

PARIS LUXURY

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From great classics to the latest trends, from haute couture to exciting new fashion designers, luxury is universal in Paris. Luxury hotels offer increasingly personalized services in sumptuous surroundings revamped, notably, due to the arrival in great pomp of hotels from Asia. A new five-star classification came into effect in 2009 to enable Paris hotels to align with international standards. A new 'palace' distinction has also been introduced.

For gourmet luxury, there is plenty to tempt the palate: Michelin-starred establishments, the latest culinary trends, top, unusual or even offbeat restaurants.

Spas and beauty institutes in chic and sometimes confidential places offer well-being and tranquility. The evermore sumptuous shops of French couturiers, craftspeople and artists showcase clothing and accessories, or their culinary and artistic expertise that is true to tradition or up with the latest trends.

And for a custom-made stay or an upscale event, let specialist agencies take care of everything including hiring the most prestigious and unforgettable venues in Paris.

SUMPTUOUS HOTELS

> The new luxury hotel criteria

The French hotel industry has undergone huge changes since 2009, including the introduction of a new hotel classification system with the creation of a 5-star category and a 'Palaces' label.

The five-star category symbolizes the highest qualification. This rating which is widely used abroad is a veritable gauge of appreciation and comparison for international clientele. It facilitates comparison between equivalent hotels throughout the world and enables the French hotel industry to enhance the image of upscale amenities that make it famous. To set apart a handful of truly exceptional five-star hotels, the 'Palace' distinction was introduced on 8 November 2010. The distinction is attributed for a period of five years, the objective being to increase their visibility abroad, contribute to the spread of French culture and underline the attractiveness of France as a destination. Until now, in the absence of any defined nomenclature, a select circle of luxury hotels proclaimed themselves 'Palaces' because of their history and their location, but also because of the recognition implicitly awarded them by their clientele and tourism professionals. In Paris, this included 7 hotels, all located on the Right Bank: Le Bristol, Le Meurice, Hôtel de Crillon, The Plaza Athénée, Fouquet's Barrière, The Ritz and The Four Seasons Hotel George V. From now on, hotels wishing to apply to be awarded the Palace label are subject to a grid of objective criteria to which is added the advice of a committee of celebrities from the world of culture, tourism and patronage. To be selected, hotels must be 'unique', i.e. they must have genuinely exceptional characteristics such as an outstanding geographical location, historical, aesthetic and heritage interest, their history and a large number of suites; they must meet specific criteria concerning room size (e.g. a minimum surface area of 30 m² for a double room as compared to 24 m² in a five-star hotel), and services (a concierge service, multilingual staff, a fitness centre, a spa, beauty treatments and massages, and outstanding restaurants). A hotel must also have been open for 12 months before applying for palace status.

At the start of 2013, Paris had 5 officially-labelled palace hotels: Le Meurice, The Plaza Athénée, The Four Seasons Hôtel George V, Le Bristol and the Parc Hyatt Paris-Vendôme. It should be emphasized that the arrival in 2010 of several hotel

chains from Asia new to the European market has had quite an impact on established palaces. These new chains, with a reputation for excellence, are seeking to join the exclusive ranks of the palaces. The first on the scene was the Royal Monceau Raffles, followed by the Shangri-La and the Mandarin Oriental. The Peninsula is set to follow at the beginning of 2014. These openings attest to the strategic and fundamental position of Paris for global players in tourism and explain in part the necessary renovation policy in certain of the capital's top hotels such as the Ritz and the Crillon. In Paris, in 2013, luxury hotels definitely started having a makeover!

PALACES

>Hotels with the 'Palace' label

Le Meurice - Situated opposite the Tuileries gardens since 1835, this hotel was Paris's first palace intended to welcome guests from Britain. Its reputation is founded on its glorious past, when it was both a 'hotel for kings' and a place for all the eccentricities of the painter Salvador Dalí. Run by Franka Holtmann, Le Meurice is, like The Plaza Athénée, a member of the Dorchester Collection, the two palaces being the property of the Sultan of Brunei. In 2007, the hotel had a makeover to meet the expectations of international clients. The salons of the palace thus regained their original splendour, the main entrance of the hotel was moved to rue de Rivoli and a monumental fresco installed under the glass roof of the restaurant Le Dalí. This work was carried out by Ara Starck, daughter of the French designer Philippe Starck who collaborated on the hotel renovation project. The atmosphere of the 160 bedrooms, of which 42 are suites, was carried out by the interior decorator Charles Jouffre with the guiding principle, 'you change everything by changing nothing'. The decor brings to mind a private 18th-century residence or apartment in the Empire style with a touch of glamour. In addition to the €10 million invested in the refurbishment of guest rooms and corridors, the hotel is modernizing its kitchens and freshening up its reception rooms.

Le Meurice is also famous for its bar, Le 228, three stars in the *Michelin Guide* obtained in 2007, a spa Valmont, not forgetting the Belle Étoile, a 275 m^2 suite with private terrace (250 m^2) and 360° view over Paris. Now more than ever, Le Meurice epitomizes French excellence for international clientele, notably those from new markets where it intends to foster customer loyalty by recruiting more foreign staff.

228 rue de Rivoli, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 44 58 10 10 - www.lemeurice.com

Hôtel Parc Hyatt Paris-Vendôme - Opened in 2002, the ultra modern Park Hyatt Paris-Vendôme, situated on rue de la Paix offers a different experience from other classic Paris palace hotels. This luxury hotel, which is both contemporary and timeless, boasts an exceptional location and is steeped in history; it was once home to the haute couture house Paquin. The interior decoration is the work of American architect Ed Tuttle; his sleek design with clean lines gives pride of place to art works. He worked with art gallery owner Darthea Speyer to choose the paintings and sculptures on display. The hotel has 158 rooms and suites, each conceived as a warm, private, intimate space, including the 250 m² royal suite with its own spa and a terrace overlooking Place Vendôme. A superb spa, 3 beauty parlours, 3 bars and 4 restaurants including a Michelin-starred one ('Le Pur'), which has a private table with the chef in attendance (La Table du chef) ensure that guests are pampered beyond their dreams.

5, rue de la Paix, Paris 2nd - M° Opéra - Tel +33 (0)1 58 71 12 34 - www.paris.vendome.hyatt.fr

Four Seasons Hotel George V - With its art deco facade, the George V, situated on avenue George-V (8th), a few steps from the Champs-Élysées, has 245 bedrooms including 59 suites. The hotel, founded in 1928 by a rich American, is today the property of Prince Al Waleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia, who has confided the running of it to the Four Seasons chain. The palace offers classic interiors ranging from the 17th to the 19th century by Pierre-Yves Rochon. The George V is reputed for 'Le Cinq', its distinguished restaurant with two stars in the *Michelin Guide* 2008 thanks to chef Éric Briffard. The classic French decoration of the hotel is enhanced by floral compositions signed Jeff Leatham. The palace also promotes exclusive services such as its children's programmes (behind-the-scenes visit of the hotel, cooking lessons with the pastry chef, etc.) or the availability of a Rolls Royce Phantom personalized by Hermès, for getting around the capital. Ten years after its reopening, the Four Seasons Hotel George V is spending €20 million over three years on redecorating its bedrooms.

31 av George-V, Paris 8th - M° George-V - Tel +33 (0)1 49 52 70 00 - www.fourseasons.com/paris/

Le Bristol - Situated in rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honoré (8th), Le Bristol benefits from its position a few steps from the Élysée Palace, art galleries and luxury boutiques. This historic palace, the property of the Oetker family since 1978, opened with 161 bedrooms in 1925. In September 2009, after three years of work, the hotel inaugurated a 3,250 m² wing situated on the corner of avenue Matignon, with 21 additional deluxe bedrooms (40 m²) and five suites extending up to 200 m² for the Paris suite (which has a clear view of the Eiffel Tower). Le Bristol is the only palace owned by a European family. What's more, Maja Oetker oversaw the decoration of the new rooms, which express 'luxury à la française' in the purest 18th century style. The establishment boasts three stars in the Michelin Guide for its gastronomic restaurant, thanks to the talent of Éric Fréchon. This is now joined by an upscale brasserie, the 114 Faubourg, entrusted to chef Éric Desbordes in collaboration with Éric Fréchon. The 36 bedrooms and suites overlooking the French style garden - the largest of Parisian palaces, with 1,000 m² - were completely refurbished in 2010. Le Bristol devotes €5 million per year to refurbishment and even large-scale projects. The surface area of the spa has been doubled and a new suite created on the 8th floor, which with its 85 existing suites, will make Le Bristol one of the leading Parisian palace hotels in terms of the number of suites. After having been voted 'luxury family hotel' at the 'World Luxury Hotel Awards' in 2012, Le Bristol Paris has just gained three other major distinctions during the 'European Hospitality Awards': 'best hotel restaurant' for its starred Epicure restaurant, 'best spa of the year' for its new spa 'Le Bristol-la Prairie', and, the supreme award 'best hotel of the year in 2012' in Europe. A dream place for many!

112 rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, Paris 8th - M° Miromesnil - Tel +33 (0)1 53 43 43 00 - www.lebristolparis.com

The Plaza Athénée - Situated on avenue Montaigne (8th), the Plaza Athénée is, like Le Meurice, owned by the Sultan of Brunei, the two palaces being members of the Dorchester Collection. Opened in 1913, a few steps from the Théâtre des Champs-Élysées, the palace has 146 bedrooms and 45 suites, including a 450 m² royal suite with a terrace offering a bird's-eye view of the Eiffel Tower. The celebrated designer of the hotel is Patrick Jouin, a disciple of Philippe Starck; after redesigning the bar, he has completed the refurbishment of the starred restaurant 'Alain Ducasse au Plaza Athénée'. The palace is also renowned for its pastry chef Christophe Michalak, world champion in the discipline in 2005, and for its Christian Dior institute (whose fashion house is also on avenue Montaigne) Run by François Delahaye, the Plaza Athénée has no shortage of projects. The purchase of three adjoining buildings will lead to the creation of new bedrooms, large suites and, for the first time, meeting rooms, between now and 2014.

25 av Montaigne, Paris 8th - M° Alma-Marceau- Tel +33 (0)1 53 67 66 65 - www.plaza-athenee-paris.fr

HISTORIC PALACE HOTELS

Hôtel Ritz Paris - Dominating Place Vendôme (1st), The Ritz was founded in 1898 by the Swiss entrepreneur César Ritz, who was the first to offer electricity, the telephone and a bathroom in each room to his rich guests. The palace with its appearance of a 'French chateau' has 103 elegantly decorated bedrooms and 56 suites of up to 130 m². They overlook the Place Royale (for the 6 prestige suites including the 200 m² listed Suite Impériale), a private garden or rue Cambon. The hotel is famous for having welcomed numerous personalities like Edward VII, Winston Churchill or Coco Chanel, who lived there for more than 30 years, and Ernest Hemingway for whom the barman created the cocktail Bloody Mary. The hotel is reputed for its gastronomy, notably thanks to the Ritz Escoffier School founded in 1988 (named after the chef who, in his time there, created several desserts such as the Peach Melba and the Pear Belle Hélène). Its L'Espadon restaurant run by chef Michel Roth was awarded two Michelin Guide stars in 2009. The hotel also boasts the Ritz health club & spa on the lower ground floor, a sumptuous space with Greco-Roman decor featuring a 17-metre-long swimming pool. Important renovation works started in the summer of 2012 and are due to last for two years until Christmas 2014, during which time the hotel will be closed.

15 pl Vendôme, Paris 1st - M° Opéra - Tel +33 (0)1 43 16 30 30 - www.ritzparis.com

Hôtel de Crillon - With its 147 rooms including 39 suites, the former mansion house of the Count of Crillon has since 1909 offered guests a prestigious setting with 18th-century decor on place de la Concorde. It was here that the French-American treaty recognizing the act of independence of the US was signed on 6 February 1778. Les Ambassadeurs the hotel's gastronomic restaurant with one star in the *Michelin Guide*, is located in the former ballroom of the hotel. The establishment boasts three presidential suites with an exceptional view of place de la Concorde. They may be joined together on request to create a grandiose 350 m² apartment with 4 bedrooms and 3 salons. Situated on the top floor, the Suite Louis-XV has a terrace overlooking the famous square. The Hôtel de Crillon was bought in 2010 by a Saudi real estate investment fund, and is managed by the Swiss group Kempinski, for which it is the first property in France.

The Hôtel de Crillon closed in March 2013 for 2 years to carry out major renovation work.

10 place de la Concorde, Paris 8th - M° Concorde - Tel +33 (0) 1 44 71 15 00 - www.crillon.com

Hôtel Fouquet's Barrière - The Hôtel Fouquet's Barrière, which opened in 2006 at 46 Avenue George-V (8th), comprises five buildings joined together. The first Parisian palace to have been awarded a fifth star in 2009, it has 107 rooms including 40 suites, one of which has a surface area of 535 m² and a terrace. The hotel also has a magnificent spa (the U spa), 2 restaurants, 2 bars popular with the in crowd and a tearoom opening on to a secret garden. The Hôtel Fouquet's Barrière considers that it satisfies all the criteria expected of a palace including a legend and tradition thanks to the international renown of its brasserie 'Le Fouquet's', which has been on the corner of the Champs-Élysées and Avenue George-V since 1899. Decorated by Jacques Garcia in an art deco and Empire style, the hotel puts an emphasis on technology and in particular on sustainable development. The establishment has therefore registered the brand "Dignified luxury®", and gained more and more certifications and labels: ISO 9001 for quality and service, ISO 14001 for respect of the environment, Luxury eco

Certification Standard from the Sustainable Travel International organization, and so on. The Hôtel Fouquet's Barrière, which offers guests a hybrid limousine or an electric e-Solex for getting around Paris in, calculates its carbon footprint every year in an attempt to reduce its CO2 emissions by 20% between now and 2020. In the meantime, in July 2010, the palace became the leading hotel in Europe and the third in the world to join the Hotel Leading Green category of the brand Leading Hotels of the World.

46 av George-V, Paris 8th - M° George-V - Tel +33 (0)1 40 69 60 00 - www.fouquets-barriere.com

List of 5* hotels available on www.parisinfo.com

NEW WAVE OF ORIENTAL HOTELS

The Mandarin Oriental - The first hotel of this Hong Kong group to open in France. This luxury hotel with 99 rooms and 39 suites boasts a prestigious location in the area encompassing Place de la Concorde, Place Vendôme, the Opéra and Madeleine. Architect Jean-Michel Wilmotte has transformed this former office building, keeping the two art deco wings of its listed facade and greening the 450 m² interior courtyard, which now has a plant wall, a riot of flowers and a pond. Sybille de Margerie, an interior designer with her own firm, the SM Design agency, has used resolutely modern colours and 1930s decor and a few oriental details. The dining options at the hotel are another star feature: celebrity Michelin-starred chef Thierry Marx creates sophisticated, ultra-modern dishes at the gastronomic restaurant 'Sur-mesure' and French fare with a world food twist at the more affordable 'Camélia'. 'The Spa', a 900-m² expanse, has a 15-metre-long swimming pool, a fitness centre, hammam and well-being rooms; the decor creates a dreamlike world of moving shadows and origami-fashion stylized flowers.

251 rue Saint-Honoré, Paris 1st - M°Tuileries or Concorde - Tel +33 (0) 1 70 98 78 88

http://www.mandarinoriental.fr/paris/

Le Royal Monceau Raffles Paris***** - It was after an incredible furniture sale at the Hôtel Drouot and a memorable very celebrity 'Demolition Party' that the Royal Monceau closed its doors in June 2008. Now the property of the Qatari Diar real estate investment fund, which has invested more than €100 million in renovation work, the hotel reopened on 18 October 2010 as a palace with 149 bedrooms and suites. Designer Philippe Starck has given a new look to this luxury hotel opened in 1928 at 37, Avenue Hoche (8th). While respecting the spirit of the place, the famous French designer has put the emphasis on a chic and trendy design to appeal to a more youthful clientele, in particular 'millionaires in trainers' aged between 35 and 50. To devise 'the French spirit of today' 300 works of art have been used in the decoration of the hotel, which has an art gallery and a specialist bookshop, but also a one-off concept: two 'art concierges' to advise guests on buying art or to reserve an entire museum for a private tour. On the gastronomy scene, the establishment has two restaurants under the leadership of chef Laurent André - 'Il Carpaccio', a gastronomic Italian restaurant, and 'La Cuisine' which serves French food and where Pierre Hermé is in charge of patisserie. A 99-seat cinema auditorium, several huge private apartments, the 1500 m² 'My Blend by Clarins' spa with a 28-metre-long swimming pool and a cigar bar round off the facilities.

37 avenue Hoche, Paris 8th - M° Charles de Gaulle Etoile - Tel +33 (0)1 42 99 88 00 - www.leroyalmonceau.com

Le Shangri-La Hotel - The Shangri-La Paris opened in December 2010. This was the first hotel of the Hong Kong-based luxury Asian chain to open in Europe. The

81-room palace, including 27 suites, is housed in a former private mansion built in 1896 for Prince Roland Bonaparte, the great-nephew of Napoléon Bonaparte. The building was redesigned by the architect Richard Martinet and decorated in the Empire style by the designer Pierre-Yves Rochon. The interior garden was designed by the landscape architect Louis Benech. The hotel has three restaurants: L'Abeille, a gastronomic dining room serving French cuisine run by chef Philippe Labbé, has just obtained two stars in the *Michelin Guide*, Shang Palace, a restaurant serving specialities from south-eastern China, and a light-filled Franco-Asian restaurant where one dines under a 19th-century glass roof. The magnificent reception rooms, which have been entirely restored, extend over 850 m². The Shangri-La offers its guests a fitness centre open round the clock and a 16-metre-long pool bathed in natural light, with an outside terrace. The palace seeks to distinguish itself by its ideal location at the top of the Chaillot hill, offering superb views of the Eiffel Tower, the Seine, Invalides, the Louvre and Montmartre from most of its rooms and suites.

10 avenue d'Iéna, Paris 16th - M° Iéna - Tel +33 (0)1 53 67 19 98 - www.shangrila.com

Coming soon end 2013/beginning 2014, Le Peninsula Paris - Purchased in 2007 by the Qatari Diar real estate investment fund for approximately €400 million, with a 20% stake subsequently ceded to Hong Kong Shanghai Hotels, the Peninsula Paris will be housed in the former international conference centre of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs situated near the Arc de Triomphe. Purchased for €460 million in 2007 from the French State, the cost of transforming the building is estimated at more than €50 million. The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels Limited (HSH) group is making its debut in Europe with this establishment. In 2003, after completion of the project entrusted to the architect Richard Martinet, the venue will return to its original vocation, as it originally housed the Hotel Majestic. The hotel will have 200 rooms and 2 restaurants, and a Chinese interior decorator is to design the art deco interiors.

19 avenue Kleber, Paris 16th - M° Kleber - www.peninsula.com

ALL CHANGE ON THE LUXURY HOTEL SCENE

Faced with a new wave of luxury hotels from Asia, French upscale hotels have been compelled to react. In addition to the opening of new luxury hotels — the Auberge du Cheval Blanc is due to open at the end of 2015 in Paris — the renovation and even complete redesign of hotels has been ongoing for several years by more and more establishments with temporary closure measures announced. Hotel directors are looking more and more to innovation and the personalization of services and cutting-edge technology in order to create customer loyalty.

Hôtel Lutétia Paris - While awaiting complete renovation, the mythical Left Bank hotel, has opened a new suite, the Fernando & Humberto suite'; it takes the name of the famous designers the Campana brothers. Inspired by their native Brazil, they combine Brazilian elegance with that of French art de vivre. www.lutetia-paris.com

Hôtel Plaza Athénée - The palace recently acquired three buildings adjoining the current palace. Six months of renovation are planned during which the hotel will stay open. www.plazaathenee-paris.fr

Pullmann Paris hotels - Pullmann, the upmarket brand of the Accor group, is gradually changing the architecture of its five Parisian hotels (Montparnasse, Bercy, Tour-Eiffel, La Défense and Charles-de-Gaulle), during which the hotels will remain open. Its project 'Pullmann Paris Live' involves the makeover of

2,500 guest rooms and 26,000 m² of living space to meet the expectations of their cosmopolitan guests. Duration: 30 months starting January 2013. www.accorhotels.com

The Ritz - Everything has been and will be done according to the wishes of its owner Mohammed Al Fayed in order for the hotel to acquire the 'palace' label. Temporary closure: 27 months from June 2012 www.ritzparis.com

Hôtel de Crillon - The whole building is being renovated with a total overhaul of the ground floor, bedrooms and suites, and the creation of a spa and swimming pool. Temporary closure in March 2013 for 2 years. www.crillon.com

The Prince de Galles - Part of the Starwood group, the hotel is due to reopen in spring 2013 after major renovation work directed by Pierre-Yves Rochon. www.hotelprincedegalles.fr

> Discreet hotels, boutique hotels and luxury apartments

Alongside prestigious and internationally famous establishments, Paris has a large number of very upscale hotels that cultivate a low profile. The guests are regulars who prefer to indulge their taste for luxury in an intimate and discreet atmosphere. Paris also has an ever-increasing number of boutique hotels: establishments with one-off style and a unique character and concept. Whether or not they have a star rating, they offer guests ultra-personalized service. Luxury apartments are also available to rent in all districts of Paris. Most of them are designed by interior decorators to allow guests to enjoy the pleasures of Parisian life in a refined and elegant setting.

Murano Resort

Cutting-edge design hotel in the heart of the Marais, equipped with all the latest high-tech equipment, a spa and a hip bar-restaurant. Some suites have their own private swimming pool.

13 boulevard du Temple, Paris 3rd - M° Oberkampf - Tel +33 (0)1 42 71 20 00 - www.muranoresort.com

Seven Hôtel****

This totally new-style boutique hotel in the middle of the Latin Quarter is high on design. Glamorous, sensual and whimsical, Le Seven offers guests unusual experiences like sleeping on a levitating bed amid the clouds, or in a comfy cave, or watching the sun setting on the ceiling from a vast bed.

20, rue Berthollet, Paris 5th - $\rm M^{\circ}$ Les Gobelins or Censier-Daubenton - Tel +33 (0)1 43 31 47 52 - www.sevenhotelparis.com

L'Hôtel****

Situated in the historic district of Saint-Germain-des-Prés, this Baroque-style hotel has interior decoration by Jacques Garcia. L'Hôtel was the final home of Oscar Wilde; today, guests can enjoy the hammam, a swimming pool available to privatize in a vaulted cellar, a 1-star Michelin restaurant and a stylish, cosy bar with a patio where a fountain tinkles.

13 rue des Beaux Arts, Paris 6th - M° Saint-Germain des Prés - Tel +33 (0)1 44 41 99 00 - www.l-hotel.com

Hôtel Thoumieux***

15 modern and romantic rooms from the Costes-Piège duo with decor by celebrity designer India Mahdavi, located next to chef Jean-François Piège's restaurant, which has two Michelin stars.

79 rue Saint-Dominique, Paris 7th - M° La Tour Maubourg - Tel +33 (0)1 47 05 49 75 - www.maisonthierrycostes.com

Le duc de Saint Simon****

Located in the immediate vicinity of Saint-Germain-des-Prés, this hotel is housed in an 18th-century private mansion. Its suites and rooms have refined, elegant decor, some with a private terrace; it also has an interior garden, a bar and lounges with a sophisticated atmosphere.

14 rue de Saint-Simon, Paris 7th - M° Rue du Bac - Tel +33 (0)1 44 39 20 20 - www.hotelducdesaintsimon.com

Le Pavillon des Lettres****

Only 500 m from the Champs-Elysées, this elegant and intimate hotel pays tribute to literature, with rooms and suites highlighting the beauty and poetry of texts by a number of authors.

12 rue des Saussaies - Paris 8th - M° Miromesnil - Tel +33 (0)1 49 24 26 26 - www.pavillon-des-lettres.com

Hôtel Keppler****

In the heart of the Golden Triangle district, this trendy hotel has been designed by celebrity interior decorator Pierre-Yves Rochon in a modern, elegant style. Some of the suites have a terrace offering a romantic view of Paris and the Eiffel Tower.

12 rue Keppler, Paris 16th - M° George V - Tel +33 (0)1 47 20 67 05 - www.keppler.fr

Hôtel le Pradey****

28 bedrooms and suites between the Louvre and the Tuileries Gardens in a typically Haussmann building. Sumptuous decor signed Chantal Thomass and Hermès in some guest rooms.

5 rue de Saint-Roch, Paris 1st. M° Saint-Roch - Tel + 33 (0) 42 60 31 70 www.lepradey.com

Hôtel de Pourtalès

This very discreet hotel relies mainly on word-of-mouth recommendations. Housed in a private mansion tucked away at the end of a courtyard, it has 9 apartments decorated by Philippe Starck where one instantly feels at home. Some apartments have a wonderful view of the Eiffel Tower. Luxury and discretion are the watchwords here.

7 rue Tronchet, Paris 8th - M° Madeleine - Tel +33 (0)1 42 66 65 02 - www.groupe-allard.com

Pershing Hall*****

This designer hotel attracts a trendy crowd; it has a spa, a restaurant on a lovely patio with a plant wall and a very glamorous bar.

49 rue Pierre Charon, Paris 8th - M° George V - Tel +33 (0)1 58 36 58 00 - www.pershinghall.com

Saint James Paris****

Located a stone's throw from the boutiques on avenue Victor Hugo, the Saint-James Paris is a majestic 'Relais & Châteaux' luxury hotel in a 19th-century building hidden within a private garden. It has an English gentleman's club-style bar and library, a beautiful old dining room with a 300 m² terrace in the garden and a boudoir-style spa. Loyal clients of the hotel can become members of the very selective 'St James Club'.

43 avenue Bugeaud, Paris 16th - M° Porte Dauphine - Tel +33 (0)1 44 05 81 81 - www.saint-james-paris.com

NEW! L'hôtel ô

This design hotel, near to the Louvre, by French designer Ora Ito, has lots of character! 29 very colourful futuristic bedrooms with comfortable, modern and edgy design!

NEW! Hôtel Original

Design hotel by fashion designer Stella Cadente, situated between Place de la Bastille and Place des Vosges. A fabulous fantasy world, inspired by fairytales.

8 bd Beaumarchais, Paris 11th - M°Bréguet-Sabin - Tel + 33 (0) 1 47 00 91 50 www.hoteloriginalparis.com

L'hôtel particulier

A large Directoire-style house offering only 5 suites (decorated by Morgane Rousseau), tucked away in a secret garden on the top of Montmartre Hill.

23 avenue Junot, Pavillon D, Paris 18th - M° Lamarck Caulaincourt or Blanche - Tel +33 (0)1 53 41 81 40 - www.hotel-particulier-montmartre.com

> Enjoy chateau life, just outside Paris

For those who prefer to experience luxury in a bucolic setting, the countryside around Paris is full of hotels of charm and character and even stately homes. The Château des Bondons at la Ferté-sous-Jouarre, the Pavillon Henri-IV at Saint-Germain-en-Laye, and the Château de Villiers-le-Mahieu & Spa near to Versailles are just a few examples of top hotels that combine luxury with history. New on the scene: The Auberge du Jeu de Paume has recently opened at Chantilly, in a historic and prestigious setting. Toile de Jouy fabrics and wall coverings, Louis XV furniture, gastronomic restaurant, brasserie and Moorish-style spa will appeal to discerning leisure tourists and business travellers.

NEW! Auberge du Jeu de Paume 4 rue du Connétable, 60500 Chantilly - Tel + 33 (0) 3 44 65 50 00. www.aubergedujeudepaumechantilly

Château des Bondons ****, 49 rue des Bondons, 77260 La Ferté-sous-Jouarre -Tel + 33 (0) 1 60 22 00 98 www.chateaudesbondons.com

Pavillon Henri IV**** - 28 rue Thiers, 78100 Saint-Germain-en-Laye - Tel + 33 (0) 1 39 10 15 15 www.pavillon-henri-4.com

Château de Villiers-le-Mahieu**** rue du Centre, 78770 Villiers-le-Mahieu - Tel + 33 (0) 1 34 87 44 25 www.chateauvilliers.com

ELITE TABLES

> Star-studded dinners

France's top restaurants can be found in the capital, which had 77 starred restaurants (*Michelin Guide*) in 2012, including 10 three-star. As for those with two stars, it has gained two more since 2011 to total 17, with the Abeille restaurant at the hotel Shangri-la and the Sur mesure at the Hôtel Mandarin Oriental which has just joined the select circle of great cooking. Legendary restaurants like La Tour d'Argent, Maxim's and Le Jules Verne still boast some of the top chefs: Jean-Pierre Vigato at Apicius, Alain Ducasse at the Plaza Athénée and at Le Jules Verne, Lenôtre at Le Pré Catelan, Guy Martin at Le Grand Véfour, Hélène Darroze, Alain Passard at l'Arpège, and so on.

THREE-STAR RESTAURANTS

Le Meurice - Hôtel le Meurice, 228 rue de Rivoli, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 44 58 10 55 - www.meuricehotel.fr

L'Ambroisie, chef: Bernard Pacaud - 9 place des Vosges, Paris 4th - M° Saint-Paul - Tel +33 (0)1 42 78 51 45- www.ambroisie-placedesvosges.com

L'Arpège, chef: Alain Passard 84 rue de Varenne, Paris 7th - M° Varenne - Tel +33 (0) 1 46 05 09 06- www.alain-passard.com

Epicure, chef: Eric Fréchon - Hôtel Le Bristol, 112 rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honoré, Paris 8th - M° Miromesnil - Tel +33 (1) 53 43 43 40 - www.lebristolparis.com. Received the distinction 'best hotel restaurant' during the 'European Hospitality Awards' 2012.

Pavillon Ledoyen, chef: Christian Le Squer - Carré des Champs-Élysées 8 avenue Dutuit, Paris 8th - M° Champs-Élysées-Clemenceau - Tel +33 (0)1 53 05 10 00 - www.ledoyen.com

Restaurant Pierre Gagnaire, chef: Pierre Gagnaire 6 rue Balzac, Paris 8th - M° George-V - Tel +33 (0)1 58 36 12 50 - www.pierre-gagnaire.com

Restaurant Alain Ducasse at the Plaza Athénée, chef: Alain Ducasse - 25 avenue Montaigne, Paris 8th - M° Alma-Marceau - Tel +33 (0)1 53 67 65 00 - www.plaza-athenee-paris.fr

Astrance, chef: Pascal Barbot - 4 rue Beethoven, Paris 16th - M° Passy - Tel +33 (0)1 40 50 84 40

Le Pré Catelan, chef: Frédéric Anton Bois de Boulogne, route de Suresnes, Paris 16th - M° Porte-d'Auteuil- Tel +33 (0)1 44 14 41 14 - www.precatelanparis.com Guy Savoy, chef: Guy Savoy - 18 rue Troyon, Paris 17^e - M° Charles-de-Gaulle-Étoile - Tel +33 (0)1 43 80 40 61 - www.guysavoy.com

TWO-STAR RESTAURANTS

Carré des Feuillants, chef: Alain Dutournier - 14 rue de Castiglione, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 42 86 82 82 - www.carredesfeuillants.fr

Le Grand Véfour, chef: Guy Martin - 17 rue de Beaujolais, Paris 1st - M°

Pyramides, RER Auber - Tel +33 (0)1 42 96 56 27 - www.grand-vefour.com

L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon - Saint-Germain, chef: Joël Robuchon - 5 rue de Montalambert, Paris 7th - M° Rue-du-Bac - Tel +33 (0)1 42 22 56 56 - www.joel-robuchon.net

L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon- Etoile, chef: Joël Robuchon 133 avenue des Champs-Elysées, Paris 8th - Tel +33 (0)1 47 23 75 75 - www.joel-robuchon.net Apicius, chef: Jean-Pierre Vigato - 20 rue d'Artois, Paris 8th - M° Saint-Philippedu-Roule - Tel +33 (0)1 43 80 19 66 - www.restaurant-apicius.com - www.taillevent.com

Taillevent, chef: Alain Solivérès - 15 rue Lamennais, Paris 8th - M° Charles-de-Gaulle-Étoile, RER Charles-de-Gaulle-Étoile- Tel +33 (0)1 44 95 15 01 - www.taillevent.com

Lasserre, chefs: Christophe Moret, cooking; Claire Heitzler, cakes and pastries - 17 avenue F.-D.-Roosevelt, Paris 8th - M° Franklin D. Roosevelt - Tel +33 (1) 43 59 53 43 - www.restaurant-lasserre.com

Le Cinq, Hôtel Four Seasons Georges V, chef: Eric Briffard - 31, avenue George V, Paris 8th - M° George V - Tel +33 (0) 1 49 52 71 54 - www.fourseasons.com Senderens, chef Alain Senderens - 9 place de la Madeleine, Paris 8th - M° Madeleine - Tel +33 (0)142 65 22 90 - www.senderens.fr

Michel Rostang, chef: Michel Rostang - 20 rue Rennequin, Paris 17th - M° Ternes-Tel +33 (0)1 47 63 40 77 -www.michelrostang.com

Relais Louis XIII, chef: Manuel Martinez - 8 rue des Grands-Augustins, Paris 6th - M° Odéon - Tel +33 (0)1 43 26 75 96

Jean-François Piège, chef: Jean-François Piège - 1st floor of Brasserie Thoumieux, 79 rue Saint-Dominique, Paris 7th - M° La Tour Maubourg - Tel +33 (0)1 47 05 79 79

Passage 53, chef: Shinichi Sato - 53 passage des Panoramas, Paris 2nd - M° Grands Boulevards - Tel +33 (0)1 42 33 04 35 - www.passage53.com Sur mesure - chef: Thierry Marx (Hôtel Mandarin Oriental) 251 rue Saint-Honoré, Paris 1st - M° Louvre-Rivoli - Tel +33 (0)1 70 98 73 00 - www.mandarinoriental.fr/paris/

L'Abeille - chef: Philippe Labbé (Hôtel Shangri-La), voted best chef of the year by the *Michelin Guide* - 10 avenue d'Iéna, Paris 16th - M° Iéna - Tel +33 (0)1 53 67 19 90 www.shangri-la.com

> New addresses in 2012-2013

Guy Martin, chef at the Grand Véfour, has since 2012 been offering more transalpine fare at his new restaurant Guy Martin Italia; and Anne-Sophie Pic, the three-star chef at Valence has opened the Dame de Pic in Paris. The new restaurant Les Collections at the Sofitel Paris le Faubourg ***** has a luxury setting on Faubourg-Saint-Honoré.

La Dame de Pic, 20 rue du Louvre, Paris 1st - M° Louvre-Rivoli - Tel + 33 (0)1 42 60 40 www.ladamedepic.com

Guy Martin Italia 19 rue Bréa, Paris 6th - M° Vavin or Notre-Dame-des-Champs Tel + 33 (0) 1 43 27 08 80 www.guymartinitalia.com

Les Collections 15 rue Boissy-d'Anglas, Paris 8th - M° Concorde - Tel + 33 (0) 1 44 94 14 14.

Hôtel Sofitel Paris le Faubourg: a restaurant in the spirit of the Faubourg: chic, de luxe, 'couture', under the aegis of designer Didier Gomez, and with Tokyo chef Keigo Kimura, who has worked in top restaurants including that of Marc Veyrat.

> Outstanding settings, amazing restaurants

Some gastronomic and gourmet restaurants in Paris do not have a Michelin star but are worth trying out for the originality of their decor. Luxury brasseries are veritable Paris institutions where classic French cooking is served by waiters wearing the traditional long white apron in a bustling atmosphere amid lavish decor that bears witness to a rich cultural and artistic past. The French capital also has many unusual dining spots: historic monuments brought up to date with contemporary art, restaurants tucked away within famous cultural venues and former haunts of legendary Paris figures. Finally, what could be more romantic than a delicious dinner with Paris by night as the backdrop? Not to mention magical places offering some of the loveliest views of the City of Light.

THE TRADITION OF GREAT PARISIAN BRASSERIES

Le Zimmer

Situated right next to the Théâtre du Châtelet, this brasserie redecorated by Jacques Garcia was once a favourite with great artistes such as Sarah Bernhardt and Nijinsky.

1 place du Châtelet, Paris Ist - M° Châtelet - Tel +33 (0)1 42 36 74 03 - www.lezimmer.com

Le Pied de Cochon

In the heart of Les Halles district, this beautiful brasserie, one of the last remnants of the wholesale market at Les Halles, is open round the clock: perfect for night owls or for an after-show meal.

6 rue Coquillière, Paris 1st - M° Les Halles - Tel +33 (0)1 40 13 77 00 - www.pieddecochon.com

Bofinger

A stone's throw from the Bastille, the first-ever brasserie serving food from Alsace to open in Paris has sumptuous belle époque decor.

5-7 rue de la Bastille Paris 4th - M° Bastille - Tel +33 (0)1 42 72 87 82 - www.flobrasseries.com

Le Bouillon Racine

Located in the heart of the Latin Quarter, this 'Bouillon' ('bouillons' were the soup restaurants that preceded brasseries in Paris) set up in 1906 is now a listed building with magnificent art nouveau decor.

3 rue Racine Paris 6th - M° Odéon - Tel +33 (0)1 44 32 15 60 - www.bouillon-racine.com

Lipp

This 120-year-old landmark Saint-Germain des Prés brasserie, a listed building with superb decor, is a well-known haunt of French politicians past and present, including François Mitterrand, and celebrities such as Sharon Stone and Jean-Paul Belmondo.

151 boulevard Saint Germain, Paris 6th - M° Saint-Germain des Prés - Tel +33 (0)1 45 48 53 91- www.groupe-bertrand.com

Chez Francis

This magnificent brasserie redesigned by the interior decorator Jacques Garcia has a wonderful view of the Eiffel Tower.

7 place de l'Alma, Paris 8th - M°Alma-Marceau - Tel +33 (0)1 82 28 77 39 - www.chezfrancis-restaurant.com

Maxim's de Paris

Located between Place de la Concorde and Place de la Madeleine, Chez Maxim's, which opened in 1893, was originally a bistro that was a favourite meeting place for courtesans. The decor has not changed an iota; the bistro is considered a veritable art nouveau masterpiece.

3 rue Royale, Paris 8th - M° Concorde - Tel +33 (0)1 42 65 27 94 - www.maxims-de-paris.com

Le Train Bleu

This first-floor brasserie at the Gare de Lyon has two huge dining rooms with magnificent decor: the ceilings and floors covered with original paintings, frescoes and sculptures give the place the unique appeal of a historic monument. 1st floor of Gare de Lyon, Place Louis Armand, Paris 12th - M° Gare de Lyon - Tel +33 (0)1 43 43 09 06 - www.le-train-bleu.com

La Coupole

In Montparnasse, this restaurant, a favourite haunt of Sartre, Hemingway and many other well-known names from Paris and further afield, offers a sumptuous setting with 33 pillars painted by students of Matisse and Léger.

102 bd du Montparnasse, Paris 14th - M° Vavin - Tel +33 (0)1 43 20 14 20 - www.flobrasseries.com

UNUSUAL RESTAURANTS

Restaurant La Truffière

A former 17th-century sheepfold, La Truffière in the heart of the Mouffetard district gives you a taste of the Paris of yesteryear. The decor is warm and intimate; there is a fireplace in the reception area and two dining rooms with vaulted ceilings. The menu includes a vast selection of cheeses and truffle-based dishes.

4 rue de Blainville, Paris 5th - M° Cardinal Lemoine - Tel +33 (0)1 46 33 29 82 - www.la-truffiere.fr

Restaurant Lapérouse

This historical venue was a favourite with the Paris literati in the 1860s. The decor is sumptuous and atypical: small private salons create an atmosphere of intimacy and are decorated with mirrors and paintings with various themes (literature, love and travel).

51 quai des Grands Augustins, Paris 6th - M° Saint-Michel - Tel +33 (0)1 56 79 24 31 - www.laperouse.com

Le Ralph's

Located in a private mansion dating back to 1683, also home to the biggest Ralph Lauren shop in Europe, this restaurant provides sophisticated dining in a grand setting. The patio is a pleasant spot on sunny days.

173 boulevard Saint-Germain Paris 6th - M° Saint-Germain de Prés - Tel +33 (0)1 01 44 77 76 00

Le Mini Palais

This listed building has a 300 m² terrace under the columns of the Grand Palais, offering a view of the Seine and the Petit Palais.

Grand Palais, avenue Winston Churchill, Paris 8th - M° Champs-Elysées Clemenceau - Tel +33 (0)1 42 56 42 42 - www.minipalais.com

1728

A gastronomic restaurant, art gallery and tearoom in one, the 1728 is an unusual luxury restaurant within the sumptuous and beautifully restored salons of this townhouse where Lafayette once lived.

8 rue d'Anjou Paris 8th - M° Madeleine - Tel +33 (0)1 40 17 04 77 - www.restaurant-1728.com

Cristal Room Baccarat

On the first floor of the Maison Baccarat, an opulent town house redecorated by Philippe Starck, the Cristal Room Baccarat serves sophisticated cuisine supervised by Michelin-starred chef Guy Martin. The ballroom and heritage collections can be admired in the Baccarat museum.

11 place des Etats Unis, Paris 16th - M° Kléber, Boissière or Iéna - Tel +33 (0)1 40 22 11 10 - www.baccarat.fr

CHEFS CHEZ-VOUS

What if the latest luxury trend was for something less ostentatious, something more surprising, more authentic? No more having to go to top restaurants to sample the cuisine of starred chefs, instead, the cooking comes to you ... thanks

to home chefs! They discretely cook a quality or upscale meal for business clients or good food fans wishing to remain anonymous. Pierre Sang, the Korean-born young and already famous chef puts the emphasis on organic and local food in his new restaurant.

Les Dîners d'Eloïse: Emmanuel Cotsoyannis and Joyce Lévi created the idea of a home chef in 2007 for gourmet-loving clients, big bosses, politicians and celebrities. Four full-time chefs, and a dozen extra chefs, all working in restaurants such as Le Meurice, Le Bristol or Alain Passard.

www.lesdinersdeloise.fr

Les Chefs de Pierre-Jean: Chefs at home in Paris and Île-de-France. Quality, freshness and originality are the keywords of their company. All their chefs come from starred restaurants, to provide an upscale service.

68 rue des Dames, Paris 17th - M° Rome - Tel + 33 (0) 1 82 09 68 52 - www.leschefsdepierrejean.fr

Abri: Small bistro run by Japanese Katsuaki Okiyama (trained at Robuchon, Taillevent and Agapé Bistrot) who transforms traditional Japanese dishes into de luxe sandwiches. Received the 'Fooding d'Amour' award for his signature cooking.

92 rue du Faubourg-Poissonnière, Paris 10th - M° Poissonnière - Tel + 33 (0)1 83 97 00 00.

NEW! Pierre Sang in Oberkampf: Chef Pierre Sang-Boyer has opened a restaurant at Oberkampf in a quality and ethical spirit with good local products.

55 rue Oberkampf, Paris 11th - M° Oberkampf or Parmentier www.pierresangboyer.com

STUNNING VIEWS

Kong

Located at the top of the Kenzo building, this world food restaurant with a panoramic view of Pont Neuf has drawn on the talent of uber-trendy names; the background music compilations are by Béatrice Ardisson and the Japanese manga-style decor is by Philippe Starck.

1 rue du Pont Neuf, Paris 1st - M° Pont Neuf - Tel +33 (0)1 40 39 09 00 - www.kong.fr

Le Zyriab by Noura

A superb view of Paris from this Lebanese gastronomic restaurant perched on the roof of the Institut du Monde Arabe.

Institut du Monde Arabe, 9th floor, 1 rue des Fossés Saint-Bernard, Paris 5th - M° Cardinal Lemoine or Jussieu - Tel +33 (0)1 55 42 55 42 - www.noura.com Les Ombres

Situated on the top floor of the Musée des Arts Premiers du Quai Branly, this restaurant with decor by architect Jean Nouvel has a terrace with a wonderful view of the Eiffel Tower and the rooftops of Paris.

222 rue de l'Université - Paris 7th - RER Pont de l'Alma - Tel +33 (0)1 47 53 68 00 - www.lesombres-restaurant.com

Le 39 V

Wonderful terrace overlooking the rooftops of Paris from this restaurant created by a disciple of Alain Ducasse.

39 avenue George-V, Paris 8th - M° George-V - Tel +33 (0)1 56 62 39 05 - www.le39v.com

Restaurant Maison Blanche

The rooftop gastronomic restaurant of the Théâtre des Champs Elysées on avenue Montaigne offers a sweeping view across the Seine, from the dome of the Invalides to the Eiffel Tower.

15 avenue Montaigne, Paris 8th - M° Alma-Marceau - Tel +33 (0)1 47 23 55 99 - www.maison-blanche.fr

Benkay

Traditional Japanese cooking is served at this restaurant on the 4th floor of the Novotel Paris Tour Eiffel. Diners' attention is divided between the panoramic

view of the Seine, the Maison de la Radio and the Statue of Liberty and the fascinating spectacle of the chef cooking on teppanyaki hot plates.

61 quai de Grenelle, Paris 15th - M° Charles Michels - Tel +33 (0)1 40 58 20 00 - www.restaurant-benkay.com

Les Jardins Plein Ciel

This sophisticated restaurant on the seventh floor of the Hôtel Raphaël offers an exceptional view of the top Paris monuments from its green terrace.

17 avenue Kleber, Paris 16th - M° Charles de Gaulle Etoile - Tel +33 (0)1 53 64 32 00 - www.raphael-hotel.com

Le Ciel de Paris

A feast for the eyes and the taste buds 200-metres-high on the 56th floor of the Montparnasse Tower! Chef Christophe Marchais uses the best ingredients for inspired cuisine in an unforgettable setting.

33 avenue du Maine, tour Montparnasse, Paris 15th - M° Montparnasse-Bienvenüe - Tel + 33 (0) 1 40 64 77 64. www.lecieldeparis.com

La Vue

A must for nights out ... the bar La Vue du Concorde Lafayette, on the 34th floor of the hotel, offers a breathtaking view and an amazing setting by Italian designer Pier Luigi Copat. Barman Stephen Martin was voted best 'mixologist' in France in 2009. Tête d'Affiche ensure the music stays edgy.

3 place du Général-Koenig, Paris 17th - M° Porte-Maillot -

www.lafayette.concorde-hotels.fr

Le Jules Verne

The famous Jules Verne restaurant at the Eiffel Tower is run by starred chef Alain Ducasse.

For a gourmet meal at an altitude of 125 metres, in a high-tech and sensual decor designed by Patrick Jouin.

Eiffel Tower, 2nd floor, avenue Gustave-Eiffel, Paris 7th - M° Bir-Hakeim - Tel. +33 (0)1 45 55 61 44 www.lejulesverne-paris.com

TEMPLES OF WELL-BEING

> Sublime spas and beauty institutes

Paris has a comprehensive array of esthetic treatments for the face, hair and body, and massages ranging from the most ancestral traditions to the most hightech. As for spas, almost all the top hotels in Paris have them. Aquatic facilities and refined treatments provide 'luxury, tranquillity and sensual pleasure' for hotel guests as well as non-residents. Major beauty treatment brands offer exclusive spa services at de luxe hotels but also have chic beauty institutes in the city, where guests are pampered by beauty professionals in designer settings. The cosmopolitan nature of the city is reflected in an ever-changing range of exotic treatments and massages drawing on time-honoured beauty traditions, offered in sumptuous surroundings reminiscent of faraway lands. The latest trend: beauty institutes in apartments in magnificent Haussmannian buildings to offer clients beauty treatments and special moments in a confidential and intimate setting. Another phenomenon in recent years: luxury has become a masculine affair with spas and beauty institutes for men. Finally, some of the greatest names in the profession have opened their own lavish premises to specialize in treatments for the hair or feet.

SPAS IN DE LUXE HOTELS

After the rain at Saint James & Albany Hôtel - Spa - 5 m swimming pool, hammam, treatment rooms with 'imperial' massage tables, jacuzzi, fitness centre, rest room with 10 or so beds, plus fun treatments at the 'spa for kids'. 202 rue de Rivoli - Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 44 58 43 21 - www.hotels-francepatrimoine.com - www.aftertherain.ch

Six Senses At rue de Castiglione (Hôtel Westin-Paris-Vendôme) treatment cubicles, fitness centre, hammam.

3 rue de Castiglione, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0) 1 44 77 10 10 - www.thewestinparis.fr

Spa of the Hôtel Mandarin Oriental - 900 m² spa (the biggest in Paris), 15-metre-long swimming pool, 7 spa suites, 119 m², fitness centre, hammam. 251 rue Saint-Honoré, Paris 1st - M° Concorde - Tel +33 (0)1 70 98 73 35 - www.mandarinoriental.fr

Spa de l'Hôtel Burgundy - spa suites, treatment cubicles, fitness centre, hammam.

6-8 rue Duphot, Paris 1st - M° Madeleine - Tel +33 (0) 1 42 60 34 12 - www.leburgundy.fr

NEW! Reopening Spa Valmont at the Hôtel Meurice - Sauna, hammam, jacuzzi, high-tech fitness room, terrace, ultra luxurious treatment cubicles with natural light, over 340 m².

228 rue de Rivoli, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 44 58 10 10 - www.lemeurice.com www.meuricehotel.fr/spa-beauté

Vendôme Spa by Asian Villa (Hôtel Renaissance Paris-Vendôme) spa, treatment cubicles, fitness centre, hammam.

4 rue du Mont-Thabor, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0) 1 40 20 72 17 - www.renaissanceparisvendome.com

Le Spa Paris at the Parc Hyatt Paris-Vendôme - Sauna, hammam, jacuzzi, gym, treatment rooms (beauty brand Payot)

5 rue de la Paix, Paris 2nd - M° Opéra - Tel +33 (0)1 58 71 12 34 - www.paris.vendome.hyatt.fr

Spa de l'Hôtel Westminster - suites spa, treatment cubicles, fitness centre, hammam.

13 rue de la Paix, Paris 2nd - M° Opéra - Tel +33 (0) 1 42 61 57 46 - www.warwickwestminsteropera.com

Spa de la Reine by Carita (Pavillon de la Reine) spa, treatment cubicles, fitness centre, hammam

28 place des Vosges, Paris 3rd - M° Saint-Paul - Tel +33 (0) 1 40 29 19 19 - www.pavillondelareine.com

Spa 28 at the Résidence & Spa Le Prince Régent - Hammam, pool, treatment rooms

28 rue Monsieur le Prince, Paris 6th - M° Odéon - Tel +33 (0)1 56 24 19 21 - www.leprinceregent.com

Six & Spa by Payot (Hôtel le Six) spa, treatment cubicles, fitness centre, hammam.

14 rue Stanislas, Paris 6th - $\rm M^\circ$ Vavin or Notre-Dame-des-Champs - Tel +33 (0) 1 42 22 00 75 - www.hotel-le-six.com

Dior Institut at the Hôtel Plaza Athénée - Sauna, hammam, gym, treatment rooms

25 avenue Montaigne, Paris 8th - M° Alma-Marceau - Tel +33 (0)1 53 67 66 65 - www.spaplazaathenee.fr

Private spa Nuxe at the Mathurin - Jacuzzi, hammam, treatment rooms

43 rue des Mathurins, Paris 8th - M° Saint-Augustin - Tel +33 (0)1 44 94 20 94 - www.le-mathurin.com

Spa Le Bristol by La Prairie at the Hôtel le Bristol - 3 levels with spa suite with a hammam, whirlpool bath and private terrace, 'Russian room', hairdresser's, 8 treatment rooms with natural light. On 6th floor: fitness room and swimming pool and solarium with a view of Paris. Childcare centre, la Prairie products. 'Spa of the year 2012' award at the European Hospitality Awards. 112 rue du Faubourg Saint Honoré, Paris 8th - M° Miromesnil - Tel +33 (0)1 53 43 43 00 - www.lebristolparis.com

Spa at the Four seasons Hotel George V - Sauna, jacuzzi, pool, VIP cabin with a sauna, jacuzzi and hammam; treatment rooms, hairdresser's, gym.

31 avenue George-V, Paris 8th - M° George-V - Tel +33 (0)1 49 52 70 00 - www.fourseasons.com/paris/

Spa de l'Hôtel Champs-Élysées-Plaza - spa suites, treatment cubicles, fitness centre, hammam. 35 rue de Berri, Paris 8th - M° Saint-Philippe-du-Roule - Tel +33 64 17 90 65 - www.champs-elysees-plaza.com

SPA My Blend by Clarins at the Royal Monceau Raffles Paris - 28 m swimming pool, sauna, hammam, ice fountain, treatment rooms.

37 avenue Hoche, Paris 8th - M° Charles de Gaulle Etoile - Tel +33 (0)1 42 99 88 00 - www.leroyalmonceau.com

Spa by Talika Élysées Marbeuf (Pershing Hall) - spa suites, treatment cubicles, fitness centre, hammam.

49 rue Pierre-Charron, Paris 8th - M° George-V - Tel +33 (0) 1 58 38 58 00-www.pershinghall.com

U Spa at the Hôtel Fouquet's Barrière - 15 m swimming pool, water therapy, gym, sauna, hammam, treatment rooms.

46 avenue George V, Paris 8th - Tel +33 (0)1 40 69 60 70 - www.lucienbarriere.com

Keiraõ Spa Spa at Hôtel Scribe - Jacuzzi, hammam, treatment rooms, gym 1 rue Scribe, Paris 9th - M° Opéra, RER Auber - Tel +33 (0)1 44 71 24 70 - www.sofitel.com - www.keirospa.com

Maj Club Spa (Villa & Hôtel Majestic) treatment cubicles, fitness centre, hammam.

30 rue La Pérouse, Paris 16th - M° Kléber - Tel +33 (0) 1 45 00 83 70 - www.majestic-hotel.com

Mon Spa by Payot (Mon Hôtel) treatment cubicles, fitness centre, hammam. 1-5 rue d'Argentine, Paris 16th - M° Argentine - Tel +33 (0) 1 45 02 76 76 - www.monhotel.fr

Spa Gemology at the Saint James Paris - Treatment rooms, 2 hammams, gym. Exclusive products from the Gemology brand of cosmetics.

43 avenue Bugeaud, Paris 16th - M° Porte Dauphine - Tel +33 (0)1 44 05 81 81 - www.saint-james-paris.com

Spa Nuxe de l'hôtel Square spa suites, treatment cubicles, fitness centre, hammam.

3 rue de Boulainvilliers, Paris 16th - RER Avenue-du-Président-Kennedy - Tel +33 (0) 1 46 47 24 30 - www.hotelsquare.com

WORLD RITUALS AND EXOTIC TEMPLES OF WELL-BEING

Harnn & Thann - Traditional Thai massage, hammam, massage rooms - 11 rue Molière, Paris 1st - M° Pyramides -

Tel +33 (0)1 40 15 02 20 - www.harnn.fr

Sultane de Saba - Traditional Oriental hammam - swimming pool, hammam, treatment cubicles

8 bis rue Bachaumont, Paris 2nd - $\rm M^{\circ}$ Sentier - Tel $\,$ +33 (0) 1 40 41 90 95 - www.lasultanedesaba.com

Ban Thai Spa - Traditional Thai hammam - swimming pool, hammam, treatment rooms 20 rue Dauphine, Paris 6th - M° Saint-Michel - Tel +33 (0) 1 43 54 01 01 - www.banthaispa.fr

Hammam Pacha - Traditional Moroccan hammam - Swimming pool, hammam, treatment cubicles

17 rue Mayet, Paris 6th - M^{o} Duroc - Tel +33 (0) 1 43 06 55 55 - Falguiere www.hammampacha.com

Institut Wassana - Traditional Thai massage, institute approved by the Thai Embassy in Paris!

28 rue de Saint-Pétersbourg, Paris 8th - M° Place-de-Clichy - Tel +33 (0) 8 99 18 99 83 - www.wassana-institute.com

Le Royal Thaï Spa - Traditional Thai massage, de luxe Thai bath

25 rue Pasquier, Paris 8th - M° Saint-Lazare or Madeleine - Tel + 33 (0) 1 40 06 08 59

Les Spa Cinq Mondes - Beauty treatments from around the world - hammam, Japanese-style baths, light therapy bath, treatment rooms - 6 square de l'Opéra-Louis-Jouvet, Paris 9th - M° Havre-Caumartin - Tel +33 (0)1 42 66 00 60 - www.cinqmondes.com

Sources de l'Orient - Traditional Oriental hammam - small swimming pool, hammam, treatment cubicles

17 rue des Acacias - Paris 17th - M° Charles-de-Gaulle or Argentine - Tel +33 (0) 1 44 09 85 79 - www.hammampacha.com

Les cent ciels - Traditional Oriental hammam. Swimming pool, 2 hammams, treatment rooms - 45 bis avenue Edouard Vaillant, 92100 Boulogne Billancourt - M° Marcel Sembat - Tel +33 (0)1 46 20 07 01 - www.hammam-lescentciels.com Another address in the Montorgueil district: www.massage-thai-paris.fr

PAMPERING FROM MAJOR BRANDS

La bulle Kenzo - Massages inside exclusive beauty 'bubbles': tactile treatments and one-of-a-kind colours, perfumes and

sensations - 1 rue du Pont-Neuf (4th floor), Paris 1st - M° Pont-Neuf - Tel +33 (0)1 73 04 20 04

Menard Institute Paris - Treatments and massages - 21 rue de la paix, Paris 2nd - M° Opéra - Tel +33 (0)1 42 65 58 08 - www.menard.fr

L'Espace Payot - 1,200 m² comprising a swimming pool, jacuzzis, hammams, saunas, treatment rooms, gym and coaching room - 62 rue Pierre - Charron, Paris 8th - M° George-V - Tel +33 (0)1 45 61 42 08 - www.payot.com

Spa Nuxe - Treatments, massages, hot water sensory pool - 32-34, rue Montorgueil, Paris 1st - M° Les Halles - Tel +33 (0)1 42 36 65 65 - www.nuxe.com **Spa L'Occitane** - Treatments, massages, hot water tub - 47 rue de Sèvres, Paris 6th - M° Les Halles - Tel +33 (0)1 42 22 88 62 - www.occitane.com/spa.l'occitane.com

Spa Guerlain - Hydrotherapy, treatments, massages, make-up - 68 avenue des Champs elysées, Paris 8th - M° George V - Tel +33 (0)1 45 62 11 21 - www.guerlain.com

Lancôme Institut - Treatments, massages, make-up - 29 rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, Paris 8th - M° Madeleine - Tel +33 (0)1 42 65 30 74 - www.lancome.fr

La Villa Thalgo - 1,000 m² comprising a hydro-massage aquatic treatment, exclusive seawater hammam, treatment rooms, fitness centre - 8 avenue Raymond-Poincaré, Paris 16th - M° Victor-Hugo - Tel +33 (0)1 45 62 00 20 - www.villathalgo.com

By Terry - 10 avenue Victor-Hugo, Paris 16th - M° Charles-de-Gaulle-Étoile - Tel +33 (0)1 55 73 00 73 - www.byterry.com

Clarins Skin Spa - Face and body care treatments. 10 rue de Babylone, Paris 7th - M° Sèvres-Babylone - Tel +33 (0)1 45 44 06 19 - www.clarins.com

Institut Sothys - Face and body care treatments; make-up. 128 faubourg Saint-Honoré, Paris 8th - M° Miromesnil - Tel +33 (0)1 53 93 91 53 - www.institutsothysparis.com

Institut Darphin - Face and body care treatments. 350 rue St Honoré, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 47 03 12 16 - www.darphin.fr

Institut la Colline - Face and body care treatments. 4 avenue de l'Opéra, Paris 1st - M° Pyramides - Tel +33 (0)1 49 26 03 66 -

www.lacolline-skincare.com

BE PAMPERED IN THE APARTMENT OF AN HÖTEL PARTICULIER

Don Cross - Located in the former apartment of Jean-François Lesage, the head of Chanel's embroidery atelier, this beauty institute offers hairdressing, makeup, massages and treatments, and can be privatized for personalized beauty and wellness evenings.

207 rue Saint-Honré, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)9 53 15 97 79 - www.don-cross.com

L'Appartement 217 - This institute in a superb apartment offers treatments using organic beauty care products.

217 rue Saint-Honoré, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 42 96 00 96 - www.lappartement217.com

Le cercle - A beauty institute in a luxurious apartment offering treatments and massages using products made by Régine Ferrère.

12 rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, 5th floor, Paris 8th - M° Madeleine - Tel +33 (0)1 42 68 29 79 - www.spa-lecercle.com/le-cercle

NEW! Aquamoon - 600 m², bespoke treatments in a splendid *hôtel particulier* in Place Vendôme. 12 treatment cubicles, sauna, hammam, sensory rooms -

19 place Vendôme, Paris 1st Cour d'honneur Porte E - M° Opéra -Tel + 33 (0)1 42 86 10 00 - www. aquamoon.fr

> Perfect hair and the feet of a princess

Fantastic hair spas, old-fashioned barbers, celebrated hair colour artists to the stars, renowned pedicures, there are extraordinary places and highly expert professionals to care for your hair and feet in the city. Clients are greeted like VIPs in a luxurious apartment, a palace hotel suite, etc.

Hair spas

Institut Opalis - A stylish institute with soft lighting offering hair treatments in individual cabins seated on high-tech chairs.

63 rue de Ponthieu, Paris 8th - M° George V - Tel +33 (0)1 45 62 51 55 - www.opalisparis.com

Maison de beauté Carita - Treatment for the hair, but also the face, body and feet from the Carita brand. 11 rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honoré, Paris 8th - Valet parking - M° Concorde or Madeleine - Tel +33 (0)1 44 94 11 1 - www.maisondebeautecarita.fr

Léonor Greyl - Hair enhancing treatments using natural hair care products. 15 rue Tronchet Paris 8th - M° Madeleine - Tel +33 (0)1 42 65 32 26 - www.leonorgreyl.com

L'Instant 2MOSS - Hair treatments using organic products. 5 Square Opéra Louis Jouvet, Paris 9th - M° Opéra - Tel +33 (0)1 44 56 03 66 - www.2moss.fr

VIP RECEPTION ROOMS

Salon Rossano Ferretti - The inventor of the 'Rossano Ferretti method' haircut technique receives guests in a luxurious apartment with spotlessly white walls, exposed moulding, old wooden floors and Murano glass chandeliers.

4 rue Cambon, Paris 1st - M° Concorde - Tel +33 (0)1 42 60 31 95 - www.metodorossanoferretti.com

Coloré par Rodolphe - Gilt and antiques predominate in the decor of this hair colour specialist's salon.

26-28, rue Danielle Casanova, Paris 1st - M° Opéra - Tel +33 (0)1 42 61 46 59 - www.coloreparodolphe.com

Delphine Courteille - Hair colourist and stylist specializing in fashion shows, backstage and cinema, created her own hair salon, studio 34.

34 Rue du Mont-Thabor, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries or Concorde - Tel + 33 (0) 1 47 03 35 35. www.delphinecourteille.com

Salon 'Très Confidentiel' Bernard Friboulet - Under the arcades of the Palais-Royal gardens, Bernard Friboulet hones his hair cutting skills in an all-white salon.

44/45, Galerie Montpensier, Paris 1st - M° Palais-Royal Musée du Louvre - Tel +33 (0)1 42 97 43 98

Christophe Robin - The famous hair colour specialist and designer has set up his hair colour studio in a suite at a palace hotel. He also works alongside the much sought after chiropodist and pedicure specialist Bastien Gonzalez at the end of the week in his salon.

Suite 128-129, l'Hôtel Meurice - 228 rue de Rivoli Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 40 20 02 83 - www.christophe-robin.com . www.bastiengonzalez.com

David Mallett - The hairstylist to movie stars has his salon in an apartment on the second floor of a Paris building with fireplaces and parquet flooring, where flea market finds are juxtaposed with designer furniture.

14 rue Notre Dame des Victoires, Paris 2nd - M° Bourse - Tel +33 (0)1 40 20 00 23 - www.david-mallett.com

Romain Lion - Hair colouring and styling -15 rue de Palestro, Paris 2nd - M° Réaumur-Sébastopol - Tel + 33 (0) 6 18 42 26 76 - 01 83 62 83 32

Alain maître barbier - 8 rue Saint-Claude, Paris 3rd - M° Saint-Sébastien-Froissart - Tel +33 (0)1 42 77 50 80 - www.maitrebarbier.com

Blonde By Franck Vidoff - For bespoke deluxe blond hair -

12 rue Pré-aux-Clercs, Paris 7th - M° Rue-du-Bac - Tel + 33 (0) 42 22 66 33 by appointment. www.franckvidoff.com

Brun Andalou - Hairstyling and colour in an intimate, relaxing atmosphere by a stylist on first name terms with top celebrities.

15 bis rue Amélie Paris 7th - M° La Tour-Maubourg- Tel +33 (0)1 47 53 89 62

Madeleine Cofano - The famous hair stylist and her team receive guests in a sublime apartment overlooking Place de la Concorde, and specialize in treatments, cuts and colour.

11 rue Saint-Florentin, Paris 8th - M° Concorde - Tel +33 (0) 01 42 05 10 10 - www.madeleinecofano.com

NEW! Romain Colors - This organic hair colourist has just opened a salon in a luxury Haussmann apartment. 27 rue de La Boétie, Paris 8th - M° Miromesnil - By appointment - Tel + 33 (0) 40 07 01 58 - And still at 37 rue Rousselet, Paris 7th - M° Duroc or Vaneau - by appointment - Tel + 33 (0) 42 73 24 19 www.romaincolors.fr

NEW! Atelier Blanc -Frédéric Ménétrier, the famous hair colourist and hairdresser to the greatest models and photographers (JP Goude) has opened a private new space in the 9th arrondissement. By appointment.

6 rue Mayran, Paris 9th - M° Poissonnière - Tel + 33 (0) 1 42 39 62 70. www.latelierblanc.com

Salon 7'Hair Sarah Guetta - This hair stylist to film stars does dry cuts in her loft atelier with Bohemian decor.

41 rue Boulard, Paris 14th - M° Mouton-Duvernet - Tel +33 (0)6 07 89 39 07

> Luxury for men

Beauty is no longer the preserve of women! Treatments, sometimes organic, are bespoke and offered at upscale venues in a welcoming and intimate atmosphere. NEW! Les thermes de Lutèce - Two women for organic beauty for men. Shaving, hammam, steam bath - 70 quai de l'Hôtel-de-Ville, Paris 4th - M° Pont-Marie or Hôtel-de-Ville - Tel +33 (0)1 42 77 76 20. Organic Zvonko products. www.zvonkoparis.com

Le Cercle Delacre - This is where French ministers, industry leaders and celebrities come to be pampered. Sauna, hammam, relaxation space, valet parking and shoe shine -

17, avenue George-V, Paris 8th - M° Alma-Marceau - Tel +33 (0)1 40 70 99 70 - www.cercledelacre.com

THE FINEST FRENCH PRODUCTS

> Temples of luxury

Department stores have the advantage of housing all the biggest brands and upcoming labels in fashion, cosmetics, accessories, jewellery, decoration, etc. under one roof, in an upscale setting. On the Left Bank, a short distance from Saint-Germain-des-Prés, the Bon Marché is the most sophisticated and luxurious of all and epitomizes Parisian chic. It even has a space titled Maison d'edition, under a glass roof, showcasing the best brands and designers in the French art of living. Names like Louis Vuitton, Dior, and Chanel emblematic of French excellence and designers are grouped together in an area titled 'Appartement de

Mode' (Fashion apartment). Near Opéra, Galeries Lafayette and Printemps are also major references. Galeries Lafayette again extended its luxury and designer-fashion department in 2010, by 1,500 m², whilst Printemps has transformed itself into a mecca for luxury and fashion by creating a 'luxury and accessories' department over three floors. The BHV encourages young designers, and the ultra-chic and the more intimate Franck & Fils is housed in the setting of a former mansion house, in the 16th arrondissement. These department stores offer bespoke services: valet parking, deliveries, and a personal shopping service by appointment. Finally, over the years, they have become trendy venues for art and culture. The Galerie des Galeries at Galeries Lafayette has been very successful along with the summer event 'Paris vitrines', a joint venture by the store and many Parisian museums. At BHV, the Observatoire is a temporary exhibition space on the 5th floor, and the Grande Epicerie at Bon Marché regularly hosts temporary art and culinary exhibitions.

BHV - 52, rue de Rivoli, Paris 4th - M° Hôtel de Ville - Tel +33 (0)9 77 40 14 00 - www.bhv.fr

 ${f L'Observatoire\ du\ BHV}$ (5th floor) 52 rue de Rivoli, Paris 4th Tel +33 (0) 9 77 40 14 00

Le Bon Marché - 24 rue de Sèvres, Paris 7th - M° Sèvres-Babylone - Tel +33 (0)1 44 39 80 00 - www.lebonmarche.fr

La Grande Épicerie de Paris 38 rue de Sèvres, Paris 7th Tel +33 (0) 1 44 39 81 00 www.lagrandeepicerie.fr

Espace luxe des Galeries Lafayette Haussmann - 40 bd Haussmann, Paris 9th - M° Chaussée-d'Antin - Tel +33 (0)1 42 82 30 25 - www.galerieslafayette.com

La Galerie des Galeries Galeries Lafayette (1st floor), 40 bd Haussmann, Paris 9th Tel +33 (0) 1 42 82 81 98 www.galeriedesgaleries.com

Le Printemps Haussmann du luxe - 4 bd Haussmann, Paris 9th - M° Havre-Caumartin - Tel +33 (0)1 42 82 57 87 - www.printemps.com

Franck & Fils - 80 rue de Passy, Paris 16th - M° La Muette - Tel +33 (0)1 44 14 38 00 - www.francketfils.fr

> Exquisite flavours

Where to go to find a rare bottle of vintage Armagnac, outstanding caviar, the finest delicatessens, the best hot chocolate in Paris or an exceptionally good caterer's. A small selection of the most upscale stores for the finest and most sought-after food and spirits.

CATERERS AND FINE FOOD STORES

La grande épicerie de Paris (fine food) - Le Bon Marché 38 rue de Sèvres, Paris 7th - M° Sèvres-Babylone - Tel +33 (0)1 44 39 80 00 - www.lagrandeepicerie.fr Dalloyau (caterer and fine food) - 101 rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honoré, Paris 8th - M° Saint-Philippe-du-Roule - Tel +33 (0)1 42 99 90 00 - www.dalloyau.fr

Fauchon (caterer and fine food) - 26 place de la Madeleine, Paris 8th - $\rm M^\circ$ Madeleine - Tel +33 (0)1 70 39 38 00 - www.fauchon.com

Hédiard (caterer and fine food) - 21 place de la Madeleine, Paris 8th - M° Madeleine- Tel +33 (0)1 43 12 88 88 - www.hediard.fr

Galeries Lafayettes Gourmet (fine food) - 40 bd Haussmann, Paris 9th - M° Chaussée-d'Antin- Tel +33 (0)1 42 82 30 25 - www.galerieslafayette.com

Lenôtre (caterer and fine food) - 48 avenue Victor-Hugo, Paris 16th - M° Victor-Hugo - Tel +33 (0)1 45 02 21 21 - www.lenotre.fr

Potel et Chabot - 3 rue de Chaillot, Paris 16th - M° Iéna - Tel +33 (0)1 53 23 15 15 - www.poteletchabot.com

SPECIALIST SHOPS

Cafés Verlet (coffee shop and store) - 256 rue Saint-Honoré, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 42 60 67 39 - www.cafesverlet.com

Jean-Paul Hévin (chocolate) -231 rue Saint-Honoré, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 55 35 35 96 - www.jphevin.com

Lavinia (wine) - 3-5 boulevard de la Madeleine Paris 1st- M° Madeleine - Tel +33 (0) 1 42 97 20 20 - www.lavinia.fr

Palais des Thés (tea shop) - 64 rue Vieille-du-Temple, Paris 3rd - M° Hôtel-de-Ville- Tel + 33 (0)1 48 87 80 60

Espace Dammann Frères (tea) - 15 place des Vosges, Paris 4th - M° Chemin Vert -Tel +33 (0)1 44 54 04 88 - www.dammann.fr

Mariage frères (tea room, tea shop and museum) - 30 rue du Bourg-Tibourg, Paris 4th -M° Hôtel de Ville - Tel +33 (0)1 42 72 28 11 - www.mariagefreres.com La Maison des trois thés (tea room and shop) - 1 rue Saint Médard, Paris 5th - M° Place Monge - Tel +33 (0)1 43 36 93 84 - www.troisthes.com

LMDW Fine spirits (fine whisky and liquors) - 6 carrefour de l'Odéon, Paris 6th - Tel +33 (0)1 46 34 70 20 - www.finespirits.fr

Maison Ryst Dupeyron (wine, champagne and spirits) - 79 rue du Bac, Paris 7th - M° Rue-du-Bac - Tel +33 (0)1 45 48 80 93 - www.vintageandco.com

Caves Taillevent (wine) - 199 rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, Paris 8th - Tel +33 (0)1 45 61 14 09 - www.cavestaillevent.com

Petrossian (caviar, salmon, foie gras, vodka) - 18 bd de La Tour-Maubourg, Paris 7th - M° Invalides - Tel +33 (0)1 44 11 32 22 - www.petrossian.fr

Caviar House & Prunier (caviar, salmon, spirits) - 16 avenue Victor-Hugo, Paris 16th - M° Charles-de-Gaulle-Étoile - Tel +33 (0)1 44 17 35 85- www.caviarhouse-prunier.com

Maison du Chocolat (chocolate) - 8 bd de la Madeleine, Paris 8th - M° Madeleine - Tel + 33 (0) 47 42 86 52 www.lamaisonduchocolat.com

Maison de la truffe - 19 place de la Madeleine, Paris 8th - M° Madeleine- Tel +33 (0)1 42 65 53 22 - www.maison-de-la-truffe.com

Caviar Kaspia (caviar, salmon, spirits) - 17 place de la Madeleine, Paris 8th - M° Madeleine - Tel +33 (0)1 42 65 33 32 - www.lamaisonkaspia.com

Caviar House & Prunier (caviar, salmon, spirits) - 16 avenue Victor-Hugo, Paris 16th - M° Charles-de-Gaulle-Étoile - Tel +33 (0)1 44 17 35 85- www.caviarhouse-prunier.com

Maison du Whisky (whisky and spirits) - 20 rue d'Anjou, Paris 8th - $\rm M^{\circ}$ Madeleine Tel + 33 (0) 1 42 05 63 16

> French elegance

Since the grandeur of the time of Louis XIV and his flamboyant and eccentric court, the French capital has been setting fashion trends; European aristocrats flocked to Paris in times past to be outfitted by its skilled tailors and milliners. These days the 'haute couture' label is associated with the work of couture houses ranging from established names dating back to the 19th century to smaller, more recent brands; it continues to enhance the reputation of the great fashion houses but is now mainly used to sell collections of ready-to-wear, accessories and perfume. The term 'haute couture' is legally protected by the French government and, because fashion houses must meet specific criteria (designs to be hand-sewn at the couturier's premises and use a specific quantity of fabric; houses to employ a minimum number of staff, use a minimum number of models and present collections at a specific number of catwalk shows), it is often a loss-making endeavour. This explains why Paris had only 14 haute couture houses in 2012 (Chanel, Dior, Christophe Josse, Franck Sorbier, Giambattista Valli, Givenchy, Jean-Paul Gaultier, Maurizio Galante, Elie Saab, Valentino, Armani and Stéphane Rolland and recently, Alexis Mabille and Martin Margiela),, compared to 106 in the post-war years and 20-odd in the early 1990s. However, the city maintains its status as the world's fashion capital: from couture houses to trendy new designers, Paris never ceases to dazzle people with its elegance and timelessness but also with the modernity of its collections. It is no surprise that the most famous talented international designers choose Paris as a place to work. While luxury brands are easily found in luxury retail spaces in department stores or in some concept stores, the leading fashion houses and designers have their own ever larger and more innovative stores which are well worth a visit. These stores, with their catwalk collections, are concentrated in a few Parisian districts: in the 8th, in the 'Golden Triangle' (between avenue des Champs-Élysées, avenue Montaigne and avenue George-V), faubourg Saint-Honoré, Saint-Germain-des-Prés in the 6th and under the elegant arcades of the Palais-Royal in the 1st. High-end jewellers are mainly located around the famous Place Vendôme and along rue de la Paix. Stunning jewellery.

HAUTE COUTURE AND READY-TO-WEAR

NEW! Emporio Armani (ready-to-wear) 368/370 rue Saint-Honoré, Paris 1st - M° Auber - Tel + 33 (0) 1 42 86 15 30 www. armani.com

Agnès B - (ready-to-wear) - 3/6 rue de Jour, Paris 1st - M° Étienne-Marcel - Tel +33 (0)1 42 33 04 13 - www.europe.agnesb.com

Chanel - (haute-couture) - 29-31 rue Cambon, Paris 1st - M° Madeleine - Tel +33 (0)1 42 86 26 00 - www.chanel.com NEW! New address for Chanel at 51 avenue Montaigne, Paris 8th - M° Franklin-Roosevelt - Tel +33 (0)1.44.50.73.00.

Adeline André - (haute-couture) 5 rue Villehardouin, Paris 3rd - M° Chemin-Vert - Tel +33 (0)1 42 77 72 56

Jean-Charles de Castelbajac - (ready-to-wear) - 61 rue des Saints-Pères, Paris 6th - M° Saint-Germain-des-Prés - Tel +33 (0)9 64 48 48 54 - www.jc-de-castelbajac.com

Sonia Rykiel - (ready-to-wear) - 175 boulevard Saint-Germain, Paris 6th - M° Saint-Germain-des-Prés - Tel +33 (0)1 49 54 60 60 - www.soniarykiel.fr

Hermès - (ready-to-wear) - 17 rue de Sèvres, Paris 7th - M° Sèvres-Babylone - Tel +33 (0)1 42 22 05 39 - www.hermes.com

NEW! Karl Lagerfeld (ready-to-wear): from February 2013, the 200 m² space of the artistic director of Chanel will showcase collections men's and women's ready to wear collections and accessories in a black and white decor. 194 boulevard Saint-Germain, Paris 7th - M° Saint-Germain-des-Prés

Balenciaga - (ready-to-wear) - 10 avenue George-V, Paris 8th - M° Alma-Marceau - Tel +33 (0)1 47 20 33 41 - www.balenciaga.fr

Balmain - (ready-to-wear) - 44 rue François Ier, Paris 8th - M° Franklin-D. Roosevelt- Tel +33 (0)1 47 20 35 34 - www.balmain.com

Chloé - (ready-to-wear) NEW! New address on 2013 - 253 rue Saint-Honoré, Paris

Christian Dior - (haute couture) - 30 avenue Montaigne, Paris 8th - M° Franklin-Roosevelt - Tel +33 (0)1 40 73 73 73 - www.dior.com

Christian Lacroix - (ready-to-wear) - 70 rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, Paris 8th - M° Saint Philippe du Roule - Tel +33 (0) 1 42 68 79 04 - www.christian-lacroix.fr Courrèges - (ready-to-wear) - 40 rue François-Ier, Paris 8th - M° Franklin-D.-Roosevelt - Tel +33 (0)1 53 67 30 00 - www.courreges.com

Emanuel Ungaro - (ready-to-wear) - 2 avenue Montaigne, Paris 8th - M° Alma-Marceau - Tel +33 (0)1 53 57 00 22 - www.ungaro.com

Franck Sorbier - (haute couture) 6 rue Jean-Pierre-Timbaud, Paris 11th - M° Oberkampf - www.francksorbier.com Givenchy - (haute couture) 3 avenue George-V, Paris 8th - M° Alma-Marceau - Tel +33 (0)1 44 31 51 09 - www.givenchy.fr

Jean-Paul Gaultier - (haute couture) 44 avenue George-V, Paris 8th - M° George-V - Tel +33 (0)1 44 43 00 44 - www.jeanpaulgaultier.com

Lanvin - (ready-to-wear) - 22 rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré Paris 8th - M° Madeleine - Tel +33 (0)1 44 71 31 73 - www.lanvin.com

Léonard - (ready-to-wear) - 48 rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, Paris 8th - M° Madeleine - Tel +33 (0) 1 42 65 53 53 - www.leonardparis.com

Louis Vuitton - (ready-to-wear) - 101 avenue des Champs-Élysées, Paris 8th - M° George-V - Tel +33 (0)810 81 00 10 - www.louisvuitton.com

Nina Ricci - 39 avenue Montaigne, Paris 8th - M° Franklin-D.-Roosevelt - Tel +33 (0)1 40 88 64 51 - www.ninaricci.com

Pierre Cardin - (ready-to-wear) -59 rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, Paris 8th - M° Madeleine - Tel +33 (0)1 58 60 15 22 - www.pierrecardin.com

Yves Saint Laurent - (ready-to-wear) - 7 avenue George-V, Paris 8th - M° Alma-Marceau - Tel +33 (0)1 56 62 64 00 - www.ysl-hautecouture.com

Anne-Valérie Hash - (haute couture) Point of sale on www.a-v-h.com

NEW! Isabel Marant (ready-to-wear and accessories) A new 130 m² sales point over 3 floors of a former mansion house for all her collection. 151 avenue Victor-Hugo, Paris 16th - M° Victor-Hugo - Tel + 33 (0) 1 47 04 99 95

Anne-Valérie Hash - (haute-couture) Sales points on www.a-v-h.com

MULTIBRAND STORES

Colette - (avant-garde luxury concept store and high-tech gadgets) - 213 rue Saint-honoré, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 55 35 33 90 - www.colette.fr NEW! N15 (luxury concept store) New 150 m² shop with clothes and accessories from young designers and established fashion houses. Vintage signed Yves Saint-Laurent, Dior and Madame Grès, British brand items. A nice couture address 15 place du Marché-Saint-Honoré, Paris 1st - M° Pyramides - Tel + 33 (0)1 42 86 92 76. www.n15.fr

Montaigne Market - (clothing and accessories) - 57 av Montaigne, Paris 8th - M° Franklin-Roosevelt - Tel +33 (0)1 42 56 58 58 - www.montaignemarket.com

CHIC KIDS

Agnes b. « Enfant » and « Le Petit b.b. » - 2 and 19 rue du Jour, Paris 1st - M° Les Halles - Tel +33 (0)1 45 08 56 56 - www.agnesb.com

Little Marc Jacobs - 17 place du Marché Saint-Honoré, Paris 1st - M° Pyramides - Tel +33 (0)1 42 96 83 40 - www.marcjacobs.com

Rykiel Enfant - 4 rue de Grenelle, Paris 6th - M° Saint-Sulpice - Tel +33 (0)1 49 54 61 10 - www.soniarykiel.com

Baby Dior - 26-28 av Montaigne, Paris 8th - M° Franklin-D.-Roosevelt - Tel +33 (0)1 49 52 04 50 - www.dior.com

Ovale - For a sophisticated new baby gift: stunning clothes, silverware and jewellery - 200 bd Saint-Germain, Paris 7th - M° Saint-Germain-des-Prés, RER Saint-Michel - Tel +33 (0)1 53 63 31 11 - www.ovale.com

Bonpoint flagship store - Housed in a private mansion with amazing decor: a lavish setting for the brand's range of clothing and toys, with a tea room in an interior courtyard - 6 rue de Tournon, Paris 6th - M° Odéon - Tel +33 (0)1 40 51 98 20 - www.bonpoint.com

Bonton - Three-storey concept store ove 800 m^2 displaying clothing and accessories, plus a hairdresser's for kids and adults, a reading room, a silent-movie cinema and a gourmet bar - 5 bd des Filles-du-Calvaire, Paris 3rd - M° Saint- Sébastien-Froissart - Tel +33 (0)1 48 06 30 55 - www.bonton.fr

LUXURY LINGERIE

Fifi Chachnil (lingerie) - 68 rue Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Paris 1st - M° Etienne-Marcel- Tel +33 (0)1 42 21 19 93 - www.fifichachnil.com

Chantal Thomass (lingerie) - 211 rue Saint-Honoré, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 42 60 40 56 - www.chantalthomass.fr

La Perla (lingerie) - 20 rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, Paris 8th - M° Madeleine - Tel + 33 (0) 1 43 12 33 60 www.laperla.com

Vannina Vesperini (lingerie) - 4 rue de Tournon, Paris 6th - M° Odéon - Tel +33 (0)1 40 15 62 01 - www.vanninavesperini.com

Aubade (lingerie) - 22 rue du Vieux Colombier, Paris 6th - $\rm M^\circ$ Saint-Sulpice - Tel +33 (0)1 45 48 16 62 - www.aubade.com

Eres (swimsuits and lingerie) - 40 avenue Montaigne, Paris 8th - M° Franklin D. Roosevelt - Tel +33 (0)1 47 23 07 26 - www.eresparis.com

HIGH-END JEWELLERY

Boucheron - (haute couture) -26 place Vendôme, Paris 1st - M° Opéra - Tel +33 (0)1 42 61 58 16 - www.boucheron.com

Cartier - 13 rue de la Paix, Paris 2nd - M° Opéra - Tel +33 (0)1 58 18 23 00 - www.cartier.fr

NEW! Breitling: opening of the first 'pilot' shop in Europe. 10 rue de la Paix, Paris 2nd - M° Opéra - Tel +33 (0) 1 42 61 18 84 www.breitling.com

Chanel Joaillerie-Horlogerie - (haute couture) - 18 place Vendôme, Paris 1st - M° Opéra - Tel +33 (0)1 55 35 50 05 - NEW! Workshop over the shop. www.chanel.com

Chaumet - (haute couture) -12 place Vendôme, Paris 1st - M° Opéra - Tel +33 (0)1 44 77 26 26 - www.chaumet.com

Dior Joaillerie-Horlogerie - (haute couture) - 8 place Vendôme, Paris 1st - M° Opéra - Tel +33 (0)1 42 96 30 84 - www.diorjoaillerie.com

Fred - 7 place Vendôme, Paris 1st - M° Opéra - Tel +33 (0)1 42 86 60 57 - www.fred.com

NEW! Jaeger-LeCoultre (haute couture) 7 place Vendôme, Paris 1st - M° Opéra - Tel + 33 (0) 1 53 45 70 00 www.jaeger-lecoultre.com

NEW! Louis Vuitton Joaillerie (high-end jewellery shop and workshop). 23 place Vendôme, Paris 1st - M° Opéra - Tel + 33 (0) 1 81 69 27 50 www.louisvuitton.fr Mauboussin - 20 place Vendôme, Paris 1st - M° Opéra - Tel +33 (0)1 44 55 10 10 -

www.mauboussin.com Poiray - 1 rue de la Paix, Paris 2nd - M° Opéra - Tel +33 (0)1 42 61 70 58 -

www.poiray.com

Van Cleef & Arpels - (haute couture) - 22/24 place Vendôme, Paris 1st - M° Opéra - Tel +33 (0)1 55 04 11 11 - www.vancleef-arpels.com

ELEGANT FOOTWEAR AND ACCESSORIES

Jamin Puech (handbags) - 46 rue de Provence, Paris 9th - M° Havre-Caumartin - Tel +33 (0) 1 42 82 10 83- www.jamin-puech.com

Montblanc (various accessories) - 7 rue de la Paix, Paris 2nd - M° Opéra - Tel +33 (0)1 58 62 48 52 - www.montblanc.fr

Jérôme Dreyfuss (handbags) - 1 rue Jacob, Paris 6th - M° Saint-Germain des Prés - Tel +33 (0)1 43 54 70 93 - www.jerome-dreyfuss.com

Lancel (leather goods) - 127 avenue des Champs-elysées, Paris 8th - M° George V- Tel +33 (0)1 56 89 15 70 - www.lancel.com

Longchamp (leather goods) - 404 rue Saint-Honoré, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 43 16 00 16 - www.longchamp.com

Dupont (various accessories) - 58 avenue Montaigne, Paris 8th - $\rm M^\circ$ Franklin D. Roosevelt- Tel +33 (0)1 45 63 77 12 - www.st-dupont.com

Pierre Hardy (shoes and bags) - 156 rue de Valois, Jardins du Palais Royal, Paris 1st - M° Palais Royal - Tel +33 (0)1 42 60 59 75 - www.pierrehardy.com

Christian Louboutin (shoes and bags) - 19 rue Jean-Jacques Rousseau Paris 1st - M° Louvre - Rivoli - Tel +33 (0)1 42 36 53 66 - www.christianlouboutin.com

Michel Vivien (shoes) - Points of sale on the website www.michelvivien.fr

Roger Vivier (shoes and accessories) - 29 rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honoré, Paris 8th - M° Madeleine - Tel +33 (0)1 53 43 00 85 - www.rogervivier.com

Aubercy (men's shoes and leather goods) - 34 rue Vivienne, Paris 2nd - M° Grands-Boulevards - Tel +33 (0)1 42 33 93 61 - www.aubercy.fr

Delcros Chausseur (men's shoes) - 3 rue Benjamin-Franklin, Paris 16th - M° Trocadéro - Tel +33 (0)1 45 20 53 12 - www.delcros.com

J. Donegan (men's shoes) - 38 rue Saint-Dominique, Paris 7th - $\rm M^\circ$ Invalides - Tel +33 (0)1 45 51 69 15 - www.donegan.fr

Goyard (luggage) - 233 rue Saint-Honoré, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 42 60 57 04 - www.goyard.com

La Malle Bernard (luggage) - 10 rue Hautefeuille, Paris 6th - M° Odéon - Tel +33 (0)1 46 33 94 40 - www.lamallebernard.com

NEW! Moynat: French luggage maker bought over by LVMH in 2010. Opening of a boutique in 348 rue Saint-Honoré, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel + 33 50) 1 47 03 83 90 - www.moynat.com

NEW! Courant 2013 Berluti 14 rue de Sèvres, Paris 6th - M° Sèvres-Babylone AND 9 rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honoré, Paris 8th - M° Concorde - www.berluti.com

> Delicate fragrances

Modern perfume was created in France in 1889, with 'Jicky' by Aimé Guerlain (the company of the same name had existed from the beginning of the 19th century). Since then, numerous famous perfume makers have ensured the reputation of French perfume, always synonymous with refinement and good taste. Chanel ('N°5' in 1921), Lanvin ('Arpège' in 1927) and Patou ('Joy' in 1930) then followed Guerlain, and today most couture houses also have one or two of their own perfumes as well as lines in cosmetics and make-up that are always at the cutting edge of the latest trends.

Annick Goutal (perfume and beauty products) - 14 rue de Castiglione, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 42 60 52 82 - Several other boutiques in Paris - www.annickgoutal.com

Francis Kurkdjian (perfume and home fragrances) - 5 rue d'Alger, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 42 60 07 07 - www.franciskurkdjian.com

Guerlain (perfume and cosmetics) - 2 place Vendôme, Paris 1st - M° Opéra - Tel +33 (0)1 42 60 68 61 - 68 avenue des Champs-Élysées Paris, 8th - M° George -V - Tel +33 (0) 1 45 62 52 57. - Several other boutiques in Paris - www.guerlain.com www.guerlain.com

Jean Patou (perfume) - 5 rue de Castiglione, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 42 92 07 22 - www.jeanpatou.com-fr

L'artisan parfumeur - 2 rue de l'Amiral-Coligny, Paris 1st - M° Louvre-Rivoli - Tel +33 (0)1 44 88 27 50 - www.artisanparfumeur.fr

Serge Lutens Les Salons du Palais-Royal (perfume, home fragrance products and cosmetics) - 142 galerie de Valois, Paris 1st - M° Palais-Royal - Tel +33 (0)1 49 27 09 09 - www.sergelutens.com

Etat Libre d'Orange - 69 rue des Archives, Paris 3rd - M° Rambuteau - Tel +33 (0)1 42 78 30 09 - www.etatlibredorange.com

The Different Company - 10 rue Ferdinand-Duval, Paris 4th - M° Saint-Paul - Tel +33 (0)1 43 29 52 42 - www.thedifferentcompany.com

Parfums Rares Jovoy - 4 rue de Castiglione, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 40 20 06 19 www.jovoyparis.com

Diptyque (perfumes, home and bath fragrance products) - 34 boulevard Saint-Germain, Paris 5th - M° Maubert-Mutualité - Tel +33 (0)1 43 26 77 44 - www.diptyqueparis.fr

Lubin - Perfume maker since 1798 - 21 rue des Canettes, Paris 6th - M° Saint-Sulpice - Tel +33 (0)1 43 29 52 42 - www.lubin-parfum.fr

Frédéric Malle (perfume maker) - 37 rue de Grenelle, Paris 7th - M° Rue du Bac - Tel +33 (0)1 42 22 76 40 - www.fredericmalle.com

Caron (perfume) - 34 avenue Montaigne, Paris 8th - M° Franklin D. Roosevelt - Tel +33 (0)1 47 23 40 82 - 90 rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honoré, Paris 8th - M° Champs-Élysées-Clémenceau - Tel +33 (0)1 42 68 25 68 - www.parfumscaron.com Fragonard (perfume museum and shop) - Le musée du parfum - 9 rue Scribe, Paris 9th - M° Opéra - Tel +33 (0) 1 47 42 04 56 - www.fragonard.com

Rochas (perfume) - 17 rue Miromesnil, Paris 8th - M° Miromesnil - Tel +33 (0)1 53 11 20 30 - www.rochas.com

Maison Dorin - Official supplier to the Court of Versailles in 1780 - Musée du Parfum - by appointment - 20, rue Labelonye 78400 Chatou - RER Chatou-Croissy - Tel +33 (0)1 30 15 40 40 - Several sales points on the website www.maisondorin.com

Egofacto - uncommon and de luxe perfumes with character, only available on the web! www.egofacto.com

> Exclusive interiors

Home to furniture design firms, venerable furniture brands, galleries of old, modern and contemporary art, antiques shops and renowned auction houses holding regular auction sales ... Paris is a historical city and a city for the arts where you have the luxury of being able to buy a work by the latest in vogue contemporary designer and an authentic Louis XV chest of drawers on the same day.

ART GALLERIES

The finest art galleries are spread over both sides of the river but are concentrated in certain districts:

Galleries in the Marais - Modern and contemporary art - rue Vieille-du-Temple, rue Quincampoix, rue des Francs-Bourgeois, rue de Turenne, rue Saint-Claude and all the little streets in the area, Paris 3rd and 4th

Galleries in Saint-Germain-des-Prés - Some 100 galleries (contemporary art, primitive art, photography, design, archaeology, books, etc.). Rue Bonaparte, Rue Mazarine, Rue de Seine and around, Paris 6th - www.artsaintgermaindespres.com

Galleries on Avenue Matignon - Modern art, contemporary art, and ancient art - Paris 8th

Avenue Matignon, rue de Miromesnil, rue du Cirque, Rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honoré, rue de Penthièvre, rue de Pontieu, etc.

NEW! Since 2012: Two major galleries have opened on the edge of Paris. The American Larry Gagosian has opened a huge gallery space near to the runways of Le Bourget airport, and the Austrian

Thaddaeus Ropac has opened a gallery in Pantin. Larry Gagosian 800 avenue de l'Europe, 93350 Le Bourget (Paris) - Tel. + 33 (0)1.48.16.16.47 - w.gagosian.com Thaddaeus Ropac 69 avenue du Général-Leclerc, 93500 Pantin - Tel +33 (0)1 55 89 01 10 - www.ropac.net

ANTIQUES

Along with the great names in haute couture, antique shops can be found on the Right Bank on rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honoré and rue du Palais-Royal, near the Louvre, but also on the Left Bank.

Louvre des Antiquaires - More than 250 antique dealers with more than 30 different specialities in a magnificent 19th-century building.

2 place du Palais-Royal, Paris 1st - M° Palais-Royal - Tel +33 (0)1 42 97 27 27 - www.louvre-antiquaires.com

Carré Rive Gauche - Brings together antique dealers and art gallery owners and art dealers on the former site of the garden of Queen Margot.

Quai Voltaire and rues des Saints-Pères, de l'Université, du Bac, de Lille, de Beaune, de Verneuil, Allent - Paris 7th www.carrerivegauche.com

Village Suisse - A vestige of the Universal exhibition of 1900; houses antique dealers, decorators and galleries, with a selection going from primitive art to contemporary art.

78 avenue de Suffren and 54 av de La Motte-Piquet, Paris 15th - M° La Motte-Piquet-Grenelle - www.levillagesuisseparis.com

AUCTION HOUSES

Until the 1960s, Paris was the world capital of auctions. Although the top British auction houses account for a major part of sales, Paris is proud of having had a district synonymous with auctions — the Drouot district — for more than 150 years; since 2010, this district has been undergoing renovation work. Major auction sales of luxury goods, vintage fashion and de luxe cars take place throughout the year. Artcurial, one of France's most eminent auction houses, continues to organize private and original sales. NB Since last September, 12

Drouot has replaced the former prestigious Drouot sales room and exhibition space on avenue Montaigne.

Artcurial - 7 rond-point des Champs-Élysées, Paris 8th - M° Franklin-Roosevelt - Tel +33 (0)1 42 99 20 20 - www.artcurial.com

Christie's - 9 avenue Matignon, Paris 8th - M° Franklin-Roosevelt - Tel +33 (0)1 40 76 85 85 - www.christies.com

Sotheby's - 76 rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honoré, Paris 8th - M° Miromesnil - Tel +33 (0)1 53 05 53 05 - www.sothebys.com

Tajan - 37 rue des Mathurins, Paris 8th - M° Havre-Caumartin - Tel +33 (0)1 53 30 30 30 - www.tajan.com

NEW! 12 Drouot - 12 rue Drouot, Paris 9th - M° Grand-Boulevards or Richelieu-Drouot - Tel +33 (0) 1 48 00 20 00. New showcase for the expertise of the Hôtel Drouot which presents the most prestigious works for upcoming sales, www.drouot.com

ART FAIRS AND TRADE SHOWS

La Biennale de Antiquaires: every 2 years the Syndicat national des Antiquaires organizes the Biennale des Antiquaires under the cupola of the Grand Palais. This event lasting 10 days or so gathers together the major dealers in old master painting, modern art, and jewellery from all over the world as well as those relatively new to the profession. In 2012, Karl Lagerfeld was given carte blanche for the decoration. A not-to-be-missed event.www.sna.com

NEW! Paris Tableau: new since 2011 among the very select circle of ancient art trade shows. Paris Tableau is THE international fair for old master paintings. A top quality event at the Palais de la Bourse in November gathering the small and select group of the world's leading art dealers in old master paintings. www.paristableau.com

FIAC, Foire internationale d'art contemporain: every year, in October. With the return of leading international art dealers, the fair attracts top personalities and artists.

www.fiac.com

Art Paris Art Fair: Spring art event under the Nave of the Grand Palais with 125 of the best modern and contemporary art dealer's .www.artparis.com

PRESTIGIOUS HOME AND TABLEWARE BRANDS

Astier de Villatte (tableware) - 173 rue Saint-Honoré, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 42 60 74 13 - www.astierdevillatte.com

Daum (crystal) - 4 rue de la Paix - Paris 2nd - M° Opéra - Tel +33 (0)1 42 61 25 25 -http://www.daum.fr

Manufacture nationale De Sèvres (ceramics) - 4 place André Malraux - Paris 2nd - M° Palais-Royal - Tel + 33 (0)1 47 03 40 20

NEW! Reopening - The famous Lalique glass and crystal brand, whose creations have been exhibited at the Musée des Arts décoratifs since 1895, has just had a makeover. The collections in its boutique in rue Royale are divided into five themes: decorative objects, interior design, jewellery, art items and perfume. Among these, the brands iconic pieces, notably, perfume bottles, and jewellery and high-end jewellery.

Diptyque (perfume, home and bath fragrances) - 34 boulevard Saint-Germain, Paris 5th - M° Maubert-Mutualité - Tel +33 (0)143 26 77 44 - www.diptyqueparis.fr

Cire Trudon (scented candles) - 78 rue de Seine, Paris 6th - M° - Tel +33 (0)1 43 26 46 50 - www.ciretrudon.com

Bernardaud (Limoges porcelain) - 11 rue Royale, Paris 8th - M° Concorde - Tel +33 (0)1 43 12 52 00 - www.bernardaud.fr

Porthault (household linen) - 50 avenue Montaigne, Paris 8th - M° Franklin D. Roosevelt - Tel +33 (0)1 47 20 75 25 - www.dporthaultparis.com

Christofle (gold and silverware) - 9 rue Royale, Paris 8th - M° Concorde - Tel +33 (0)1 55 27 99 13 - other addresses on the website - www.christofle.com

Ercuis (gold and silverware) - 8 bis rue Boissy d'Anglas, Paris 8th - M° Concorde - Tel +33 (0)1 40 17 01 00 - www.ercuis.fr

Lalique 11 rue Royale, Paris 8th - M° Concorde - Tel +33 (0) 1 53 05 12 81 www.lalique.com

Porthault (household linen) - 50 avenue Montaigne, Paris 8th - M° Franklin D. Roosevelt - Tel +33 (0)1 47 20 75 25 - www.dporthaultparis.com

Baccarat (crystal) - 11 place des Etats-Unis, Paris 16th - M° Boissière - Tel +33 (0)1 40 22 11 00 - www.baccarat.fr

Noël (household linen) - The wonderful world of embroidery - 1 avenue Pierre 1er de Serbie, Paris 16th - M° Iéna - Tel + 33 (0)1 40 70 14 63 - www.noelparis.com

CHIC LEISURE

> Smart sport

Many well-known places in Paris offer the best in sporting facilities: besides opulent swimming pools and fitness centres in deluxe hotels, there are high-tech designer gyms, superb golf courses and world-renowned clubs. And to get caught up in the excitement of thoroughbred horse racing, jumping and steeple chasing, there's no better place than Paris racecourses, in and around the forested areas of the capital.

UPMARKET FITNESS CLUBS

Must Institute - chic and exclusive fitness centre in a Haussmannian apartment offers: Hypoxi, Power Plate, Pilates (solo or for couples), massages and slimming treatments.

29 avenue Pierre 1er de Serbie, Paris 16th - $\rm M^{\circ}$ Iéna - Tel +33 (0)1 47 20 18 92 - another address on the website www.must-institute.fr

L'Usine - This light-filled health club has designer lounge decor, a spa, a bar and a wide range of top-level cardio training and bodybuilding workouts and equipment.

8 rue de la Michodière, Paris 2nd - $\rm M^{\circ}$ Quatre-Septembre, RER Auber - Tel +33 (0)1 42 66 30 30

Another address on the website www.usineopera.com

Le Klay - Designer gym in a converted print works with machines to build muscle and give your heart a workout, plus a swimming pool, a sports gear shop, a cosy bar-restaurant and an attractive terrace in the large paved courtyard, heated in winter

4 rue Saint-Sauveur, Paris 2nd - M° Réaumur-Sébastopol, RER Châtelet-Les Halles - Tel +33 (0)1 40 26 00 00 - www.klay.fr

Club Jean de Beauvais - wonderful and historical setting for sport and well-being with bespoke service - 5 rue Jean-de-Beauvais, Paris 5th - M° Maubert-Mutualité - Tel +33 (0)1 46 33 16 80 - www.clubjeandebeauvais.fr

Le centre Keana - located in a pleasant and spacious apartment Haussmann-style apartment, this centre offers exercise based on Pilates, in an 'at-home spirit'. - 11 rue du Chevalier-de-Saint-Georges, Paris 8th - M° Concorde - Tel +33 (0)1 40 15 01 40

L'Espace Payot - 1,200 m 2 devoted to beauty and well-being right in the heart of the Golden Triangle - 62 rue Pierre-Charron, Paris 8th - M $^\circ$ George-V - Tel +33 (0)1 45 61 42 08

Ken Club - A 1,600 m² expanse with plenty of natural light, equipped with fitness apparatus; room for muscle building and cardio-training workouts, hammams, saunas, treatment cubicles, physiotherapy sessions, tanning booths, a hairdresser's, shop, bar and restaurant.

100 avenue du Président-Kennedy, Paris 16th - RER Kennedy-Radio-France - Tel +33 (0)1 46 47 41 41 - www.kenclub.com

GOLF COURSES

Golf du bois de Boulogne - Hippodrome de Longchamp, Paris 16th - M° Porte-d'Auteuil - www.golfduboisdeboulogne.fr

Golf du jardin au jardin d'Acclimatation - Bois de Boulogne, Paris 16th - M° Porte-d'Auteuil - www.golfdujardin.com

Paris Golf & Country Club - 121 rue du Lieutenant-Colonel-de-Montbrison, 92500 Rueil-Malmaison - Tel +33 (0)1 47 77 64 00 - www.pariscountryclub.com

MEMBERS ONLY CLUBS

Racing Club de France - 5 rue Éblé, Paris 7th - M° Saint-François-Xavier - Tel +33 (0)1 45 67 55 86 - www.racingclubdefrance.net

Club Paris Jean-Bouin - 7 hectares of sports facilities and greenery: 19 tennis courts including 13 clay courts and 12 courts covered and heated in winter, a gymnasium for basketball, a hockey pitch (synthetic surface), an athletics track, a rugby stadium - 26 avenue du Général-Sarrail, Paris 16th - M° Exelmans - Tel + 33 (0)1 46 51 55 40 - www.parisjeanbouin.fr

Polo de Paris - Bois de Boulogne, route des Moulins, Paris 16th - M° Ported'Auteuil - Tel +33 (0)1 44 14 10 00 - www.polodeparis.com

Société sportive du Jeu de paume et de raquettes - 74 ter rue Lauriston, Paris 16th - M° Boissière - Tel +33 (0)1 47 27 46 86 -www.jdpsquash.com

Le Stade Français - Club with 21 different sports sections - 2 rue du

Commandant-Guilbaud, Paris 16th - M° Porte de Saint-Cloud Tel + 33 (0)1 40 71 33 33 - www.stadefrancais.com

Tennis Club de Paris - 18 tennis courts, swimming pool, gymnastics, cardio/body building - 15 avenue Félix-d'Hérelle, Paris 16th - M° Porte-de-Saint-Cloud - Tel + 33 (0)1 46 47 73 90 www.tennisclubdeparis.fr

Le Tir (Association du Cercle du Bois de Boulogne) - clay-pigeon shooting and plate shooting, tennis and swimming pool - route de l'Étoile, Paris 16th - M° Sablons - Tel + 33 (0)1 45 01 20 99 - www.letir.fr

RACECOURSES

Hippodrome de Vincennes - 2 route de la Ferme, Paris 12th - M° Château-de-Vincennes - www.hippodrome-vincennes.com

Hippodrome d'Auteuil - route des Lacs, Paris 16th - M° Porte-Dauphine - www.france-galop.com

 $\label{eq:hippodrome} \textbf{Hippodrome de Longchamp} \text{ - bois de Boulogne, Paris 16th - M° Porte-d'Auteuil - www.france-galop.com}$

Hippodrome de Chantilly - route Aigle, 60500 Chantilly- www.france-galop.com **Hippodrome de Maisons-Laffitte -** 1 avenue de la Pelouse, 78600 Maisons-Laffitte - www.france-galop.com

Hippodrome de Saint-Cloud - 1 rue du Camp-Canadien, 92210 Saint-Cloud - www.france-galop.com

TOP SPORTING EVENTS

Qatar Prix de l'arc de Triomphe - On the first Sunday in October each year, Longchamp racecourse is the venue for the top international flat race event. www.prixarcdetriomphe.com

Prix du Jockey-Club - Sunday, 2 June 2013 at Chantilly racecourse - www.france-galop.com

Prix de Diane Longines - Sunday, 16 June 2013 at Chantilly racecourse Chantilly - www.france-galop.com

Saut Hermès - Jumping international - 12-14 April 2013 - Grand Palais - Paris 8th - M° Champs-Élysées-Clémenceau - www.sauthermes.org

Internationaux de France - In the last week of May and first week of June each year, the Stade Roland-Garros attracts the best international players for the legendary French open tennis tournament, part of the Grand Slam. www.rolandgarros.com

ART AND LUXURY

Art and luxury complement each other. Today, luxury brands commission artists such as Takashi Murakami, Xavier Veilhan, and recently, Yahoi Kusama, for inspiration and to redesign their collections, work on commercial projects or offer them cultural patronage. An increasing number of leading fashion labels are staging (mainly contemporary) art exhibitions in exhibition spaces in their stores. Leading French luxury houses have opened their own art foundations to demonstrate their commitment to culture and to further their support for social, educational and ecological initiatives. The city also offers a variety of chic and trendy courses in the art of living Paris-style: you can learn the secrets of French cooking from the greatest chefs, brush up on your caviar and wine-tasting skills or become a model of refinement and elegance!

ART IN LUXURY HOUSES

Montblanc - Monthly contemporary art exhibition.

7 rue de la Paix, Paris 2nd - M° Opéra - Tel +33 (0)1 58 62 48 52 - www.montblanc.fr

Espace Louis Vuitton - Perched on the 7th floor of the legendary flagship store, this $400~\text{m}^2$ gallery puts on three contemporary art exhibitions with a travel theme each year.

60 rue de Bassano, Paris 8th - M° George V - 101 avenue des Champs-Elysées, Paris 8th - M° Champs-Elysées Clemenceau- Tel +33 (0) 1 53 57 52 03 - www.louisvuitton.com

Fondation d'entreprise Ricard for contemporary art - Ricard company patron for young artists. Galerie 12 rue Boissy-d'Anglas, Paris 8th - M° Concorde - Tel +33 (0)1 53 30 88 00 - www.fondation-entreprise-ricard.com

Musée Pierre Cardin chez Maxim's de Paris - Pierre Cardin, owner of the famous art nouveau Maxim's restaurant since 1981 has recreated the apartments of a famous courtesan there.

3 rue Royale, Paris 8th - M° Concorde - Tel +33 (0)1 42 65 27 94 - www.maxims-musee-artnouveau.com

Royal Monceau Raffles - The hotel has its own art gallery and art concierges who offer advice on visiting 'arty' Paris, and a specialist contemporary art library.

37 avenue Hoche, Paris 8th - M° Charles de Gaulle Etoile - Tel +33 (0)1 42 99 88 00 - www.leroyalmonceau.com

La Galerie des Galeries - A showcase for the work of French and international contemporary artists.

Galeries Lafayette Haussmann 40 bd Haussmann, Paris 9th - M° Chaussée-d'Antin - Tel +33 (0)1 42 82 30 90 - www.galerieslafayette.com www.galeriedesgaleries.com

Fondation Cartier pour l'art contemporain - Contemporary art exhibitions in a building designed by architect Jean Nouvel.

261 bd Raspail, Paris 14th - M° Raspail - www.fondation.cartier.com

Fondation d'entreprise Hermès - Supports emerging contemporary artists; preserves and upholds traditional craft skills and sponsors the restoration and display of outstanding objects.

24 rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, Paris 8th - www.fondationdentreprisehermes.org

Galerie du jour Agnès B. - The Galerie du jour exhibits contemporary art, particularly photography. Agnès B. also shows the work of graffiti artists.

44 rue Quincampoix, Paris 4th - M° Rambuteau - Tel +33 (0)1 44 54 55 90 - www.galeriedujour.com

Fondation Vuitton pour la création - Due to open in 2013 at the Jardin d'Acclimatation, this gigantic 2,400 m² 'glass cloud' designed by the architect Franck Gehry will house the group's heritage art collection and host exhibitions of key 20th and 21st-century works of art as well as works by past masters. www.fondationlouisvuitton.fr

Groupe Galeries Lafayette - contributes directly to the production of art works via its support of the Centre Pompidou, Musée d'art moderne de la ville de

Paris, the FIAC, l'ANDAM, the Villa Noailles and the Musée des Arts décoratifs - www.groupegalerieslafayette.fr

THE ART OF EXCELLENCE

Le foodlab par Thierry Marx - 4 rue du Bouloi, Paris 1st - M° Louvre-Rivoli www.thierrymarx.com

Atelier Guy Martin - Cookery classes. 35 rue de Miromesnil, Paris 8th - M° Miromesnil - Tel +33 (0)1 42 66 33 33 - www.atelierguymartin.com

Ô Château - Wine-tasting courses. 68, rue Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Paris 1st - M° Louvre-Rivoli - Tel +33 (0)1 44 73 97 80 - www.o-chateau.fr

Lenôtre - Cookery classes. 10 avenue des Champs-Élysées, Paris 8th - M° Champs-Élysées-Clemenceau- Tel +33 (0)1 42 65 85 10 - www.lenotre.fr

École de cuisine Alain Ducasse - Cookery classes. 64 rue du Ranelagh, Paris 16th - M° Ranelagh - Tel +33 (0)1 44 90 91 00 - www.ecolecuisine-alainducasse.com

La Belle École - French lifestyle arts: wine tasting, flower arranging, culinary art, art of elegance, and more - 26 rue Saussier-Leroy, Paris 8th - M° Ternes - Tel +33 (0)1 82 83 12 00 - www.labelleecole.fr

Maison Prunier - Caviar-tasting courses. 15 place de la Madeleine, Paris 8th - M° Madeleine - Tel +33 (0)1 47 42 98 91 - www.prunier.com

École française de la courtoisie et du protocole - Various courses (elegant living, flower arranging etc.). 22 rue de Vaugirard, Paris 6th - M° Odéon - Tel +33 (0)1 56 24 18 04 - www.la-courtoisie.com

Le Cordon bleu Paris - Cookery classes. 8 rue Léon-Delhomme, Paris 15th - M° Vaugirard - Tel +33 (0)1 53 68 22 50 - www.lcbparis.com

> Trendy places

For a coffee break during a shopping spree, a gourmet snack or an early or late drink, or for dancing the night away, here is a selection of the places to be - the French capital's buzziest spots - where the in-crowd goes to see and be seen.

GOURMET AND ELEGANT BREAK

Ladurée - (Patisserie and tea room) - This legendary French patisserie founded in 1862 is famed for its melt-in-the-mouth macaroons.

75 av des Champs-Élysées, Paris 8th - M° Franklin-D.-Roosevelt - Tel +33 (0)1 40 75 08 75 - www.laduree.fr

Angelina (patisserie and tea room) - This tea room has been serving scrumptious patisserie and desserts for more than a century. People queue up to sample the house specialities - 'African' hot chocolate and the 'Mont Blanc' meringue dessert - in an elegant setting.

226 rue de Rivoli, Paris 1st - $\rm M^{\circ}$ Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 42 60 82 00 - other addresses, including a new one at the Musée du Luxembourg, on the website www.angelina-paris.fr

Jean-Paul Hévin (patisserie and tea room) - Chocoholics flock to the master pastry and chocolate maker's tea room. There is a 'chocolate bar' on the first floor.

231 rue Saint-Honoré, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 55 35 36 - www.jphevin.com

Café Germain (cafe) - This neo-art deco Costes brasserie in the heart of the Odéon district was decorated by India Mahdavi, and features a huge yellow sculpture by Xavier Veilhan across its length.

27 rue de Buci, Paris 8th - M° Odéon - 01 43 26 02 93 - www.maisonthierrycostes.com

Emporio Armani caffè (cafe) - On the floor above the eponymous store in the heart of Saint-Germain, this chic designer Italian restaurant is a popular spot, not least for its 'Aperitivo Milanese'.

149 boulevard Saint-Germain, Paris 6th - M° Saint-Germain des Prés- Tel +33 (0)1 45 48 62 15 - www.armanidolci.com

Le café de Flore (cafe) - This legendary Saint-Germain des Prés cafe opened in 1885 and remains a favourite hangout for artists and intellectuals following in the footsteps of Sartre, Camus and Prévert.

172 boulevard Saint-Germain, Paris 6th - M° Saint-Germain des Prés - Tel +33 (0)1 45 48 55 26 - www.cafedeflore.fr

Les 2 Magots (cafe) - Founded in 1873, this other legendary Left Bank cafe draws an arty and literary crowd as well as the stars of French fashion and politics.

6 place St Germain des Prés, Paris 6th - M° Saint-Germain des Prés - Tel +33 (0)1 45 48 55 25 - www.lesdeuxmagots.fr

La Pâtisserie des rêves - (Patisserie) - Philippe Conticini's creations are displayed like works of art in the opulent setting of this pastry shop.

93 rue du Bac, Paris 7th - M° Rue-du-Bac - Tel +33 (0)1 47 04 00 24 - www.lapatisseriedesreves.com

Café de la Paix (cafe) - This famous cafe and restaurant in the Opéra district dating back to 1862 is a listed building with lavish decor.

5 place de l'Opéra, Paris 9th - M° Opéra- Tel +33 (0)1 40 07 36 36 - www.cafedelapaix.fr

GLAM COCKTAIL BARS

Bar 8 du Mandarin Oriental - Designed by Sybille de Margerie and Patrick Jouin, the Mandarin Oriental unveils Bar 8, with its de luxe decor: dark wood set with Lalique crystal ... Garden with ornamental pond and plant wall! Large choice of champagne - 251 rue Saint-Honoré, Paris 1st - M° Concorde - Tel + 33 (0) 1 70 98 78 88

Bar 228 at the Hôtel Meurice - The cosy and intimate atmosphere of an English gentleman's club.

228 rue de Rivoli, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 44 58 10 10 - www.lemeurice.com

Bar de l'hôtel O - Created by the designer Ora Ito. Arty haunt for sipping cocktails in elegant chic surroundings.

19 rue Hérold, Paris 1st - M° Bourse - Tel + 33 (0) 1 42 36 04 02.

Duke bar at Hôtel Westminster - An elegant bar, all wood panelling and thick carpeting, with a pleasant fireplace.

13 rue de la Paix, Paris 2nd - M° Opéra - Tel +33 (0)1 42 61 55 11 - www.warwickwestminsteropera.com

Experimental cocktail club - A speakeasy-style cocktail club in the Montorgueil district.

37 rue Saint-Sauveur, Paris 2nd - M° Les Halles - Tel +33 (0)1 45 48 88 09 - www.experimentalcocktailclub.com

Bar de L'hôtel Jules & Jim - Design bar. Chimney place, banquettes and chairs, plus a wine cellar stocked by cellar master Stéphane Derenoncourt of the Château Pavie-Macquin and Emmanuel Emmonot, the sommelier. Zany cocktails like 'Spring Bubbles' and wine. 11 rue des Gravilliers, Paris 3rd - M° Arts-et-Métiers

Bar du Murano - Popular lounge bar with celebrity regulars, and contemporary decor at the Hôtel Murano.

13 bd du Temple, Paris 3rd - M° Oberkampf - Tel +33 (0)1 42 71 20 00 - www.muranoresort.com

Curio Parlour - Enjoy a drink in a cabinet de curiosités. 16 rue des Bernardins, Paris 5th - M° Maubert-Mutualité - Tel +33 (0)1 44 07 12 47

Bar de l'Hôtel - The headquarters of Left Bank hipsters, this intimate bar decorated by Jacques Garcia has a patio with a fountain.

13 rue des Beaux Arts, Paris 6th - M° Saint-Germain des Prés - Tel +33 (0)1 44 41 99 00 - www.l-hotel.com

Bar de Lapérouse - This bar in the lavish and one-of-a-kind setting of the historic Lapérouse restaurant is popular with the Paris literati.

51 quai des Grands Augustins, Paris 6th - M° Saint-Michel - Tel +33 (0)1 56 79 24 31 - www.laperouse.com

La Compagnie des Vins Surnaturels - wine tasting bar - 7 rue Lobineau, Paris 6th - M° Mabillon - Tel +33 (0)9 54 90 20 20 - www.compagniedesvinssurnaturels.com

Playtime - The bar of the Hôtel Artus has a great contemporary cocktail menu and an atypical atmosphere that evokes the films of Jacques Tati - 34 rue de Buci, Paris 6th - M° Mabillon - Tel +33 (0)1 43 29 07 20 -www.artushotel.com

Prescription cocktail club - This cocktail bar attracts Saint-Germain jetsetters.

23 rue Mazarine Paris 6th - M° Odéon - Tel +33 (0)1 45 08 88 09 - www.prescriptioncocktailclub.com

La Closerie des Lilas - Intellectuals, business leaders and night owls have rubbed shoulders since 1847 in this cosy, dimly lit, legendary venue.

171 bd du Montparnasse, Paris 6th - RER Port-Royal - Tel +33 (0)1 40 51 34 50 - www.closeriedeslilas.fr

Bar du Singulier - Pleasant service in this cosy and colourful hotel bar - 38 rue Saint-Didier, Paris 16th - M° Boissière - Tel + 33 (0) 1 47 27 03 15

Bar de l'Apicius - The bar of the 2-star Michelin restaurant, located in a magnificent townhouse with a superb terrace in the garden.

20 rue d'Artois, Paris 8th - M° Saint-Philippe-du-Roule - Tel +33 (0)1 43 80 19 66 - www.restaurant-apicius.com

NEW! Bar de l'hôtel Bristol - Opened in 2012. Timeless excellence and trendy evenings. Chic classic and modern furniture. Quality champagne, wine and cocktails.

112 rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honoré, Paris 8th - M° Miromesnil - www.lebristolparis.com

Bar du Pershing Hall - Trendy bar with glamorous, Baroque-inspired designer decor and a patio with a plant wall.

49 rue Pierre Charon, Paris 8th - M° George V - Tel +33 (0)1 58 36 58 00 - www.pershinghall.com

Bound - The George V group's hip designer bar.

49/51 avenue George V, Paris 8th - M° George V - Tel +33 (0)1 53 67 84 60 - www.buddha-bar.com

 ${\bf Buddha\ bar}$ - The George V group's always-packed bar and restaurant has the opulent decor of an Asian temple.

8/12~rue Boissy d'Anglas Paris 8th - $\rm M^{\circ}$ Concorde - Tel +33 (0)1 53 05 90 00 - www.buddha-bar.com

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{George V H\^{o}tel Bar} & - A very stylish bar with magnificent mahogany-panelled walls. \end{tabular}$

31 avenue George-V, Paris 8th - M° George-V - Tel +33 (0)1 49 52 70 00 - www.fourseasons.com/paris/

Le Schmuck - Curio parlour decor styled by in vogue decorator Laura Gonzalez. The club is owned by French actor Gilles Lellouche and his friends.

43 rue de Ponthieu, Paris 8th - M° Saint-Philippe-du-Roule - Tel +33 (0)1 43 59 13 37

Le Secret - Small restaurant and cocktail bar with neoclassical decor in what was formerly a hostess bar.

La grande dame à l'Hôtel Sezz - A rose petal-shaped alcove devoted to Veuve Cliquot champagne in a designer hotel.

6 avenue Frémiet, Paris 16th - M° Passy - Tel +33 (0)1 56 75 26 26 - www.hotelsezz-paris.com

Le Dokhan's at Radisson Blu Le Dokhan's Hotel - Champagne bar in an elegant, upscale, classic setting.

117 rue Lauriston, Paris 16th - M° Boissière - Tel +33 (0)1 53 65 66 99 - www.radissonblu.fr

Bar Flute - Cosy, comfy bar specializing in champagne.

19 rue de l'Étoile, Paris 17th - M° Ternes - Tel +33 (0)1 45 72 10 14 - www.flutebar.com

Le très particulier - The bar at the little known Hôtel Particulier offers a cosy salon with a piano, opening onto a wild garden.

23 avenue Junot, Pavillon D, Paris 18th - M° Lamarck Caulaincourt or Blanche - Tel +33 (0)1 53 41 81 40 - www.hotel-particulier-montmartre.com

Bar du Mama Shelter - Huge bar-restaurant with an arty New York atmosphere and contemporary design by Philippe Starck.

Hôtel Mama Shelter, 109 rue de Bagnolet, Paris 20th - M° Porte de Bagnolet - Tel +33 (0)1 43 48 48 - www.mamashelter.com

THRILLING VIEWS

Café Marly (cafe) - Located in the Richelieu wing of the Palais du Louvre, this Costes-owned cafe has Napoleon III-style dining rooms giving on to a terrace with an unrestricted view of the Louvre pyramid.

93 rue de Rivoli, Paris 1st - M° Palais-Royal - Tel +33 (0)1 49 26 07 06 - www.maisonthierrycostes.com

Le quarante-trois up on the roof - The summer bar of the Holiday Inn Paris-Notre-Dame. Have a drink and enjoy the view of Paris - 4 rue Danton, Paris 6th - M° Saint-Michel- www.holidayinn.com

Bar à champagne de la Tour Eiffel - Champagne bar at the top level of the Eiffel Tower.

Tour Eiffel, Parc du Champ de Mars, Paris 7th - RER Champ de Mars - Tour Eiffel-Tel +33 (0)1 44 11 23 23 - www.restaurants-toureiffel.com

Le Ciel de Paris - on the 56th floor of the Maine-Montparnasse tower block, champagne bar à champagnes with a drinks list of Bellinis, the wonderful cocktail invented in Venice - 33 avenue du Maine, Paris 15th - M° Montparnasse-Bienvenüe - www.cieldeparis.com

Bar du Concorde Lafayette - La Vue - Bar on the 34th floor of Hôtel Concorde Lafayette offering a bird's-eye view of Paris.

3 place du Général Koenig, Paris 17th - M° Porte Maillot - Tel +33 (0)1 40 68 50 68 - www.lafayette.concorde-hotels.fr

Le 7th - Bar-lounge on the rooftop of a hotel perched on Montmartre Hill with a heated terrace in winter offering a magnificent view of the French capital.

Terrass Hôtel 12-14, rue Joseph de Maistre, Paris 18th - M° Place de Clichy - Tel +33 (0)1 46 06 72 95 - www.terrass-hotel.com

EXCLUSIVE NIGHTSPOTS

Le Cab - Hip restaurant, bar and nightclub with futuristic decor by Ora Ito.

2 place du Palais-Royal, Paris 1st - M° Palais-Royal - Tel +33 (0)1 58 62 56 25 - www.cabaret.fr

Le Magnifique - A tiny insider-only club designed to look like a cosy, stylish apartment.

25~rue Richelieu Paris 1st - M° Pyramides - Tel +33 (1) 42 60 70 80 - www.lemagnifique.fr

VIP Room - Trendy celebrity hotspot with a chic restaurant and bars.

188 rue de Rivoli, Paris 1st - Tel +33 (0)1 58 36 46 00

Silencio Club - This already-cult nightlife venue has been entirely designed by American director David Lynch. Extending over 650 m^2 , the club includes several cosy rooms, a concert hall with a dance floor, an art library and a tiny 24-seat cinema.

142-144 de la rue Montmartre, Paris 2nd - Tel +33 (0)1 53 65 65 58 - www.silencio-club.com

Chez Castel - Famously exclusive Saint-Germain des Prés club attracting fashion industry insiders.

15 rue Princesse Paris 6th - M° Mabillon - Tel +33 (0) 1 40 51 52 80

Le Montana - Handkerchief-sized Left Bank bar and club designed by Parisian nightlife impresario André.

26 rue Saint-Benoît Paris 6th - M° Saint-Germain des Prés

Club Matignon - A select restaurant and club opened by the Costes brothers in 2010 with bold decor by Jacques Garcia where the atmosphere spells glamour.

3 avenue Matignon Paris 8th - M° Franklin D. Roosevelt - Tel +33 (0)1 42 89 64 72 - www.maisonthierrycostes.com

Crazy Horse - This cabaret has celebrated the beauty and sensuality of women in a chic, glamorous and sophisticated setting ever since it first opened in 1951.

12 avenue George-V Paris 8th - Tel +33 (1) 47 23 32 32 - www.lecrazyhorseparis.com

Chez Régine - An exclusive Champs-Elysées club.

49 rue de Ponthieu Paris 8th - M° Saint-Philippe du Roule - Tel +33 (0)1 40 39 08 08

La nuit de Maxim's de Paris - exciting nightlife events are organized in this legendary art deco brasserie.

3 rue Royale, Paris 8th - M° Concorde - Tel +33 (0)1 42 65 27 94 - www.maxims-de-paris.com

Le Baron - This club run by Paris nightlife impresario André has the feel of a small-size Paris cabaret and draws the beautiful people.

6 avenue Marceau, Paris 8th - M° Alma-Marceau - Tel +33 (0)1 47 20 04 01 - www.clublebaron.com

Les red hours du Plaza Ahénée - electro and rock on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

228 rue de Rivoli, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 44 58 10 10 - www.plaza-athenee-paris.fr

Mathi's bar- Dimly-lit, intimate bar and club in the Golden Triangle district.

3 rue de Ponthieu Paris 8th - M° Franklin Roosevelt - Tel +33 (0)1 53 76 01 62

Raspoutine - A Russian cabaret converted into an insider-only club with amazing decor.

58 rue de Bassano, Paris 8th - M° Georges V - Tel +33 (0)1 47 20 04 31

Showcase - Club situated under the Alexandre-III bridge - Port des Champs-Élysées, Paris 12th - M° Champs-Élysées-Clémenceau or Invalides - Tel +33 (0)145 61 25 43 - www.showcase.fr

L'Arc - Club located in an opulent townhouse in the upscale 16th arrondissement.

12 rue de Presbourg Paris 16th - M° Charles de Gaulle - Etoile - Tel +33 (1) 45 00 78 70 - www.larc-paris.com

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RESTAURANTS

Cristal Room Baccarat - 11 place des États-Unis, Paris 16th - M° Boissière - Tel +33 (0)1 40 22 11 10 - www.baccarat.com

1728 - 8 rue d'Anjou, Paris 8th - \mbox{M}° Concorde - Tel +33 (0)1 40 17 04 77 - www.restaurant-1728.com

Le Zyriab by Noura - Institut du Monde Arabe, 9th floor, 1 rue des Fossés Saint-Bernard, Paris 5th - M° Cardinal Lemoine or Jussieu - Tel +33 (0)1 55 42 55 42 - www.noura.com

FLOATING PALACES

Yachts de Paris - Port Henri-IV, Paris 4th - M° Quai-de-la-Rapée - Tel +33 (0)1 44 54 14 70 - www.yachtsdeparis.fr

VIP Paris - Port de la Rapée, Paris 12th - M° Quai-de-la-Rapée Tel +33 (0)1 44 68 06 38 - www.le-vip-paris.com

Clipper Paris Yacht Marina - Port de Grenelle, Paris 15th - M° Bir-Hakeim - Tel +33 (0)6 75 91 56 45- www.parisyachtmarina.com

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Château de Fontainebleau - Place du Général de Gaulle 77300 Fontainebleau - Tel +33 (0)1 60 71 50 60 - www.musee-chateaufontainebleau.fr

Hôtel Marcel Dassault - 7 rond-point des Champs-Élysées - Paris 8th - M° Franklin D. Roosevelt - Tel +33 (0)1 42 99 20 20 - www.artcurial.com

Maison de l'Amérique latine - 217 boulevard St Germain, Paris 7th - M° Solférino - Tel +33 (0)1 49 54 75 20 - www.mal217.org

Jardins du Musée du Louvre - Pyramide du Louvre, Paris 1st - M° Palais-Royal - Tel +33 (0)1 40 20 50 50 - www.louvre.fr

Petit Palais - Avenue Winston-Churchill, Paris 8th - M° Champs-Élysées-Clemenceau - Tel +33 (0)1 53 43 40 54 - www.petitpalais.paris.fr

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Théâtre Mogador - 25 rue de Mogador, Paris 9th - M° Trinité- d'Estienne d'Orves - Tel +33 (0)1 53 32 31 87 - www.mogador.net

And also: **Germain Paradisio** - Located in the basement of Le Germain restaurant, the Paradisio is the first luxury cinema available to privatize. Designed by India Mahdavi, the venue seats an audience of 25 people who can enjoy a private screening just for them, then have a drink or a meal at the bar and restaurant.

25/27 rue de Buci, Paris 6th - M° Odéon - Tel +33 (0)6 34 99 37 13 - www.legermainparadisio.com

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