

The best hotels in Provence for a thoroughly French escape

From boutique, art-filled B&Bs to expansive spa resorts, we share our favourite Provence hotels



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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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It's a beautiful French region and a wonderful [Eurostar destination](#) for travellers opting for eco-friendly holidays by rail. It's home to some dreamy Provence hotels, such as grand villas covered in lush vegetation and filled with antique French furniture, as well as the location of relaxing [river cruises](#) that take you along the attractive [Rhône River](#).

The best Provence hotels seek inspiration in and draw energy from the 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 and some of the best and freshest dishes you'll have ever eaten, 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 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 direct Eurostar from London to the South of France can be the perfect start to your Provençal escape.

Check out the best Provence hotels to make your base when you arrive.

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Château de la Gaude, Aix en Provence



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So quintessentially Gallic that it's featured in French period dramas, this 18th-century *bastide* (manor) is an oasis of indulgence, with a light-flooded Michelin-starred restaurant among its eateries, a vast wine cellar including vintages from its own lush vineyards, a prestigious Valmont spa including a hammam, and an outdoor pool.

The rooms and suites at [Château de la Gaude](#) are dotted all around the estate with its butterfly walk and modern artworks, making it easy to think you've escaped from it all. Blending classic and contemporary to stunning effect, they include family options and a five-bedroom private-pool villa.