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The Most Over-the-Top Luxurious Suites of the Year



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To qualify as one of the best suites in the world, the space doesn't just need to be luxurious. It needs to provide exclusive access; access to the best views of the city, the [most coveted experiences at the hotel](#), and to private butlers, chauffeured black cars, or even captained, ready-to-sail yachts. With price tags well into the six figures, open invitations to [the city's best restaurants](#), and in-room, gallery-worthy art collections, these suites are truly the most magnificent hospitality experiences in the world.

Our 2020 Legend Awards honorees for over-the-top suites overlook [sweeping global metropolises](#), lavish hotel grounds, and of course, awe-inspiring natural landscapes. These suites break down architectural boundaries, display famed works of art, and are meticulously styled by expert curators. The Legend Awards honorees for over-the-top suites are:

Hotel Château du Grand-Lucé, “Baron’s Suite”



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In the Loire Valley, [The Baron's Suite at the Hotel Château du Grand-Lucé](#) is beyond lavish. The suite has three separate entrances, 17-foot ceilings, manicured private gardens, and Versailles-patterned oak floors. Our favorite touches? The private library that's filled with French literature and the Salon Chinois, which features a Jean-Baptiste Pillement painting.

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The Best New Lodges and Resorts Around the World



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Remote luxury. That's what the best lodges and resorts in the world offer us. Exploring the [far-off corners of the Earth](#) with these five-star properties allows for nearly unfettered access to the most lusted-after global destinations. Further, visiting these [Legend Awards](#) honorees puts travelers farther [off-the-grid](#) than ever before, but ensures their every need is attended to. From the lodges positioned right on the salt flats of Bolivia or the deserts of Namibia, to the resorts on the [remote islands of Japan](#), these Legend Awards honorees offer fully immersive travel experiences.

Of the five-star resorts and lodges that opened between May 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020, these are our editor-selected favorites:

Hotel Château du Grand-Lucé, France



Courtesy Hotel Château du Grand-Lucé

Open as of June 2019 in the Loire Valley, [Hotel Château du Grand-Lucé](#) is a renovated 18th-century neoclassical country home that once belonged to Baron Jacques Pineau de Viennay. The château has 17 rooms and suites, including the ultra-lavish Baron's Suite, and Versailles-inspired gardens.