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parents and their secret  
to making it all work



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In the world of haute hospitality, architectural marvels and luxe opulence are aplenty; however, personality is a little harder to come by. Le Bristol, which is something of a cultural phenomenon in Paris, lacks none of these. A palace, a home and a sanctuary in its most literal sense, Le Bristol's rich history is an introduction to an almost storybook-like institution catering to all the quirks and caprices of its very special guests.

The hotel's founder, Hippolyte Jammet, first acquired the address at the rue de Faubourg Saint-Honoré at the turn of the 20th century. While humble in its origins, Le Bristol soon came to be an iconic rendezvous for society's most prominent personalities such as Josephine Baker who celebrated her

golden anniversary in show business with a lavish dinner in 1975. In 2010, one of the hotel's suites became the set for Woody Allen's *Midnight in Paris*. Yet, these glamorous participations are just the tip of the iceberg. During the Second World War, some of the hotel's rooms were used to shelter Jews amid an increasingly hostile political climate. Jammet himself had hidden one of his Jewish friends, Leo Lehrman, in Room 106 while Ann Morgan, daughter of banker JP Morgan, had given sanctuary to Jewish immigrants in 14 rooms at Le Bristol.

These days, stories like these form part of the hotel's ongoing legacy. Aided by some of the most talented hoteliers in the industry (along with Fa-Raon, the hotel's fluffy, white feline resident), Le Bristol continues



From far left: Le Bristol, located at rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, features a classic French facade; The entrance to a most luxurious experience; Le Bristol offers stunning views of urbanity in Paris

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## The Suite Life

After a massive renovation, Le Bristol Paris has reopened its doors to welcome back some of the world's finest travellers

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**From top:** Guests can enjoy artwork and fine furnishings inside the capacious suites; A view of the Eiffel Tower from one of many suites  
**Opposite from top:** Gentle blue accents complement the suite's elegant crystal chandelier; Luminous and airy, the suites offer comfortable lodging and remarkable Parisian views



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alongside master sommelier, Bernard Neveu. Coupled with posh experiences at its spa, pool and bar, Le Bristol Paris offers guests a truly chic experience that includes bespoke attention from a world-class concierge and Michelin-starred meals.

In the context of 2020, Le Bristol continues to closely monitor the Covid-19 situation

in Europe and in France. As its priority continues to be the health and welfare of guests and team members, management has already implemented new hygiene and safety protocols in compliance with government requirements. Of course, Le Bristol's expansive spaces and gardens will likely make the transition to social distancing that much easier.



to provide a homely experience within its palatial walls. Despite its prestigious "Palace" distinction (awarded by the French Ministry of Tourism), the hotel lacks nothing in terms of warmth or genuine service.

In its never-ending search for perfection, Le Bristol continually adds and renovates its property to match the times. This year, they have revealed the latest in design via a new garden landscape and the contemporary Lumière Suite. The entire hotel, which is opulently furnished in Louis XV and Louis XVI style, has been reborn by MM Design. "Down to the trimming of each chair, every single detail has been chosen for the emotion it evokes and the story it tells," Olivier Bihel, head of projects shares. Le Bristol, which famously holds suites perfectly suited to various personalities,

introduces us to the Lumière Suite on the fifth floor. Marked by large bow windows and soft tones of aqua, jade and coral, the new room brings a contemporary feel to an otherwise classic institution.

The hotel's new garden, done by Lady Arabella Lennox-Boyd, must not be overlooked. Dotted with elegant white chairs and glass tables, the new garden sits at the heart of Le Bristol and adds depth to a classic Parisian teatime or *petit-déjeuner*.

Le Bristol's novel look is of course complemented by the hotel's first-class service and experiences, led by the cuisines it offers. In charge of the kitchen is Chef Éric Frechon, who earned (and maintains) the hotel's three Michelin-star restaurant, Epicure. Haute patisserie, Chef Julien Alvarez, also continues to delight

