

Hotel costs continue to reach for the sky in popular travel destinations such as Manhattan, Boston, London, Hong Kong, Tokyo and Paris. Meanwhile, back at HQs, brilliant hotel chain beancounters have come up with an even more money-grabbing plan.

Instead of charging \$400 a night for a regular-sized hotel room, cut them in half and rent each as \$300 bargains. Result: claustrophobic sardine-canned travelers equal added hotel profits.

Imagine a senior wanderer asking the hotel clerk: Does my \$300 room have a closet? Response: Your room IS a closet. For more info on the teenier hotel-room trend, go to www.usatoday.com/story/travel/hotels/2015/09/18/microhotels-tiny-hotel-rooms-expand-acrosscountry/72265080