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## Winter Escapes

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WE PRESENT OUR ANNUAL  
TOP 100 SUITES AROUND THE  
WORLD — AND THE BEST JETS  
TO TAKE YOU THERE

Mandapa Three-bedroom Pool  
Villa at Mandapa, a  
Ritz-Carlton Reserve in Bali,  
Indonesia

# Top 100 Suites

The best amenities, incredible service and excitement await you in our definitive list of the top suites on the planet. From sprawling villa escapes in the Balinese jungle to a historic grand château in the French countryside, no detail is overlooked in these opulent, over-the-top and elegant accommodations

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## MIDDLE EAST



### ◀ The Bulgari Villa

BULGARI RESORT DUBAI

This hotly anticipated hotel opened in late 2017 to great fanfare, and it certainly lives up to the hype. It is the largest Bulgari hotel in the world with 101 rooms and 20 private villas, the most fabulous of which is The Bulgari Villa. The 5,813-sq-ft villa has three bedrooms, a 14-person dining space, large living room, kitchen, home cinema, indoor Jacuzzi and hammam. The outdoor space is almost as big as the interior — at 5,382 sq ft, it has pristine gardens, a terrace and an oval pool with views of the sea beyond. The villa's spacious living area also has towering glass windows that welcome the fiery orange sunset each night. Sailors will love The Bulgari Yacht Club (the first and only from the brand) with a waterfront restaurant serving delicious seafood dishes; a members lounge, library and boardroom; and a swimming pool and 46-boat private marina.

**From \$3,300 per night. Contact Pep Lozano, general manager, [dubai@bulgarihotels.com](mailto:dubai@bulgarihotels.com), +971 4777 5555, [bulgarihotels.com](http://bulgarihotels.com)**



### ▼ Three-bedroom Royal Mountain Villa

ANANTARA AL JABAL AL AKHDAR, NIZWA, OMAN

Escape the heat of Muscat and head to the dramatic Jebel Akhdar (Green Mountain). Anantara Al Jabal Al Akhdar is right on the edge of a vast canyon, and the awe-inspiring views are best enjoyed from Diana's Point, a wood-and-glass platform that appears to hover over the edge and was named for the British royal princess after she visited the very spot in 1986. The Three-bedroom Royal Mountain Villa, like the rest of the resort, favors Omani design with intricate carved patterns, stone archways and brass lanterns. The two-story villa is set slightly away from the rest of the resort, so you can be sure of privacy (except from a mountain goat or two), and it has its own entrance for low-key arrivals. Outside, you'll find a spacious stone terrace (perfect for alfresco dining) and an infinity pool with the most incredible vistas of the undulating canyon beyond.

**From \$3,865 per night. Contact Dagmar Symes, general manager, [reservations.aaja@anantara.com](mailto:reservations.aaja@anantara.com), +968 2521 8000, [anantara.com](http://anantara.com)**

### ▲ Royal Two-bedroom Suite

BURJ AL-ARAB JUMEIRAH, DUBAI

You've no doubt heard of the Burj Al-Arab Jumeirah: It's often called the world's most luxurious hotel, and with good reason. It has a fleet of Rolls-Royces, a seawater aquarium, 12 restaurants and bars, five swimming pools and a private beach, which was built in Finland and transported to Dubai to minimize guest disruption. The recognizable structure is an icon of the Dubai skyline, and the sail-shaped building was made to resemble a traditional dhow boat. The Royal Two-bedroom Suite covers 8,400 sq ft over two floors and is an absolute riot of vibrant colors, outlandish patterns and luxurious fabrics — it is unashamedly loud and so much fun. Among the long list of features, you'll find a *majlis*-style lounge, dining room for 12, cinema room, private bar stocked with your favorites, private in-suite elevator, butler service, and two master bathrooms with Jacuzzis; these baths are stocked with full-size Hermès goodies.

**From \$9,000 per night. Contact Scott Murray, general manager, [baainfo@jumeirah.com](mailto:baainfo@jumeirah.com), +971 430 177 77, [jumeirah.com](http://jumeirah.com)**





### ◀ Armani Dubai Suite

ARMANI HOTEL, DUBAI

Forget what you think you know about hotels in Dubai: The Armani Hotel has none of the over-the-top, extravagant design of many of its counterparts. Instead, you'll find a serene and ever-so-slick space that serves as a breath of fresh air from the flashy city. Giorgio Armani was heavily involved in the design, so the details in the Armani Dubai Suite are as elegant as you'd expect — relaxed yet luxurious with muted gold tones, natural materials and neutral shades. The two-bedroom suite has exceptional views (hardly surprising as it's on the 39th floor of the Burj Khalifa) from the bedrooms, living and dining rooms, as well as the private gym. If you're in town to hit the shops, the hotel has a direct and discreet entrance into the Dubai Mall.

**From \$8,200 per night. Contact Mark Kirby, general manager, [reservations.dubai@armanihotels.com](mailto:reservations.dubai@armanihotels.com), +971 488 839 99, [armanihoteldubai.com](http://armanihoteldubai.com)**

### ▲ Palm Manor Grand Suite

ONE&ONLY THE PALM, DUBAI

Despite its beachfront location on Palm Island, this One&Only resort is surprisingly private — it's set right on the edge of the West Crescent and has just 64 guest rooms, 27 suites and four villas. The extravagant decor blends Andalusian and Moorish elements, and no detail is overlooked. The Manor House is at the heart of the resort, and the Palm Manor Grand Suite takes up the entire top floor. The 2,619-sq-ft, one-bedroom suite has a refined open-plan lounge and dining area, a large outdoor terrace with a sundeck and mesmerizing views. It can also connect with another guest room to transform it into a two-bedroom suite. Be sure to visit the Guerlain Spa — the treatments are as incredible as the striking architecture.

**From \$1,900 per night. Contact Roshan Wickramarathnage, reservations manager, [reservations@oneandonlythepalm.com](mailto:reservations@oneandonlythepalm.com), +971 444 010 10, [oneandonlyresorts.com](http://oneandonlyresorts.com)**