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TRENDY ADDRESSES

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This is Paris seen from the sky, or more precisely from the Mun restaurant terrace, which offers a cuisine that balances between fantasized Asia and Parisian vertigo. Inside, a succession of rooms where an irresistible climate reigns, mixing fabrics, opulence, a bejewelled ceiling, muted lights, lacquer, dark wood and tables in alcoves that allow you to see and be seen. The tasting, orchestrated by Julien Chicoisne and Roland Puse, offers a stroll of tataki, gyoza, tempura, charcoal yakitori but also tartar and carpaccio. A return trip to the plate that is extended by dishes in the spirit of puffed rice, salmon tartar, dashi miso, king crab, shabu-shabu style prawns... Until the end with aerial desserts by Yann Couvreur. An extraordinary journey, literally and figuratively.

munparis.com

DROUANT, A FLAMBOYANT RETURN

The Place Gaillon institution - known for hosting the Goncourt Prize-is getting a makeover. Starting with its menu redesigned by the young Chef Thibault Nizard. With his new menu, he has succeeded in combining know-how, seasonal products and epicureanism. Light, accessible and delicate, the new menu is in tune with the seasons but also offers new fine and gourmet dishes: roast duckling with vanilla cherries; black cod with wine sauce... To accompany this wind of modernity, Drouant launches its innovative cultural events and opens the doors of its literary, artistic and philosophical circle. An arty club that gives its subscribers access to monthly conferences led by the intellectuals, novelists and artists of the moment, under the auspices of the philosopher Gérard Lemarié.

www.drouant.com





In each of its venues, Gigi likes to immerse its guests in the warm refinement of its native country. Under the inspired guidance of Hugo Toro, the columns, the lime plaster, the yellow Sienna marble and the Roman travertine create a grandiose decor worthy of a Venetian palace. Under the custom-designed ceilings, conviviality is king, although here and there are more intimate spaces. Faithful to its art of entertaining Alla Grande, Gigi distils all the required elements in its Parisian home. The Bellini Bar as a rallying point for aperitivo lovers, a friendly and sunny cuisine inviting you to rediscover the treasures of Italian gastronomy, and of course a unique musical atmosphere animated by live performances in the evening, irresistibly inviting you to sing and dance: until late into the night, the hearts of the guests beat faster to the rhythm of Italy.

gigi-restaurant.com

MIMOSA, A SENSORY TRAVEL

Situated in the cour d'honneur of Hôtel de la Marine (eighteenth century), an extra-ordinary building just opened after several years of restauration, Mimosa occupies the old stables of the residence for the Garde-Meuble de la Couronne place de la Concorde. An impressive paved courtyard leads to the restaurant, an exceptional space with his ten meter high ceilings and 450m². The architect and interior decorator Dorothée Delaye gives Mimosa a particular identity made of hints from the past and an eye on the future. Marble, brass, wood, velvet, these materials combine perfectly while the variations of terracotta, blues, greens, greys, mahogany and pearly shades. Far from any shores, Mimosa takes you on a trip to the Côte d'Azur and its legendary way of life, perfectly embodied by Jean-François Piège's dazzling menu... A table full of joy and an ode to the south of France in the heart of Paris! www.mimosa-rueroyale.com





CLĒO, A TASTEFUL EXPERIENCE

Hidden in the elegant 7th arrondissement, just next to the Invalides, Cleo (Narcisse Blanc 5* hotel restaurant) is probably the most confidential parisian restaurant. An intimate "boudoir", named after an iconic french ballet dancer of 19th century, Cleo de Merode. The gourmet cuisine imagined by the chef Bruno Aubin is a delicious compromise between his grandmother's homecooking and his gastronomic experiences with Philippe Etchebest followed by seven years under the demanding leadership of starred chef Eric Frechon. Try his honey marinated carots and roasted turbot for example! Atasteful experience in a cosy powdered case designed by Laurent Bardet and Laurence Jean and decorated by Thierry Martin et Thibaut Fron (Exclusive Interiors by T&T).

www.restaurantdeo.fr



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THE ROOFTOPS OF SAINT TROPEZ

The Hôtel de Paris has the only rooftop in Saint-Tropez where, when the weather is fine, you can sit on the superb terrace with a panoramic view between the village and the Gulf course and enjoy a meal prepared by the chef Damien Cruchet, who offers Provençal cuisine with a strong locavore accent, sourcing it from farmers and fishermen he knows well. This commitment is so important to him that he himself collects his ewe's milk cheeses from Catherine Fleury at the Ferme de la Pastourelle, a production that is too small to be able to organise delivery to his customers. In summer, the chef loves fish and shellfish straight from the harbour, courgette flowers, and all the sun-drenched fruits and vegetables.

www.hoteldeparis-sainttropez.com

HOTEL DU LOUVRE

Ideally located, next to the Louvre Museum, this elegant 5* hotel, situated in an emblematic parisian building, is part of French history. Imagine... In 1855, it is the first "grand hotel" of the capital city, demanded by Napoleon III himself to welcome the numerous visitors of the Exposition Universelle. A new page is written in 2019 when the architect George Wong orchestrates the renovation of the hotel introducing touches of modernity in its iconic Second Empire style. 164 rooms (including 58 suites), with view on the Louvre Museum, the Comédie Française or the Opéra Garnier, and a beautiful bar famous for its magnificent stained-glass window... and its delicious weekend "Goûter du Chef Pâtissier" Julien Delhome. Part of the Unbound Collection by Hyatt, the Hotel du Louvre deserves its timeless reputation.

www.hoteldulouvre.com

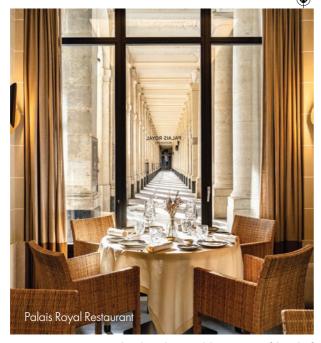
HOTEL SOOKIE

Named after the famous and vibrant title Sookie Sookie of Grant Green, this new 4^* hotel is settled in the trendy Marais. Designed as a friend's house with a coffee shop opened to the public, Sookie Hotel was entirely decorated by the duo Desjeux Delaye. Faithful to the DNA of the place, they restored the soul of the past by playing on the mineral and inviting materials like linen, wood and fluffy carpets in bedrooms. Each element of the decor coming from flea market tells a story, an experience, inspired by the 50's. The 31 bedrooms are declined in a range of warm shades: saffron, to bacco, almond, etc. A cosy and comfy hotel with a young spirit and a real charm.

www.hotelsookie.com

PALAIS ROYAL RESTAURANT

Awarded a Michelin star in 2017, this forty-seat restaurant deserves its historic and artistic neighbourhood: the Palais Royal Garden, created in 1633 for cardinal de Richelieu by the architect Lemercier. Its new ambition? To be always more creative. An interior design with large bay windows opening onto the gardens and a contemporary atmosphere, in harmony with the revisited codes of the gardens. Soft and ecru colours, subdued lights and, on top of that, the smile of Ahmad Houmani, the Lebanese



restaurant manager! Thanks to him and the cuisine of the chef Philip Chronopoulos, originally from Greece, the place is a perfect mix of the excellence "à la Française" and the Mediterranean warmth. Seasonal and tightened menus seduce the guests who will keep a royal memory of this elegant and gourmet experience.

www.palaisroyalrestaurant.com

LE FOUQUET'S SIGNATURE SUITES

Much more than a new extension, the 19 rooms and suites of the Hotel Barrière Le Fouquet's Paris are the most spectacular spot on the most beautiful avenue in the world. Focus on the 4 Signature Suites which are just... exceptional! Decorated by the French interior designer Jacques Garcia in pure Parisian style, their hosts will feel like staying in a Parisian apartment with herringbone parquet flooring, large fireplaces, Haussmannstyle mouldings and sumptuous fabrics. And the view from the continuous balconies on the Champs-Elysées and the Arc de Triomphe in the distance is amazing! At the very top, the 200 m2 Harcourt Suite pays homage to the collaboration between the hotel and the famous photography studio whose journeys have been intertwined since the early 20th century. Good night under the gaze of Gérard Philipe.

https://www.hotelsbarriere.com/en/paris/le-fouquets/exceptionsuites.html

HOTEL DE L'ABBAYE

Hotel de l'Abbaye sits on a former convent of Benedictine nuns who fled the Lorraine wars in 17th century to find refuge in Paris, in the heart of Saint-Germain-des-Prés. Almost nothing has changed since its renovations in the 1990s, undertaken by the decorator Michel Boyer under the first owners' impetus, Gisèle and Pierre-Antoine Lafortune, who decided to convert this magically preserved place into an intimate hotel. Over time, the stones impregnated with history and the green garden have become the most beautiful assets of this unique Parisian house. From 200 to 470 square meters, in a classic French style, the 44 rooms and suites, overlooking a hidden garden or the inner courtyard, are all different. Pink, blue, yellow, beige or red tones, in floral and geometrical patterns, each stay becomes special. The marble bathrooms are all equipped with a bathtub, as well as a range of welcome products from the pioneering French







perfume house, Diptyque. Enjoy Parisian luxury and romance and discover the best kept 6th arrondissement secret. Hush! www.hotelabbayeparis.com

WELCOME TO HOTEL LE FRIEDLAND

A nice and cosy hotel of 40 rooms-some of them with balcony-located in the Golden Triangle of Paris (Champs Elysees district without the noise and traffic jams!): Le Friedland deserves his 4 stars since it has been entirely renovated by the Studio NOCC lastyear. Inspired by the Belle Epoque, the decoration is a bridge between 19th century spirit and a contemporary vision. Arches, vaults, herringbone parquet floors, stained glass windows, marquetry, caning, marble and terrazo design the different spaces of the hotel. To ensure quiet nights to the guests, the interior











designers have chosen pastel colors that help to dream and rest... Two neighboring adresses of the Madeho group welcome you for a drink or a meal: Pley Hotel, perfect place for a cocktail and Mersea restaurant which serves a sea streetfood signed by the 2* chef Olivier Bellin. Three places for one!

www.hotel-paris-friedland.com

THE NEW BAINS DU MARAIS

New address, new decoration, new concept, new restaurant (le Life): everything is new in the 2022 Bains du Marais version except the team expertise - the same as the original one: Mouss, Khadija, Malika, Nima, Selena and of course, Ludivine, the spa manager. Soledad is still at the controls and ensure the well being of hers hosts, faithful customers or first visitors, aiming for a relaxing or beauty moment... For nesting this 700 square meters space, his turkish bath, sauna, hair salon, nail bar, 10 treatment rooms and restaurant, a former night club has been totally transformed. Two years later, the new Bains du Marais welcomes couples, friends and families in a special atmosphere which singles out evasion and allows everyone to let it go. Last but not least, the soft decoration of the lobby which promises access to serenity as soon as you enter the spa...

www.bainsdumarais.fr

SKYBAR PARIS, A BAR IN THE SKY

Set your sights above the clouds and let your soul and spirit soar 377 ft above Paris! Located on 32th floor of the renovated Pullman Paris Montparnasse, the new Skybar is THE new spot of the area. After Los Angeles, Miami and the Bahamas, the brand Skybar will seduce the Parisians who want to see their city differently and all the initiated visitors. An inside decoration in green, black and orange wich reminds the 70's, an outside terrass with orange sofas and green plants which gives an amazing panoramic view on Paris by night. Just enjoy! An original cocktails menu with 8 «cocktails signature » by Guillaume Guerbois and a musical offer prepared by Fred Viktor complete the offer of this new Sky Bar. By the way, access to the sky (bar) is through Pullman hotel lobby...

www.skybarparis.com

GRAND CAFĒ D'ATHĒNES, GREEK & CHIC

Fancy an homemade tzatziki or a feta psiti in a sunny and friendly environment? No doubt: Grand Café d'Athènes and his large terrass is what you're looking for! Opened on the bubbling rue du faubourg Saint-Denis (10 minutes walk away from Jean Paul Gaultier head office, famous for his fabulous fashion shows), Grand Café d'Athènes is an invitation to mediterranenan lifestyle and greek food. The cheffe Chloé Monchalin likes to twist greek gastronomy with french modernity and it works! Served in a cosy environment decorated with wooden furniture, mixed with marble, ceramic and rattan, the colors are soft and the service smily. A summer holiday atmosphere in the middle of Paris!

www.grandcafeathenes.fr

