room with its own bar — have your butler whip up a cocktail and enjoy the incredible views of the London Eye, Canary Wharf and beyond.

From \$19,000 per night. Contact Kate Fox-Male, guest experience and communications manager, svy.reservations@fairmont.com, +44 207 836 4343, fairmont.com

▲ Royal Lochnagar Suite

GLENEAGLES, SCOTLAND

As one of Scotland's best hotels, Gleneagles has a sterling reputation and is loved by those with a passion for the great outdoors. The grand hotel is set within the 850-acre Gleneagles estate in the Scottish countryside where you'll find lochs, tennis courts, a croquet lawn, shooting and fishing school, stables, zip line, three championship golf courses and its own train station. The Royal Lochnagar Suite is a luxurious yet cozy space with a four-poster bed and an elegant sitting room awash in light colors. There's also a working fireplace to enjoy and glorious views over the Perthshire countryside through large windows. It feels more like a grand home than a suite: It is clad in rich velvet and has plenty of quaint nooks to while away an afternoon with a good book and a wee dram of the Royal Lochnagar whisky that will be waiting for you when you arrive.

From \$5,045 per night. Contact Lorraine McCreddie, reservations manager, lorraine.mccreadie@gleneagles.com, +44 176 466 2231, gleneagles.com





▲ Penthouse Suite

HÔTEL MARTINEZ, CANNES, FRANCE

Cannes, France attracts the rich and famous each May thanks to the Cannes Film Festival, and Hôtel Martinez, originally built in 1929, has been the obvious choice for the world's most legendary stars since then. You can't miss its grand, white facade right along the lively Boulevard de la Croisette, which is just steps from the beach. In 2018, Pierre-Yves Rochon completely revived the interior; it's inspired by the rich colors of the French Riviera. Located on the top floor, the 17,975-sq-ft Penthouse Suite combines two private apartment-style suites. Each has two bedrooms, a lounge, dining room, sauna and vast outdoor terrace space with panoramic views of the ocean. There's an understated yet sophisticated decor, which features dark-mahogany-wood furniture, velvet loungers and original lithographs from Picasso, Dufy and Staël.

From \$50,000 per night. Contact Yann Gillet, general manager, yann.gillet@hotel-martinez.com, +33 4 9390 1234, hotel-martinez.com



▲ The Baron's Suite

HOTEL CHÂTEAU DU GRAND LUCÉ, FRANCE

The Loire Valley is home to France's most palatial châteaux, and Château du Grand-Lucé is no exception: It is a stunning converted 18th-century castle and is considered to be one of the best examples of neoclassical architecture in all of France. The 2,120-sq-ft Baron's Suite was built for Baron Jaques Pineau de Viennay, and has striking 17-ft high ceilings, Versailles-patterned oak floors, one bedroom, three entrances, a sitting room and private library stocked with French literature. The suite is a lesson in elegant extravagance and is filled with handpicked art (all in gilded frames), carefully selected antiques, and French fabrics and furnishings — the finest of which can be found in the grand living room, named Salon Chinois. The walls were painted in the Chinoiserie style by 18th-century artist Jean-Baptiste Pillement.

From \$15,000 per night. Contact Michael Gregory, managing director, info@chateaugrandlucé.com, +33 255 484 040, chateaugrandlucé.com



◀ Presidential Suite

KEMPINSKI PALAIS HANSEN, VIENNA

A historic beacon in Austria, the Kempinski Palais Hansen Vienna was first built in 1873 and is named for one of its architects, Theophil Edvard Hansen. The grand red-brick hotel sits right amongst the Ringstrasse, and while both the exterior and interior have classic 19th-century features (think high ceilings, and original columns and fixtures), the decor perfectly blends classic Viennese style with the new, thanks to the suite's sleek furnishings and intriguing artwork. The Presidential Suite is refined with soothing neutral tones and, at 3,444 sq ft, it is the city's largest suite. It has a master bedroom, guest bedroom, living room, dining room, private kitchenette and an office area. We love the vertical garden wall, a delightful and surprising find in a city suite. Views of the surrounding metropolis abound.

From \$9,500 per night. Contact Kristina Mladenovic, reservations supervisor, reservations.vienna@kempinski.com, +43 1236 1000, kempinski.com

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◀ Three-bedroom Villa

LA RÉSERVE RAMATUELLE, FRANCE

While the South of France is known for glitz and glamour, La Réserve Ramatuelle delivers this elegance in a more laid-back, relaxed way. Perched on a hillside overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, the resort is surrounded by fragrant and ever-so-pretty gardens and greenery. There are 14 villas available to rent, providing a home-away-from-home with the amenities of a luxury hotel. The Three-bedroom Villa, or Villa n° 2, has exceptional views of the Escalet cove and Cap Taillat from pretty much anywhere you look, whether you're in the open-plan living and dining area or on the spacious terrace with infinity pool and hot tub. There is a fully equipped kitchen and a grill for alfresco dining, but be sure to visit Michelin-starred restaurant La Voile for fresh seafood with produce from chef Eric Canino's garden.

From \$4,400 per night. Contact Nicholas Vincent, general manager, reservation@lareserve-ramatuelle.com, +33 494 449 444, lareserve-ramatuelle.com



▲ Villa Rose-Pierre

GRAND-HOTEL DU CAP-FERRAT, SAINT-JEAN-CAP-FERRAT, FRANCE

With its instantly recognizable white facade, the Grand-Hotel du Cap-Ferrat first opened in 1908 and has been welcoming prominent guests ever since (Elizabeth Taylor, Charlie Chaplin and Winston Churchill were all regulars). The hotel has the coveted Palace de France classification and it's easy to see why: It has timeless grace and old-world glamour in a sublime seaside setting (it overlooks Cap-Ferrat, for which it is named). Villa Rose-Pierre is a sugar-pink, four-bedroom villa hidden among one acre of private gardens with a private pool, tennis and Pétanque courts, a gym, sauna and a private butler available 24/7. If you can tear yourself away from the dreamy villa, visit the famous Club Dauphin and rent a private cabana.

From \$5,000 per night. Contact Benjamin Raymond, director of guest relations, benjamin.raymond@fourseasons.com, +33 493 765 050, fourseasons.com



▲ Royal Suite

HÔTEL PLAZA ATHÉNÉE, PARIS

French fashion's long history is celebrated at Hôtel Plaza Athénée from its stylish perch in the Golden Triangle, next to the world's best boutiques. Elements of haute couture are woven throughout the hotel, from bespoke furnishings to fashion-themed art and photographs with strong connections to designers. It also has world-class cuisine from chef Alain Ducasse and divine pastries from chef Jessica Préalpato — named the world's best pastry chef. The Royal Suite, one of the largest in Paris, is well-suited for long stays and big groups. It spans the entire width of the hotel, has four en-suite bedrooms, two drawing rooms, a kitchen, office and dining room, as well as a private entrance with two security lobbies. The opulent French decor from renowned interior designer Marie-José Pommereau showcases Louis XV and XVI antiques, original artwork and luxurious fabrics and furnishings.

From \$25,000 per night. Contact François Delahaye, chief operating officer, reservations.hpa@dorchestercollection.com, +33 1 5367 6665, dorchestercollection.com



▲ Villa Eleana

HOTEL DU CAP-EDEN-ROC, CAP D'ANTIBES, FRANCE

In a prime location on the rocky southern tip of Cap d'Antibes between Nice and Cannes, Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc is legendary: Ernest Hemingway and F Scott Fitzgerald spent many a long stint here (Fitzgerald immortalized the hotel in *Tender Is the Night*), and the Kennedys and the Windsors stayed here too. One of its most famous draws is the seawater swimming pool that is carved directly into the rock and overlooks the Mediterranean Sea, and the hotel has its own chocolate factory that releases bespoke flavors every year. For total privacy, Villa Eleana is set away from the main buildings and backed by fragrant citrus trees. The three-bedroom villa has an expansive living space, study, impressive kitchen, private swimming pool and the services of a butler and a chef.

From \$9,600 per night. Contact Philippe Perd, general manager, direction@hdcer.com, +33 493 613 901, hotel-du-cap-eden-roc.com



◀ Les Grands Appartements

HÔTEL DE CRILLON, A ROSEWOOD HOTEL, PARIS

Step back to the 18th century as you enter through the fabulous neoclassical facade of Hôtel de Crillon. After a four-year renovation, the hotel has emerged better than ever, with a new spa with subterranean pool, the charming Winter Garden for tea and cocktails, and a bar with over 100 types of champagne. Les Grands Appartements is the vision of the late Karl Lagerfeld. Unsurprisingly, the attention to detail and quality of the design is superb. He mixed antiques (including chandeliers from his own collection) and historical moldings with custom furniture and ultra-rare design elements, including a special paint technique, marble from a closed quarry in Carrara, Italy, and a stunning carpet that incorporates curved, hammered metal. If you can tear your eyes away from the incredible decor, the views from the suite's vantage point overlooking the Place de la Concorde are showstopping. **From \$41,750 per night. Contact Sebastien LeGrand, director of sales and marketing, sebastien.legrand@rosewoodhotels.com, +33 1 4471 1565, rosewoodhotels.com**



▼ The Penthouse

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL GEORGE V, PARIS

Fanciful French dreams come true at every turn at Four Seasons Hotel George V. Classic architecture, intricate moldings and millwork, original artwork, acres of marble and exquisite floral arrangements set the tone here, where service is an art. Paris and fine dining are synonymous, and the hotel takes it to the next level: Le George and L'Orangerie each have one Michelin star, and Le Cinq has three. With picture-perfect views of the Eiffel Tower from your private balcony, you might be hard-pressed to leave the sanctuary of The Penthouse. The one-bedroom suite is beautifully decorated in shades of silver, gold and cream, making a glamorous yet understated statement. The all-marble bathroom is particularly over the top, with an oversized, one-ton marble tub with a chromatherapy system. **From \$27,300 per night. Contact Gaelle Houdusse, reservations manager, reservation.paris@fourseasons.com, +33 1 4952 7100, fourseasons.com**



▲ Suite Impériale

RITZ PARIS

For over a century, guests have looked to the Ritz Paris for the last word in fashion, style and service. When the hotel recently underwent a lengthy renovation, the world waited with bated breath to see what would emerge; they were delighted with the results. The Bar Hemingway is intact (and now offering cocktail classes), and the hotel has the world's only Chanel spa, as well as exquisite rooms and decor. Channel Marie Antoinette in the Suite Impériale: The bedroom is a replica of her private quarters in the palace of Versailles, and there is a very unique bathroom made of wood. The ceilings are nearly 20 ft high, adding to the grandeur of the imperial decor and collection of antiques. **From \$30,600 per night. Contact Laurent Herschbach, director of operations, reservations@ritzparis.com, +33 1 4316 3030, ritzparis.com**

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▲ Affresco Suite

IL SALVIATINO, FLORENCE, ITALY

Il Salviatino is set in a 15th-century palazzo with sensational views across its flourishing gardens and the Florentine skyline beyond. The hotel is not only gorgeous, but rich with history: Original frescoes, rare art and prized antiques can be seen throughout, but book the Affresco Suite to bask in the details. Gaze up at the domed ceiling with its 1886 fresco by Bruschi, marvel at the antique stone bathtub, or study the two oil canvases by Gabriel van der Leeuw. The opulent, period decor is balanced with modern amenities. Be sure to explore the surrounding town of Fiesole: The hotel's charming restaurant, La Cucina, can prepare a picnic for you to enjoy in the countryside.

From \$2,000 per night. Contact Silvia Manganaro, director of sales, reservations@salviatino.com, +39 055 904 1111, salviatino.com



▲ Penthouse Suite

IL SERENO, LAKE COMO, ITALY

Grandiose style reigns supreme in Lake Como, but if you're looking for something more contemporary, Il Sereno fits the bill. Lauded designer Patricia Urquiola created the interiors, which favor natural materials and neutral colors to really let those views take center stage. The all-suite hotel has a private beach and its own custom-built boat. The Penthouse Suite is 2,150 sq ft with a master bedroom, outdoor terrace with hot tub, two bathrooms, dining room, living room, wet bar and multimedia room. If you can drag yourself away from the exceptional views, book a table at Berton Al Lago, the hotel's Michelin-starred restaurant, and watch yachts sail by from the centuries-old stone archways.

From \$4,500 per night. Contact Valentina Paggi, hotel manager, valentina.paggi@ilsereno.com, +39 031 547 7800, serenohotels.com



◀ The Peninsula Suite

PENINSULA PARIS

With a slightly tucked-away location in the 16th arrondissement near the Arc de Triomphe, the Peninsula Paris offers a soothing respite from the city's throngs of tourists. Inside a gracious Belle Epoque building, the hotel offers classic French beauty, design and hospitality. At the top of the hotel, there's a chic rooftop bar and the restaurant L'Oiseau Blanc, which has stunning views of the Eiffel Tower and the city skyline. Underground, there's an enormous indoor pool, gym and spa with treatment rooms. Book the Peninsula Suite, a residential-feeling suite that mixes some contemporary decor with elegant period details, like chandeliers, crown moldings and a grand piano. There's also a handsome dining room with a table for 10, and a well-equipped office. If traveling with family, you can connect two more rooms to the one-bedroom suite. **From \$31,000 per night. Contact Lionel Saul, reservations department, reservationppr@peninsula.com, +33 1 5812 2777, peninsula.com**



▲ Prince Rainier III Suite

HÔTEL DE PARIS, MONTE-CARLO, MONACO

Following a four-year, multimillion-dollar refurbishment in 2019, Hôtel de Paris unveiled the royal counterpart to the Princess Grace Suite: the Prince Rainier III Suite. It is a tribute to the 'Builder Prince,' and you'll find sculptures created by the late prince within the suite, as well as paintings from his personal collection and original photographs. The 8,930-sq-ft suite has two bedrooms, a chic-yet-cozy living room and an elegant dining room with space for 10 guests. The two-level terrace with a heated infinity pool has wonderful views of the famed Place du Casino and the sparkling Mediterranean Sea. For a memorable evening, retreat to the wine cellar: There are bottles dating back to the 19th century, and a private dinner can be set up here (Prince Rainier and Princess Grace celebrated their anniversary in this very fashion).

From \$50,000 per night. Contact Ivan Artolli, managing director, resort@sbm.mc, +377 980 630 00, montecarlosbm.com



▲ Belle Etoile Suite

LE MEURICE, PARIS

Le Meurice oozes elegant Parisian glamour from its prime location opposite the Tuileries Gardens, just steps from the Louvre and Place Vendôme. The grande-dame hotel has many original details and fine French decor mixed with modern design from Philippe Starck that keeps you in the present, not in a museum. At the very top of the hotel, you'll find the sensational Belle Etoile Suite. It covers a staggering 6,674 sq ft, including the four-bedroom duplex interiors and sprawling rooftop terrace, which is surely the most incredible in Paris. All of the city's iconic sights spill before you, and you can admire the city's beauty from every angle. It's large enough for a party, should you want to share its magic. Inside, a beautifully renovated suite awaits, with gracious contemporary decor that highlights the French craftsmanship and touches of extravagance, including a full marble bathroom flooded with light.

From \$27,300 per night. Contact Franka Holtmann, general manager, reservations.lmp@dorchestercollection.com, +33 1 4458 1010, dorchestercollection.com



▲ Rooftop Penthouse

GRAND HOTEL TREMEZZO, LAKE COMO, ITALY

You can't get a better location — Grand Hotel Tremezzo sits on Lake Como and has the most breathtaking panoramic views across the vast lake and of the picturesque town of Bellagio. Take them in from the hotel's floating pool, set right within the lake. The two-bedroom Rooftop Penthouse has a 1,200-sq-ft interior with two bedrooms, each with a private terrace and whirlpool that overlooks — you guessed it — the lake. The decor is elegant, with carefully selected antiques and marble bathrooms, complemented with a few punchy pops of color. If you're visiting with a larger group, you can connect two additional bedrooms, also with al fresco whirlpools and views. Each room is filled with antique furniture and pieces from Grand Hotel Tremezzo's private collection.

From \$4,100 per night. Contact Silvio Vettorello, general manager, info@grandhoteltremezzo.com, +39 0344 42491, grandhoteltremezzo.com



◀ Presidential Suite

HOTEL PRINCIPE DI SAVOIA, MILAN

Hotel Principe di Savoia, a Dorchester Collection hotel, is one of Milan's historic landmarks — it first opened its doors in 1927, and the neoclassical exterior is certainly eye-catching. Today, it remains a fashionable jet-set crowd, and is just steps from the metro area. The Presidential Suite is exceptional and nothing short of opulent: It has a private elevator, three bedrooms with working fireplaces, three bathrooms, a 12-person dining room and an expansive balcony with views of Piazza della Repubblica. The decor is a kitschy, quirky blend of antique furniture, vibrant colors and clashing prints in bright and bold colors. But the real star of the show is the private Pompeii-style spa complete with a Jacuzzi, sauna and Turkish bath, and the spacious swimming pool with mosaic detailing, surrounded by grand frescoed walls.

From \$20,000 per night. Contact Ezio Indiani, general manager, reservations.hps@dorchestercollection.com, +39 026 2301, dorchestercollection.com

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◀ Penthouse Suite

HOTEL CALA DI VOLPE, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL, PORTO CERVO, ITALY

At a whimsical spot on the Costa Smeralda coastline, you'll find the dreamy Hotel Cala di Volpe with a private marina to house the many yachts that have anchored here (including Jackie O's and Princess Diana's). The hotel resembles a sleepy fishing village with terra-cotta rooftops, beamed ceilings and striking archways. The Penthouse Suite is set over two floors and has three bedrooms, three bathrooms with Jacuzzi, two living rooms, a gym, solarium and an enormous terrace with a private swimming pool. The suite comes with the service of a butler, so make the most of the beautiful terrace and arrange an alfresco dinner where you can watch the stars twinkle above Porto Cervo.

From \$41,120 per night. Contact Franco Mulas, general manager, caladivolpe@luxurycollection.com, +39 0789 976 111, caladivolpe.com

▲ Alcova Tiepolo

AMAN VENICE, ITALY

Housed in the 16th-century Papadopoli Palazzo, Aman Venice is right on the canal yet it is surprisingly peaceful and discreet — so discreet, in fact, that you won't find a sign out front and no dedicated check-in desk; rather, everything is done in-suite. The interior is jaw-droppingly beautiful, and it's easy to spend time just savoring the details. The Alcova Tiepolo suite is the icing on the already well-decorated cake: The one-bedroom suite has original, gilded frescoes by 18th-century Venetian painter Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, marble fireplaces and historical architecture. Staying in this suite truly feels like you're stepping back in time, only with exceptional service at your fingertips and modern amenities to suit every discerning traveler; it will be hard to pull yourself away.

From \$4,700 per night. Contact Giulia Di Egidio, reservations agent, amanvenice.res@aman.com, +39 041 270 7333, aman.com



◀ Palladio Suite

BELMOND HOTEL CIPRIANI, VENICE, ITALY

Situated on the tip of Giudecca Island, Belmond Hotel Cipriani is a surprising respite from the hustle and bustle of Venice's winding streets (but a private hotel boat will have you in St Mark's Square in five minutes). The hotel overlooks the lagoon and has views of the Doge's Palace and beyond. The Palladio Suite, named for Italian Renaissance architect Andrea Palladio, is a celebration of 18th-century design. The master bedroom has divine views from everywhere you look, thanks to the floor-to-ceiling windows framed by sumptuous curtains and with antique furniture to sit and gaze out at the lagoon. The large living room leads onto a balcony, and on the private terrace, the scent of jasmine drifts through the air as you unwind in the private plunge pool. There is no hotel more quintessentially Venice.

From \$10,840 per night. Contact Giampaolo Ottazzi, general manager, reservations.cip@belmond.com, +39 041 240 801, belmond.com



▼ Villa Rose

JW MARRIOTT VENICE, ITALY

The fun begins before you even arrive at JW Marriott Venice: A private boat glides through the lagoon from St Mark's, leaving the crowds behind and delivering you at Isola Delle Rose, a verdant 40-acre island where the hotel is the only edifice. If that's not enough seclusion for you, Villa Rose is an 'island within the island.' The multilevel villa has three bedrooms (two masters), three bathrooms, a living room, dining room with separate kitchen, study and sitting room. Outside you'll find 4,520 sq ft of perfectly preened garden, a private swimming pool and a deck area strewn with sun loungers. Not sure when to visit? Gather by JW, a culinary festival, is held here in September — an excellent time to come — and sees acclaimed culinary maestros come together with chef-hosted dinners, intimate cooking classes and Italian activities.

From \$5,000 per night. Contact Enrique Tasende, general manager, enrique.tasende@jwmarriott-hotels.com, +39 041 852 1300, jwvenice.com



▲ Suite de la Ville

HOTEL DE LA VILLE, A ROCCO FORTE HOTEL, ROME, ITALY

Standing resplendent at the top of the Spanish Steps, Hotel de la Ville impresses even before you've stepped foot inside the 18th-century palazzo. The interior is just as impressive — a collaboration between Olga Polizzi and Tommaso Ziffer, each space is meticulously thought out with plush fabrics and playful color palettes. The one-bedroom Suite de la Ville is more akin to a regal apartment with a living room, study, eight-person dining room and private elevator. There are two enormous terraces (one is 700 sq ft; the other is 1,200 sq ft) with exceptional views over the Eternal City. Of course, this is Rome, so you're going to want to explore. Rest your weary muscles at the De La Ville Spa or have an in-suite massage.

From \$5,400 per night. Contact Francesco Roccato, general manager, reservations.delaville@roccofortehotels.com, +39 069 779 31, roccofortehotels.com

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◀ Panorama Suite

THE ALPINA GSTAAD, SWITZERLAND

Perched on a hillside above the Bernese Alps and the charming village below, The Alpina Gstaad deftly blends traditional Swiss craftsmanship, culture and cuisine with modern amenities, art and superb service. The classic exterior belies the opening year — 2012, not 1812 — and inside, there's dramatic architecture, art and decor, as well as two Michelin-starred restaurants, a private cinema, a cigar lounge and an incredible Six Senses Spa that spans 21,500 sq ft. The Panorama Suite has the best views; whether you enjoy them by a crackling fire or the rooftop Jacuzzi is up to you. The two-story suite feels more like an apartment than a hotel room, with three bedrooms, a large living room, dining area, full kitchen with prep area and staff entrance, and a private spa. Throughout, rustic wood and Alpine decor are paired with an enormous glass-enclosed fireplace and a floor-to-ceiling chimney piece. **From \$10,700 per night. Contact Ewout Lionarons, reservations manager, elionarons@thealpinagstaad.ch, +41 33 888 9874, thealpinagstaad.ch**



▼ Obama Villa

ANANTARA VILLA PADIERNA PALACE, MARBELLA, SPAIN

Lush landscapes abound at Anantara, Marbella, and these palatial grounds will surely make you feel like royalty. The ultimate leisure destination offers world-class golf (there are three stunning courses), a Roman amphitheater, direct lake access, tennis, squash, badminton, croquet, ocean exploration and cultural immersion, all in one place. The hotel also has more than 1,200 works of art, and it is no stranger to notable figures; the Obama Villa is named after former first lady, Michelle Obama. The palatial villa spans three stories (there are two bedrooms, one on each floor for ultimate privacy) and has a private rooftop and pool, kitchenette and outdoor lounge. It is distinctly inspired by Spanish architecture, but elevated with elegant decor and neutral tones. Sunlight floods through the windows, and stunning curtains framing French doors and large windows create an ethereal ambience. **From \$1,980 per night. Contact Jorge Manzur, general manager, rsv.villapadierna@anantarahotels.com, +34 952 889 150, anantara.com**

▲ The Imperial Residence

INTERCONTINENTAL GENEVA

A sleek hotel just walking distance from the United Nations, InterContinental Geneva is popular with diplomats, heads of state and visiting royalty. But it's not just for those on a diplomatic mission; there's plenty to enjoy including a heated outdoor pool with a Mediterranean restaurant; a spa by Clarins; and Woods, a delicious restaurant that champions Swiss ingredients and cuisine, even listing their provenance on the menu. Up on the top floor, combining the Royal and Presidential Residences creates the incredible Imperial Residence, which has been home to countless delegations. Naturally, there are two of nearly everything, including master bedrooms, living rooms, kitchens, dining rooms and even two hammams. Architect Tony Chi imbued the space with a classic yet modern feel with luxurious details throughout. Views of the lake and mountains shine through floor-to-ceiling windows.

From \$59,000 per night. Contact Kiril Shulepov, reservations manager, kiril.shulepov@ihg.com, +41 22 919 3939, geneva-intercontinental.com





▲ Penthouse

MANDARIN ORIENTAL BARCELONA, SPAIN

One of this energetic city's most beloved hotels, Mandarin Oriental Barcelona can be found within a former bank on the famous Passeig de Gracia (be sure to visit the Bankers' Bar: It evokes the feel of an old-timey gentlemen's club and has excellent cocktails). The interiors are grand yet contemporary and designed by Patricia Urquiola. Since the Penthouse occupies the entire top floor of the hotel, the views of the city are brilliant — take them in from one of the two terraces. The 2,540-sq-ft, two-bedroom suite is more akin to a chic city apartment than a hotel suite. Host a dinner party in the dining area with space for eight guests, and watch the sunset over the Passeig de Gracia. For a fabulous way to see Gaudi's city, head on a five-hour 'Barcelona 360 degree' tour. An architect or historian will accompany you as you are chauffeured in a luxury car to visit Sagrada Familia and Park Guell, then board a helicopter to see the city from above.

From \$13,000 per night. Contact Jorge Monje, general manager, mobcn-reservations@mohg.com, +34 931 518 888, mandarinoriental.com



▲ Shangri-La Suite

SHANGRI-LA BOSPHORUS, ISTANBUL, TURKEY

The Shangri-La Bosphorus began life as a tobacco warehouse in the Jazz Age of the 1920s. Now, it's an illustrious jewel that uses its unique position between Europe and Asia as inspiration for its grand interiors: Think majestic Ottoman opulence paired with sleek Asian flair. The Shangri-La Suite is the only one that offers two bedrooms, and each has its own terrace — enjoy views of the glittering Bosphorus Strait and the seven silhouettes of Istanbul. The 3,940-sq-ft suite also has a separate dining and living room with the same divine views. Book a table at Ist Too restaurant for a taste of delectable Turkish cuisine. Choose from assorted Turkish mezze, succulent kebabs or traditional baked *manti* (oven-roasted beef cooked with butter, beef stock, yogurt and spicy herb oil). For a special evening, there's a private dining room available.

From \$23,100 per night. Contact Murat Unal, director of sales and marketing, murat.unal@shangri-la.com, +90 212 275 8888, shangri-la.com



▲ Lobanov Presidential Suite

FOUR SEASONS LION PALACE ST PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

Housed in a restored 19th-century palace, Four Seasons Lion Palace St Petersburg is truly fit for royalty. Passing by, you can't miss the bold-yellow facade with its large, white pillars or the ornate, neoclassical moldings. Inside, the hotel celebrates the glamour of imperial Russia in all its grandeur, from the opulent fabrics to the welcome offering of black caviar and a glass of champagne. The Lobanov Presidential Suite is a masterpiece. As expected, the suite is draped in luxury. There are printed, yellow silk curtains that frame the oversized windows (with views out onto St Isaac's Cathedral) and an elaborate canopy above the bed. Flecks of gold are incorporated whenever possible, from detailing on chairs to picture frames. The suite also has a terrace overlooking the city with loungers for relaxing after a day spent wandering.

From \$21,000 per night. Contact Natalia Eltsova, reservations supervisor, natalia.eltsova@fourseasons.com, +7 812 339 80 00, fourseasons.com

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▲ Royal Penthouse Suite

HOTEL PRESIDENT WILSON, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL, GENEVA

With superb views of Lake Geneva and a prime locale near the Perle-du-Lac park, Hotel President Wilson offers a serene stay in the busy city. It has several great bars, including a whisky bar; a spa with La Mer treatments; and a beautiful pool. The restaurants reflect Geneva's international reputation: Enjoy Lebanese delicacies at Arabesque, Michelin-starred French fare at Bayview by Michel Roth and Japanese-French fusion at Umami. Above it all is one of the world's finest suites: the Royal Penthouse Suite, spanning all 18,000 sq ft of the eighth floor with 12 bedrooms (two masters); top-notch safety features like a private elevator and bulletproof windows; a large terrace with views of the lake and the Alps; and plenty of room for entertaining. Antiques, a grand piano and a blue billiard table set the tone in the elegant space.

From \$81,000 per night. Contact Stéphane Ros, director of reservations, s.ros@hotelpwilson.com, +41 22 906 6666, hotelpresidentwilson.com

▶ Maestro Suite

THE DOLDER GRAND, ZÜRICH

High atop a hill overlooking Zurich, the Dolder Grand is at once a fairy-tale come to life and a modern masterpiece. An ultra-modern wing connects to the Main Building, which dates to 1899 and epitomizes traditional Swiss architecture. Inside, there's an enormous art collection; a 43,000-sq-ft spa with every treatment imaginable, including La Prairie facials; a two-Michelin-starred restaurant; and a panoramic sun terrace with superb views. If you're looking for classic charm, book the Maestro Suite, set at the top of the Main Building. The two-story suite spans 4,300 sq ft and has many charming features, including a dining room within a circular tower, an antique grand piano, restored red timberwork, a terrace at the hotel's highest point, and a fully stocked kitchen (whose appliances were too large for the elevator and had to be flown in via a helicopter that landed on the roof).

From \$14,850 per night. Contact Céline Bonnaure, director of revenue, reservations@thedoldergrand.com, +41 44 456 60 09, thedoldergrand.com



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◀ Hilltop Estate

LAUCALA ISLAND, FIJI

The vacation home of Red Bull owner Dietrich Mateschitz, Laucala Island is a lush playground that provides total privacy. The island is located in the Koro Sea in Fiji and has miles of private forest, coconut groves, tumbling waterfalls and multiple pools (including one with a glass edge); a David McLay Kidd-designed golf course; tennis courts; a divine spa; and more activities than you could possibly do in one visit. The Hilltop Estate is set atop the verdant hills, so the panoramic views of the impossibly lush jungle and bright-blue water are out of this world. And all structures are made from local materials, like sago palms, dogo timber and *magi magi* (coconut husk). It is gigantic: There's a main residence, two large guest residences, a private pool, private airstrip and the services of a nanny, chauffeur and chef, which make this estate feel like a resort within a resort.

From \$45,000 per night. Contact Paula Vatunicoko, head concierge, reservations@laucala.com, +679 888 0077, laucala.com



▲ Beach House

QUALIA, HAMILTON ISLAND, AUSTRALIA

It's hard to get a better location, even in the stunning Whitsundays, than at Qualia. It sits on its own peninsula at the northern tip of Hamilton Island among 30 acres of native bush and manicured gardens. With such a bewitching natural setting, it makes sense that the decor blends in with the surroundings: organic materials, earthy hues and local artworks. The one-bedroom Beach House has a 10-person dining area, a 40-ft infinity pool overlooking the Coral Sea and Whitsundays, inviting living area and, should you be traveling in a large group, an adjoining guest pavilion and private deck.

From \$3,400 for two nights. Contact Kyle LaMonica, general manager, guestservices@qualia.com.au, +61 794 489 222, qualia.com.au



▲ Rahimoana

EAGLE'S NEST, RUSSELL, NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand is known for its extraordinary landscapes, and you'll get the most immersive experience at Eagle's Nest. Located on a private 75-acre headland overlooking the Bay of Islands, the boutique hotel certainly makes the most of its captivating surroundings: The architecture is clean and contemporary, with plenty of floor-to-ceiling windows and neutral tones. Rahimoana, meaning 'sun god over the ocean' in Maori, is more like a private home than a suite. It has its own helipad, four en-suite bedrooms, a gym, sauna, multiple indoor living areas, a kitchen, office, wine cellar, cinema, private courtyard and an 82-ft infinity pool that overlooks your own stretch of private beach.

From \$13,000 per night. Contact Amy Munn, general manager, admin@eaglesnest.co.nz, +64 940 383 33, eaglesnest.co.nz

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▼ Villa North Island

NORTH ISLAND, SEYCHELLES

If you're looking for paradise, consider it found at North Island. This 500-acre private island in the Seychelles has just 11 beautifully appointed villas; Villa North Island (or Villa 11) is the most sublime (it was Prince William and Kate Middleton's honeymoon destination). The sprawling one-bedroom suite tumbles down through a coconut grove and spills out onto East Beach, where you're unlikely to see another soul, except for the endemic wildlife. The 8,000-sq-ft multilevel villa integrates nature with its thatched roofing and its placement among towering palm trees and lush flora. The island caters to the curious with an on-site environment center and live-in conservationists to teach you about the wildlife and the property's inspiring conservation efforts, or you can head out on a boat trip to explore the marine life above and below the water.

From \$11,200 per night. Contact Jonathan Lithgow, general manager, info@north-island.com, +248 429 3100, north-island.com



▲ Mulia Mansion

MULIA VILLAS, BALI, INDONESIA

When you arrive at the Mulia Villas, you are welcomed with a glass of Dom Pérignon champagne — which sets the tone for the rest of your stay at this opulent Balinese resort. The resort pairs beachside flair with lavish design elements, like golden silks and towering floral arrangements, at every turn. Despite the glamorous aesthetic, The Mulia still connects you to the lush landscape that brought you to Bali in the first place: Verdant gardens surrounding secluded walkways are woven throughout the property. The most private accommodation is the 32,520-sq-ft, two-story Mulia Mansion, which has six bedrooms, a private pool that spans the width of the entire mansion and a Jacuzzi with prime ocean views, plus a 24-hour butler, security gate and guard for absolute privacy.

From \$19,800 per night. Contact Martino Tanor, hotel manager, martino.tanor@themulia.com, +62 361 301 7777, themulia.com

▼ The Muraka Suite

CONRAD MALDIVES RANGALI ISLAND, THE MALDIVES

It can be a challenge to create a splash in a place as ultra-luxurious as the Maldives, but the Conrad certainly achieved that with the unveiling of its newest suite. The Muraka Suite (meaning 'coral' in the local language) goes against the norm; most Maldives suites are overwater, but this one is *underwater* — the first of its kind in the world. The two-level accommodation has a master bedroom that is 16 ft underwater, so you can watch the delightful marine life swim by from the comfort of your bed. On the upper level there are two bedrooms, an infinity pool and large deck. A stay here comes with the services of an on-call personal trainer, spa therapist, butler and private chef.

From \$50,000 per night. Contact Stefano Ruzza, general manager, themuraka@conradhotels.com, +960 668 0629, conradmaldives.com



Grand Sunset Residence ▶

ONE&ONLY REETHI RAH, THE MALDIVES

Glide through the crystalline waters of the Indian Ocean via private yacht transfer and arrive at One&Only Reethi Rah, which means 'beautiful island.' The award-winning resort sees guests return year after year, and it caters to families, honeymooners and couples with ease. Set your watch to island time — specifically, Reethi Rah Island time — as the resort has its own time zone set one hour ahead of Malé so you can enjoy the kaleidoscope sunsets at cocktail hour. The Grand Sunset Residence, designed by Jean-Michel Gathy, can sleep up to 10 guests and is comprised of two separate beachfront villas, each with gorgeous decor, high ceilings and incredible views through the expansive windows. The residence has two private swimming pools, an alfresco dining area and its own bar.

From \$26,600 per night. Contact Jan Tibaldi, general manager, reservations@oneandonlyreethirah.com, +960 664 8800, oneandonlyreethirah.com



▲ The John Jacob Astor Estate

THE ST REGIS MALDIVES VOMMULI RESORT, THE MALDIVES

Only accessible by seaplane or the resort's 66-ft yacht, The St Regis Vommuli Resort is utterly secluded and stunning, with lush rain forest, bright white beaches and endless ocean views. The architecture is delightful, too (check out the Whale Bar; it's shaped like, you guessed it, a whale shark, and the boutique is shaped like a conch shell), and the resort uses thousands of solar panels to power it in a more environmentally friendly way. The John Jacob Astor Estate is the largest overwater suite in the Maldives, and large it certainly is — at just over 16,500 sq ft, it has two stories with three bedrooms, a gym, cinema, spa suites, an enormous swimming pool, expansive kitchen, dining room for 12 and an enormous deck overlooking the Indian Ocean.

From \$26,200 per night. Contact Vincent Pauchon, general manager, stregis.maldivesvommuli@stregis.com, +960 676 6333, stregismaldives.com



▲ Velaa Private Residence

VELAA PRIVATE ISLAND, THE MALDIVES

The vision of billionaire Jiri Smejck, Velaa Private Island exceeds all expectations — not an easy feat in these heavenly atolls. Enjoy superb dining, a Spa by Clarins, a snow room, golf academy and a roster of water activities. While the accommodations are all exceptional (honeymooners, opt for the Romantic Pool Residence), the Velaa Private Residence is the largest, with four ocean-facing bedrooms, a gym, massage room, living room, dining area and separate kitchen. It's set on a private beach, but the villa's vast exterior space comes with a 60-ft infinity pool, a spa, two gazebos with daybeds, a 450-ft terrace and a third gazebo with an outdoor kitchen, dining area and pool table — perfect for big groups or family vacations. Be sure to visit the swirling, three-story Tavaru Tower wine cellar — it holds \$1m worth of rare and exceptional bottles.

From \$20,700 per night. Contact Michal Smejck, general manager, reservations@velaa.island.com, +960 656 5000, velaaprivateisland.com



▲ Mandapa Three-bedroom Pool Villa

MANDAPA, A RITZ-CARLTON RESERVE, BALI, INDONESIA

Situated in the heart of the Balinese rain forest, Mandapa, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve enhances the surrounding natural beauty through its use of locally sourced materials and its incredible indoor-outdoor spaces that overlook the nearby river, rice paddies and verdant hills. There's a nod to the local culture at every turn, including common areas inspired by Balinese temples. Feel at one with the local flora and fauna when you stay in the sprawling Mandapa Three-bedroom Pool Villa, which covers 21,530 sq ft, but somehow manages to still feel intimate. Most enchanting are views of the rain forest and Ayung River, seen from the many private terraces within the villa and the 1,851-sq-ft pool. The decor is a contemporary Balinese style with traditional artwork in each bedroom, the spacious living area and full kitchen.

From \$4,400 per night. Contact Ayu Diah, reservations manager, ayu.diah@ritzcarlton.com, +62 361 4792 777, ritzcarlton.com

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◀ The View

SIX SENSES YAO NOI, KOH YAO NOI, THAILAND

With its thatched roofs and open-plan spaces, Six Senses Yao Noi feels like a luxury treehouse spread over multiple levels in the pristine jungle surroundings. Lily pad-filled ponds and pools dotted between the bars and restaurants help to immerse you in the verdant landscape. As its name suggests, The View offers glorious vistas of the Andaman Sea. The one-bedroom suite is a romantic hideaway tucked away from prying eyes and surrounded by jungle. There are multiple terraces on each level and an infinity pool, all offering panoramic views of the dramatic limestone karsts that dominate the region. Inside, double-vaulted ceilings make the suite feel even more spacious, and sights abound from the expansive windows that run the length of the wall. There are two outdoor waterfalls that surely will lull you to sleep each night.

From \$1,600 per night. Contact Vendo Terra, reservations manager, reservations-yanoi@sixsenses.com, +66 76 418 500, sixsenses.com

▼ Peninsula Suite

PENINSULA SHANGHAI

Situated on the Bund riverfront, Peninsula Shanghai is located in one of the city's most coveted locations, with easy access to luxury shopping, art galleries and restaurants. But there's plenty to discover within the hotel, too, including The Rosamonde Aviation Lounge, which celebrates China's aviation history, and a replica of a 1930s elevator that guests can use to reach the second floor. Building upon these artifacts, the sleek interior recalls the 1920s and 1930s, when Shanghai was dubbed 'the Paris of the East,' with a distinct Art Deco style complemented by Chinese decor. The sumptuous Peninsula Suite showcases refined opulence through chinoiserie wallpaper, rich cream and ivory hues, and marvelous chandeliers that hang in the two-story living room. There's a residential feel to the 4,305-sq-ft space through the grand dining room, fireplace, private gym, kitchen, pantry and balcony with views of the city's skyline.

From \$20,800 per night. Contact Emma Dai, reservation manager, emmadai@peninsula.com, +86 212 327 2888, peninsula.com



▲ Presidential Suite

MANDARIN ORIENTAL PUDONG, SHANGHAI

Despite its central location in the buzzing metropolis, Mandarin Oriental Pudong, Shanghai makes you feel you've escaped the city when you step inside. The luxe hotel occupies 25 floors and boasts views over the Huangpu River and the surrounding cityscape. There are three restaurants, an outdoor bar and a dedicated cake and pastry shop, plus a spa and wellness center. Of its 44 suites, the 8,482-sq-ft Presidential Suite is the crown jewel. The two-bedroom suite on the top floor features ornate and contemporary Chinese design in its artwork, sculptures and traditional floral arrangements. The suite's most magical feature is the private rooftop gardens, where your butler can bring you a glass of wine from the suite's 400-label wine cellar. The suite comes with a driver and chef, both on call 24 hours, plus a dedicated concierge service.

From \$23,000 per night. Contact António Lopes, sales manager, mopud-reservations@mohg.com, +86 21 2082 9888, mandarinoriental.com



▲ Presidential Suite

MANDARIN ORIENTAL TOKYO

Mandarin Oriental Tokyo is located in the Nihonbashi district, where skyscrapers meet centuries-old traditions: stores dedicated to *washi* (Japanese paper), kimonos and lacquerware — there's even a 300-year-old toothpick store. Check into the 38th-floor lobby with its views of the city through two-story windows. The hotel exudes a cool Japanese minimalist elegance that's warmed by the hospitable staff. Signature and Tapas Molecular Bar each have one Michelin star, and there are 10 other eateries and bars. Retreat to the one-bedroom Presidential Suite; the 2,691-sq-ft space has a large living room, dining room and spa-treatment room, all with distinct Japanese flair, from wall murals and floral arrangements to books on Tokyo's rich history. Towering views over Mount Fuji and Tokyo Bay will delight.

From \$16,140 per night. Contact Kie Kasai, director of international sales, motyo-reservations@mohg.com, +81 332 708 800, mandarinoriental.com



◀ Oriental Two-bedroom Suite

MANDARIN ORIENTAL BANGKOK

Few changes have been made to Mandarin Oriental Bangkok's grand yet charming facade since it opened in 1876 as the city's first luxury hotel, The Oriental. The green oasis along the Chao Phraya River is unlike anything else in the city: It's dominated by expansive manicured lawns and towering palm trees. But within its centuries-old walls, the hotel boasts a colorful Thai aesthetic (complete with indoor fountains and bright-colored furniture) in its 11 restaurants and lounges, including the jazzy Bamboo Bar. The Oriental Two-bedroom Suite is built for royalty; it's typically reserved for diplomats and heads of state. The room features Thai silks and antiques, colorful Persian carpets and opulent chandeliers. There's also a full kitchen, dining room for 12, entertainment room and a wraparound terrace from which you can enjoy views over the lively city.

From \$23,000 per night. Contact Greg Liddell, general manager, mobkk-reservations@mohg.com, +66 265 990 000, mandarinoriental.com



▲ The Ritz-Carlton Suite

THE RITZ-CARLTON, HONG KONG

One of the highest hotels in the world, The Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong gives new meaning to sky-high living from its perch on floors 102 to 118 of Kowloon's International Commerce Centre. Upon walking into the glossy lobby, you're welcomed by dramatic panoramic views of Hong Kong from double-height, floor-to-ceiling windows. Hotel newcomers will be keen to explore some of its other superlatives, including the rooftop Ozone Bar, one of the highest bars in the world, and the two-Michelin-starred Tin Lung Heen restaurant. Even more impressive is The Ritz-Carlton Suite on the 117th floor. The one-bedroom suite has 270-degree views over Victoria Harbour and the city skyline, a dining area, spacious living room with mirrored ceilings, Chinese artwork and decor, and oversized crystal chandeliers. Guests of the suite will receive Rolls-Royce airport transfers and have a chauffeur for the duration of their stay, along with personal butler service.

From \$20,500 per night. Contact Kristy Lee, director of sales and marketing, kristy.lee@ritzcarlton.com, +85 222 632 263, ritzcarlton.com



▲ Sir Stamford Raffles Presidential Suite

RAFFLES SINGAPORE

After a meticulous restoration and a reimagining of its culinary scene, Raffles Singapore reopened in summer 2019 to great acclaim. New dining concepts, ranging from a casual restaurant, BBR by Alain Ducasse, to an exquisite fine-dining restaurant from chef Anne-Sophie Pic, will delight even the most seasoned traveler, and surely entice Singaporeans as well. Throughout the property, Raffles mixes colonial charm with modern technology and unstuffy butler service. Since reopening, it is pioneering a new type of butler, who will be guests' primary point of contact for everything from reservations to a personalized itinerary, as well as suggesting experiences that only a hotel as well-connected as Raffles could provide. The hotel has two identical Presidential Suites located in the grand main house. Each has a large living room with dining area, and a private veranda that runs the length of the suite and overlooks a charming garden. The hotel added more guest rooms in the main building during the renovation, so security and staff are never far away.

From \$8,680 per night. Contact Christian Westbeld, general manager, singapore@raffles.com, +65 6337 1886, raffles.com

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◀ The Maharaja's Apartment

SUJÁN RAJMAHAL PALACE, JAIPUR, INDIA

There are dozens of royal palaces throughout India, many that have been converted into hotels. What makes Suján Rajmahal Palace unique is that it is *still* a royal residence for the Maharaja of Jaipur, as well as an intimate Relais & Châteaux property in the heart of the Pink City. This urban oasis has lush gardens, fantastic cuisine and sensational decor by Adil Ahmad. It's a riot of color, textures and fabrics — the restaurant, 51 Shades of Pink, is famously Instagrammable. Should you want the full royal experience, book the Maharaja's Apartment (when he is not in residence, of course). It is suitably grand, but not overwhelming. No detail has been overlooked, including original portraits of the Maharaja, private butler service and a terrace overlooking the royal gardens.

From \$15,100 per night. Contact Devika Manocha, operations manager, reservations@sujanluxury.com, +91 11 4617 2700, sujanluxury.com



▲ The Kohinoor Suite

OBEROI UDAIVILAS, UDAIPUR, INDIA

A quick boat ride from the bustling city of Udaipur lies Oberoi Udaivilas, a stunning palace-hotel that offers a serene respite from India's frenetic energy. It sits on verdant grounds on the shores of Lake Pichola with picturesque views of the 16th-century City Palace. The property celebrates Indian art and architecture, with modern amenities and world-famous Oberoi service, which is extremely attentive and heartfelt, but never oppressive. For a truly unique experience, book a private lakeside dinner with a special menu accompanied by traditional music and dancing. To rest your head, the Kohinoor Suite, named after one of India's most famous diamonds, is correspondingly incredible. There are two bedrooms in the 2,650-sq-ft suite, a large living room, outdoor tented dining pavilion and its own infinity pool with views of the lake.

From \$15,435 per night. Contact Amit Kaul, general manager, amit.kaul@oberoihotels.com, +91 294 243 3300, oberoihotels.com



▲ Shambhu Prakash Presidential Suite

TAJ LAKE PALACE, UDAIPUR, INDIA

Gliding across Lake Pichola to a gleaming white-marble palace that appears to float on water is a surreal experience. A former royal residence, Taj Lake Palace has one of the most unique settings on Earth. Within, it's just as impressive as you would imagine. The restaurants and spa (it's on a boat) are exclusive to hotel guests, ensuring an intimate environment in this island hideaway. The Shambhu Prakash Presidential Suite takes its royal history seriously: It blends opulent Indian and European decor, offering a bit of Versailles in Udaipur. There are high, curved ceilings, rich fabric, sumptuous drapes, carved wood and glittering chandeliers throughout. Sunsets are best enjoyed from your private balcony.

From \$15,500 per night. Contact Vinayak Kumar, director of sales, reservations@tajhotels.com, +91 294 242 8800, tajhotels.com



▲ The Kohinoor Suite

OBEROI AMARVILAS, AGRA, INDIA

To be this close to the Taj Mahal would be a dream come true for many. This Unesco World Heritage site has captivated people for centuries; its magical pull pervades the atmosphere of Oberoi Amarvilas, certainly one of India's best hotels. But it's not just the views of the white-marble masterpiece that should bring you here: The service is outstanding, the spa treatments wonderfully blend East and West, and dining at Esphahan is not to be missed. In the Kohinoor Suite, the ode to the Taj Mahal continues: It can be seen through the windows, even from bed, as well as from its three private terraces, and the study even has a telescope so you can admire the details of the incredible Mughal monument and gardens. For the ultimate romantic evening, enjoy an alfresco dinner on your terrace with views of this enduring symbol of love in the distance.

From \$15,435 per night. Contact Vishal Pathak, general manager, vishal.pathak@oberoihotels.com, +91 562 223 1515, oberoihotels.com

AFRICA



▲ Nelson Mandela Villa

SHAMBALA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE, SOUTH AFRICA

After a 45-minute helicopter journey from Johannesburg, you'll land on Shambala Private Game Reserve's private helicopter pad. The eight-chalet Zulu Camp is set within a 24,700-acre reserve, where you'll more than likely spot at least one of the Big Five before you've even unpacked, and the chalets have charming leather-bound notebooks so you can log what you see. The Nelson Mandela Villa is set away from the chalets and has five bedrooms, one Presidential Suite with a private dining area and living room, a dining room with a 14-seat table, two studies, two lounges (one with a working fireplace), a business center with boardroom, and a spectacular heated indoor/outdoor swimming pool. The villa was built by owner Douw Steyn for Nelson Mandela, his close friend, as a respite from public life and a place to hold pivotal meetings with political and business leaders in his continued quest to promote peace. It is here that Mandela wrote his memoirs, and he spent a great deal of time at the villa until his death.

From \$5,700 per night. Contact Tinus Nel, general manager, info@centreforreconciliation.co.za, +27 112 926 030, shambalaprivategamereserve.co.za



▲ Grand Riad

ROYAL MANSOUR, MARRAKECH, MOROCCO

There are five-star hotels, and then there's the Royal Mansour. A magnificent collection of riads set among 12 acres of exquisite, fragrant gardens, it was designed by King Mohammed VI; absolutely no expense was spared in its creation, including the warren of tunnels for staff to service the riads without disturbing guests. The Grand Riad is 'a medina within a medina' at 19,375 sq ft spread across three floors, including a sensational roof terrace. It has three lavish bedrooms, each with a walk-in dressing room, four-and-a-half bathrooms, a living room with a bar, lounge area, cinema room, gym, staff accommodation, Moroccan hammam and the 24/7 services of a butler. The rooftop is spectacular in terra cotta and mosaics, and the riad has a plunge pool, Bedouin tent and an open fire.

From \$43,500 per night. Contact Mohamed Attaf, reservations manager, mattaf@royalmansour.ma, +212 529 808 081, royalmansour.com



▼ Singita Castleton

SINGITA SABI SAND, HAZYVIEW, SOUTH AFRICA

Found within 45,000 acres of private reserve in Singita Sabi Sand, Singita Castleton is an exclusive-use lodge comprised of a main house with communal living spaces and six individual (and utterly delightful) cottages. The original Castleton house was the family home of Singita founder Luke Bailes's grandfather, and that home-away-from-home vibe has been maintained. The decor is classic safari lodge blended with the rural, cozy charm of a country farmhouse. Within the grounds, you'll find gardens, a large swimming pool overlooking the open grasslands, gym, tennis court, wine cellar and treatment room. But of course, you come here to see the Big Five — you might spot them gathering at the watering hole, or head out on a game drive where you'll likely see lions and elephants and, if you're lucky, the elusive leopard.

From \$11,600 per night. Contact Graham Kennedy, operations director, enquiries@singita.com, +27 216 833 424, singita.com

MIDDLE EAST



◀ The Bulgari Villa

BULGARI RESORT DUBAI

This hotly anticipated hotel opened in late 2017 to great fanfare, and it certainly lives up to the hype. It is the largest Bulgari hotel in the world with 101 rooms and 20 private villas, the most fabulous of which is The Bulgari Villa. The 5,813-sq-ft villa has three bedrooms, a 14-person dining space, large living room, kitchen, home cinema, indoor Jacuzzi and hammam. The outdoor space is almost as big as the interior — at 5,382 sq ft, it has pristine gardens, a terrace and an oval pool with views of the sea beyond. The villa's spacious living area also has towering glass windows that welcome the fiery orange sunset each night. Sailors will love The Bulgari Yacht Club (the first and only from the brand) with a waterfront restaurant serving delicious seafood dishes; a members lounge, library and boardroom; and a swimming pool and 46-boat private marina.

From \$3,300 per night. Contact Pep Lozano, general manager, dubai@bulgarihotels.com, +971 4777 5555, bulgarihotels.com



▼ Three-bedroom Royal Mountain Villa

ANANTARA AL JABAL AL AKHDAR, NIZWA, OMAN

Escape the heat of Muscat and head to the dramatic Jebel Akhdar (Green Mountain). Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar is right on the edge of a vast canyon, and the awe-inspiring views are best enjoyed from Diana's Point, a wood-and-glass platform that appears to hover over the edge and was named for the British royal princess after she visited the very spot in 1986. The Three-bedroom Royal Mountain Villa, like the rest of the resort, favors Omani design with intricate carved patterns, stone archways and brass lanterns. The two-story villa is set slightly away from the rest of the resort, so you can be sure of privacy (except from a mountain goat or two), and it has its own entrance for low-key arrivals. Outside, you'll find a spacious stone terrace (perfect for alfresco dining) and an infinity pool with the most incredible vistas of the undulating canyon beyond.

From \$3,865 per night. Contact Dagmar Symes, general manager, reservations.aaja@anantara.com, +968 2521 8000, anantara.com

▲ Royal Two-bedroom Suite

BURJ AL-ARAB JUMEIRAH, DUBAI

You've no doubt heard of the Burj Al-Arab Jumeirah: It's often called the world's most luxurious hotel, and with good reason. It has a fleet of Rolls-Royces, a seawater aquarium, 12 restaurants and bars, five swimming pools and a private beach, which was built in Finland and transported to Dubai to minimize guest disruption. The recognizable structure is an icon of the Dubai skyline, and the sail-shaped building was made to resemble a traditional dhow boat. The Royal Two-bedroom Suite covers 8,400 sq ft over two floors and is an absolute riot of vibrant colors, outlandish patterns and luxurious fabrics — it is unashamedly loud and so much fun. Among the long list of features, you'll find a *majlis*-style lounge, dining room for 12, cinema room, private bar stocked with your favorites, private in-suite elevator, butler service, and two master bathrooms with Jacuzzis; these baths are stocked with full-size Hermès goodies.

From \$9,000 per night. Contact Scott Murray, general manager, baainfo@jumeirah.com, +971 430 177 77, jumeirah.com





◀ Armani Dubai Suite

ARMANI HOTEL, DUBAI

Forget what you think you know about hotels in Dubai: The Armani Hotel has none of the over-the-top, extravagant design of many of its counterparts. Instead, you'll find a serene and ever-so-slick space that serves as a breath of fresh air from the flashy city. Giorgio Armani was heavily involved in the design, so the details in the Armani Dubai Suite are as elegant as you'd expect — relaxed yet luxurious with muted gold tones, natural materials and neutral shades. The two-bedroom suite has exceptional views (hardly surprising as it's on the 39th floor of the Burj Khalifa) from the bedrooms, living and dining rooms, as well as the private gym. If you're in town to hit the shops, the hotel has a direct and discreet entrance into the Dubai Mall.

From \$8,200 per night. Contact Mark Kirby, general manager, reservations.dubai@armanihotels.com, +971 488 839 99, armanihoteldubai.com

▲ Palm Manor Grand Suite

ONE&ONLY THE PALM, DUBAI

Despite its beachfront location on Palm Island, this One&Only resort is surprisingly private — it's set right on the edge of the West Crescent and has just 64 guest rooms, 27 suites and four villas. The extravagant decor blends Andalusian and Moorish elements, and no detail is overlooked. The Manor House is at the heart of the resort, and the Palm Manor Grand Suite takes up the entire top floor. The 2,619-sq-ft, one-bedroom suite has a refined open-plan lounge and dining area, a large outdoor terrace with a sundeck and mesmerizing views. It can also connect with another guest room to transform it into a two-bedroom suite. Be sure to visit the Guerlain Spa — the treatments are as incredible as the striking architecture.

From \$1,900 per night. Contact Roshan Wickramarathnage, reservations manager, reservations@oneandonlythepalm.com, +971 444 010 10, oneandonlyresorts.com