

Best Suites



The Alex Hotel, New York



LOCATED ATOP MIDTOWN MANHATTAN'S 33-story Alex Hotel, which was designed by famed residential architects Costas Kondylis and Hal Sussman, the 1,100-square-foot Penthouse feels like a luxurious two-bedroom, two-bathroom furnished apartment. Guests enjoy Frette linens and Frederic Fekkai bath amenities, as well as 32-inch Sharp Aquos televisions in the living room and bedrooms and 15-inch flat-screen TVs in both bathrooms.

This suite also features a well-equipped Poggenpohl kitchen, with a fully stocked Sub-

Zero refrigerator, Miele dishwasher, Gaggenau stovetop, and a fast-cooking GE Advantium oven with a built-in microwave. Groceries can be delivered from the nearby Amish Market, and the hotel's Executive Chef Jimmy Lappalainen can arrange private in-room dinner parties.

Perhaps its most standout feature is a spectacular wraparound terrace, offering breathtaking views of the landmark Chrysler Building and of New York's Fourth of July fireworks over the East River. The beautifully planted terrace can be used as a private retreat for sunbathing or

al fresco dining, or can accommodate up to 50 people for a seasonal outdoor reception.

If they need more room than even the sizeable, \$3,500-per-night Penthouse affords, guests can connect it with an additional one-bedroom suite for an extra \$700 per night or rent the entire 33rd floor – including the Penthouse, two one-bedroom suites, and a studio suite – for \$6,000 per night. ●

The Penthouse living area (top); a glimpse at the New York scenery (left); the Penthouse terrace (right)