

Yankee Fans Informed of Costlier Top Seats

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With the current Yankee Stadium already the second most expensive place for fans to see a ballgame (\$222.53, behind Fenway Park at \$313.83 – figures for a family of four), it is about to become costlier to attend a game in the new Stadium that's scheduled to open for the 2009 season, especially in some sections of the new installations.

After season-ticket holders received the information in a email on Thursday, **The New York Times** [reports in its Friday edition](#) that some select seats will be priced accordingly.

First up are the Legends Suite seats, the best in the \$1.3 billion ballpark, which is to open in 2009. There will be 1,800 Legends seats in the 25 sections closest to the field, radiating up the base lines from home plate. Those fans will sit in cushioned seats with teak arms and have access to three clubs, private bathrooms and waiter service.

The seats will start at \$500 each and the tiptop ones — the \$2,500, front-row seats — are sold out, said Lonn Trost, the Yankees' chief operating officer. (A Yankees fan could have spent \$500 to see 50 games from \$10 box seats in 1987.)

The current stadium has a Legends section of about 160 seats, with a peak price of \$1,000 a game. The new Legends section features a home plate area that is 20 feet closer to the plate than in the current stadium's configuration.

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The second offering, which promises a "luxury suite experience one seat at a time," is the 74-seat Club Suite, which is four luxury boxes combined into one. The \$700 price includes food and beverages (alcohol is extra), preferred parking and concierge service.

This news goes hand-in-hand with one of the options offered in the latest [Biz of Baseball poll](#) that asks readers to determine the biggest issue facing MLB. One of the choices offered is "expense of attending game" and currently leads the poll by a large percentage.

Lonn Trost, the Yankees' Chief Operating Officer, also said that 55% of the 48,000 non-premium seats in the future ballpark will be priced below \$45 and 88% will cost less than \$100.

When it comes to suites, 47 luxury suites are available at the new ballpark and 29 have already been leased for between \$600,000 and \$850,000.

*Please read what **The Biz of Baseball** offers with articles on the costs (to taxpayers and future patrons) associated with the new ballpark and also about the need to bring back the game to the masses:*

[Box Seat at Yankee Stadium Costs 1029% More Than in '67](#)

[King George's Palace: Yankee Stadium's Increasing Bill](#)

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