

HÔTEL ATMOSPHÈRES

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f you like the sound of a short break in the French capital, surrounded by Parisian opulence, look no further than the ultra-fashionable Hôtel Atmosphères in the hub of Paris' most exciting neighbourhood. Located on Rue des Écoles, only minutes from the shopping mecca of Boulevard Saint-Germain, and must-see attractions that include Notre Dame Cathedral, the Pantheon, Centre Pompidou and Jardins du Luxembourg, this French hotspot certainly has it all.

From it's eye-catching exterior to its unique interior décor (that even incorporates a bar made from a jet engine!), award-winning French architect Vincent Bastie has managed to assemble a hotel that reflects many of Paris' most fascinating elements. With 56 rooms in total (including six junior suites and two apartments), it gives a huge nod to the art of Parisian living, so you'll be inspired to discover it for yourself!

The original architectural design is complemented perfectly by the ever-present artwork on display throughout the building. Marketed as being 'the first art-gallery hotel in Paris', Hôtel Atmosphères hosts a variety of exclusive images by famed photographer Thierry des Ouches, all of which can be purchased in either the large-scale prints or postcard size (should the budget not permit!).

A full buffet is laid out each morning in the breakfast room, situated in the cellar. With many of the scrumptious offerings local to the region, take your pick from a selection of fresh pastries, assorted breads, cereals, fruit, yoghurt, cheeses and cold meats. Plus, be sure to whet your whistle with a choice of tea, coffee or hot chocolate before stepping out to pound the Paris streets. Sore feet? Spoil yourself with a refreshing sauna or invigorating massage in the hotel wellness centre. And, as if a day's walking isn't enough exercise, there's also a fully-equipped gym with running machine, exercise bike and sculpting free weights.

Heading out for the evening? Kick off your night with pre-dinner drinks in the lounge before finding a restaurant that fits the bill. With an array of eateries on the doorstep, offering an eclectic mix of global cuisines, the friendly, English-speaking reception staff will lead you in the right direction.

So, whether it's business or pleasure that brings you to Paris, get a real feel for the capital at iconic Hôtel Atmosphères.