

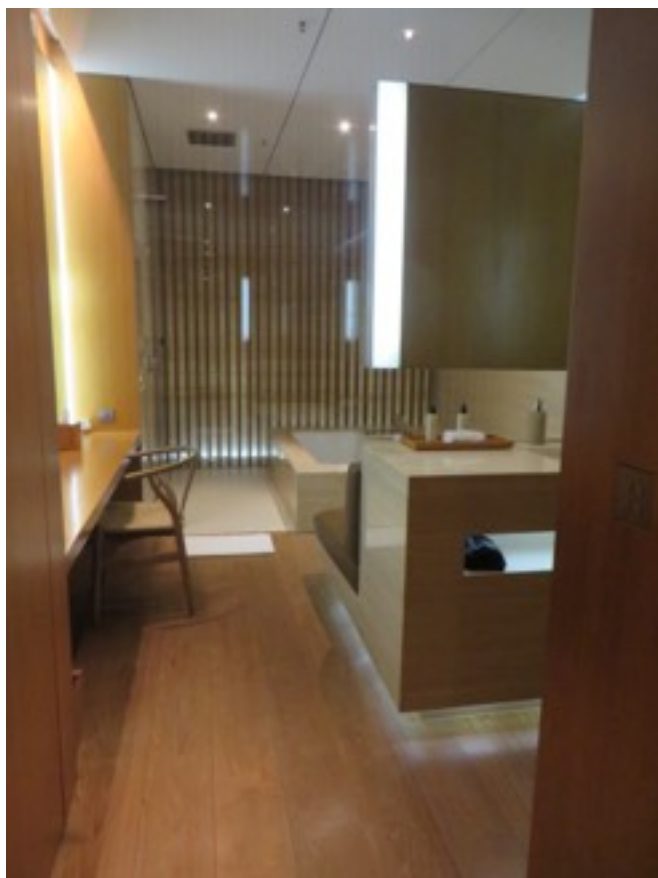
And The Flight Home Wasn't Bad Either!

On my flight from Chicago to Hong Kong, lovely flight attendant Jan suggested that when I fly home, I should arrive at Hong Kong airport early and spend time in Cathay Pacific's first class lounge. She reminded me about this twice.

Coming in from Fiji, I spent the night at the airport hotel, and my flight to Chicago is at 11:30 am the next day. I woke up early (due to jetlag) and by 7am had enough of hanging around my room watching CNN, so decided to go ahead, check in, and use the lounge.

Cathay Pacific's first class lounge is located just after security when entering airside and is impossible to miss. I never expected to experience anything like this. I remember taking photos of the fabulous Turkish Air lounge in Istanbul. This one is much better.

There is no way anyone will go hungry here as there are several small buffets (including one with yummy Chinese dumplings and another with wines and champagne), AND there is a full service restaurant with an extensive a la carte menu.



Jan had said "get a cabana" - and I did.

These are different from just shower suites not only for the amount of room, but the amenities. They are, in essence, a private lounge for exclusive use and Cathay Pacific offers 10 of them.

They are huge. This photo is from the entrance. The toilet is in another room just off to the right.

And big closets with bathrobe and slippers are to the left.

Behind the far wall is a zen-style rock garden and there is spa music playing.



The vanity area has soaps, lotions, shaving supplies and just about anything else that might be needed.

(and that's my new carry-on luggage in the corner)

The large desk area is great for getting work done; and it is very tempting to take a nap on the sofa afterwards.



This whole section of the room, is the tub and shower. The water for the rain-style shower comes from dark square in the ceiling!

I had no plans to use this part of the facility but, I couldn't let that sunken bathtub go to waste, so I took a bubblebath which relaxed me so much, I slept almost all the way to Chicago!

Articles about this lounge claim it is one of the best in the world Now I know for sure they are right..

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