

The Best Hotel Buy-outs for a Travel Bubble Vacation

It is clear that the effects of Covid-19 will be with us long after the virus has been conquered. Many of us will never travel in the same care-free way again. Already, many hotels, resorts and entire countries are developing their own 'travel bubbles', a term we will soon all be familiar with.

A travel bubble offers greater safety from contagion by minimizing contact with others. Instead of flying business class, you take a private jet. Instead of staying in a luxury resort suite, you stay in a private property. High-net-worth individuals are already adapting to this new trend. Companies that specialize in luxury home rentals such as Exclusive Resorts have reported a surge in bookings for rentals over the next two years.

Although so much is uncertain about the future of the travel industry, we believe that our readership will be looking more and more towards travel bubble vacations. In response, we have compiled a list of properties that are available for exclusive use that will provide added levels of comfort once we can safely travel again.

Ocean House, Watch Hill



Watch Hill may have lost market share to the Hamptons over the last few decades, but this charming New England town continues to attract city dwellers in their droves. Ocean House is the jewel in its crown. The Victorian building first opened its doors in 1868 and the striking façade has retained its signature butter-yellow hue ever since.

Beginning June 1, the property will offer a full buy-out option as part of its developing guest experience strategy, but if you don't need this grand property to yourself you can look at its collection of charming cottages. Located throughout the secluded enclave of Watch Hill, these private cottages afford guests the spaciousness, convenience and privacy of a personal residence, fused with the luxury amenities of a five-star resort. The rentals range from a two-bedroom bungalow to a seven-bedroom mansion, but all provide seclusion away from busy city centers. The homes are self-contained and include amenities like laundry, full kitchens and private yard spaces.

At 9,700 square feet, the Up, Up & Away cottage is by far the biggest in the collection. The custom-built cottage has seven large bedrooms and is full of luxurious furnishings. The most impressive feature, however, is the outside space. Guests have access to their own private heated infinity pool, an outdoor fireplace and a grill to be enjoyed on summer nights.

From \$4,500 per night, oceanhouseri.com