



Ty Warner's Luxe Penthouse Suite

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What do interior designer Peter Marino, architect I.M. Pei, and artist Thomas Struth have in common? They all contributed to the remodeling of the Ty Warner-owned penthouse in which you will be staying this weekend. Considering the venture took six years and \$50 million to complete, paying \$30,000 per night is a true bargain.

Located in the trendy and upscale Four Seasons Hotel in Manhattan, which happens to be the tallest hotel in the city, the Ty Warner Suite is considered the most expensive penthouse in the United States for which guests are actually charged. To illustrate, while the Hugh Hefner Sky Villa in the Palms Casino Las Vegas has a \$40,000 per night price tag, instead of being rented out, the suite is given to the casino's highest rollers. The Four Seasons, on the other hand, will never "comp" this room or offer any discounts.

Ty Warner, the billionaire toy manufacturer who is best known for his company's role in the Beanie Baby craze, is the man behind the venture. His sole goal was to create the best suite in the world, one in which he would want to stay when traveling. He took this so seriously that he even flew to Italy to personally select the pieces of Chinese onyx to be used in the bathroom. He certainly spared no expense when taking on this feat; everything in the room was custom designed.

One of the suite's most astonishing and breathtaking features, which sprawls across

the entire 52nd floor, is the 23-foot-high bay windows. Special architectural elements, including glass balconies, were developed so as to prevent obstruction of any view of the city. From one side of the suite, you can view Central Park; on another, the windows gloriously frame the Chrysler and Empire State buildings. Some of the suite's other one-of-a-kind elements are walls inlaid with mother-of-pearl, gold-threaded curtains from Morocco, a shark skin-covered coffee table, antique lamps from the Han Dynasty, and a Lalanne chandelier.

In addition to the room's extravagant décor, the behind-the-scenes features are also extremely integral to the Ty Warner Penthouse experience. Guests receive unlimited free room service, a personal masseuse, a personal butler (on call 24 hours per day), and a personal driver who will take them around the city in a Rolls-Royce, allowing them to experience all New York has to offer.

All of these elements work in tandem to provide you with an unforgettable and lavish weekend full of breathtaking views of New

York, unparalleled customer service, and the type of comfort and opulence you expect, even when you're away from home.

Unfortunately for truly extravagant individuals, however, the Ty Warner Penthouse, which is the most expensive suite in the United States, isn't the most expensive in the world. That title belongs to the Royal Penthouse Suite, located in the Hotel Wilson in Geneva, which costs about \$54,000 per night. So if that disclosure disappoints or intrigues you, you always have the option of flying to Switzerland next weekend.

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