

# The Bridge Suite at Atlantis

Can you get a good night's sleep when you're paying \$34,000 a night?

I'm not sure why people have always made a big fuss over finding the lost civilization of Atlantis. The Greek philosopher Plato began stirring things up in about 350 B.C. and since that time hundreds, if not thousands of people have goggled the ocean floor in search of the ancient civilization. They should have Googled instead, because we found it right away.

The Atlantis Resort, on Paradise Island in the Bahamas, is nothing short of magnificent. You can swim with dolphins, play golf, go scuba diving or rock climbing and still be on time for a gourmet dinner at a sunken restaurant which looks out on a giant aquarium filled with sharks. And if you're feeling like you deserve to be pampered, try staying in the Bridge Suite, one of the most opulent (and expensive) residences in the world.

The 4,740-square foot Atlantis Bridge Suite gets its name from its location. The resort's two Royal Towers stretch 23

stories high. The Bridge Suite connects the towers on the 16th floor, offering uninterrupted views of the entire 600-acre, \$450 million resort and the turquoise ocean that surrounds it.

The 10-room suite is decorated in red, black and gold (lots of gold) and comes with its own butler, bar lounge and entertainment center as well as 12-foot ceilings. The master bedroom has a sitting area, his-and-hers closets and hand-painted linens. The bathrooms have chaise lounges, marble baths and dolphin fixtures. For those who are picky about their personal space, there are two separate master bathrooms. The kitchen also has its own entrance so the butler, cook or any other of the suite's seven dedicated servants never bother you.

The Bridge Suite includes a 50 x 25 ft living room, complete with grand piano, two entertainment centers and an 800-square foot balcony and a dining room with a 22-karat gold chandelier and custom-designed 10-seater table. There's even a guest room with custom-made draperies and carpets, designer furniture and a set of wardrobes almost large enough to live in. Guests who have stayed in the Bridge Suite include Michael Jackson, Oprah Winfrey, Bill Gates, Celine Dion and Michael Jordan.

You don't have to leave your room at all, but if you do, the resort has plenty to explore. More than 35 restaurants, bars and lounges at Atlantis offer guests a smorgasbord of choices ranging from the largest pastry selection in The Bahamas to

an international marketplace of delicacies, from exquisite fresh seafood served elegantly in the midst of the underwater ruins of Atlantis to sophisticated Northern Italian or Chinese specialties, from casual poolside sandwiches to sumptuous breakfast, lunch and dinner buffets. The Marina Village adds 21 retail shops, five distinct restaurants, a Starbucks, Jamba Juice and a Johnny Rockets, the venerable 1950s-styled diner. There's also a casino, the largest in the Bahamas, if you're feeling lucky.

If you're wondering who in the world steps up to pay \$34,000 a night for a hotel room, the answer is "a lot of people." The Atlantis Bridge Suite has a five-year waiting list. And did we mention there's a four-night minimum when you book it?

For more on the Atlantis property, go to its website at [Atlantis.com](http://Atlantis.com) or call 888.877.7525. Airport: Paradise Island (PID).

