



The world's most hi-tech hotels

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The days when we were wowed by power showers and complimentary Wi-Fi are long gone. Today's hi-tech hoteliers have upped their tech game with robot concierges, android butlers and 'smart glass' showers, says Tamara Hinson



YOBOT, the world's first robotic luggage concierge, in action at Yotel New York

1. [Yotel New York](#), USA

Yotel New York might well be on the small side – it's one of the city's first capsule hotels – but it's brimming with tech. Guests will find hi-tech mood lighting inside their cabins, along with tech walls – picture multi-point power outlets, televisions and computers rolled into one. But the star of the show at Yotel New York is YOBOT, the world's first robotic luggage concierge, who will retrieve and store suitcases when presented with guests' bar-coded luggage receipt.

From £112 per room per night

British Airways flies to [New York](#)

2. [Blow Up Hall 5050](#), Poznań, Poland

Enter the strangely named Blow Up Hall 5050 and hidden cameras will snap your picture and instantly turn it into a stylised surveillance-style shot which is then projected onto a wall in the lobby. Which may or may not be what you want to see after a long flight. Less controversial are the iPhones, which all guests are given for the duration of their stay. And they're not just for ordering late night snacks and sending selfies, because they double as room keys, too.

From £103 per room per night

British Airways flies to [Krakow](#) and [Warsaw](#)



Despite its traditional façade, London's Eccleston Square Hotel is packed with cool tech features, such as bathrooms with smart glass, which change from clear to opaque at the touch of a button

3. [Eccleston Square Hotel](#), London

Venture beyond the Georgian façade of the beautiful Eccleston Square Hotel and you'll discover one of the capital's most hi-tech hotels. The bathrooms are the best bit – there's an additional television cunningly concealed within the bathroom mirror, and shower walls are made from smart glass, which changes from clear to opaque at the touch of a button. In the bedroom, bedside touch pads allow you to control everything from the temperature to the sound system without moving a muscle, while in-room iPads double as personal concierges.

From £192 per room per night

British Airways flies to [London](#)

4. [NEXT Hotel](#), Brisbane, Australia

There's nothing worse than a long queue when all you want to do is check into your room. This isn't a problem at the NEXT Hotel, where you can check in using your mobile phone. Once this is done, everything – from the air conditioning to the lighting – can be controlled using the phone. We also love the optional transfer service. You can be ferried to and from the airport in a sleek Tesla Model S, which is one of the world's fastest electric cars.

From £112 per room per night

British Airways flies to [Brisbane](#) via Sydney, Singapore or Hong Kong with oneworld partner airline Qantas

5. [Aloft Cupertino](#), California, USA

Aloft Cupertino is the home of Botlr, the world's first robotic hotel butler – no surprise, as the hotel is situated in the heart of Silicon Valley. The robot, which even has its own uniform, will deliver toiletries and snacks to guests' rooms, and it will also help staff carry guests' luggage. The best bit? Botlr doesn't expect a tip, although he will do a little pre-programmed dance whenever he's happy.

From £150 per room per night

British Airways flies to [San Jose](#)



Book the Extreme Wow Suite at the W Singapore for an in-room DJ booth

6. [The W Singapore](#) at Sentosa Cove, Singapore

Gadget geeks will love the W Singapore at Sentosa Cove Bedrooms, with its Bose sound systems, Blue Ray DVD players, Nespresso machines and iPod docking stations as standard, as well as bathrooms with 21” televisions integrated into the mirrors – but if you book the Extreme Wow Suite, you’ll be able to spin some tunes in a DJ booth, which is kitted out with state-of-the-art turntables. But if you’re not a musical maestro, don’t panic – simply go for a dip in the pool, where underwater speakers play the latest dance hits.

From £244 per room per night

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7. [Nine Zero Boston](#), USA

The Nine Zero is one seriously secure hotel, which is probably why Bill Clinton chose the hotel when he was in town. One rather impressive perk is the iris recognition technology, which replaces room keys. Instead of fiddling around with a piece of plastic (which will probably have stopped working due to being kept too close to your mobile phone), you simply have to stare at a camera to gain access to your room.

British Airways flies to [Boston](#)