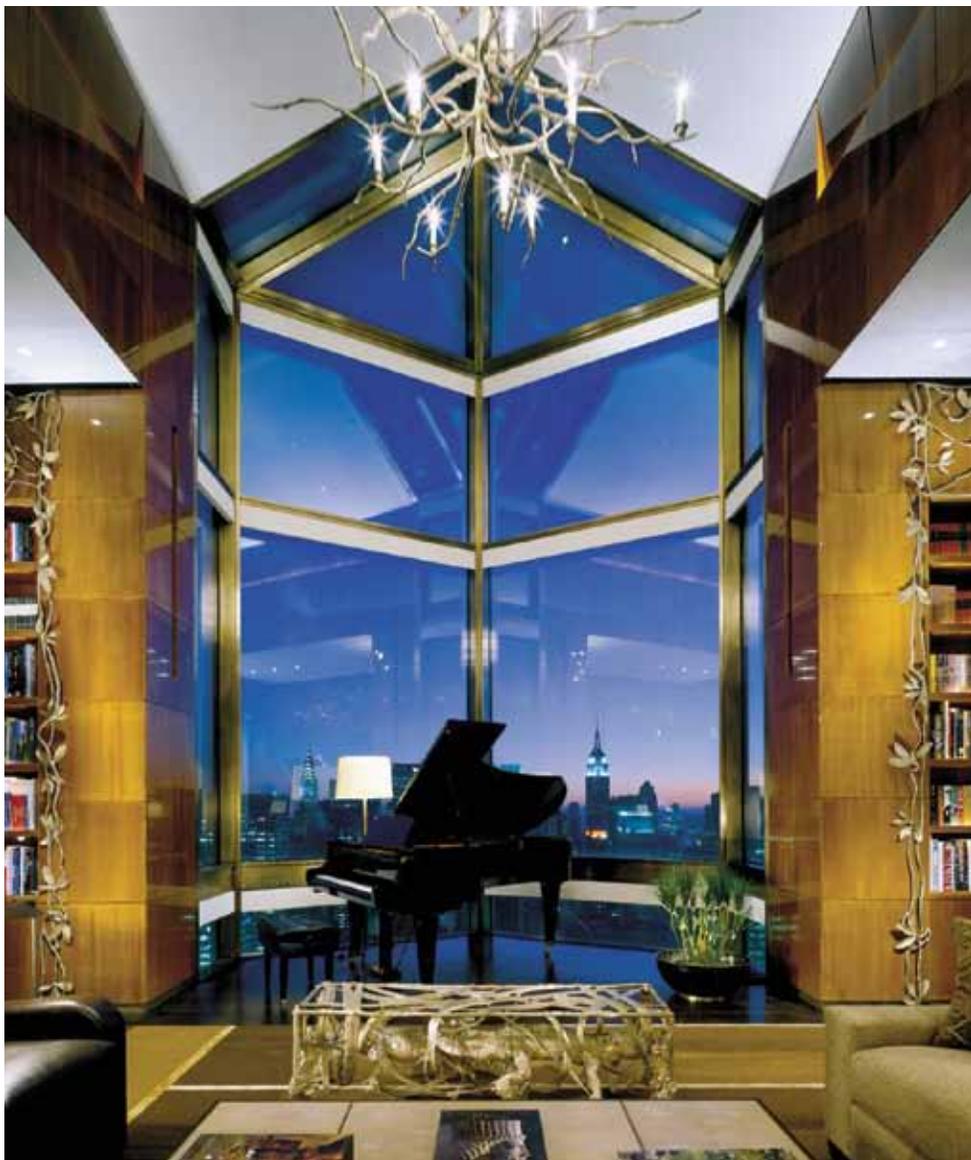


# The Most Expensive Hotel Room in America

Luxury to Raise Your Beanie, Baby



The Four Seasons Hotels don't really need an introduction when it comes to over the top luxury. But in New York, they've really outdone themselves. Try a night or two in Ty Warner Suite and see what we mean.

This nine-room, 4300 square foot suite sits on the top floor of

Manhattan's tallest hotel. It is the result of a collaboration between owner Ty Warner (founder of Beanie Babies), designer Peter Marino and architect I.M. Pei, who came out of retirement to join in the creation and development of what may be America's most luxurious accommodations.

With cantilevered glass balconies and floor-to-ceiling bay windows, set beneath 25-foot (7.6-metre) cathedral ceilings, the Ty Warner Penthouse offers a breathtaking 360-degree view of all Manhattan. Custom-commissioned in every detail, from semi-precious stone surfaces to fabrics woven with platinum and gold, the nine-room suite creates the sense of living within a multilayered work of art. It goes without saying perhaps, that you have your own private elevator to come and go as you please.

In the living and dining area, cream-colored walls are richly inlaid with thousands of pieces of mother of pearl. A dramatic 4-foot-high (1.2-metre-high) cut-glass chandelier by Deborah Thomas sparkles above the bronze table by designer François-Xavier LaLanne. Seating is grouped around a marble fireplace, and four French doors open to glass railings.

The 700 square foot library is illuminated by a LaLanne chandelier in gilded bronze. The extensive book collection is set in bookcases framed with an elaborate bronze vine-and-leaf

motif, again by LaLanne. The library is also furnished with a chess table and a Bösendorfer grand piano.

The centerpiece of the master bedroom is a Thai canopy bed threaded with gold. Offering unsurpassed comfort, the Swedish Hästens Vividus

mattress was built entirely by hand over 160 hours, using 100% natural materials. Bedroom accents include two lacquer cabinets with cracked eggshell panels, and walls of straw marquetry.

Four French doors reveal a view of Central Park that is almost surreal in its perfection. An indoor-outdoor Zen garden with a green bowenite waterfall overlooks downtown Manhattan and the Statue of Liberty. The breakfast room is furnished with a LaLanne tree table and opens to its own large balcony 700 feet above Central Park.

Of course, this suite also features a private spa room with a serene screen of living bamboo. Adjacent to the spa room is an oversized dressing room clad entirely in leather. With its ceiling, walls and floor gleaming with onyx, the master bathroom includes another outdoor balcony overlooking Central Park. Among the pampering features are an infinity-edge bathtub complete with chromatherapy, a separate glass-enclosed rain shower, radiant-heated floors, and sinks carved from a solid block of rock crystal.

Penthouse guests enjoy amenities as impressive as their quarters: TVs programmed for every channel worldwide, unlimited global telephone calling, the services of both a personal butler and a personal trainer/therapist. Of course, New York is not the kind of town where you want to stay in your 'room' all day. When you want to go some place, you'll have your own private chauffeur and a choice of either a Rolls Royce Phantom or a Mercedes Maybach. Price per night? \$30,000, not including tips.

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