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# The World's 10 Most Expensive Hotel Rooms with the Best Views

From uninterrupted vistas of the Indian Ocean to cheetahs and lions browsing the savanna, these lodgings take the phrase “a room with a view” to a whole new level

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It's hard to please everyone when it comes to hotel amenities, but even the most discerning, seasoned traveler will be in awe of these views—which, by the way, don't come cheap (though for very good reason).



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## Four Seasons Resort Lanai, Lanai, Hawaii

The Alii Royal Suite, located on the second floor, features a formal living room, a media room, a dining room with seating for six, and a bathroom with a double Japanese soaking tub and a double walk-in steam shower (with seating, naturally). The large private lanai is fitted with a dining table, lounge chairs, and an oversize daybed, as well as binocular tripods through which you can gaze upon spinner dolphins doing their tricks in the pristine Hulopoe Bay. *From \$21,000/night; [fourseasons.com/lanai/](https://fourseasons.com/lanai/)*

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## Carlton Hotel St. Moritz, Switzerland

The 4,155-square-foot Carlton Penthouse on the top floor of the hotel includes 360-degree views of Lake St. Moritz and the Swiss Alps, five terraces, and a private elevator. The all-suite, 100-year-old property includes personal butlers, 24-hour limousine service, and some of the best skiing in the world. *From \$18,000/night for the Penthouse suite; [carlton-stmoritz.ch/en](http://carlton-stmoritz.ch/en)*

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## Coco Privé Private Island, the Maldives

This exclusive resort island comes with six villas, a private chef and butler, a wine cellar, cocktail bar, dining room, kitchen, indoor and outdoor gym, and a 130-foot pool. Due to its remote location and complete lack of light pollution, you can see the Milky Way without a telescope (although one can be found in every room for viewing other constellations) and your views of the Indian Ocean are completely unobstructed. *From \$45,000/night; [cocoprive.com](http://cocoprive.com)*

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## Taj Lake Palace, Udaipur, India

The second-most photographed structure in India, after the Taj Mahal, the Taj Lake Palace is perched between the spectacular Aravalli mountain range and Lake Pichola on one side and a row of lofty palaces on the other. It's a wonderful maze of courtyards, corridors, pavilions, ponds, patios, gardens, and fountains fit for royalty, or anyone looking to feel like one. *From \$23,000/night for the Grand Presidential Suite; [taj.tajhotels.com](http://taj.tajhotels.com)*

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## Las Ventanas al Paraiso, Los Cabos, Mexico

The Ty Warner Mansion, the most upscale spot at Rosewood's Las Ventanas, is 28,000 square feet of panoramic Sea of Cortez views. It has a private beachfront infinity pool, swim-up bar, palapa-covered dining patio, and personal spa. Getting to the

room is quite the experience, as it's accessed via one of the largest 360-degree gardens in the world and a great room with floor-to-ceiling windows. A retractable sunroof over the pool means you can swim in any weather—or you can just relax on lounge chairs that rest on 7.5 million hand-laid, glittering white marble tiles. *From \$35,000/night; [rosewoodhotels.com](http://rosewoodhotels.com)*

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## Explora Patagonia, Torres del Paine, Chile

Go to the end of the world (as it's commonly referred to) and stay in the only hotel located within in Torres del Paine National Park. Room interiors are purposely made simple, putting all the focus on the stunning views (every room has one) of glacier-capped peaks and sprawling Lake Pehoe. Beyond the scenery, the big draw is the over 40 different daily excursions that can be done either by horseback or on foot. It's an adventure-junkie's mecca. *Suite Exploradores from \$8,184/night; [explora.com](http://explora.com)*

## Thanda Island, Tanzania

Located in the Shungi Mbili Island Marine Reserve in southern Tanzania, Thanda Island has access to a private marine reserve famous with divers, especially those interested in historical ruins beneath the waves. It's for the family (or group of adults) looking for all things aquatic: swimming with whale sharks, deep-sea fishing, kayaking, SUP, wakeboarding, and tubing. The island, which consists of one villa with five rooms, must be rented in its entirety. *From \$15,000/night; [thanda.island.com](http://thanda.island.com)*

## Singita Serengeti House, Tanzania

This property is located on 350,000 acres in the Grumeti Reserves in the heart of the Serengeti in northern Tanzania. You'll see plenty of wildlife—including cheetah, wildebeest, giraffe, lion, elephant, buffalo, and leopard—without even leaving your room. For even more animal excitement, time your visit to see the great wildebeest migration, which happens right at the property's front door. At the Serengeti House, you'll get your own butler, housekeeper, chef, and safari guide, and all itineraries, activities, and meals are tailor-made. Go on game drives, walking safaris, or enjoy a bush massage with views of the expansive Serengeti plains. *From \$9,155/night; [singita.com](http://singita.com)*

## Four Seasons Resort Orlando at Walt Disney World Resort, Lake Buena Vista, Florida

Sure, it's Disney. But it's Disney done extremely right. This luxe resort has the only adults-only pool to be found on a Disney property, and private views of the Magic Kingdom fireworks from the nine-bedroom Royal Suite residence. Plus, there's plenty to do: six restaurants, an 18-hole golf course, three tennis courts, a massive spa, a five-acre water park with a lazy river, two water slides, and an interactive splash pad. If you must be with the people, the Magic Kingdom is only five miles away. *From \$41,000/night; [fourseason.com/orlando](http://fourseason.com/orlando)*

## Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar Resort, Oman

Situated on the Saiq Plateau on Oman's fabled Green Mountain in the Al Hajar Mountains, the Anantara is one of the Middle East's most luxurious five-star properties. It's perched 6,500 feet above sea level on the curving rim of a canyon that's the gateway to Oman's ancient forts, souk market discoveries, remote agricultural villages, and an impressive topography of mountain and valley scenery. The Royal Mountain Villa has a private, 45-foot temperature-controlled pool with attached Jacuzzi and outdoor rain shower built for soaking up unobstructed mountain and canyon views. *From \$17,000/night for the three-bedroom Royal Mountain Villa; [anantara.com](http://anantara.com)*



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