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Winter News from Paris



From left: The speakeasy at the Hoxton, the Eiffel Tower, the façade of the Hoxton

The always-evolving French capital is bursting with places to discover. Here are some of the recent openings we're most excited about.

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The Most Buzzed About New Hotels in Paris



The library at Relais Christine

Boutique hotel lovers should add the newly renovated [Relais Christine](#) to their lists. The 48-room gem has a prime St.-Germain-des-Près location but it sits on a charming, romantic side street. The revamped interiors are sleek and modern but still feel very Parisian (the designer worked only with French firms). Best to book: one of the four Garden Suites, which come with spacious outdoor patios.

A hot spot with whimsical public spaces, the hip [Hoxton](#) brand just unveiled its stunning 172-room Paris property, including a restaurant and speakeasy bar. With a Soho House-esque style, highly Instagrammable nooks and affordable rates, the hotel is likely to remain a favorite with fashionable 20- and 30-something travelers, as well as those looking to experience a blossoming area in the 2nd arrondissement.

Meanwhile, Paris's Left Bank is anticipating the imminent reopening—in early 2018—of [Hotel Lutetia](#), which has been under renovation for more than three years. Critics often knock the area's properties for having tiny rooms, but the historical Lutetia, located next to Le Bon Marché, is projected to be designated a “palace” hotel, of which only 10 exist in Paris, with 184 spacious accommodations and all the amenities of a grand dame property, including a spa, fitness center, several bars and a brasserie.

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International Cuisine Scene



Carbon, Courtesy Sophia van den Hoek Photography

International cuisines are all the rage right now in Paris, with some of the most popular new spots including [Shirvan](#), a stylish space serving exquisite Azerbaijani food like spiced eggplant tempura and harissa lamb chops, and [Le Bar des Prés](#), a tiny—and tough to get into—Left Bank sushi restaurant. The Marais has welcomed [Carbon](#), a meat-centric eatery that exudes Buenos Aires glamour, and [Anahi](#), another South American cuisine purveyor offering seabass ceviche and *wagyu* beef quesadillas. La Condesa is bringing Mexican eats into fashion with inventive dishes like squash agnolotti with chili oil. **Les Grands Verres**, a sleek restaurant that opened this summer at the Palais de Tokyo, is drawing patrons with its Eiffel Tower views and Mediterranean dishes like *fattoush* salad and *bucatini* with Comté and pistachios. The off-the-beaten-path [Mokonuts Café and Bakery](#) serves Lebanese and Middle Eastern fare and perhaps the best cookies in Paris, in standard (chocolate chip) and fun (miso-sesame) varieties. For those who adore sticking with the classics, the new Bistro Brute serves traditional French dishes. And for dining with views of the city, La Grande Arche just reopened after an eight-year hiatus with a new restaurant and rooftop photography museum.

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Fashion as Art



Musée Yves Saint Laurent, Courtesy Luc Castel

Stylish travelers mourning the closing of beloved concept store Colette in 2017 can find solace splitting their days between museums and boutiques. The outstanding new **Musée Yves Saint Laurent**, a small but comprehensive museum located in the brand's historical couture house, presents beautiful displays and Yves's original studio, complete with sketches and fabric samples. For those wishing to shop as well as look, the new Peter Marino-designed Louis Vuitton flagship, occupying two historic *hôtels particuliers* on the Place Vendôme with a stunning gold sun installation covering the entire façade, offers the label's famous designs alongside contemporary art.

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- Emma Pierce on October 31, 2017

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