

When First Class Simply Isn't Good Enough

Etihad Airways' "The Residence" is the only way to fly

Got a spare 45,000 AUD lying around? Then a trip in Etihad Airways' ultra-luxurious The Residence cabin could just be the ticket for you.

One-way ticket, that is—let's not get too carried away. Which makes The Residence the priciest commercial airline ticket in the world.

In first-class you get seats that double as beds. In The Residence you get a leather sofa and a separate double bed in a dedicated bedroom with an en suite bathroom.

In first-class you get food served by flight attendants. In The Residence you get food cooked by an in-flight chef and served by your own private butler.

In first class you get squealing kids, obnoxious drunks and turbo-mouthed chatterboxes. In The Residence you get none of the aforementioned because you have the whole darn place to yourself.

That's why it's called The Residence. It's like having your own apartment 30,000-plus feet in the air.