


## 12 Over-The-Top Pools

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One of the best amenities a hotel can have is an amazing pool, whether it's a sky-high pool with a fantastic view or a sleek-looking infinity-edged option that's ideal for relaxing. But some properties go above and beyond with outrageous pools that are destinations unto themselves. In time for pool season, our [Forbes Travel Guide](#) editors scoured the globe to come up with a list of 12 of the best places to take a dip. From one of the world's largest wave pools in [Macau](#) to a luxurious swimming spot that puts you amid the rainforest in [Bali](#), you'll want to add these hotels to your itinerary as the weather starts to heat up.

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Dive into some of the hottest pools in Asia. Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star [The Ritz-Carlton, Hong Kong](#)'s pool, the world's highest, sits more than 1,600 feet in the air. Take in unparalleled views of Victoria Harbour and Victoria Peak from the pool area's floor-to-ceiling windows. In Tibet, The St. Regis Lhasa Resort goes for glam with a pool whose waters have a golden glow. The trick: The pool is lined with 24-karat gold leaves.

You'll find plenty of stunning pools stateside, too. Daredevils will love the one at Four-Star [The Joule](#) in [Dallas](#). The 10th-floor pool juts out eight feet beyond the hotel building. At the end, a Plexiglas window gives the illusion that you're swimming right off the edge. Among Five-Star [Four Seasons Resort Hualalai](#)'s seven pools, the Ocean Pool stands out—it's carved out from lava rock and home to turtles. But even more impressive is the [Hawaii](#) resort's King's Pond. The aquarium-like swimming hole lets you paddle alongside more than 3,500 fish. Flip through the above slideshow for the rest of our outrageous pool picks.



## The Raleigh, Miami

This pool debuted when the [Miami](#) hotel opened in 1940, but its modernist and Art Deco design is timeless. The one-of-a-kind scalloped-edged pool is so chic, it's served as a venue for runway shows for Chanel, Escada and Donna Karan. While we love the design, it has other perks, too: The 160-by-90-foot pool is more than seven feet deep (most hotel pools are pretty shallow), and you can order a poolside meal from James Beard Award-winning chef Michael Schwartz's namesake restaurant.