

Take a dip in style in the best hotel pools

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Refresh yourself in the luxurious, dramatic pools from Vegas to Paris

'We're all attracted to water environments, and we associate pools with luxury,' theorizes Elon Kenchington, COO of the Gansevoort Hotel Group. 'The swimming pool also captures a desire from our childhoods.'

At their dramatic rooftop pools in New York and Miami Beach, the Gansevoort Group aims to capitalize on that combination of primal aquatic desire with grown-up sophistication. The 110-foot-long pool on top of their Miami venue is lined with palm trees and plays underwater music, it's also elevated, so swimmers have views of the ocean and the surrounding city. At night, Kenchington says, 'we add candles and rearrange the atmosphere into a leisure-lounge bar feel.'

As our list of incredible hotel swimming pools attests, resorts' aquatic oases have moved far beyond chlorinated squares with diving boards and lifeguard towers.

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