



01 Best for party animals:
LES BAINS

Past lives don't get much more exciting than those of Les Bains, which started as a bathhouse, became a world-famous nightclub popular with the likes of Kate and Naomi, Bowie and Jagger, then morphed into a semi-abandoned art space before its most recent conversion into a Design Hotel last year. The 39 rooms pair framed album covers with replica sofas from Warhol's Factory, and there's work by rotating resident artists on display. Eat in for another taste of the past — restaurant La Salle à Manger retains Philippe Starck's chequered dance-floor from the 1978 nightclub.

Rooms: Rooms from €432 (£334), B&B.
lesbains-paris.com

02 We recommend:
PAVILLON DE LA REINE

The hotel of choice for the likes of Kate Winslet, Keira Knightley and Tim Roth, this delectable boutique hides behind an imposing wooden gate on the Place des Vosges. It's a rare bucolic sanctuary in the heart of Paris: ivy tumbles down the walls and an internal courtyard is decked out as a Japanese garden. There's a rare intimacy here: with no bar or restaurant, the cosy lounge and library are set up with honesty bars, and breakfast can be served in-room. The 54 rooms channel that sultry, velvety, Parisian style — each is different, so feel free to request what you want.

Rooms: Doubles from €350 (£275), B&B.
pavillon-de-la-reine.com



03 Best for fashionistas:
HOTEL DU PETIT MOULIN

Beyond the exterior of the oldest boulangerie in Paris, you'll find a fabulous hotel designed by Christian Lacroix. Legend says Victor Hugo used to buy his bread here, and the beamed ceilings and staircase date back to the 17th century. Each of the 17 rooms is completely unique — floors can be tiled or carpeted, ceilings painted or mirrored, bathrooms with showers or antique claw-footed tubs — but all have stunning feature walls created by the designer. Calling it lively is an understatement.

Rooms: Doubles from €205 (£160), B&B.
hotelpetitmoulinparis.com ➤