

**December 12, 2011**<http://www.thedaily.com/page/2011/12/12/121211-news-astor-suite/>**The suite life***Opulent Plaza Hotel apartment is New York's priciest rental at \$165K per month*

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Move over, Eloise, because paying for the newly renovated Astor Suite at New York's famous Plaza Hotel is not child's play.

The four-bedroom, six-bathroom suite offers an unobstructed view of both Central Park and Fifth Avenue, and its \$165,000-per-month price tag distinguishes it as the most expensive real estate in already pricey Manhattan.

The apartment, which previously served as a presidential suite for the likes of John F. Kennedy, features both antique and modern touches, such as a painting in the living room that slides away to reveal a television, and French-made walls of hammered leather rubbed with gold for the master bedroom. A year's rent adds up to \$1.98 million.

Melanie Lazenby, the realtor renting the apartment, was stunned by the 5,087-square-foot pad's opulence.

"I have been doing this job for 12 years and seen just about every incredible apartment in New York, but I have never seen anything like this," she said.