



Zen-style bathrooms

The ritual of bathing in Japan is almost as important as its tea ceremonies. It is something to be lingered over – a purifying and uplifting experience. For ultimate luxury install a deep wooden bath in which you can sit submerged up to your neck.

Keep the room minimalist in style by storing lotions and potions in a cupboard, and using only the simplest accessories, like an orchid or set of wooden body brushes. Choose water-resistant woods, such as teak, to create an authentic look, and complement with towels in white or creamy-beige, and sleek chrome fittings. Use transparent panels on windows and slatted screens for privacy.

above A wooden surround on a sizeable tub transforms it into a stunning centrepiece for the bathroom. The Yoko costs from £2740 at Bathrooms International.

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