



**ELITE RECOMMENDS**

PEACOCK SUITE / ITC GARDENIA, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL, BENGALURU, INDIA

## TOP SUITES OF ASIA PACIFIC | 2012

A region renowned for its hospitality, Asia Pacific touts suites that promise the best of service and privacy, whether you find yourself in a bustling mega city or on a powdery white beach. Sublime in-room spa services and next-gen technology are par for the course.

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101 TOP SUITES ● ASIA PACIFIC



PALACE SUITE / PALACE HOTEL TOKYO



OCEAN SANCTUARY / JUMEIRAH DHEVANAFUSHI

Tokyo | Japan

PALACE HOTEL TOKYO

PALACE SUITE

**Square Footage** | 2,260

**Why We Love It** | A whopping \$1.2 billion rebuild transformed this Tokyo classic, which reopened in May just across the moat from the Imperial Palace gardens. Its richly appointed Palace Suite, inundated with natural light through massive windows, blooms with leafy motifs that echo the verdant gardens outdoors. A sizable terrace and window-side soaking tub maximize the vistas, and high-tech amenities abound.

**Rate** | About \$8,810

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VILLA LAALU / SHANGRI-LA'S VILLINGILI RESORT AND SPA



HIDEAWAY PALACE / ISLAND HIDEAWAY AT DHONAKULHI MALDIVES

Addu Atoll | Maldives

SHANGRI-LA'S VILLINGILI RESORT AND SPA

VILLA LAALU

**Square Footage** | 10,301

**Why We Love It** | An exotic art gallery vibe infuses this tropical beach retreat thanks to an exquisite array of wall pieces, artifacts, sculptures and urns adorning its interiors. Nestled amid lush foliage, a timber pool deck faces the turquoise lagoon; indoors, ceilings soar high, bathrooms feature two-person tubs and jetted showers, and a spa pavilion and personal gym offer total privacy.

**Rate** | \$9,900

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JUMEIRAH DHEVANAFUSHI OCEAN SANCTUARY

**Square Footage** | 2,024, plus 538 of outdoor space

**Why We Love It** | Unveiled last spring, Jumeirah's first Maldives retreat offers the nation's only over-ocean (versus over-lagoon) villas. Braving the open seas is a cinch in this two-bedroom oasis, where an Apple media center, 42-inch TVs and Wi-Fi keep you connected, while serious panoramic windows, an outdoor marble plunge bath and private infinity-edge pool show off exquisite surrounds.

**Rate** | From \$2,900

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Haa Alifu Atoll | Maldives

ISLAND HIDEAWAY AT DHONAKULHI MALDIVES

HIDEAWAY PALACE

**Square Footage** | 6,148, plus 9,137 of outdoor space

**Why We Love It** | For the ultimate in secluded island rendezvous, five thatched villas gather around a central infinity pool just steps from pristine white shores. Three of these haute huts (think oversized tubs and outdoor showers) are bedrooms—two king-size and one with a massive, rotund bed—but a rooftop terrace tempts guests to sleep under the stars.

**Rate** | From \$2,790

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