

Le Meurice



*Pompadour Suite salon (above and center);
Presidential Suite bedroom (bottom right) and salon (bottom left)*

One of the City of Lights most precious jewels lies deep in the heart of historic Paris in the Vendôme quarter just steps from the Louvre Muséum and opposite the Tuileries Gardens. Le Meurice (dorchestercollection.com/en/paris/le-meurice) embodies French excellence in the art of elegant living. Its tradition of excellence began in the 18th century by Calais postmaster Charles Augustin Meurice, who was keen to cater to British tourists on the continent wishing to find all the comfort and services to which they had become accustomed. Le Meurice is an inspirational and fascinating place where 18th-century splendor and the most innovative modern comforts sit happily side by side. It is much more than a luxury hotel; it is a gallery, an adventure, and a living work of art.

The hotel was opened during the Restoration at 232, rue Saint-Honoré, where it welcomed monarchs, aristocrats, artists, and writers. From the Prince of Wales to the King of Monténégro, and Alfonso XIII to the Maharajah of Jaipur, the most powerful men of the day were delighted by the highly Parisian charms of Le Meurice. In 1835, the hotel moved to 228, rue de Rivoli and has remained in that location. Ever since, its story has been written in letters of gold – a story of opulence and exceptionality maintained

by architect Charles Jouffre, the man behind the decor of the great lobby of the Paris Opéra Garnier who, in 2008, brought the style of an 18th century residence to the luxury hotel, giving it a unique image tied to its rich, prestigious past.

The hotel has 118 rooms and 42 suites – one of the most extensive collection of suites in Paris. One of the most impressive offerings is the Pompadour Suite. This 807 square foot, three-room suite offers spacious Italian marble bathrooms with waterfall baths, fresh flowers and stunning views of Rue de Castiglione. This suite, inspired by Madame de Pompadour, is the epitome of the 18th century: symmetry, solid oak Versailles parquet, Regency-style wood paneling, hidden doors, Louis XV fireplace, cornices, chandeliers and rich trimmings by Maison Declercq.

Le Meurice also offers the 1,722 square foot, Dalí-inspired Presidential Suite. This suite offers panoramic views of Paris and its iconic monuments including the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre. This luxurious suite is built around two regal reception rooms whose high ceilings reflect the vastness of the space. The front-facing splendor of these rooms treats guests to a rarely seen view of the magnificent Tuileries Garden. ●

