

Hotels

Suite Française

Paris loves its grand old storied hotels so much it has a special status for those that surpass French standards of excellence: the Palace distinction. You'll find three such lavish institutions here – Le Bristol, Park Hyatt and the Four Seasons Hotel George V – but we've also looked beyond the big players to find places that emphasise hospitality and personality regardless of their room count.

From design-oriented boltholes to wildly wall-papered guesthouses, the city's boutique hotels are dynamic and characterful. We dish out points for the odd quirk too, whether it's a tape recorder in the wall at Hôtel Particulier Montmartre (to leave a message for the next occupants) or Hôtel Grand Amour's anatomically inspired carpets.

But what all of these places have in common is their understanding of the importance of exceptional service, thoughtful design and a welcoming spot in which to socialise at the end of the day – whether that's a lively bar or a peaceful courtyard.

Here are our favourite places to hang our *chapeau* while in town.



① Hôtel Henriette, Croulebarbe (13^e)
Romantic bohemia

Former fashion stylist and interior designer Vanessa Scoffier is the creative spirit behind the refurbishment of this intimate hotel in Paris's up-and-coming 13th arrondissement. The 32 bedrooms and communal spaces are filled with vintage furniture – much of it Scandinavian – sourced by Scoffier from flea markets in Paris and abroad. Textured natural materials such as vintage pressed-tin panels and rope light fixtures playfully combine with patterned wallpapers and pops of bright paintwork. “The overall idea was to make it like a family home,” says Scoffier. “I hadn't planned anything. It was all about feeling.”

The courtyard is a lovely place to sit with a coffee in the sun and breakfast is served each morning in the communal canteen. Expect a warm welcome, fresh flowers in your room and a croissant on your plate in the morning.

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