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Not Just For Lounging: Hotels Betting Big On Balconies

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For many hotel guests, a balcony (or lack there-of) is considered a major deal-breaker in whether or not they book a room. And for good reason. Is there anything better than watching the sun set from your own private perch? These days properties are upping their balcony offerings to go way beyond a pretty view. From caviar and champagne amenities to customized Coronas and guacamole, the best balcony experiences offer napping and lounging, to be sure, but also swimming and personalized culinary experiences. Here are some of the best:

[Surf & Sand Resort](#), Laguna Beach, Calif.

Located directly on 500 feet of California's pristine Laguna Beach, Surf & Sand Resort offers guests a new luxurious balcony experience with its new "Sunset, Caviar & Bubbles" program. Guests can upgrade their coastal getaway by enjoying champagne and caviar served up on their private oceanfront balconies. Included in the experience is Ossetra Caviar and Buckwheat Blini with all of the proper accouterments, including crème fraîche, chives, egg whites, hard boiled egg and red onion.



Sunset, Caviar & Bubbles at the Surf & Sand Resort in Laguna Beach JPR

[The Resort at Pedregal](#), Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

The majestic Resort at Pedregal lies on Cabo San Lucas' most coveted parcel of land – an extraordinary, 24-acre site at the southernmost tip of Mexico's Baja California Peninsula, where the Pacific Ocean meets the Sea of Cortez. Each of the property's luxury rooms boast a private plunge pool on the balcony featuring sparkling ocean and beachfront views. To enhance the balcony experience, guests enjoy a daily afternoon delivery of fresh guacamole and salsa, warm chips and cold Coronita.



The plunge pool in the Estrella Suite at the Resort at Pedregal_{JPR}

[Jumeirah Port Soller Hotel & Spa](#), Mallorca, Spain

On this luxe Spanish island, Jumeirah Port Soller Hotel & Spa sits atop a cliff overlooking the Port of Soller and enjoys extensive, uninterrupted sea views on one side with a backdrop of the Tramuntanas. Guests have the option to book the Signature Suite Dining Experience, where they can enjoy a three-course meal prepared in their room by one of the property's chefs, as well as a bottle of Laurent Perrier champagne. The entire experience is best enjoyed on a balcony.



The view from the balconies at Jumeirah Port Soller Hotel & Spa_{JPR}

[Andronis Boutique Hotel](#), Santorini, Greece

The luxuriously authentic Andronis Boutique hotel is carved into the dramatic crescent cliff-face of Santorini, which offers breathtaking views of the the Aegean Sea and picturesque white-washed houses of Oia. The Cave Pool Suite boasts a stunning, private balcony with a heated cave plunge pool. Guests can enjoy a dip anytime of day, or order breakfast on their balcony overlooking the iconic caldera.



The Cave Pool Suite at the Andronis Boutique hotel.^{JPR}

[The Palms Turks and Caicos](#), Providenciales, Turks and Caicos

The 72 suite oceanfront resort lies just steps away from famed Grace Bay Beach and boasts spacious suites featuring full kitchens, living areas and wrap-around terraces overlooking the ocean. For an elevated take on room service, The Palms offers In-Room Cheffing, where chefs cook dinner en-suite and serve to guests on their private terrace.



The suite at the Palms Turks & Caicos.^{JPR}

[The Setai](#), Miami Beach, Miami

Available exclusively upon request, The Penthouse at The Setai, Miami Beach is situated beautifully atop The Setai's soaring Ocean Suites, embodying the pinnacle of luxury spanning the entire 40th floor. This illustrious four bedroom, 10,000-square-foot sanctuary boasts a private roof-top pool with panoramic city and beach vistas, a gourmet kitchen and dining room for 10 guests. The Private Rooftop Terrace is a 3,000 square-foot tropical sanctuary with infinity pool, Jacuzzi, and lounge area with a dedicated Ocean Suites arrival staff, concierge and valet team.



The penthouse at The Setai, Miami Beach^{JPR}