For the Super-Rich: World’s Top 101 Hotel Suites

Elite Traveler, the worldwide private jet lifestyle magazine has just announced the release of its much anticipated and highly regarded "101 Top Hotel/Resort Suites of the Year" in the July/August 2008 issue and online.

The super-rich, presumably also wine connoisseurs are not affected by the state of economy anywhere and continue to traverse the globe on private jets, experiencing the best the world has to offer in terms of hotel and resort accommodations, shopping, and living the private jet lifestyle. Elite Traveler magazine readers average 41 trips per year, including 10 intercontinental trips.

The most expensive suite on the 101 Top Suites this year is in Europe - the Royal Penthouse Suite at the Hotel President Wilson in Geneva Switzerland, costing $52,000 a day. It is followed closely by the Royal Villa at the Grand Resort Lagonissi in Attica, Greece where the charges are $50,000 a day. But Imperial Suite at the Park Hyatt Paris-Vendome costs a fraction at $21000 a day..

Says Editorial Director Laura Hughes. "Our readers spend more than $400,000 per year at hotels and resorts, so price isn't an issue to them. We just want to alert them to the most unique design styles, best services, and new amenities in the most amazing locations, whatever the price."

Approximately one-third of the suites on the list cost over $10,000 a day. Also making the 101 Top Suites list due to a winning combination of service, amenities, style, and location are a few select hotels within the grasp of those seeking a once-in-a-lifetime jet set experience.

In the US, the most expensive suite is the Ty Warner Penthouse at the Four Seasons Hotel, New York at $30,000 a day. This is notable as the most expensive suite ever built in the United States.

The Chairman Suite at the Palazzo Resort in Las Vegas comes in next at $20,000 a day, followed by two suites at $15,000 a day - the Empire Suite at the Carlyle at Rosewood Hotel New York, and the Grand Suite at Grand Wailea Resort and Spa in Hawaii.

Two of the suites in India - both in Delhi make the list too for those who are rich but want to live like the Super-rich. The 2600 square feet Kohinoor Suite has been priced at $5000 per day whereas the roomier 3000 square feet Royal Imperial Suite at Hotel Imperial sells for Rs. 13,000 cheaper at $4700.

If you cannot afford to stay in either of the two suites this but would love to patronize an Indian hotel suite in the Top 101, there is a cheaper and affordable option of flying to Langkawi in Malaysia and splurging at the Taj Hotel owned Rebak Island Resort where you could rent a two-bedroom villa for peanuts-only US$500 a night.

Who says you have to be super-rich to enjoy a stay at the Top 101 hotel / suites recommended by the Elite Traveler magazine?