

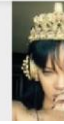
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Where to Stay in Paris Right Now: The City's Newest Design Hotels

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If you're heading to Paris this month (the biannual design show *Maison & Objet* and couture shows are both on the horizon), you'll have your pick of inspired accommodations. The past six months alone have seen the opening of some of the most well-designed hotels the City of Light has to offer—ranging from graffiti artist and modern-day Renaissance man André Saraiva's newest endeavor in the 10th to the sophisticated, Deco-inspired *Hôtel Bachaumont* in the Second. Below, we've rounded up the newest and coolest—including one over-the-top St. Germain apartment rental that can be yours for a mere \$1,180 per night (a great deal, considering the current strength of the dollar!).



Hôtel Providence

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Hôtel Providence

Located in a charming six-story building that dates back to 1854, Hotel Providence is what Parisian hotel dreams are made of. Every inch is packed with character—including an abundance of patterned wallpaper and antiques that could feel chaotic, but somehow works beautifully—and each room has its own bar for in-room DIY cocktail-making.



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You'd never guess it by the coolly on-trend decor, but you can book this brandnew Left Bank spot starting at just \$160 per night. Each of the 50 rooms—created with the contemporary traveler in mind—is slightly different, yet all of them have an understated aesthetic that expertly mixes new and vintage designs.



Hôtel Grand Amour

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Hôtel Grand Amour

A sister property to Pigalle's popular Hotel Amour (graffiti artist André Saraiva's first hotel project), this 10th Arrondissement outpost has 42 rooms, one apartment, a 100-seat restaurant, and all the avant-garde character you'd expect from Saraiva—including an impressive contemporary art collection, an aquarium with tropical fish, and a basement-level sauna, among other curiosities,



Bachaumont

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Bachaumont

Melickson worked her magic. Doing homage to the property's history

This Second Arrondissement hotel—which had its original heyday in the '20s—is now open after a three-year renovation during which French designer Dorothée

Meilichzon worked her magic. Paying homage to the property's heritage,

Meilichzon infused the hotel with a perspective that feels grand and sophisticated with hints of Art Deco, yet it's decidedly modern throughout. Meilichzon's designs continue into Bachaumont's spacious restaurant and intimate bar, which are worth a visit even if you're not staying at the hotel.



Grand Pigalle Hotel

Photo: Kristen Pelou



Grand Pigalle Hotel

This 37-room boutique hotel in the Ninth—another designed by Dorothée Meilichzon, who artfully layered patterns and textures with abandon—has a romantic, old-world-Paris vibe that's emphasized by the building's classically Parisian layout. If you can, book one of the three top-floor "under the eaves" suites where you'll get the best view of the city.

Airbnb

If you're up for splurging, this three-bedroom, three-bath apartment in St Germain is the way to go. Beyond the magazine-worthy interior design, this place has five marble fireplaces, 14-foot ceilings, and a super-central address on the Left Bank.

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The 4 New Wedding After-Party Trends to Try in 2016

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Weddings are often a balancing act: enough decorum to be parent pleasing, but enough fun to keep your wild college roommate entertained until the wee hours. For those who want both the romance and the rage-fest, it's all about being strategic with the agenda. Engage in the classic photo-pp moments at the reception and cap things off with a serious after-party. At this point, these latenight fetes have moved out of "wedding trend" territory and become a part of the standard itinerary, Just like the cocktail hour or the first dance. But according to event planner [David Stark](#), not all after-parties are created equal. "The after-party is definitely about falling down the rabbit hole," says Stark. "The energy should feel like a nightclub atmosphere. It's about revving up instead of coming down in a chill-out lounge."

The first rule of crafting the right vibe? Create an element of surprise with a great reveal: "Unveil a fabulous nightclub setup. It will excite everyone and give them a blast of new energy," says Stark. "You can also introduce new drinks and food throughout the night or change up the entertainment—if you had a frill band during the wedding proper, have a great DJ host the after party—to add another dimension to the overall experience." And keep in mind that not all of your guests will make the move to the after-party. "It will be a smaller group of true die-hard partiers, so scale it accordingly," says Stark. "The dance floor should be intimate." What are the other key elements of an after-party? Stark shares the four trends that he thinks will be staples of 2016 and beyond.

Go Global

Global themes can provide fantastical settings. Hold your after-party in an exotic Moroccan tent, or set it in a chic, Monaco-inspired, sexy boîte. We are also seeing a lot of after-party environments that have a thematic nod to where the couple is heading on their honeymoon. For Instance, we recently had a pair that was going to the Greek Islands, so the after-party was inspired by the gorgeous Santorini.

Get Into Character

There's a great interest in costumes today. Perhaps this trend ypreads from the props that have become part of the popular photo booths, but full costume "bars," where guests can don everything from wigs and masks to hill outfits, make for fabulous fun and incredible photos on the dance floor.

At this point in the night, inhibitions are at their lowest and even the most reserved will get into the act.

For the Bar, Think Custom

I've been seeing a lot of artisanal cocktails and customized bars. The mixologist is

the rock star of the moment when it comes to wicking up the party, concocting libations from natural and artisanal ingredients that include small-batch spirits, unique reductions, syrups, and blends made from scratch.

Breakfast for Dinner

Food trucks still remain quite popular, but they're not always practical. Breakfast foods are definitely hot right now, and caterers are either setting up buffets or passing small bites. However, mini burgers, fries, and pizza never go out of style.



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