

PALACE LIFE. In the mood for a cocktail at the bar, a cup of tea in the winter garden or a bit of relaxation at the spa? You can now sample life at the palace for a day or for just a few hours.

The Bristol, Crillon, George V, Meurice, Plaza Athénée, Ritz... Paris has several top deluxe hotels. These prestigious establishments with their exceptional décor have in the past been the preserve of the fortunate few. Recently though, they have become accessible to a wider clientele such as Parisians seeking refinement, or tourists, not obliged to book a room in order to take advantage of their services and attractions.

This trend is spearheaded by the bars of the great hotels which have become the capital's 'in' places. The bar of the Plaza Athénée, relooked by designer Patrick Jouin (disciple of Philippe Starck) blends traditional wood panelling with ultra contemporary furniture and has become a highlight of the Parisian night scene.

For a cosier ambiance, lovers of classic elegance will appreciate the armchairs in the mythical Hemingway bar at the Hotel Ritz. And it is not necessary to book a room in order to dine in these establishments, which boast some of the biggest names in French cuisine, like Philippe Legendre, chef of the restaurant "Cinq" at hotel George V; here you dine in a setting of grey and gold, opposite large bay windows overlooking the garden. Breakfast, brunch or afternoon tea is also possible at the palace.

The Ritz and the hotel de Crillon propose a gastronomic brunch on Sunday, and for the price of a classic dinner in town offer a meal and service of a very high standard. Both the hotel de Crillon and the hotel Meurice offer "teas" every day in their winter gardens, while the Bristol organises a "thé à la mode", a fashion show with tea and cakes, on several Saturdays throughout the month (see September newsletter).

Finally, some palaces allow access to their spas and swimming pools. The hotel Meurice offers skin-care treatments in its Caudalie spa, while the Ritz opens up its 16-metre-long swimming pool – the largest hotel pool in Paris. The 1 500 m² Ritz Health Club is accessible during the day with its prestige fitness centre in a dream décor of Antique-style colonnades, trompe l'œil, gilding and mirrors.

→ **CRILLON******

10 place de la Concorde, Paris 8th
Tel +33 (0)1 44 71 15 00 // www.crillon.com

"World brunch"

Tel +33 (0)1 44 71 16 16
Every Sunday, 12 noon to 3pm
60€; 30€ for children

À l'heure du thé

Tel +33 (0)1 44 71 16 15
Every day, 8am-10pm

→ **GEORGE V**** (FOUR SEASONS)**

31 av George-V, Paris 8th
Tel +33 (0)1 49 52 70 00 // www.fourseasons.com

Restaurant Le Cinq

Tel +33 (0)1 49 52 71 54
Every day, 12.30pm-2.30pm and 6.30pm-11pm
Menus at: 75€ (lunch), 112€ (tasting menu) and 210€



LE BRISTOL****

112 rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honoré, Paris 8th
Tel +33 (0)1 53 43 43 00 // www.lebristolparis.com

“Thés à la mode”

Tel +33 (0)1 53 43 43 42 (reservation)
Some Saturdays, 3.30pm-5pm
40€



MEURICE****

228 rue de Rivoli, Paris 1st
Tel +33 (0)1 44 58 10 10 // www.lemeurice.com

Afternoon tea in the winter garden

Tel +33 (0)1 44 58 10 44
Every day, 3.30pm-6.30pm

Spa Caudalie

Tel +33 (0)1 44 58 10 77
Every day, 7.30am-10pm
A la carte treatments from 75€



PLAZA ATHÉNÉE****

25 av Montaigne, Paris 8th
Tel +33 (0)1 53 67 66 65 // www.plaza-athenee-paris.com

Bar du Plaza Athénée

Every day, 6pm-2am



RITZ****

15 place Vendôme, Paris 1st
Tel +33 (0)1 43 16 30 30 // www.ritzparis.com

Brunch

Tel +33 (0)1 43 16 30 80
Every Sunday, 11am-3pm
86€; 40€ for under 12 yrs; free for under 5 yrs

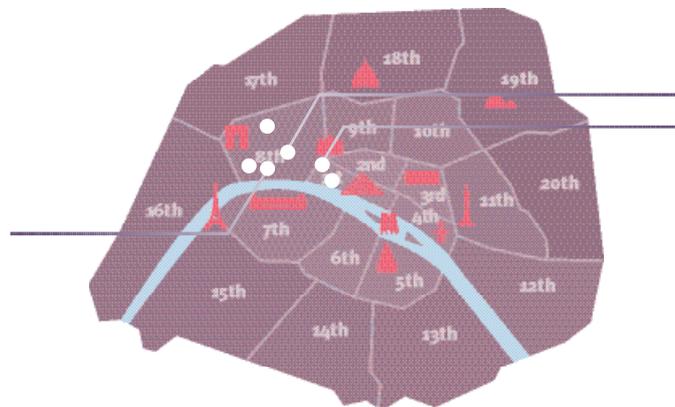
Bar Hemingway

Tel +33 (0)1 43 16 33 65
From Monday to Saturday, 6.30pm-2am

The Ritz Health Club

Tel +33 (0)1 43 16 30 60
Every day, 6.30am-10pm
150€ for the day

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HÔTEL GEORGE V****
HÔTEL PLAZA ATHÉNÉE****



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