

Editors' CHOICE

Lotte New York Palace



Top to bottom: Jewel Suite terrace; Champagne Suite living room area; Tower Corner Suite living area; Tower Executive Suite bedroom

THE LEGENDARY MIDTOWN MANHATTAN-BASED LOTTE NEW YORK PALACE (lottenypalace.com) features 909 spacious rooms and suites including 176 renovated exclusive Towers accommodations, which provide the perfect setting for relaxation and inspired stay-ins. The hotel's famed Villard Mansion, built in 1882, is recognized as a New York City landmark and gracefully blends with the contemporary 55-story tower.

The modern, 655-square-foot Executive suites look out onto the Manhattan skyline from the 41st floor or higher, combining classic luxury with state-of-the-art advantages. Adjacent to the expansive windows, an oversized desk transforms cleverly to an elegant tabletop setting. Mirrored pocket doors separate the New York City luxury suite's opulent bedroom from a well-appointed living space featuring custom furnishings and state-of-the-art, touch-screen controlled climate and privacy settings. Twenty-four hour room service in suites allows guests to enjoy breakfast, lunch, or dinner at any time. All Towers Executive Suites face West with guaranteed skyline views of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rockefeller Center, and beyond.

The 1,210-square-foot Corner suites offer an exceptional residential-style floor plan with all the advantages of modern city living for extended stays, as well as brief trips. Located above the 41st floor, these suites feature expansive views in two directions. Inspired by the rich heritage of the landmark Villard Mansion, the Midtown luxury suites features mixed media commissioned art, bringing a sense of avant-garde culture to an elegant sand and ivory color palette. Guest powder room and wet bar or butler's pantry make entertaining simple. An elegantly appointed master bedroom includes a king-sized bed with luxury imported linens for excellent rest. Bedside touch-screen technology controls temperature, window treatments, and a 42-inch plasma-screen television.

The extravagant 5,000-square-foot two-bedroom Champagne Suite sprawls over three floors of breathtaking vistas and spectacular decor. Carefully curated art and elements of contemporary opulence lie against a backdrop of warm blacks and bronze tones. Guests of the suite are welcomed by a Nouveau Nero polished marble foyer, balanced by the rustic feel of Italian stone textured walls. Two-story views envelop a gracious grand parlor, and a shimmering crystal pendant chandelier cascades from the vaulted ceiling. Rustic elements recur in the 10-seat formal dining room and a fully stocked wine cave adds an element of authenticity to the suite. A winding marble staircase leads to a master bedroom suite with a Chardonnay color story and a double queen guest room swathed in shades of rich Pinot Noir and glistening rosé, each with its own bath. The library doubles as a tasting room, and the third floor, reached by private in-suite elevator, features a second sitting area with a wood burning fireplace, pantry, and sweeping rooftop terrace with a custom-designed waterfall spa.

Created in collaboration with acclaimed jewelry designer Martin Katz, the multifaceted 5,000-square-foot two-bedroom Jewel Suite encompasses an extravagant triplex. Radiant, Art Deco-inspired elements anchor the aesthetic, and the entry and grand staircase celebrate light and reflection with a two-story "cascading crystal" chandelier in sculptural harmony with floating jewelry displays showcasing Katz creations. Sensual jewel-toned furnishings, dramatic wall art, and a magnificent grand piano make this an ideal space for entertaining or relaxing in intimacy. The mirrored-wall dining room features a hand-blown chandelier and a Katz-created glass mosaic. On the second floor, the grand master and guest bedrooms are adorned in rich hues, and Calcutta Tucci marble and polished black absolute granite make the master bath a personal sanctuary. A sumptuous boudoir includes a Lucite tableau showcasing spectacular jewels. An outdoor terrace features an elevated stone spa and green space, where guests may enjoy a private dinner or breakfast.

The Lotte New York Palace is nothing short of evolutionary, innovative, and inspiring, and will never leave a guest disappointed. ●

