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*How do I buy  
a club chair,  
and why are  
they so  
expensive?*

The cost of premium leather club chairs boils down to a simple equation: materials plus man-hours. They require as many as five leather hides, a small army of upholsterers, and a full day of labor to complete. That's why they start around \$750 and go up to \$17,000 for versions with glove-quality leather and carbon-fiber legs. What you get in return, however, is a quintessential piece of masculine furniture that will outlast any trophy appliance—50-inch flat-panel HDTVs included. Iterations range from Art Deco to Bauhaus, but I advise not straying too far from the original design, which first graced British gentlemen's clubs in the 19th century, a time of empire building and liberal scotch consumption (not a shabby starting point). Use the tips on page 30 to guide your purchase. »



**DROOL  
WORTHY**  
Sit. Stay  
awhile.

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