



The real suite life

Circumnavigate the globe for a real lap of luxury at four of the most extravagant hotel suites – for the ultra-high-net-worth individual who means business



HOTEL PRESIDENT WILSON, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL, GENEVA

A Steinway grand piano played by Rihanna, a private gym used by Matt Damon, a boardroom graced by Richard Branson, a billiard table played by Bill Clinton and a home cinema enjoyed by Bill Gates.

The hotel, named after President Woodrow Wilson for his dedication to the creation of the League of Nations, is located on Lake Geneva, neighbored by the United Nations.

Panoramic views over Lake Geneva and the famous Jet d'Eau

Above: The Baby Grand Piano at Ty Warner Penthouse Four Seasons with views over New York **Left: A terrace overlooking Lake Geneva and Jet d'Eau at the President Wilson Royal Penthouse Suite**

can be enjoyed from a terrace which wraps around the lake-side of this 1800 sq. m suite – the largest suite in Europe.

With 12 ensuite bedrooms, featuring marble bathrooms, it represents a boutique hotel within a hotel – complete with a 12-seat boardroom and 14-seat banquet table.

'Room service' is from Michael Roth's restaurants. **12 bed** – from \$80,000 a night (including Private Butler). hotelpresidentwilson.com

TY WARNER PENTHOUSE FOUR SEASONS, NEW YORK

100 year-old Chinese American architect I.M. Pei – of Louvre Pyramid fame – has only fully completed one project to his satisfaction in the Americas – the Four Seasons Hotel New York. Although that was almost not the case. The building was officially finished in 1993, but it was only when Ty Warner, American toy manufacturer, purchased the hotel, that Pei could come out of retirement to complete his original vision. Budget restrictions had prevented Pei from creating the piece de resistance at the top of the 52-storey limestone clad tower. In collaboration ➤



Left: The Taj Mahal Palace Hotel in Mumbai Below: A master bedroom in the Jumeirah Royal Suite at Burj Al Arab in Dubai

with internationally acclaimed designer, Peter Marino, Pei finished his multi-layered art work in 2006, featuring four cantilevered glass balconies and floor-to-ceiling windows offering a 360° view over Central Park and the Manhattan skyline.

With a 700 sq. ft library, Bosendorfer Baby Grand Piano and chromatherapy infinity soak tub – the suite, nestled between Madison Avenue and Park Avenue on Billionaire’s Row, provides the perfect city getaway.

One bed – from \$50,000 a night (including Rolls Royce chauffeur). fourseasons.com

**ROYAL SUITE
BURJ AL ARAB, DUBAI**

Exit a private elevator to be greeted by 22-karat gold pillars and a breathtaking gold and marble stairway. There is also an in-suite elevator as the Royal Suite is set over two levels, with uninterrupted views over the Arabian Gulf.

Exquisitely decorated riches adorn the floors, walls and ceilings across majlis-style lounges, a library, a cinema room, private bars and a private dining room for 12 people. There are two master bathrooms, each with full size Jacuzzis and separate five-

head rain showers with separate guest restrooms discreetly located on the lower level. A 14-item pillow menu is on hand, eiderdown duvets and luxurious Egyptian cotton linen to suit specific posture requirements.

Two bed – from \$22,900 a night. jumeirah.com

**TATA SUITE
TAJ MAHAL PALACE
HOTEL, MUMBAI**

The 78 ft tall Gateway of India was built in 1911 to commemorate the visit of the Royal Family King George V and Queen Mary – eight years after the Taj Mahal Palace and

Room 651 was built. Barak and Michelle Obama, Nicholas Sarkozy and his wife, Carla Bruni, have all enjoyed the views over the Gateway and the Arabian Sea – as has Tom Cruise.

The 5,000 sq. ft suite is decorated in a Colonial style, featuring hand woven silk upholstery embroidered with gold and silver threads and crystal chandeliers. It also has an eight-seat dining table. Steeped in grandeur, the suite boasts 15 rooms, set in clear white Makrana marble, with 13 staff members dedicated exclusively to its guests.

Two bed – price on request. taj.tajhotels.com ■

