

## Bert Stern and Marilyn Monroe's last session - new from Taschen

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Bert Stern/TASCHEN

Marilyn Monroe at the Hotel Bel Air, 1962.

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Marilyn Monroe didn't become an icon on her own. She had co-conspirators -- the photographers whose cameras loved her. Taschen has just published a huge new book of Monroe's last portrait sitting, taken for Vogue magazine by Bert Stern just six weeks before she died. Stern and Monroe worked together for three days at the Hotel Bel Air, which is where Taschen unveiled the new book. Bert Stern was the guest of honor and he talked with Off-Ramp host John Rabe.