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DEALS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMM

Only at The Plaza Could They Charge \$165,000 a Month for an Apartment

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To live at the Plaza! Life at the city's storied hotel is kush no matter what, but this newest listing is giving new meaning to the high life. Curbed directed our attention to the Astor Suite, a [four-bedroom, six-bath rental](#) which is currently asking \$165,000 per month. Yes, that makes it New York's most expensive rental on the market.

Currently owned by the founder of Esprit—Really?! When was the last time you knew anyone who purchased something from Esprit?—the 5,087-square-foot pad was previously [on the market for \\$55 million](#). When it didn't sell, the clotheshorse decided to rent it, fully furnished for the aforementioned exorbitant price.

According to a listing from Douglas Elliman brokers **Melanie Lazenby** and **Dina Lewis**, the apartment “is one of the most historic homes ever to become available in the United States.” Doubtful, but we read on.

“Noted interior architect, S.R. Gambrel Inc. employed the artisans who rebuilt Windsor Castle to completely transform the home into an absolute masterpiece with numerous old world details such as hand drawn plaster ceilings; English oak paneling; and hand-hammered leather walls from France.” Hand-hammered leather walls, eh? Bet the neighbors were thrilled when those went up.

The hide-covered walls are complemented by canopy beds, various antiquities scattered throughout, and dimpled leather couches that would impress even Ralph Lauren, the reigning king of distinguished Americana.

But is it really worth more than the annual salary of a starting associate *every month*? Just think of how much caviar you could buy instead with that \$2 million.