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THE BEST BUSINESS AND FIRST-CLASS CABINS ON THE MARKET

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In an age where airlines are bringing back the glamour in air travel, some first class airplane cabins are now as comfortable as hotel beds. The service onboard is reaching levels you would find at some of the most luxurious hotels in the world, and in some first class cabins, you might not believe that you're not in a lavish hotel suite but travelling thousands of feet in the air. Here's a look at some of the most lavish first class cabins in the sky.

ETIHAD AIRWAYS

Etihad Airways' Residence Suite is an extravagant cabin, and has set new standards in first-class. It is unquestionably the most luxurious space available on a commercial carrier. Designed for two people travelling together with a living room, separate bedroom and ensuite shower, it is the only three-room suite to be found on a commercial airline. The hallway leads to a bedroom with a 6-foot 10-inch double bed, designer Italian bed linen and a 27-inch flat-screen TV with noise-cancelling headsets. The ensuite shower room has a full-height shower, a vanity unit with magnifying make-up mirror, hairdryer, luxury amenities and bathrobes.

SINGAPORE AIRLINES

Singapore Airlines' first-class suites were designed by famed French luxury yacht designer Jean-Jacques Coste. They are finished in cream and brown and accented with leather and wood to create a comfortable, warm ambiance. Each cabin features a sliding door and window blinds for complete privacy. A chaise lounge and large table can transform the space into a meeting room or dining area. If you are travelling with a partner, an adjacent suite can be converted into a double room. The cabin has a separate bed (not one converted from your seat), complete with turndown service and sleeping essentials.

CATHAY PACIFIC

Cathay Pacific's first-class cabin is private, comfortable and outfitted with soft leather and cozy fabrics. The seat can easily be adjusted with a touchscreen controller and you can even enjoy the massage feature. The seat transforms into one of the widest fully flat beds in the sky, with a thick mattress and 500-thread-count cotton duvets, pillows, and cushions which staff make into a bed when you are ready to sleep. Each cabin has a large private working area, allowing you to spread out and concentrate. There is also an in-seat power outlet and USB port.