

Editors' CHOICE

Le Meurice

BUILT IN 1835 AND A MEMBER OF THE RENOWNED DORCHESTER Collection, Le Meurice is the original Parisian palace hotel situated in the heart of Paris, minutes from Place Vendôme and Rue Saint-Honoré. The hotel is an elegant combination of 18th-century architectural splendor and sophisticated modern comfort. The five-star property has played host to international royalty, fashion designers, and numerous public figures for centuries, and has elevated the level of welcoming guests and tending to their needs.

Designer Charles Jouffre recently set out to reinterpret the spirit of Le Meurice and to create a Home Sweet Home à la française. His vision includes reimagined classic furniture, a palette of light colors subtly lifted with bright accent tones, noble and traditional materials, and a contemporary, couture approach. The property boasts 160 magnificently appointed rooms and 45 suites on seven floors, and all rooms are soundproofed and have air-conditioning, high-speed Internet access, multiple telephone lines, a direct line, fax machines upon request, and cable television. The 25 Suites include 17 Junior Suites, two Presidential Suites on the 1st floor, and the Belle Etoile Suite on the 7th floor that features a 3,230-square-foot private terrace offering an exceptional 360-degree panoramic view of Paris.

Guests of Le Meurice can choose to dine at first-rate establishments with menus created by revered Chef Yannick Alléno. Restaurant le Meurice overlooks the splendid Tuileries Garden, and restaurant le



Dali is elegantly fitted out under a 1,560-square-foot canvas painted by Ara Starck. Bar 228 is a perfect setting for sipping an exclusive cocktail while relaxing in deep leather armchairs surrounded by dark woodwork.

Le Meurice offers five exceptional reception and conference rooms, three of which are connecting, including the Salon Pompadour, which boasts outstanding gilt trimmings and

detailed woodwork, as well as two new conference rooms, Le Grand Castiglione and Le Petit Castiglione, both with uncluttered and tasteful decoration. These rooms can accommodate receptions from 5 to 450 people for any variety of events.

Spa Valmont for Le Meurice provides an array of services including a "3 in 1" concept, which includes a face treatment, massage, and make-up, enabling the visitor to leave with a perfect face, body, and complexion. The sunny terrace is equipped with umbrellas, deck chairs, and small tables at which to freshen up, have a bite of lunch, and enjoy the light menu, which includes fresh salads and delicate sandwiches.

The hotels of the Dorchester Collection represent the ultimate in their locations while maintaining their own unique style. The Dorchester, London; The Beverly Hills Hotel, Beverly Hills; Le Meurice and the Hotel Plaza Athénée, Paris; Hotel Principe di Savoia, Milan; The New York Palace, Manhattan; and Hotel Bel Air, Los Angeles are all well-reputed for good living, charm, elegance, and service. ●



Restaurant le Meurice (far left); Presidential Suite bedroom (above) and lounge (left)