



Loft suite bedroom

# 9 Things Celebs Love About the SOHO GRAND HOTEL

Downtown Manhattan's first luxury destination is still dreamy

Ten boho-chic **grand suites** and two 2,500-square-foot **penthouse loft suites** (with private terraces) were styled by Tom Ford's favorite interior designer, Bill Sofield. Custom décor includes coffee tables made from recycled newspapers, towel racks inspired by Paris Metro rails, and wall art by *New Yorker* illustrator Saul Steinberg.



Loft suite living room

**C**hris Martin and Gwyneth Paltrow lounge poolside here; Mena Suvari and Christian Siriano host New Year's Eve parties. And in January *The Good Wife* star Alan Cumming got hitched—again!—to hubby Grant Shaffer at the *Soho Grand*. Since it opened in 1996, downtown's first luxury hotel has wooed the famous and fabulous. Here's why it's easy for celebs and civilians alike to fall for this boutique beauty. [sohogrand.com](http://sohogrand.com) — Mona Buehler

**1** **Pet perks** rival that of human guests: posh beds, crates, biscuits, grooming, transportation, pet sitting, room service, vet care, toothbrushes ... even litter boxes.



Grand Bar

**2** Blood and Sand, Paris Drinking Blues and Le Mont Sancerre 2010 are just some of the **specialty pick-me-ups** that are shaken, stirred and swirled at the Grand Bar.

**3** **High-tech amenities** mean you can leave the computer at home. Guests can enjoy free use of Wi-Fi, iPads and iPods loaded with travel apps, and MacBook Pro laptops.

**4** Romantic fireplaces and Franco-American dishes such as pan-seared brook trout with wild spinach, roasted beets and balsamic dressing delight in the elegant **Club Room**.

**5** All of the kitchen's produce—even organic arugula and white globe purple turnips—comes from the **rooftop garden** cultivated by chef Richard Farnabe.

**7** The lobby's "grand" staircase was hand-assembled from recycled glass bottles.

**8** **Top-tier DJs** spin in the Club Room, Grand Bar, The Salon and, during warmer months, the sexy alfresco rooftop space, The Yard.



The Salon

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Christened "SoHo's Living Room," **The Salon** is the coziest place to lounge. Plush couches, oversized armchairs, sprawling floor-to-ceiling windows and vaulted ceilings invite and inspire.