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Excellent service, extensive spa facilities or an exquisite restaurant are classic signs of a great hotel. Yet some hotels go one step further, and offer their guests an additional luxury: an unforgettable view of the city. The rooftops of large hotels in major cities feature rooftop-bars, a restaurant or even a swimming pool, from where guests can enjoy a panoramic look at the city. The hotel price comparison website www.trivago.co.uk has put together a list of 15 hotels from all around the world, whose highest floor offers more than just a terrace. From Dubai and Berlin to Athens and New York, guests can enjoy the dizzying heights and breathtaking views over the roofs of these international cities.

Here are the 15 selected international hotels with breathtaking rooftops, ranked according to the rating given by travellers in the trivago community and on partner review sites:

1. Jumeirah Beach Hotel (Dubai)

The Jumeirah Beach Hotel is a luxurious Lifestyle- and beach hotel in Dubai. This massive building houses 617 rooms, a water park, and twenty restaurants. Two roof terraces offer guests stunning vistas: From the "360"-Bar on the roof of the Marina-Restaurant, guests overlook the coast of the Persian Gulf while enjoying a Shisha and light lounge music. A similarly spectacular sight awaits the guests visiting the elegant "Uptown Bar" on the 24th floor of the hotel, where the twinkling lights of the city and the soaring heights of the Burj Al Arab hotel can be seen.

2. Hotel at Lebua State Tower (Bangkok)

The city hotel Lebua at State Tower in Bangkok greets its guests on the banks of the Chao Phraya River. The second largest building in the Thai capital offers its visitors a breathtaking view of the city from its 63rd floor. The "Sirocco" restaurant is also located here, open to the heavens and offering succulent Mediterranean cuisine. From the protruding balcony of "The Bar", guests can literally float above this city of millions.

3. Hotel de Rome (Berlin)

The Hotel de Rome is a luxury-style hotel, rich in tradition, that is located in Berlin on the Bebel Square, close to the touristy Unter den Linden promenade. This antique building was constructed in 1889 and encompasses 146 rooms, whose high ceilings and expensive furnishings evoke the hotel's illustrious past. From the rooftop terrace, guests can look out over the German capital's centre, from the Cathedral to the Television Tower. There is no better place to sit back and enjoy a cocktail as the day slowly comes to a close.

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4. Bairro Alto Hotel (Lisbon)

The guests of the Bairro Alto Hotel in Lisbon will find themselves in a modern Boutique-Hotel with traditional flair. Art elements such as Ice sculptures and black-and-white photographs, antique colonial furniture recall the setting of the 18th Century. The Bairro Alto's roof terrace is located on the sixth floor, and here guests can spend their afternoon plunged in a book or chatting with local residents. The bar serves sandwiches and salad, and guests can enjoy the scenery of the city and the view of the Tagus River.

5. The Ritz-Carlton (Moscow)

Directly on the Red Square in Moscow lies the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. Polished cherry wood, fine marble and expensive chandeliers speak of this five-star hotel's luxury and splendour. On the roof of this eleven-story building is the futuristic O2 Lounge, where exotic cuisine such as sushi and grill-specialties are prepared. In the evenings, the lounge's atmosphere is enriched by a DJ and dance floor, becoming one of the city's most popular clubs, where guests can dance to the music and view of the Kremlin.

6. NH Parque Central (Havana)

The traditional NH Parque hotel lies in the heart of Havana, not far from the Cathedral and Capitol building. This four-star hotel combines classic colonial Spanish elements with modern design. An unequalled panorama over Havana's central park and the popular Paseo de Prado promenade is available to guests from the hotel's expansive rooftop. Guests can enjoy a refreshing dip in the hotel pool or an excellent Cuban cocktail while simultaneously enjoying the spectacular sunset.

7. Hotel Gansevoort (New York)

Hotel Gansevoort is a stylish luxury hotel in New York's famous Meatpacking District. The hotel's trendy and exciting atmosphere is well hidden by the building's dulled facade. The latest in modern design can be found inside, bringing the grandeur of the 'Big Apple' to life. One of the city's best 'in' bars can be found on its roof – the "Plunge Bar", which is regularly frequented by famous and aspiring stars alike and is a key part of the New York "Scene". The Plunge Bar offers a commanding view of the Hudson River, while the swimming pool's underwater speakers will delight those who relax in its cool waters.

8. Grand Hotel Central (Barcelona)

The Grand Hotel Central can be found in the middle of Barcelona, close to the scenic El Born district. This hotel is impressive not only due to its imposing façade, but also due to the supreme elegance of its interior, which immediately brings to mind the atmosphere of the Golden Twenties era. Within the 350 square metres of the hotel's roof can be found a large swimming pool and the Sky Bar. A daily highlight is the almost magical play of light reflecting off the Catalan city's famous landmarks and spires. Cool cocktails are naturally a perfect complement to this phenomenal view.

9. Hotel U Prince (Prague)

Opposite the parliament building in Prague lies the Hotel U Prince. This building originates from the 12th Century, and the heavy stone and massive style of the hotel's furniture are clear evidence of this. The hotel's well established restaurant can be found on the top floor of the U Prince. This is a key meeting point for locals and hotel guests, especially during the summer. From here, guests have a captivating view of the roofs of the historic city of Prague.

10. Terrass Hotel (Paris)

The Terrass Hotel in Paris invites its guests in the artsy district of Montmartre. This elegant four-star hotel accommodates 98 tastefully decorated rooms, and is an ideal starting point for a discovery tour of the popular French city. The hotel is obviously named after its terrace, which from its seventh floor vantage point offers an impressive view of the Eiffel Tower. In summer, the hotel restaurant "La Diapason" serves its delectable dishes here. Parisian residents and tourists frequent this restaurant on weekends to enjoy a sumptuous brunch and a dazzling perspective of the Seine River.

11. Hotel St. George Roma (Rome)

In the heart of Rome and near the Piazza Navona lies the Hotel St. George Roma. This building from the 15th Century is enhanced by a combination of modern, minimalist art and luxurious design, all the way from the lobby to the hotel's suites. The "Roof Top Lounge Bar" gives guests the chance to relax in the evenings and enjoy a fine cocktail while surveying the city's majestic skyline.

12. The Trafalgar Hotel (London)

The Trafalgar Hotel is an elegant Boutique-Hotel in London. The impressive façade of the building is matched by the spectacular interior of this four-star hotel. Tasteful walnut furniture is combined with light, modern styles to create a unique flavour and atmosphere. From the building's roof, visitors can discover the bustle of Trafalgar Square from a bird's eye perspective. Here as well can be found the aptly-named "Vista Bar". It represents an oasis of tranquility, from which to view the chaotic but lively meanderings of the city's countless inhabitants.

13. Fresh Hotel (Athens)

The Fresh Hotel is located in near the parliament building, in the centre of Athens. Clear structures and colours and a trendy style create a lively yet comfortable environment in this four-star establishment. A highlight of this city hotel is the "Air-Lounge": from its 9th floor vantage point, guests can sip cool beverages and light snacks, and gaze at the impressive columns of the Acropolis. The swimming pool

growing factor in attracting tourists.

ROOFTOP



Top 15 most spectacular hotel rooftop views

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is open until two in the morning, making it the perfect place for a night swim and a view of the Athenian heavens.

14. Palms Casino Resort (Las Vegas)

The Palms Casino Resort is a legendary casino hotel, close to the world-famous Las Vegas Strip. With a surface area of 8800 metres, the Palm offers its guests the chance to win big, twenty-four hours a day, as well as preferential Spa treatments and spectacular shows in the hotel's Concert Hall. Famous American VIPs such as Paris Hilton and Britney Spears frequently allow themselves to be seen here during MTV, Playboy, and countless other events. The "Moon" nightclub on the highest floor has a covered area and open-air terrace, and offers a stunning view of the desert city's bustling nightlife. In the evenings, the colourful light displays of Las Vegas' spectacular fountains and water-shows are a wonder to behold.

15. The Marmara Pera (Istanbul)

The Marmara Pera is a design hotel in the trendy Pera district of Istanbul. This luxury resort is fashioned after the cool retro-style of the Seventies. On the eleventh floor of the building, guests can relax in the pool or look out at the spires and minarets of the Turkish metropolis. The imposing sight of the "Hagia Sophia" Mosque is not to be missed, and the dazzling colours of the Bosphorus coastline are breathtaking. Also on the rooftop is the hotel's "Mikla" restaurant, where an intriguing combination of Turkish and Scandinavian specialties from star chef Mehmet Gürs are served.

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