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10 Of the World's Coolest Hotel Plunge Pools

(Travel + Leisure) - The modern traveler is increasingly difficult to impress; classic luxury perks like high-thread-count linens, plush bathrobes and even beautiful views have become a given. But there's one hotel amenity that never fails to delight even the most seasoned traveler: the in-room plunge pool.

There's something about having your own private pool that can't help but feel indulgent. Perhaps it's the convenience of not having to fight for a lounge chair, or the ease of having cool turquoise waters mere steps from your bedroom. Maybe it's the sheer pleasure of soaking in absolute privacy, uninterrupted, at any hour you please. Whatever it is, the in-room private plunge pool remains the ultimate luxury.

At many top properties, private pools have graduated from a luxury perk to a suite's pièce de résistance. They're not exclusive to breezy island resorts, either. In the heart of Cartagena, Colombia, courtyard splash pools at the Casa San Agustin offer leafy respite from the bustling urban surrounds. Whatever your taste and budget, there's a private plunge pool out there to suit you.

Casa San Agustin, Colombia



Located in the heart of bustling Cartagena, this stylish boutique hotel feels like the Colombian pied-à-terre you wish you had: grand colonial architecture, lime-washed walls, terracotta tiles, and hip, earthy décor. A handful of its suites come with narrow plunge pools lined with jade tile—fashioned after the hotel's larger communal pool—and sheltered by tall palms. The pool suites are worth the price: it's like having your own secret oasis.