

7 experience vacation spots: Shuttle between NYC and the Hamptons, or catch the Red Sox in Boston

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Whether it's a week at the beach or a weekend in a hip urban center, the hotel vacationers choose can be a defining part of the journey.

There's a long list of how to define amenities: Fluffy towels, oversized beds, luxury bath amenities and large, flat screen TVs are just a few. Yet unique or over-the-top packages – such as the \$30,000 **Championship Experience package** for golfers at The Inn at Pebble Beach's Spanish Bay — can transform a getaway into an epic adventure.

With summer vacation season in full swing, CNBC took a look at a handful of higher-end experiences travelers might want to consider booking this summer.



Bed and baseball in Boston

Boston's [Hotel Commonwealth](#) (the Official Hotel of the Boston Red Sox) offers several over-the-top "insider" experiences for baseball fans this season.

In addition to the Fenway Park Suite (rates start at \$700/night), which is filled with a bounty of baseball memorabilia and sports an outdoor terrace with view of the iconic ballpark, the hotel is offering two unique fan-experience packages.

The \$2995 "Can You Believe It?" package includes a night in the Fenway Guest Room with views of the park, two game tickets in the State Street Pavilion Club seating, a pregame meet-and-greet with Boston Red Sox radio announcer Joe Castiglione — and the opportunity to call and record a historic play-by-play alongside Castiglione himself.

The "Top Dawg Tonight" package includes overnight accommodations in a Fenway Guest Room, breakfast for two, two top-shelf night game tickets, and a visit to the announcer booth to meet announcer Jerry Remy. (Rates start at \$1499).