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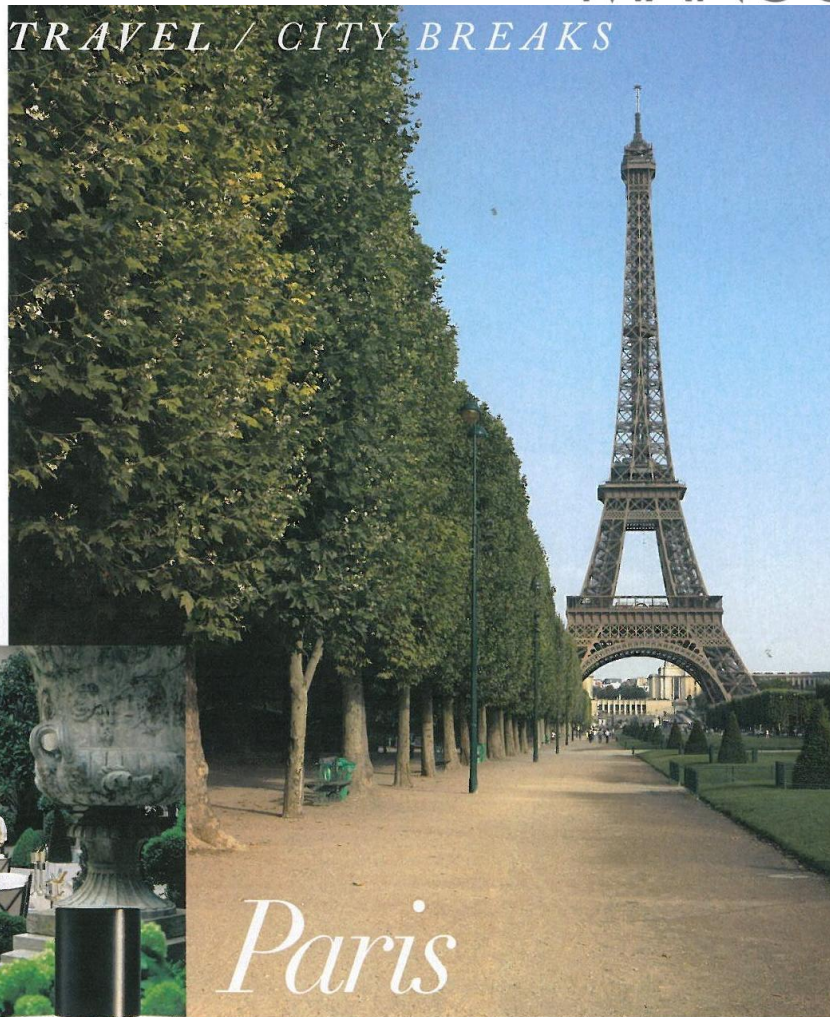
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FOOD & TRAVEL / CITY BREAKS

GRAND HOTEL

FOUR SEASONS GEORGE V (31 Avenue George V; +33 1 49 52 70 00) Smart, glamorous, buzzy. As soon as you step in and see the incredible flower arrangements you know that this hotel is like a theatre. The whole place throngs with fur coats, sleek shopping bags and smug smiles. Gilt mirrors and huge windows bathe everything in an ethereal golden light, there are special stools to rest your handbag on at lunch time (divine bread and butter and the best salads) and in the evenings, the restaurant is a sensation of rose petals, candles, foie gras and old fashioned service. Rooms are quiet, sophisticated comfort – the best beds and baths, and the spa is a secret sensation: immaculate facials and pummeling massages. Just a stone's throw from the most expensive shops in town. **RATES FROM: €750**

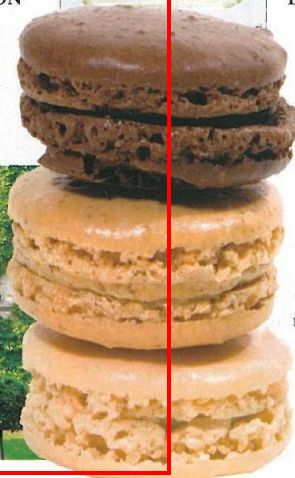
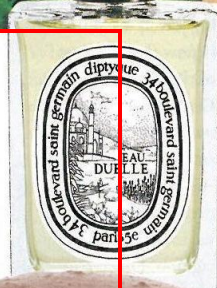


Paris



GEM HOTEL

PAVILLION DE LA REINE (28 Place des Vosges; tel: +33 1 40 29 19 19) is a pretty, privately owned hotel, deep in the heart of the magical Marais. The interiors are smart and cosy and even include a new spa. **RATES FROM: €380**
Or for style-on-a-shoe-string try **CARON DE BEAUMARCHAIS** (12 Rue Vieille du Temple; +33 1 42 72 34 12), set in an 18th century townhouse with small but sweet rooms. **RATES FROM: €145**



SHOP AT

All those gorgeous, individual boutiques that Paris is so famous for: **LADURÉE** (21 Rue Bonaparte) for legendary macarons, **BONPOINT** (67 Rue de L'Universite) for the cutest children's clothing and **DIPTYQUE** (34 Boulevard St Germain) for lovely candles.

The flea markets are also worth a look, and **BON MARCHE** (24 Rue de Sevres) is one of the best department stores anywhere.

BEST KEPT SECRET

LA PAGODE (57 Bis Rue de Babylone) is a brilliant movie theatre housed inside an original pagoda shipped over from Japan to France in the 19th century. Films in English are shown along with new art house arrivals.

DINE AT

LUNCH:

Here is somewhere that even the locals queue for. Head to **L'ENTRECOTE** (20 Rue Saint Benoit; +33 1 45 49 16 00) for a delicious walnut salad, followed by the best steak and chips – impossible to resist as there's nothing else on offer on the menu.

DINNER:

Book in quick to the newest restaurant from the Costes family, **LA SOCIETE** (4 Place Saint Germain des Pres; +33 1 53 63 60 60) set in a beautifully designed old bank with great people watching.

