

A luxurious French take on 1930s modernism and elegance, La Réserve is perched on the monumental Art Deco Place du Trocadero, Paris, with spectacular views of the city. Christopher Kanak explores a home from home where personal pampering is a tradition.

RETREAT IN THE CITY OF LIGHTS

Location

La Réserve is spectacularly located on the stylish Art Deco Place du Trocadero in front of Le Palais de Chaillot and the Eiffel Tower. The views from the luxury apartments are breathtaking.

Character

The third La Réserve outpost following Geneva and Ramatuelle is a stylish retreat that can serve as a romantic weekend bolt hole or a home from home. Guests can enjoy two private gardens, a terrace and balconies.

Rooms

The ten spacious apartments range from 150m² to 300m² (with one, two, three or four bedrooms) and have their own fully equipped kitchens and large, sleek granite tiled bathrooms. Stylish beige and black interiors with African-game prints, designer furniture and soaring ceilings complete an understated, chic Parisian design that is cosy but cool. Apartments come impressively equipped with gadgets, including flat-screen televisions, wi-fi access and video-on-demand systems, as well as luxury touches like Frette linen sheets and designer toiletries.



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Food

Your own housekeeper will prepare a scrumptious French breakfast in your apartment, which comes complete with a fully equipped Varenna kitchen. Paris lives up to its reputation as a gourmet capital. La Réserve's 16th-arondissement location is noted for its exclusive eateries such as L'Astrance, which only opened in 2000, but has ascended to three Michelin stars from one. If you want to stay in, Stephanie, the warm *Directrice*, can arrange for a private chef to make you dinner.

Services

Personal pampering is a La Réserve tradition. Stephanie and her team can arrange services including massages and hairstyling.

Getting there

First-class tickets on the Eurostar from Rail Europe at www.raileurope.com. La Réserve can arrange for one of their drivers to pick you up at Gare du Nord, 20 minutes away.

Prices and particulars

Prices for a three-night stay (minimum stay), including continental breakfast, concierge, housekeeping and VAT:

- One-bedroom apartments – €5,000
- Two-bedroom apartments – €6,500
- Three-bedroom apartments – €8,000
- Four-bedroom apartments – €10,000

Further information: www.lareserve-paris.com, +33 1 53 70 53 70.

HIDDEN PARIS: CAFÉS

By Agnès Poirier

Chez Panis

21 Quai de Montebello, 75005 Paris

'Tourists sit by the windows to sip their coffee while admiring Notre-Dame, but locals keep to the counter where they read newspapers and have their coffee standing up.'

Le Balzar

Rue des écoles, 75005 Paris

'A favourite with Sorbonne professors, with a décor that hasn't changed since the '30s.'

Chez Prosper

Place de la Nation, 75012 Paris

'Come early and watch Paris wake up in this very authentic part of the French capital.'

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Sitting rooms at La Réserve feature stylish beige and black interiors with striking prints.

