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Monday newsletters always feature top 10 travel lists to inspire.

Today (March 9, 2020): Top 10 most expensive hotels ever built.

While this may sound like pure horror to some of us, some mammoth hotels have built a reputation on impressing their guests with palatial, almost galactic dimensions. While such projects are a magnet for tourism, they do not come cheap, with the costs of planning, materials, construction, and manpower regularly reaching into the billions. From world-famous skyscrapers to impossibly lavish casino resorts, here are the 10 most expensive hotels ever built – so far.

There is more information (with review & YouTube clips) below the slideshow. Have you ever stayed at one of these hotels? Leave a **comment**.

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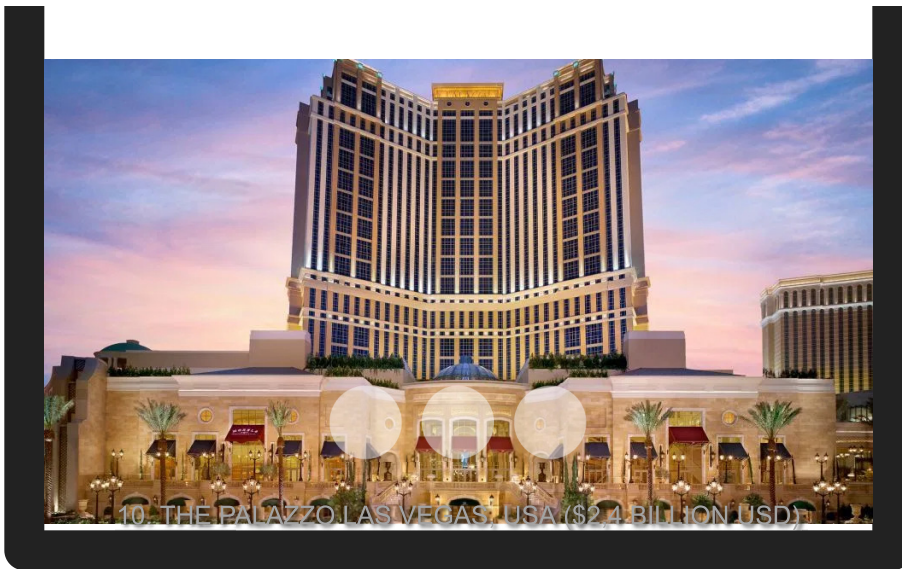
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10. THE PALAZZO LAS VEGAS, USA (\$2.4 BILLION USD)

The Palazzo is a luxury hotel and casino resort located on the Las Vegas Strip in Paradise, Nevada. It is the tallest completed building in the USA state of Nevada. Designed by Dallas based HKS Inc, the hotel offers all the Italian romance and flair of the neighboring, more famous Venetian hotel, but in a setting that scores higher on unassuming, understated luxury. The hotel and casino are part of a larger complex (operated as one hotel) comprising the adjoining Venetian Resort and Casino and the Sands Convention Center, all of which are owned and operated by the Las Vegas Sands Corporation. This all-suite hotel offers the largest standard accommodations on the Las Vegas Strip at 720 sq ft (67 sq m) per guest room. The hotel complex is the second largest hotel in the world.

- **Hotel website:** [The Palazzo](#)
- **Other accolades:** The Palazzo also features in my top 10 list of the [largest hotels in the world](#).

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5. THE COSMOPOLITAN OF LAS VEGAS, USA (\$4.1 BILLION USD)

The Cosmopolitan is one of the Strip's most famous resorts, consisting of two high rise towers both at 184 m (604 ft) tall. Here, guests enjoy oversized residential-styled living spaces with private terraces and breathtaking views of the Las Vegas skyline. Dining is reinvented with a one-of-a-kind restaurant collection featuring world-class chefs making their Vegas debut. Stylish design and art engage cultural sensibilities while a vibrant nightlife scene captivates perceptions. The pool offers panoramic views and unrivaled service, allowing guests to choose between three distinct pool experiences. Combine it all with an eclectic mix of hand-selected boutiques, a 100,000 square foot casino, Marquee Nightclub and Dayclub, and the serenity of the Sahara Spa, Salon & Hammam to redefine Las Vegas' luxury resort experience.

- **Hotel website:** [The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas](#)
- **Other accolades:** The Cosmopolitan also features in my top 10 list of the [best hotels in Las Vegas](#).
- **Tip:** get complimentary VIP perks when booking via [Virtuoso](#) (e.g. room upgrade, daily breakfast, early check-in, late check-out, and \$100 USD food & beverage credit).



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9. CITY OF DREAMS, MACAO, CHINA (\$2.4 BILLION USD)

Located in Cotai, the beating heart of Macao's dynamic entertainment scene, City of Dreams offers thrills in style with an innovative collection of experiences – electrifying entertainment, Michelin-starred dining, designer shopping, internationally renowned art, iconic architecture, and a diverse array of exclusive accommodation – all created in collaboration with visionary talent such as legendary chef Alain Ducasse, the world's greatest patissier Pierre Hermé and audacious show maker Franco Dragone, just to name a few. The City of Dreams features a collection of hotels: the five star Nüwa, the world renowned Grand Hyatt Macau, the unconventional Countdown Hotel, and the provocatively designed The Libertine that is housed in the iconic Morpheus with its exoskeleton steel frame.

- **Hotel website:** [City of Dreams](#)



8. THE VENETIAN MACAO, CHINA (\$2.4 BILLION USD)

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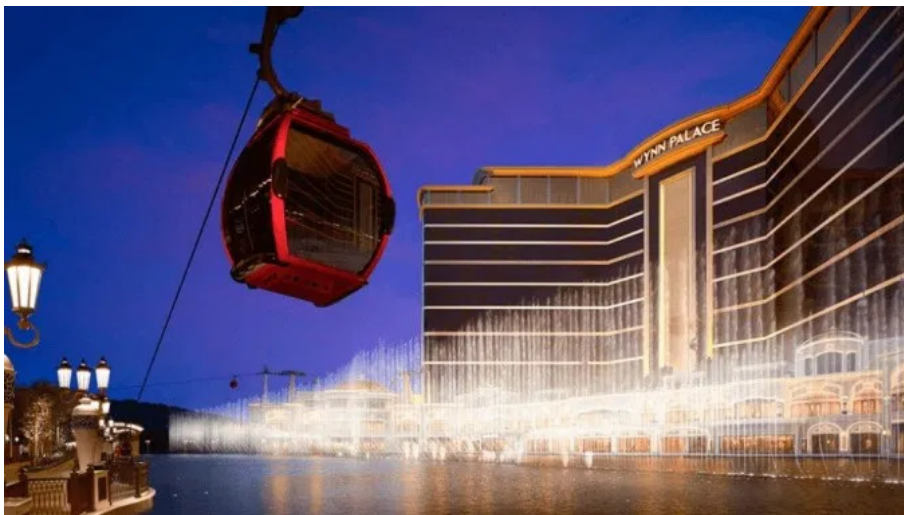




4. WYNN PALACE, MACAO, CHINA (4.2 BILLION USD)

With the award-winning destinations in Las Vegas (cf supra) and Macao in mind, Wynn Resorts created perhaps its greatest statement yet with the opening of Wynn Palace in 2016. This incredible 28-story retreat features the finest in upscale resort living, offering 1,706 supremely sumptuous rooms and suites, tantalizing restaurants, an ultra-plush spa, and a retail esplanade featuring the world's finest designer labels, all enhanced by just the right touch of fantasy and spectacle. As the latest entry in the family of Wynn Resorts – which have captured more Forbes Travel Guide Five Star Awards than any independent hotel company in the world – Wynn Palace has been designed to set a new standard in luxury hospitality.

- **Hotel website:** [Wynn Palace](#)



3. RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA, SINGAPORE (\$4.9 BILLION USD)

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Resorts World Sentosa, Asia's premium lifestyle destination resort, is located on Singapore's resort island of Sentosa. Spanning 49 hectares, Resorts World Sentosa is home to world-class attractions including Universal Studios Singapore, the world's largest Aquarium, the Maritime Experiential Museum, Dolphin Island and Adventure Cove Waterpark. Complementing the adventure and adrenaline of its theme parks and attractions are six unique luxury hotels, a world-class convention center, a casino and the Asian flagship of a world-renowned destination spa. Resorts World Sentosa also offers award-winning dining experiences and exciting cuisines from around the world across its many renowned celebrity chef restaurants.

- **Hotel website:** [Resorts World Sentosa](#)

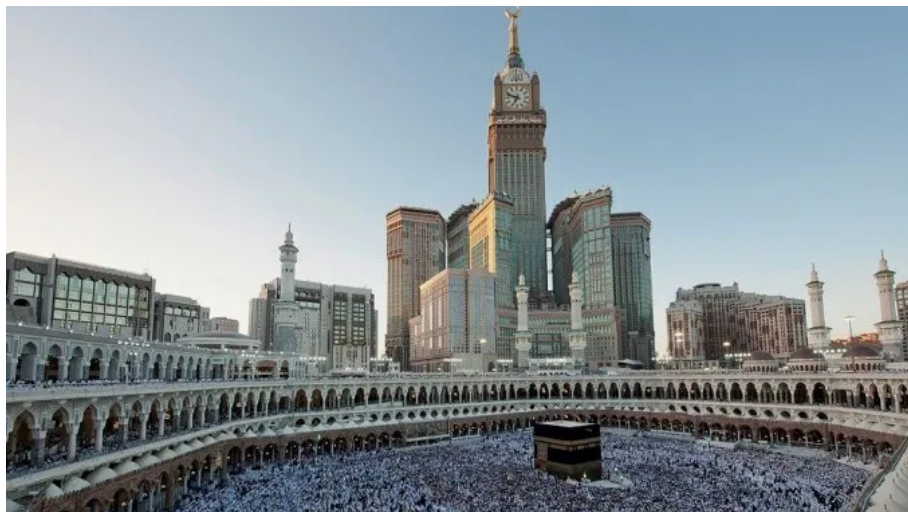


2. MARINA BAY SANDS, SINGAPORE (\$5.5 BILLION USD)

At a construction cost of \$5.50 billion USD, Marina Bay Sands is one of the most expensive hotels ever built. The iconic hotel comprises three 55-storey towers, 2,560 luxury rooms and suites, and 18 different room types. Designed by architect Moshe Safdie, the SkyPark floats atop the three soaring hotel towers at a height of 200 m (650 ft). This gravity-defying platform stretches longer than the Eiffel Tower laid down and is large enough to park four and a half A380 Jumbo Jets. It houses an observation deck, lush gardens, restaurants and an infinity-edge swimming pool with a legendary view. Shopaholics will rejoice in the rows of luxury retailers at The Shoppes at Marina Bay Sands. Complementing the retail space are delectable dining options, which includes restaurants by celebrity chefs, fine dining and casual eateries.

- **Hotel website:** [Marina Bay Sands Hotel](#)

- **Website:** [Abraj Al-Bait](#)
- **Other accolades:** Abraj Al-Bait also features in my top 10 list of the [world's tallest buildings](#)



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The Cosmopolitan opened in 2010, how can it be one of the “older luxury resorts” on the strip? And no it’s not a refurbished hotel, it was built from the ground up between 2007-2010. So The Cosmopolitan is actually the newest resort on the strip, and it will keep that place until Resorts World Las Vegas opens next year.

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JohnB says:

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I would have never guessed that the Cosmo was so expensive to build. Out all of the resorts that I have stayed, it is run by a crew of tight and cheap mofos. The rooms are dirty and I would never stay there again.

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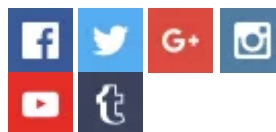
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The Venetian Macao is a 39-story, 3000 suites casino hotel on the Cotai Strip in Macao, modeled on its sister casino resort in Las Vegas. The Venetian Macao is the largest casino in the world, the largest single structure hotel building in Asia, and also the seventh-largest building in the world by floor area. More than 350 world-class shopping choices line a masterfully reconstructed Grand Canal, bridges spanning each bank, just as they do in Venice. An incredible array of dining options, from the food court to the Michelin-starred Golden Peacock to room service, bring guests the best of global cuisines no matter their appetite. The lead architect for the Venetian Macao were Aedas and HKS Inc joint venture, who were responsible for the design, coordination and implementation of the project on site.

- **Hotel website:** [The Venetian Macao](#)



7. WYNN LAS VEGAS & ENCORE, USA (\$2.7 BILLION USD)

Wynn Las Vegas and its adjacent, sister resort Encore hold more Forbes Travel Guide Five Star awards than any other independently operated hotel in the world. Designed to be explored and discovered, Wynn Las Vegas and Encore excite the senses of each and every guest. Hailed as luxury destinations in Las Vegas, both resorts have a total of 4,750 rooms. The rooms at both properties are elegantly appointed and equipped with advanced technologies and panoramic views. The entire Wynn complex is home to more than 20 signature restaurants, ultra-chic nightclubs and luxury shopping that brings your Las Vegas experience to a new level of distinction. Encore boasts a younger, more modern vibe than The Wynn, with well-appointed spaces paired with an exceptional level of service.

- **Hotel website:** [Wynn Las Vegas & Encore](#)

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- **Tip:** get complimentary VIP amenities when booking via [Virtuoso](#) (e.g. room upgrade, \$30 per person breakfast credit per day, early check-in, late checkout, \$50.00 USD resort credit & \$50 spa credit, once per stay).



6. EMIRATES PALACE, ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (\$3 BILLION USD)

Emirates Palace is managed by Mandarin Oriental and owned by Emirates Palace Company, a subsidiary of the government of Abu Dhabi. The hotel, which is a fine example of Arabian design, was conceived to host the Gulf Cooperation Council Summit and remains the preferred venue for several high-profile conferences in the public and private sector. It is also well recognised for welcoming several heads of states, foreign dignitaries and celebrities. The Emirates Palace hotel sits on a 1.3 km (0,8 mi) private beachfront, featuring 394 guestrooms and suites, 12 restaurants and bars, 40 meeting rooms, a concert grade auditorium and a ballroom that can accommodate up to 2,500 people. Leisure facilities include a marina, two swimming pools, a spa and two fitness centers.

- **Hotel website:** [Emirates Palace](#)
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- **Other accolades:** Marina Bay Sands Hotel hotel also features in my top 10 lists of the [best hotels in Singapore](#), the [best things to see & do in Singapore](#), the [world's most beautiful hotel pools](#), the [world's most spectacular hotel rooftops](#), the [world's best urban resorts](#), and [swimming pools with the world's most astonishing vistas](#).
- **Review:** read my review of Marina Bay Sands [here](#).

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1. ABRAJ AL-BAIT, MECCA, SAUDI ARABIA (\$15 BILLION USD)

The Abraj Al-Bait is a government-owned complex of seven skyscraper hotels located next to the world's largest mosque and Islam's most sacred site, the Great Mosque of Mecca. The central tower, the Makkah Royal Clock Tower, contains the Clock Tower Museum on its top four floors. The tower also houses has two large prayer rooms (one for men, one for women) and a Fairmont managed hotel to help provide lodging for the millions of pilgrims that travel to Mecca annually to participate in the Hajj. The developer and contractor of the complex is the Saudi Binladin Group, the Kingdom's largest construction company. Not only is Abraj Al Bait the tallest hotel in the world (601 m or 1,972 ft), it is also the world's most expensive building with the total cost of construction totaling \$15 billion USD.