

HÔTEL LE MARIANNE

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f being a five-minute walk from the Champs-Élysées sounds like heaven, while also having the convenience of being perfectly located in a peaceful Parisian rue, then Hôtel Le Marianne is the one for you. Completely re-modelled by architect Vincent Bastie, this beautiful building is also the first hotel project of decorator/designer Charles Zana, reflecting his talent in creating living spaces that have been styled to promote a calming, homely ambience.



The well-appointed bedrooms blend both classic and modern touches with neutral colourways and luxe materials, promising to make their lucky guests feel truly spoilt. Complete with every creature comfort you could crave, from super-spacious beds through to well-planned bathing areas, no stone is left unturned. The impressively high ceilings, which are typical of the Haussmann period, provide a unique sense of airiness, ensuring a restful haven in which to revive the senses. You'll certainly have to fight the temptation to want to stay in your room!

Situated in Paris' eighth arrondissement, along Rue Paul-Baudry, Le Marianne is in close proximity to most of the city's iconic landmarks. If less sightseeing and more shopping is your thing, the fashion mecca of Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, which hosts fashion houses of designers such as Christian Louboutin, Chanel and Saint Laurent, is only a 10-minute stroll from the hotel. Just make sure you take your credit card!

After an exhausting day on your feet, return to the hotel and take a seat in the serenity of the hotel lounge. Curl up next to the distinctive fireplace or sit back under the skylight, and delight in a little savoury or sweet snack, a hot or cold drink, or top-end wines and liquors. The Honesty Bar is at your disposal; just note down what you consume, to be settled at the end of your stay.

If you're unsure where to eat in the evening, the friendly, English-speaking reception staff will lead you in the right direction. And after a fun-filled night on the tiles, a full breakfast buffet is laid out each morning in the charming tree-lined breakfast room. Feeling weary? Why not order breakfast in bed?

So, whether it's business, pleasure or shopping that brings you to Paris, Le Marianne will certainly leave you with a lasting impression. But, before you check out, be sure to take full advantage of the hotel's emerald Hammam!