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The best hotels in Provence for a fabulous French escape

From boutique, art-filled B&Bs to expansive spa resorts, these are our favourite hotels in the picturesque region



Hotel Crillon Le Brave/Mr. Tripper

The historic province of Provence, now largely equivalent to the modern-day Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region, is a vast area that takes in extremes – ranging from the uniquely cosmopolitan city of [Marseille](#) with its compelling cultural mix to tiny villages lost in time.

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Provence is a beautiful region in southern France and a wonderful [Eurostar destination](#) (changing to a TGV to Aix in Paris or Lille) for travellers opting for [eco-friendly holidays](#) by [rail](#). It's also home to some *seriously* dreamy Provence hotels, such as grand villas covered in lush vegetation and filled with antique French furniture, and it boasts relaxing [river cruises](#) that take you along the attractive [Rhône River](#), too.

The best Provence hotels seek inspiration in and draw energy from their surroundings, whether it's the lavender fields north of Aix-en-Provence and Marseille and east of Avignon, local markets full of eye-catching fresh produce destined for your dinner table, medieval alleyways and churches, or Mediterranean beaches including those of the glitzy Riviera.

Less than two hours' flight from the UK, Provence is as ideal for a long [weekend break](#) as it is for lengthier holidays, but this is also an easy destination to reach by rail. Making the journey part of the experience by taking the Eurostar and TGV from [London](#) to the South of France can be the perfect start to your Provençal escape.

Check out our list of the best Provence hotels to make your base once you arrive...

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Hôtel Crillon Le Brave, Crillon-le-Brave



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This intimate hideaway holds court over one of the oldest villages in the Vaucluse with its labyrinth of vine-swathed 17th- and 18th-century buildings. With rooms and suites in 10 ancient houses clustered around a centuries-old olive tree, this icon among Provence hotels is much sought-out for its superlative spa set in the vaulted former stables.

Regular retreats at [Hôtel Crillon Le Brave](#) include yoga, meditation and nature walks, and there's a sparkling gem of an outdoor pool with Mont Ventoux views, plus two lovely restaurants each with a sublime terrace. Madeleine, the fine-dining venue, offers the seasonal likes of Mazan asparagus with goat's cheese ravioli and Étang de Thau oysters with aniseed potato soup.

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