



PLACES TO STAY

The most romantic hotels in Paris for a couples getaway

Our pick of the most romantic addresses in Paris, from private bijou gems to the city's most glamorous abodes

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Ah, Paris. The City of Light, Love, and **romantic weekend getaways**. Clichéd? Peut-être, but some of the most romantic hotels in Paris better suit the word classic. Whoever tires of wandering Le Marais' cobblestone streets, dining in checkered clothed bistros, or munching on fresh **croissants** for breakfast in bed? Even the everyday can make you swoon. But nothing sets the scene for a romantic **city break** quite like holding the keys to a room in one of the **best hotels in Paris**. Here we round up our pick of the most magical addresses, from private bijou gems to the city's most glamorous abodes.



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Maison Proust, Le Marais →

Hoteliers Yoni Aïdan and Sylviane Sanz have certainly mastered the art of seduction, at least in the hospitality sense. After opening the sumptuous Maison Souquet, which rather racily used to be a 'maison close', the duo found inspiration in the works of Marcel Proust for their second bijou address, although you might find yourself spending more time romancing than reading. As everything French designer Jacques Garcia touches seems to turn to gold, or at least plush burgundy velvet, Aïdan and Sanz handed him the tassled keys to the 23 rooms and suites after he'd already worked his magic on Maison Souquet. Each pays homage to a character in Proust's Belle Époque world with rich jewel shades and lavish fabrics finished with no-expense-spared gilded mouldings and wall panels of Cordoba leather. But it's the spa that's the jewel in the crown, almost literally, after Garcia enlisted the same artisans that crafted the palatial, King of Morocco-owned La Mamounia. Cue traditional tadelakt walls and grand geometric-tiled columns surrounding a shimmering blue pool lit by ornate lanterns. Upstairs retreat to the **low lit bar** for drinks, where you might find ex-Ritz Bar bartender Colin Field shaking and stirring on a Friday night, or take a seat in one of the velvet clad salons to transport you, for the night at least to the glorious Belle Époque.

Price: Rooms from around £867 per night.

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