

## HÔTEL VERNEUIL

8 Rue de Verneuil, 75007 Paris, France.
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Rates start from around £150 per room per night.

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eep your finger firmly on the pulse by checking into newly refurbished Hôtel Verneuil on Rue de Verneuil, a stomping ground for artists, fashionistas, discerning shoppers and foodies alike. With an abundance of galleries, boutiques and restaurants in the area, it was once home to one of France's most famous musicians, Serge Gainsbourg. Bump into the street's resident writers, actors and designers while frequenting the quirky coffee shops!





A magnificent 17th century townhouse, the 26 rooms are divided into four categories; Deluxe, Club, Classic and Connecting. Each is adorned with rich fabrics in soft tones, some blessed with authentic exposed timbers. The ultimate wake-up call, all of the en suite marble bathrooms are superbly kitted out with drencher showers and/or baths, plus luxury miniature toiletries from none other than exclusive French perfume house L'Occitane.

Showered, dressed and raring to go? Kick-start your day with a hearty breakfast in the hotel's vaulted cellar. You'll be treated to a delicious mix of fresh continental delights... Who needs lunch anyway? And if you can drag yourself away from the cultural wealth of this quarter, the Louvre, Musée d'Orsay, Eiffel Tower and Champs-Élysées are only a short walk or taxi ride away.

Feeling weary? Take a moment to relax on one of the over-sized sofas in the library, and chat with a fellow tourist or pick up a good book.

As for dinner, you won't have far to trek to pick out a place to dine, this part of town is bursting with fab restaurants and bistros. But, it's best to book a table to avoid disappointment. And don't forget to enjoy an after-dinner coffee in history-soaked Café de Flore, just five minutes from the hotel. It's a must whilst visiting Paris!

From its buzzing locality to expertly styled guest rooms, Hôtel Verneuil gets our vote. So, why not make it your home-away-from-home when travelling to the city of love this summer?