

# The World's Most Expensive Phone



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## Vocabulary Preview

financial ills  
measly  
solid  
encrusted  
ensuring  
outshines  
momentum

## Reading

Austrian jeweler Peter Aloisson is probably hoping there are still some fairly well-off people unaffected by the world's current financial ills as he has designed the world's most expensive phone – the iPhone 3G King's Button. Yours for a measly USD\$2.5 million and change.

The budget unfriendly phone is made of solid 18 carat yellow gold, white gold and rose gold with the white gold line encrusted with a total of 138 brilliant cut diamonds. The iPhone 3G King's Button replaces the iPhone's standard plastic home button with a rare 6.6 carat diamond ensuring the unit outshines Aloisson's previous efforts such as the USD\$1.3 million Crypto Smartphone to make it the world's most expensive mobile phone.

While the iPhone 3G King's Button is sure to impress others in the unemployment line, with rumors of and an updated iPhone being released this year gaining momentum, anyone on a budget might be wise to wait and see if the iPhone 3G King's Button makes its way onto eBay.

## Comprehension Check

1. What's the name of the world's most expensive cellphone?
2. Who designed the cellphone?
3. What makes this cellphone special?