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Over-the-top Accommodations

THESE LAVISH SIN CITY HOTEL ROOMS HAVE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE — ESPECIALLY RAILROAD BARONS AND OIL SHEIKS

What can \$40,000 buy you in Vegas these days? A down payment on a small home. A couple of years of college tuition. A fully-loaded SUV. Or, for those with cash to burn, a night at the **Hugh Hefner Sky Villa** at the Palms.

Inspired by the world’s most famous playboy, the 10,000-square-foot suite features artwork selected by Hef, himself, a round rotating bed, a massage room, an outdoor terrace with a cantilevered Jacuzzi tub and an incredible infinity pool that juts out of the side of the building.

Until a few years ago, you had to be a high roller to experience the city’s most excessive excesses. Now, all you need is a credit card with a really, really high limit and Vegas’ most luxurious accommodations — many of which are larger than the average home and include everything from butlers to swimming pools — can be yours for the taking.

Looking for something less Hefner-esque? The Palms offers other super-pricey themed Fantasy Suites. For instance, the 10,000-square-foot **Hardwood Suite** — the only hotel room in the world with an indoor basketball court — includes a lounge, a full bar and extra-long beds (it was originally built for actual basketball players). After an intense game, head to the locker room, which, upon request, can be stocked with customized basketball jerseys or cheerleading outfits. A slam dunk at just \$25,000 a night.

For something a bit more elegant, the **Skylofts at MGM Grand** offer a private sanctuary of sleek two-story suites costing up to \$10,000 a night and perched high above the Las Vegas Strip. Skyloft guests are picked up from the airport in an attention-drawing Rolls Royce Ghost, transported to a private Skylofts entrance, and then greeted by name by their own personal butler, who assumes around-the-clock pampering duties (he’ll even draw you a bath). The décor is contemporary and supremely distinctive, while the highlight is definitely the 24-foot

floor-to-ceiling windows, with dramatic Strip-to-mountain views from every angle. To complete the luxury experience, there’s a \$25,000 A/V setup including a remote that controls the drapes and lights, a 500-album music library, 500-thread-count Egyptian cotton bedding and a pillow menu with 14 offerings.

Creating sublime relaxation is the mission of the \$6,000-a-night **Chairman** and **Presidential Suites** atop the Bellagio’s Spa Tower, which you enter by crossing a walkway that seems to float above a tranquil reflecting pool. Each suite, which includes 24-hour butler service, has been designed with a solarium, a fire-place, an L-shaped bar with seating for six and an indoor garden with a fountain. A separate room, complete with a butler pantry, can be used as a boardroom or dining room with seating for 10 (or so) guests.

The **Chairman Suite** at the Venetian is an experience of regal proportions. The mosaic tile entryway, with a fountain and Oriental artifacts, may make you feel as if you’ve traveled to a bygone era. But the suite’s eight-seat theater room, 27 televi-sions, karaoke room, beauty salon, spa and gym will quickly



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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: THE DINING ROOM IN THE PRESIDENTIAL SUITE AT THE BELLAGIO, THE BELLAGIO CHAIRMAN’S SUITE, THE VENETIAN CHAIRMAN’S SUITE, THE BEDROOM AREA IN THE VENETIAN CHAIRMAN’S SUITE, A BEDROOM IN THE HUGH HEFNER SKY VILLA,

convince you otherwise. The opulent 10,000-square-foot suite also boasts a Steinway & Sons grand piano, three fireplaces made from Venetian marble, onyx sinks, a dry sauna and steam room, and four bedroom suites. Butlers and housekeepers enter discreetly through the suite’s private entrance, while guests are whisked away on their own private elevator. All this for \$15,000 a night.

It’s Vegas, after all. Why skimp? ♣

