

These Single-Occupancy Pools Are the Ultimate Hotel Luxury

Yes, you should blow your travel budget on a fancy soak.



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Bathtubs and **pools** are quickly becoming an endangered species at many hotels around the world, replaced with fancy distractions like luxe rainfall showerheads and boutique bath products in an understandable effort to save water, money, and square feet. These amenities might swing with time-crunched business guests and infrequent travelers, but for those of us who aren't blessed with a clawfoot tub (see: 90% of apartment dwellers), finding a solid soak is becoming its own form of destination tourism. Good news: if you have an undeniable thirst for bathing and a sizeable amount of money, there's no shortage of over-the-top bathtubs and private plunge pools at your disposal. Here's nine worth maxing out your credit card for; trust us, it'll kill on Instagram.

Keemala in Phuket, Thailand

If you have a paralyzing fear of heights, this one might not be for you. Perched high in the mountains overlooking Phuket's Kamala Village and the Andaman Sea, Keemala's architecturally stunning bird's nest villas come equipped with an oversized stone soaking tub and monsoon shower with sweeping floor-to-ceiling views, along with a hovering terrace attachment featuring a 30 square-meter plunge pool and deck.

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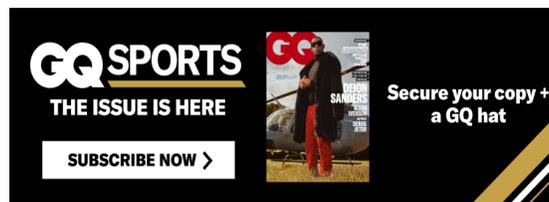
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Azulik in Tulum, Mexico

What's the point of having a treehouse eco-resort without a tree swing? Rent the two-floor sea villa at Azulik and you'll have more than your fill of baths overlooking the Caribbean sea, including a Mayan mosaic bathtub outfitted with a swing and an outdoor jacuzzi.

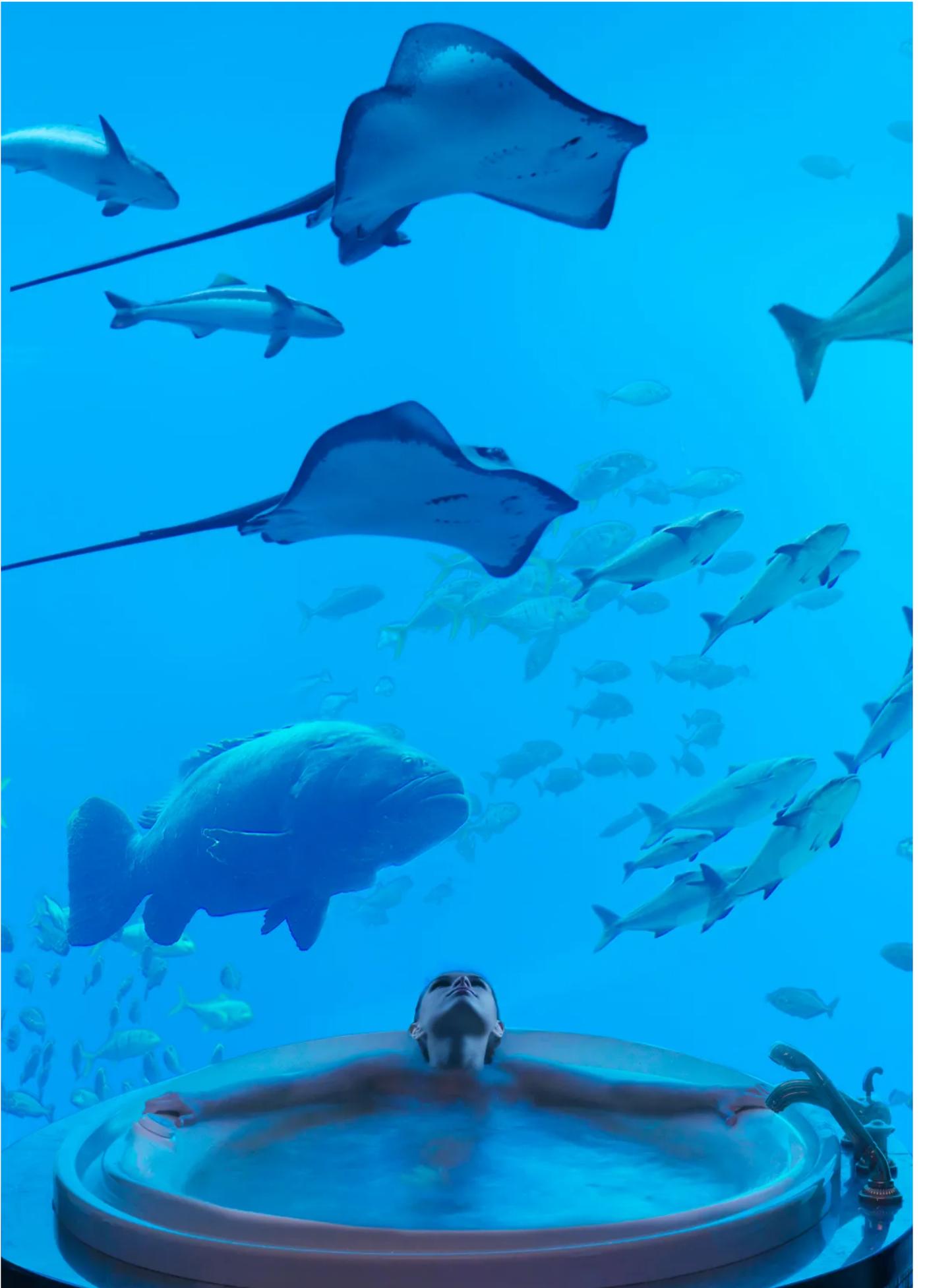
La Mamounia, Marrakech, Morocco

Every room at this luxury hotel is outfitted with its own deep-seated tub worth devoting a solid hour of soaking to, but the real showstopper is the private blue Zellige-tiled pool and jacuzzi hidden inside the spa fit for royalty.



Atlantis in Dubai, UAE

Leave it to Dubai to come up with the most meta experience ever: an underwater bathtub. Situated below the property's massive on-site lagoon, the Underwater Suites at Atlantis is the only place you can watch sharks and 65,000 aquatic animals swim by while trying to take a relaxing bath. Which begs the question: are you spying on the fish or are they spying on you?





Dana Villa, Santorini, Greece

Yes, you could walk to the offensively beautiful Mediterranean sea staring you straight in the face from your room at this Santorini hotel. Or, if you rent the honeymoon suite, you could just swim from your bedroom through a watery cave tunnel to a heated outdoor plunge pool jacuzzi overlooking the whole vista without leaving your room.

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Six Senses Laamu, Maldives

Getting to this over-water property requires an inter-island plane trip followed by a boat ride, but who's counting when the reward is a glass-sunken bottom bathtub? Stay in the water villa with pool to chill with the fishes, whether it's taking a bath, slipping into the outdoor infinity plunge pool or enjoying the entire Indian Ocean surrounding the room.

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Il Salviatino, Florence, Italy

Who needs to visit the Uffizi when you've got an ancient Roman stone bathtub surrounded by 19th century Italian frescos? The Romans were pretty famous for bathing, but you're in Florence, so find some middle ground with a bottle of chianti and bath salts in Il Salviatino's Affresco suite.

The Retreat at Blue Lagoon Island, Iceland

If you're going to Iceland for its coveted geothermal baths, make it count with a private suite. The room's floor-to-ceiling rooms open onto a 28-square-meter private terrace surrounded by steamy waters powered by 800-year-old volcanic earth.

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