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10 Architecturally Stunning Hotel Pools

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From Switzerland to the Caribbean, these pool views are beautiful whether you're looking in or gazing out.



When it comes to hotel design, building architecture tends to get a lot of the glory. But even as hotels and resorts up the ante with dramatic skyscrapers, charming farmhouses, and overwater bungalows, exteriors aren't the only eye-catching structures to pay attention to.

Take, for example, the **humble hotel pool**. While in many cases, it's simply a tiled rectangle, at some hotels, they come in intricate shapes, complete with features made from materials like quartzite stone, marine-grade steel plates, and shiny black granite. Many are designed by award-winning architects, from Bill Bensley to Peter Zumthor, who draw inspiration from places as diverse as ancient ramparts, a rainwater reservoir, and **Angkor Wat temple** in Cambodia. These are the most stunning architectural hotel pools to take a dip in around the world.



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7132, Vals, Switzerland

The **7132 Hotel**, part of the Preferred Hotels & Resorts network, is at the entrance of the picturesque village of Vals in **Switzerland's Grisons Alps**. Its legendary thermal springs with highly mineralized water were highlighted by architect Peter Zumthor, who rose to international fame with his design for the new spa complex, eventually winning the Pritzker Prize in 2009. Made from raw concrete and 60,000 slabs of local quartzite stone fitted together, the monolithic structure is an architectural tribute to Vals, with openings in just the right places to highlight the sweeping valley views.