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How posh is your garden?

Forget hot tubs and swimming pools. Your garden isn't truly high-end unless it boasts an outdoor bath, a maze or a sculpture garden

ow, more than ever, our outdoor spaces have become extensions of our homes, from alfresco kitchens to garden cinemas and patio ice baths, often with the same level of style and comfort as we would want inside.

Data from the past three months indicates that searches for "outdoor bathtub" have grown by 135 per cent, "sculptures and statues" by 110 per cent and "maze" by 65 per cent as we scramble to find stand-out ideas for our gardens.



Bathroom suites that embrace the great outdoors are growing in popularity UNIQUE HOMESTAYS/WWW.UNIQUEHOMESTAYS.COM

Outdoor bathtubs

Forget plastic paddling pools: think all-singing, all-dancing bathroom suites that embrace the great outdoors against a backdrop of greenery and flowers. "We're seeing increased interest in outdoor bathing, even here in the UK, perhaps inspired by vacation experiences of safari lodges or beachfront verandas," says Emma Joyce, head of product marketing at Victoria + Albert Baths.