

12 Modern Pool Designs That Will Take Your Breath Away

We take a look at 12 incredible modern pool designs and discuss the future of designing swimming pools for residential and commercial spaces.



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Swimming pools have come a long way from their humble beginnings as basic rectangular structures. Today, they are a symbol of luxury, relaxation, and [architectural innovation](#). Modern swimming pool designs not only serve as refreshing retreats but also as eye-catching focal points in resorts, hotels, and commercial spaces. Later in this article, we will explore the evolution of swimming pool designs, the features and amenities that define them, and how they contribute to creating tranquility in [outdoor living spaces](#). But first, let's take a look at some incredible contemporary examples that emote a sense of the modern and sophisticated look many [pool designers](#) strive for today.

These Modern Pool Designs Will Inspire You

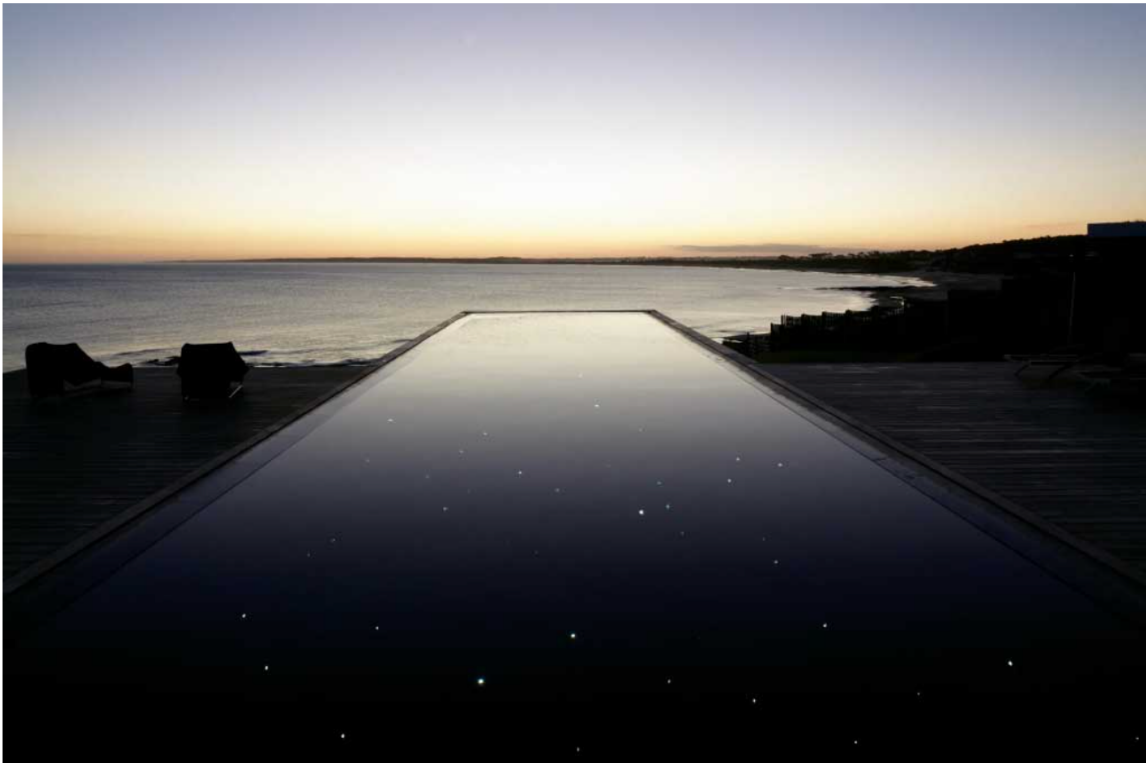


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Playa Vik Jose Ignacio, Uruguay

Perched dramatically on the coastal cliffs, this cantilevered pool is a striking feature of Playa Vik Jose Ignacio, located 93 miles from Uruguay's capital, Montevideo. Unveiled in 2009, this boutique beach house retreat is a haven for art enthusiasts, with its focal point being a soaring, swimmable sculpture meticulously crafted by Carrie and Alex Vik in collaboration with Uruguayan architect Carlos Ott.

The 75-foot cantilevered pool, constructed from Uruguayan black Absolute Nero granite, extends boldly beyond the terrace, seemingly defying gravity as it hovers 32 feet above the sandy beach below. Not merely a pool, it doubles as a celestial canvas, boasting a fiber-optic light map of the Southern Hemisphere's night sky. This mesmerizing feature is achieved through small optic light points embedded within the pool floor, creating a celestial spectacle as guests swim beneath the stars. Playa Vik Jose Ignacio's cantilevered pool is a masterful blend of artistry, architecture, and nature, offering a unique and immersive experience in this coastal paradise.