

Paris Hotels Where You're Not Yet Looking

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Room at the Parister

I've only ever lived in the 9th and 10th of Paris, but most of my tour clients never stayed in these areas. Moreover, the guidebooks I update all the time have very few worthwhile hotels to recommend in this area, a sort of no-man's land between Pigalle and Montorgueil.

Over the past few years, that's started to change.

I checked out three properties recently that are worth considering if you're looking to get away from St-Germain or the Champs Elysées. This part of town is surrounded by attractions – Montmartre to the north, the Opera to the west, the Canal Saint-Martin to the east, and Les Halles and the Louvre to the south. The covered passages and boutique-laden rue des Martyrs aren't far from any of these addresses, so you won't feel like you've flung yourself into some isolated corner of Paris. You're in the heart of it all.

Geared towards independent travelers who appreciate design, ambiance, and service, these hotels won't fit the bill for someone used to Le Bristol or Georges V, so you've been warned.

Hotel Parister

The Hotel Parister is tucked away on a tiny unassuming backstreet by the Folies Bergère. This repurposed office building now houses 45 rooms and suites, all decorated with no-frills furnishing, simple neutral colors and wood tones, and an accent wall unique to each room. Some rooms feature terraces overlooking the Parisian rooftops.

The room décor is simple and elegant, but I think you'll forgive the simplicity while hanging out in the spacious, seafoam green-tiled bathrooms. Deluxe rooms and suites feature gorgeous bathtubs that basically require you to spend a night soaking with a bottle of wine and a few episodes of *The Crown*. Or is that just me?



View from room with terrace at the Parister

In the morning, have your first coffee from a Nespresso machine in the room and then consider popping downstairs for some pastries, eggs, and fruit. Again, it's simple, but the service is top-notch. The property also features an indoor heated pool, a fairly well-decked out gym, and various health classes during the week. Hang out in the hammam or schedule a massage if you're feeling stressed. Families and those seeking true luxury might want to reconsider, but romantic types and those who appreciate elegance without too much fuss, you'll find it here. And with their most basic rooms hovering around 200 euros per night, it's a pretty good deal.

Hotel Parister

<http://www.hotelparister.com>

19 rue Saulnier 75009

Hotel Le Pigalle

North of the Parister, Le Pigalle has comparable sizes of rooms, though the décor is a bit funkier. Loads of art hangs on the walls – from topless pinups and cityscapes to old tickets and original drawings – reflecting the old Red Light District of Pigalle. Put on a vinyl from your room's collection of vintage albums and kick back before taking advantage of the nightlife all around the neighborhood.

Among the 40 rooms there are smaller rooms with bunkbeds for a budget option starting at under 200 euros per night. Families and more conservative travelers might want to pass this one over. But the more luxurious options feature a clawed-foot tub and views of Sacre Coeur, so there is romance to be had for couples.



Room at Le Pigalle

The breakfast downstairs featured some of the best coffee I've had in Paris along with a homemade croissant that I loaded with fresh preserves. Even in the morning, the ground floor was abuzz with creative types meeting colleagues. It's not the Pigalle I remember living in so many years ago. The kitchen is open all day long and features seasonal and local products – it's worth a stop even if you aren't staying here.