

CELEBRITY HOTSPOT

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LE PAVILLON DE LA REINE, PARIS, FRANCE



Above: Le Pavillon de la Reine is the ideal place to unwind after a busy day exploring Paris. The stylish rooms (below left) boast comfy beds (below right) to ensure you'll sleep like a baby! Right: Kate Winslet is a fan

WHAT IS IT?

Le Pavillon de la Reine is a stunning 17th-century chateau hidden in a garden courtyard off Place des Vosges, a picturesque square in Paris's fashionable Le Marais district. The square – the city's oldest, which straddles the dividing line between the 3rd and 4th arrondissements of Paris – is teeming with art galleries and quaint coffee shops, and Le Pavillon de la Reine is tucked away behind iron gates, giving a feeling of peace and tranquillity; perfect when visiting busy and beautiful Paris.

WHY DO WE LOVE IT?

This ivy-clad hotel is the ultimate in discreet luxury. All of the 53 rooms



and suites are tastefully decorated using sumptuous, expensive fabrics, in either a classic French or a contemporary style. The rooms offer all the mod cons you'd expect from a high-end hotel – flat-screen TVs, iPod docks and luxurious bathrooms – and many rooms have Juliette balconies which overlook the Japanese-inspired courtyard. In the hotel's basement is Spa de la Reine by Carita Paris, which offers a range of treatments and is home to a gym, Jacuzzi and steam bath. OK!'s favourite spot in the hotel was the cosy and relaxed lounge – with its open fire, colour-coded bookcase and an honesty bar offering

champagne and a range of wonderful wines, it was our hangout post-sightseeing and pre-dinner.

WHO GOES?

The low-key and discreet atmosphere of Le Pavillon de la Reine makes it the perfect place for high-profile celebrities to relax and unwind. Kate Winslet, Emma Thompson and Tilda Swinton

all made the hotel their base when they were visiting France's capital.

WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO DO?

La Marais is one of the city's most historic districts featuring many beautiful galleries and is home to the Picasso Museum. There are plenty of fashion boutiques and restaurants galore, including our favourite, Gaspard de la Nuit – well worth a visit for authentic French cuisine at its best and outstanding service. **OK!**

ROOMS AT LE PAVILLON DE LA REINE START FROM £260 PER NIGHT, BASED ON TWO SHARING ON A B&B BASIS. VISIT WWW.PAVILLONDELAREINE.COM OR CALL + 33 (0) 1 40 29 19 1.

