

ROOM WITH A VIEW



WHERE ARE WE? HOTEL HENRIETTE, PARIS

WHY WE LOVE IT When the sun goes down, star-shaped bulbs light up, turning this into one of the most romantic courtyards in Paris. It's small, but big on detail: vintage wrought-iron chairs, an antique mirror on the wall and vases of fresh flowers. Owner and fashion editor Vanessa Scoffier leapt at the opportunity to revamp the former Résidence les Gobelins, located on the edge of the 13th arrondissement, well off the tourist track. Despite this being her first foray into hotel design, she has managed the project herself, from the decor to the day-to-day running of the place. Each of the 32 bedrooms differs in style, like the amalgamation of Pinterest boards. Vintage cabinets picked up at Les Puces du Design sit alongside Michael Anastassiades lamps; beds are made with crisp linens from Merci. Plywood lines some walls, thick stripes of paint in mustardy yellows and inky blues cover others. Headboards are made from beaten-up leather gym mats or decorated with bright pink washi tape. The result is quirky and cool without feeling too contrived. Scoffier has an interesting story to tell about every item: as she walks around the lobby she moves one old pharmacy bottle to make room for a scented candle, talking about the tubular radiator in the breakfast room once used in a market nearby. And while you might want to linger at this natty new addition to the Paris scene, the Metro can whizz you to the Louvre's pyramid in about 15 minutes. PAULINE EGGE +33 1 47 07 26 90; www.hotelhenriette.com. Doubles from about £65