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HAUTE HOTELS

When it comes to perks, some posh hotels are getting creative. From regal rides to bespoke vintage accessories, enjoy these triumphant trimmings.

Vintage accessories await; Blue Bar (right); the rooftop garden of The Pavilion Suite (below right)



THE BERKELEY LONDON

When visiting London’s fashionable Knightsbridge district, one must dress the part. The Berkeley makes this easy for guests of its five signature suites, offering a Fashion Trunk filled with vintage designer accessories.

A handmade Norton MacCollough & Locke steamer trunk yields such designer booty as a 1970s Chanel clutch, a 1960s Dior scarf, a 1970s Givenchy belt, and a pair of 1960s Courrèges ear clips—a treasure trove curated by Atelier-Mayer. The trunk is delivered to suites upon request, and guests may enjoy as many of the

ternoon tea is stylish: The patisseries are modeled after the latest fashion collections, such as biscuits shaped like Dolce & Gabbana’s Mary Janes, a Valentino rock-stud shoulder bag sponge cake, and a Simone Rocha tulle gown éclair.

The swank hotel boasts amenities like a rooftop terrace, a sauna, and one of the largest marble en suite bathrooms in London. Select the right vintage accessory for the occasion and enjoy your stay.

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accessories as they wish during their stay. Simply can’t part with that Yves Saint Lauren handbag or Nina Ricci pillbox? You can purchase it and take it home.

The chic accessories fit right in at this stylish hotel, home to the two-Michelin-star restaurant Marcus and Blue Bar, a favorite celebrity haunt designed by David Collins that features black croc-embossed leather floors. Even af-



FOUR SEASONS LOS ANGELES AT BEVERLY HILLS LOS ANGELES

Big wheels rule in L.A., where they’re as essential as Balmain wardrobes. Book one of the top three suites at the Four Seasons Los Angeles at Beverly Hills and glide around town in style—with your choice of luxury rides.

While many hotels provide chauffeured rides to and from destinations, the Four Seasons provides guests staying in these suites with their own private set of wheels to use throughout their entire stay. Among your options: a Ferrari California T, a Rolls-Royce Ghost, and a Bentley GTC.

Back at your suite, luxury continues. There’s the eight-balcony, 3,235-square-foot Presidential Suite East, where a state-of-the-art Bulthaup kitchen stores as many as 75 wine bottles; the six-balcony, 2,398-square-foot Presidential Suite West (home to a baby grand); and the four-balcony, 1,809-square-foot Royal Suite. All boast gorgeous marble bathrooms and offer accommodations for up to six.

The city’s ultimate film-biz retreat hosts regular Hollywood heavyweights like Orlando Bloom, Jessica Chastain, and Colin Firth. Your role? Getting similar star treatment. That’s easy to do: Just stop by the Four Seasons’ spa and rejuvenate with a DNA facial, which harnesses the power of the skin’s natural repair process to hydrate, replenish enzymes, and target areas damaged by UV rays. Heaven on Earth.

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Top to bottom: The Presidential Suite West; roll through town in your own luxury wheels; the fireplace at Culina, the hotel’s Italian restaurant





Clockwise from left: The Royal Suite; choose helicopter or Rolls-Royce transport to Burj Al Arab from the airport; the 24-karat-gold-plated custom iPad



square foot over two floors, the suite offers a panoramic view of the Arabian Gulf, a private cinema, a library, a lounge, a rotating canopied bed, two full-size Jacuzzis, and a gold and marble staircase.

The rest of the hotel is just as impressive. The interior gleams with 30 types of Italian and Brazilian marble and 19,000 square feet of 24-karat gold leaf. The Burj (Arabic for “tower”) is also home to the world’s tallest atrium (more than 590 feet tall), an interior waterfall, and three aquariums holding 50 species of fish.

Service is on a grand scale, with eight staffers to each suite, nine restaurants and bars, four pools, a spa, a private beach, and the globe’s highest tennis court, situated nearly 700 feet off the ground. It doubles as a helipad, from which guests can take a helicopter tour of the city.

And while you can’t take your butler home, he or she can pack your iPad, available for purchase at about \$8,150.

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BURJ AL ARAB JUMEIRAH

DUBAI

Dubai’s Burj Al Arab Jumeirah is renowned for its opulence—and it trickles all the way down to modern conveniences. Upon check-in, guests are given a 24-karat gold-plated iPad to use during their stay. Created especially for the hotel and engraved with the hotel’s logo, the iPad also serves as a “virtual concierge” for guests to select services such as private dining and housekeeping.

It’s one example of the unmatched hospitality offered at the Burj Al Arab Jumeirah, where the experience begins upon arrival at Dubai International Airport. Guests are taken via Rolls-Royce or helicopter to the sleek, sail-shaped hotel, which stands 1,053 feet tall on its own manmade island roughly 9 miles south of the city. After a warm Marhaba-style welcome of rose water, chilled towels, dates, and authentic Arabic coffee, they meet their exclusive, round-the-clock butler.

This suites-only hotel, considered one of the most luxurious in the world, offers 202 extraordinary room accommodations, the grandest of which is the two-bedroom Royal Suite. Spanning 8,396



THE PENINSULA

CHICAGO

For foodies seeking a memorable dining experience in the Windy City, The Peninsula Chicago has you covered. An exclusive opportunity through the hotel, guests can reserve a complimentary private visit to three-Michelin-starred Grace restaurant and its wine cellar.

The behind-the-scenes tour culminates with a kitchen experience of preparing an amuse-bouche, learning a culinary technique, or plating a dish with revered Chef Curtis Duffy—formerly of Charlie Trotter’s, Trio, and Alinea—and his crew.



Guests then savor their creations while sipping wine with Duffy and partner Michael Muser.

The restaurant’s seasonally changing eight- and 12-course tasting menus have earned it AAA’s Five Diamond and Forbes Travel Guide’s Five Star ratings, and a Best of the Best in 2013 from Robb Report.

Back at the hotel, the three-bedroom Peninsula Suite shines with decadence. The 3,645-square-foot interior features dining for 10, a baby grand piano, a gas fireplace, and a private 2,000-square-foot wraparound terrace with a whirlpool tub overlooking Lake Michigan. Touring Grace will likely be your only reason to leave.

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Clockwise from above: The Peninsula spa pool; Alaskan king crab, kalamansi, cucumber, and lemon balm at Grace; a Premier Deluxe Suite bedroom at The Peninsula; the kitchen staff at Grace

