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Inside the world's most expensive manicure



Got a spare \$32,000 lying around?

Getting your nails done usually falls comfortably into the 'indulgent splurge' category alongside facials and the occasional massage. But one Los Angeles-based salon is upping the acrylic vs. shellac game, today unveiling a new menu of services costing upwards of \$32,000 (AUD).

Images Luxury Nail Lounge's is the salon in question, and their range of packaged includes the "Haute Couture" (\$650 - \$3,000, depending on your add-ons): mineral bath, facial, massage, body polish and nail art using 20 diamonds, and the "Gold Rush Manicure" (\$3,000 - \$13,000): much the same, except you're given a private room, complimentary champagne, and access to the Models Own Gold Rush Polish, a \$130,000 24-karat gold flaked polis, of which there are only two in the world.

The piece de resistance is the "Glitz and Glamicure" package, costing anywhere between \$13,000 and \$32,000, in which the salon closes exclusively for your arrival and a personal jeweller is hired to help you hand-select which diamonds used for your manicure.

Seem a little farfetched? Apparently not. According to the salon's general manager Tony Nguyen, the menu was designed to meet an increasing customer demand for more luxurious services.

"We have clients that request services like this, so when we decided to do a luxurious menu, we talked with them about all the things they would want together," Nguyen told Refinery29. "I can't tell you their names, but there are women in Newport and Irvine that want to really splurge once in a while."

Lifestyles of the rich and famous eh?