

## DESTINATIONS

### THEME PARKS & ATTRACTIONS | DISNEYLAND PARIS



Disneyland Hotel  
Disneyland Paris



CLOCKWISE  
FROM FAR LEFT:  
Lobby with  
chandelier;  
Disneyland Hotel;  
Deluxe Room; La  
Table de Lumière

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# Tried & Tested

**THE FACTS:** The reimagined Disneyland Hotel reopened its doors at the end of January after a two-year renovation, making it the French theme park's first five-star offering. Its 487 rooms and suites immerse guests in a world of princes, princesses and fairytale castles inspired by Disney royalty, and it has easy access to the park for rides and attractions galore. The hotel is spread across two wings – east and west – and all rooms give a nod to Disney's magical storytelling. Be ready to bump into Mickey, Minnie and the whole royal troupe during a stay here – be it in the lobby or the restaurants, these much-loved characters roam around and will stop to have a chat or a photo.

**BOOK IT:** A one-night stay costs from £277 per person, including two days' park access. The price is based on two adults and two children (aged three to nine) sharing a Superior Room, based on a November 3 departure.  
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**ACTIVITIES:** As well as having Europe's biggest theme park on its doorstep, there is much to explore in the hotel. Energetic guests can start the day in a well-equipped, state-of-the-art gym, while those wanting to relax after walking around the parks all day can splash around in The Crystal health club with its large indoor pool or recharge in the Spa by Clarins.

**ACCOMMODATION:** The spacious Superior Rooms include two double beds and accommodate a family of four, while the bathroom comes with a double sink, bath, rainfall shower and separate WC. The coffee station includes a Nespresso machine and kettle, plus there's a pillow menu to please fussy sleepers. The rooms also have an interactive fibre-optic display – mine had a painting above each of the beds that, at the press of a button, could 'send a kiss' from one image to the other and offered mood lighting over the beds' canopy – a truly magical touch. Suites take the Disney elements up a notch with themes from *Frozen*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Cinderella* and *Beauty and the Beast* and comprise a lounge, large bathroom with Clarins toiletries, a walk-in wardrobe and views over the park. A free nursery service provided by certified members of staff is available for children aged between four and 11 for up to two hours.

**RESTAURANTS AND BARS:** Main dining room the Royal Banquet is a serve-yourself affair but includes premium products such as oysters and lobster at the seafood bar, freshly carved meats and customisable desserts. Plus you could even be joined by Disney characters as you dine. The restaurant that can't be missed is fine-dining venue La Table de Lumière, inspired by the hall of mirrors in the Palace of Versailles and *Beauty and the Beast*. From the table service to the nouvelle cuisine, it's a real treat. End the night at the Fleur de Lys Bar with a well-deserved drink from the extensive cocktail menu.

**WOW FACTOR:** The My Royal Dream experience will transform little ones into princesses and princes for the day, with hair, make-up, costumes and a photo shoot (starting from €95). Or stop and admire the stunning Bohemian crystal chandelier in the lobby, which represents Sleeping Beauty Castle and sparkles under the lights like a thousand stars. **TW**

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