

# DEPARTURES

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## Enjoy a Private Skating Rink at This NYC Penthouse

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Matte Projects/Courtesy The Mark Hotel

Imagine skating in the sky.

The Mark hotel penthouse is one of the most stunning in the world. After all, it's where Meghan Markle held her baby shower. But even with five bedrooms, four fireplaces, 26-foot ceilings, and a conservatory, the property managed to make the Jacques Grange-designed suite even more impressive. How? By creating a private skating rink atop the penthouse's terrace.

For the first time, The Mark, an American Express Fine Hotels & Resorts property, decided to take one of the best holiday traditions in New York City and make it that much more spectacular. The skating rink will take over the 2,400-square-foot terrace that overlooks Central Park and the Manhattan skyline. So, you can skate in the sky with family and friends while sipping hot chocolate in between spins around the rink.

And this is just part of the "The Mark's Penthouse Holiday Spectacular" offering. Also included is a four-course holiday feast created by Michelin-star chef, Jean-Georges Vongerichten, a Juilliard-trained pianist to serenade the guests around grand piano, the choice of a private rendition of the classic holiday ballet, *The Nutcracker*, in The Penthouse's Great Room or in a VIP box at Lincoln Center, and an after-hours, private shopping spree at Bergdorf Goodman.



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The kids get some extra indulgences too (if they made the nice list, of course). They get a room full of toys and games to play with and take home with them, with an optional private shopping experience at FAO Schwarz. Plus, a private screening by the fire of a holiday classic or an unreleased Hollywood blockbuster, complete with Jean-Georges-created popcorn, candy, and s'mores is part of the package.

It doesn't stop there. Per usual, you will also be provided a dedicated team that includes a driver, butler, and nanny, massage therapist, beauty services at Frédéric Fekkai's Salon, personal fitness classes with trainer Daniel Flores, and airport transportation to and from The Mark, by car or helicopter. Oh, and Cristal Champagne and Imperial Gold Osetra Caviar are always on hand during your stay.

But, best of all, world-renowned fashion photographer Alexei Hay will capture pictures for your family to make a keepsake for after your visit.

“The Mark Hotel’s majestic penthouse is the ultimate ‘home away from home’ for those who seek a grand space that is equally equipped to lavishly entertain as it is to provide a home to a family with the extraordinary amenities the hotel offers in terms of personal service,” said designer Jacques Grange. “It is, indeed, a castle in the sky.”