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12 of the Wildest, Strangest, and Most Over-the-top Hotel Amenities

These next-level amenities are worth a stay by themselves.

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In the age of Airbnb, hotels have a lot of competition. But there's one area where hotels can really strut their stuff—amenities. Sure, Airbnb hosts can offer travel size shampoo and locally roasted coffee, but can they teach your dog how to surf? When's the last time an Airbnb host offered aura architecture, arranged a visit from a pet psychic, or sent a bottle of champagne to the ski slopes for you?

Hotels have years of experience perfecting the art of amenities, but they've moved way, way past luxurious toiletries and in-room music players. These days, hotels are getting very creative as they compete with home shares and each other for customers—and when businesses compete, creatively, customers win.

Here are a few of the wildest, strangest, and downright coolest hotel amenities we could find.



Rock n' Roll Lifestyle Rental

Guests who book the Rathskeller Suite (AKA The Rat Room) in Boston's Hotel Commonwealth are invited to get in touch with their wild sides. The room pays homage to the iconic rock venue known as "The Rat" where artists like The Police, R.E.M., and the Talking Heads played. Amenities include the chance to play a bass that belonged to Boston legends the Dropkick Murphys, try on a plaid jacket worn by the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, and play all the vinyl records you desire—so long as they're from Rat artists.

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