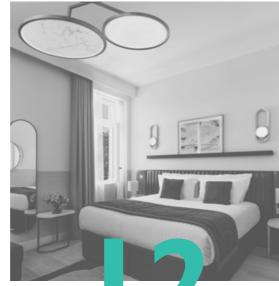


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The rebirth of the mythical hotel of Nîmes

L'Imperator, a legendary hotel in Nimes, has been reborn thanks to the Maison Albar Hotels brand. The luxury hotel group is reopening the prestigious hotel in the very heart of Nimes, just steps from the city's ancient Roman arena, temple, and tower. Behind its 1929 Art Deco-style façade, the five-star hotel has a majestic feel, reviving the legend of an exceptional hotel that was once emblematic for the city. Maison Albar Hotels is strengthening its positioning in the luxury hotel segment by becoming a member of the Leading Hotels of the World. L'Imperator is iconic in the city of Nimes. Numerous renowned figures have stayed there, including writer Ernest Hemingway, who even mentioned the hotel in his novel The Garden of Eden, and American actress Ava Gardner.

> As legend has it, while still married to Frank Sinatra, Gardner was the mistress of Spanish matador Dominguín and would sneak out the back door of L'Imperator through the kitchen to avoid the paparazzi when she would meet up with him in Nimes.





A transformation signed by the architect Marcelo Joulia

The hotel has been entirely transformed by Marcelo Joulia, a French-Argentinian architect and founder of the firm Naço. His firm was assisted in the transformation by architecture and design firm Atelier COS. L'Imperator was carefully designed and enhanced to create a five-star hotel where French charm and art de vivre make for an exceptional experience. In his redesign, Marelo Joulia wanted to take visitors back through the hotel's glorious history, with subtle reminders such as the lift, the chandelier, and the grand staircase, which remain faithful to the building's past, as well as the arches, which were restored and embellished.

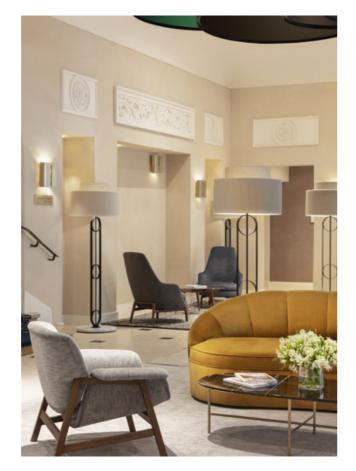
> The charm and French art of living promise an exceptional stay.

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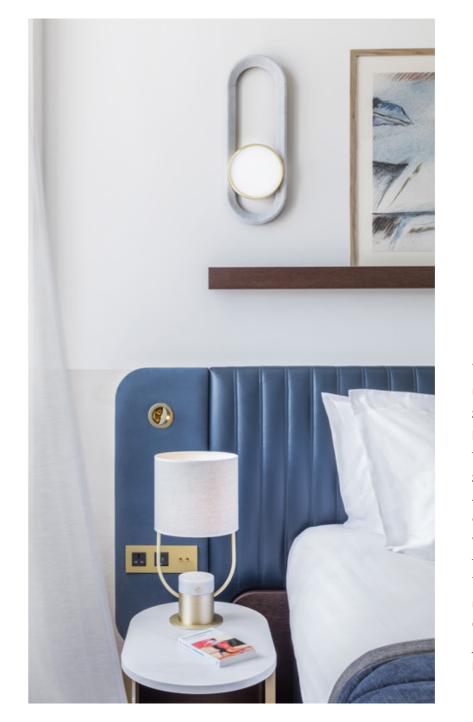
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As soon as you enter the hotel's lobby, you find elegant décor using materials like wood and natural stone, spaces that seem even bigger thanks to large, aged mirrors, and seamlessness, with glass walls that can be opened up and that fill the bar, brasserie, and lobby with light. When creating the velvet sofas found in the cloister, artist Thierry Carretero largely drew inspiration from the ginkgo biloba tree, a symbol of the hotel. Many other artists contributed to the décor of the common areas: you'll find pop art by Warhol and Vasarely near the bar, a paint-on-textile mural by Claude Viala behind the reception desk, and original lithographs and engravings by Michelle Champetier.

L'Imperator's garden is a true oasis. Its 1020 m² are filled with sunlight and features that give it its charm, including dry-stone walls, pavilions and canopies, majestic trees, including the hotel's emblematic ginkgo biloba tree, hidden courtyards, and little paths and passageways. There are also light fixtures designed by Marco Marino throughout the gardens and around the outdoor pool.







The number of rooms was reduced to offer guests more generous spaces and eight private houses opening onto the garden were created to host groups of friends or families. As a signature, each room has a drawing by Marcelo Joulia from when he first started imagining the transformation of L'Imperator. The drawings are accompanied by many diverse pieces of art from Galerie Hus, including paintings by Jacques Monory and lithographs by Jim Bird.

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Inside the Maison Albar - L' Imperator hides a luxurious, cosy, and intimate setting with 53 rooms and suites and 8 private houses offering a peaceful retreat for a getaway with family or friends.

ROOMS AND SUITES.

L'Imperator has 49 rooms that measure 20 to 28 m² in size, including 21 Superior rooms, 24 Deluxe rooms, and four Executive rooms. In each room, Marcelo Joulia has combined neutral colours, like beige and white, with shades of blue that are found in all the hotels in the Maison Albar Hotels group: on the leather headboards, on the velvet armchairs, and even mixed with brighter colours on the rugs in the rooms. The bedrooms and bathrooms are separated by a sliding mirror shaped like a porthole. The bathrooms are decked out in beige-coloured natural stone. In both spaces, you'll find elegant materials, such as brass and marble.

Guests at L'Imperator can also choose to stay in one of the three Junior Suites, which are 30 to 32 m² in size, two of which have balconies.

Another option is the 57 m² Suite for up to four guests, which includes a 41 m² living room with a comfortable sofa bed that sleeps two. In addition to the walk-in shower found in all the rooms, the Suite and two of the Junior Suites also have bathtubs.

HOUSES.

Facing the legendary building, on the other side of the cloister, are eight private houses overlooking the garden. These peaceful one- to three-bedroom units each have a private terrace, a kitchenette, and access to the hotel's room service. Each room has its own bathroom with a bathtub and a walk-in shower, giving guests a five-star experience in a calm, intimate setting.

The houses have symbolic names connected to the hotel's history: 1923, El Cordobes, Ginkgo, Ava Gardner, Jean Cocteau, Ernest Hemingway, Salvador Dali, and Imperator. With floor areas ranging from 64 m² to 162 m², they are the ideal holiday accommodation for friends, families, or couples.







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Three gastronomic places by Pierre Gagnaire

For dining options, Maison Albar - L'Imperator and three-Michelin-star chef Pierre Gagnaire have teamed up to create a culinary experience that is unique in the Nimes hotel scene, with three establishments: gourmet restaurant Duende, brasserie L'Impé, and Bar Hemingway. Pierre Gagnaire is one of the most important figures in French gastronomy. He has been collaborating for 14 years with chef Nicolas Fontaine, a native of Nimes who loves his home town. Together, they have a strong affinity for the South of France and they take their guests on a journey through their world: cuisine that is crafted with talent and practised with passion and sincerity.

The cuisine cannot be measured in terms of tradition or modernity. It should show the tenderness of cooking.



NICOLAS FONTAINE

Trained at the starred restaurant Balzac alongside Pierre Gagnaire, Nicolas Fontaine was then rapidly named Executive Chef of Gaya. When he signed the menu of Maison Albar - L'Imperator, Gagnaire Nicolas Fontaine to the head of its kitchens. This is how chef Fontaine came to bring his finesse, originality and technical mastery each day to the starred gastronomic restaurant L'Impé brasserie, as well as the Bar Hemingway, for a guaranteed sensory journey.

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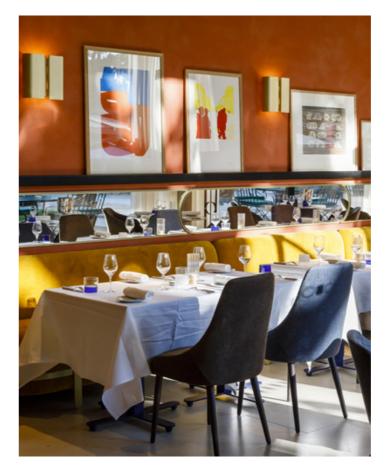
DUENDE

Le Duende, in the heart of Nîmes, is an exceptional address designed to offer a unique, unforgettable gastronomic experience.

Discover its perfect pairings in 6 or 10 courses imagined by chefs Pierre Gagnaire, Nicolas Fontaine, Julien Caligo and Alexandre together Brusquet, Logan Thouillez's exceptional wine cellar. The service is perfectly orchestrated by Gabriel Lonca in a warm, intimate setting. In March 2022, the Duende was awarded 2 stars in the MICHELIN guide, synonym for excellence. refinement and seamless teamwork.

> A unique culinar experience.







L'Empe

L'Impé is a typical Southern French brasserie, with influences from the Provence and Camargue regions. Chefs Pierre Gagnaire and Nicolas Fontaine combine ingredients from land and sea to create a unique and ample menu that showcases local producers. The menu includes typical Iberian dishes, including starters such as patatas bravas, guindillas, and grilled piquillo peppers. Main courses include a Mediterranean fish soup accompanied by mussels from the Étang de Thau and Camargue rice. For dessert, diners can try an almond-flavoured calisson with vanilla ice cream and a citrus syrup. L'Impé will take you on a culinary journey through the Mediterranean. At any time of day, you can dine in an atmosphere filled with warm colours and with a view of the garden.

BAR **HEMINGWAY**

COCKTAILS&CO

Bar Hemingway gets its name from an old regular at the hotel. Its diverse menu includes a wide selection of cocktails, mocktails, spirits, and other drinks, both with and without alcohol. The bar's signature cocktail, the Hemingway Special Signature, combines rum, Luxardo Maraschino, Farigoule thyme liqueur, lime and grapefruit juices, and home-made orange and thyme bitters. The low-key ambiance with a view of the garden, the unique décor, and the carefully crafted menu all make for a stimulating, friendly atmosphere. Hotel guests and visitors can come sip on signature cocktails while nibbling on tapas at any time.







A spa signed **CODAGE**

L'IMPERATOR CODAGE SPA

L'Imperator has teamed up with the French brand CODAGE to offer hotel guests and locals a 350 m² wellness area. L'Imperator CODAGE Spa offers you serenity with its soothing treatments. The spa has four treatment rooms, including two double rooms. For the ultimate relaxation, the spa also offers two pools, one indoors and one outdoors, along with a large terrace for you to soak in the Mediterranean climate. To top it off, you can take advantage of the steam room, jacuzzi, barber shop, and training room.





CODAGE is a cosmetics brand with expertise handed down from the French tradition of excellence in pharmaceuticals. CODAGE offers a line of products with highly concentrated active ingredients that provide advanced nutrition to skin, as well as a range of facial and body care treatments to meet everyone's individual needs. Since its founding, CODAGE has made customisation its signature, along with the expert touch of wellness professionals. Each treatment is a unique, personalised experience bringing together beauty, effectiveness, and expertise.

CODAGE's offer includes a broad selection of 12 wellness treatments for facial and/ or body care that range from designer to customised to standard. The range includes a signature treatment 'in Hemingway's footsteps', created exclusively for L'Imperator: 110 minutes of relaxing body massage to release tension, and personalised facial care, followed by a drink to free you mind, specially selected by the hotel's Bar Hemingway.

For the spa's décor, Marcelo Joulia worked with a number of artists: Anna Maria Vasco Costa created the ceramic pieces found around the indoor pool; engraving artist lean-Pierre Formica created the terra-cotta sculptures formed with scoring around the outdoor pool; and artist Guy Bareff sculpted the pieces covered in terra-cotta tiles placed throughout the spa. In this space covered in stone and natural wood, guests will find a retreat for exquisite pleasure and relaxation.

OPENING HOURS: 10AM - 10PM





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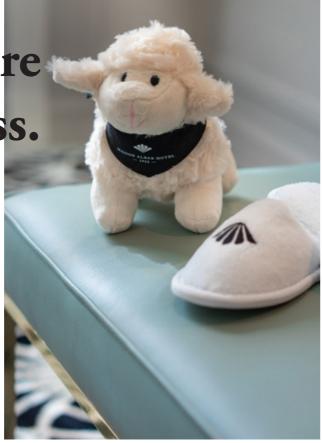
THE KID'S CLUB AT L'IMPERATOR.

L'Imperator is also a family-friendly hotel where young travellers can enjoy fun activities and classes at the Kids Club, while their parents enjoy a treatment at the spa or a dinner at the hotel's gourmet restaurant.

BUSINESS TRAVELLERS.

L'Imperator also offers 200 m² of meeting space across six dedicated conference rooms, allowing guests to work in natural lighting and in a comfortable setting that facilitates interaction. On the first floor of the main building, four meeting rooms ranging from 22 to 35 m² are available to host gatherings of up to 20 business travellers. Companies can choose the layout of the room: in a U, rectangle, classroom style, or theatre style. They can also plan cocktail hours for combining both work and play. For bigger groups, there are two rooms in the heart of the garden: La Maison Carrée.

Each room measuring 45 m², they offer the advantage of being able to be combined into a single room hosting up to 100 people for







meetings, business lunches, cocktail hours, and private dinners.

The hotel helps organise company retreats, with the option of organising group activities like a tour of truffle farms, wine tasting at a vineyard, a masterclass with a chef, a visit to the lavender fields. and more. That means corporate retreats that are both productive and fun.

THE FERIAS.

L'Imperator is a legendary hotel that has always joined in with the major cultural and festive events that bring the city of Nimes to life throughout the year. The hotel remains THE place to go during the Féria de la Pentecôte and the Féria des Vendanges, Nimes' festivals for Pentecost and the end of the bullfighting season. During the festivals, the hotel combines tradition and a sense of community: guests are offered private spaces in the sublime 'Bodega', wine and champagne, tapas and charcuterie boards to share by Chef Pierre Gagnaire; everything you need to enjoy these unique, colourful events with a Spanish flare.



MAISON ALBAR HOTELS

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Maison Albar Hotels is the 5-star boutique hotel brand of the independent French hotel group Centaurus. Combining with passion the know-how of a family of four generations of hoteliers, Maison Albar Hotels is a collection of houses all unique but with the same family spirit, where French elegance blends with the cultural footprint of the place to offer each host a memorable experience. The Maison Albar Hotels are created on a human scale so that families, couples and business travelers feel welcome as at home. Present in France, Europe and China, Maison Albar Hotels sees itself as the ambassador of a warm French luxury where know-how, taste of the beautiful and culture combine.

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