



HÔTEL LANCASTER

PARIS - CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES

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## HOTEL LANCASTER, PARIS \*\*\*\*\*

Located in the heart of the 8th district, within walking distance of the Champs Elysees, the **Lancaster hotel** was originally built as a private mansion, its architecture exuding the French style of living. With its 57 rooms overlooking a Zen-inspired interior garden, this small, intimate palace is peaceful and discrete. A large and valuable collection of art and French antiques, accented with contemporary items, adds to the exceptional setting provided by the hotel.

The Lancaster recently achieved a one year of complete renovation of all the rooms, suites and corridors; The aim was to create refined and refreshed spaces that strengthened the origins of the hotel and paid tribute to the history that helped build the reputation of the Lancaster.

The hotel's restaurant, "**La Table du Lancaster**", is a Michelin star establishment that is supervised by Chef Julien Roucheteau.

### ORIGINS



The building which today houses the Lancaster was originally built in 1889 as a private townhouse by Mr. Santiago Drake del Castillo - who descended from Spanish nobility - who had acquired the premises 10 years earlier from the Prince and Princess de Hennin.

In 1925 the building was sold to a Swiss hotelier, Emile Wolf, who decided to start a process of enlargement and transformation on the flat-house. Between 1925 and 1930 the four-floor townhouse became an eight-floor luxury hotel. During the period of conversion that took until 1930, Emile Wolf and his executive housekeeper, daughter of a highly reputed antique dealer, scoured the auction houses of Paris for furniture, antique clocks, paintings, chandeliers and other furnishing to equip and decorate the hotel. Until today the wealth of Louis XV and XVI furniture as well as the attention directed to the decoration details add an inimitable Parisian chic to the hotel.

Many famous visitors have spent time at the Lancaster, including the Russian artist Boris Pastoukhoff, Marlene Dietrich, Clark Gable, Greta Garbo, Robert Capa, and Grace Kelly. These celebrated guests all contributed to the hotel's history.

At the Lancaster hotel customers are each welcomed as privileged guests, it has always done its very best to build its reputation around the exceptional quality of its service, the availability and discretion of its staff, and last, but by no means least, its warm and friendly approach to customers.

## A COMBINATION OF GRANDEUR AND GLAMOUR

With 43 rooms and 14 suites, the Lancaster hotel has a residential and 'small palace' feel. Large windows make the rooms bright and full of light and each room overlooks the Rue de Berri or the inner courtyard garden. The Lancaster offers a private, quiet space away from the bustle of Paris life.



Renovations have focused around retaining the hotel's original elements. The large collection of **antiques, paintings and furniture** have been revamped and redistributed around the hotel. For example, the **solid oak herringbone parquet** in the bedrooms (typical of Haussmannian times) has been carefully restored. Period furniture, 18<sup>th</sup> Century clocks, textiles from the Indies and Damascus, porcelains and Baccarat chandeliers are just a few highlights in the collection of the decorative pieces.



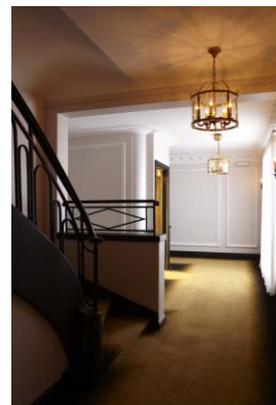
The newly decorated Lancaster hotel uses materials that are elegant, yet comfortable. **Classic materials** such as velvet, wood and leather are combined with more **contemporary touches** including nickel, one-way mirrors and glass. Fabrics with dimmed and faded patterns have been used in favor of solid colors so the woodwork of the dressers and bedside tables catches the eye.

The modern additions are inspired by designs of the 1920s and 1930s with a strong Art Deco feel.

**Lighting fixtures** play a key role in the Hotel's decoration concept and white bed linen also plays a part in accentuating the unique decor. Chairs and armchairs have been reupholstered using more technical fabrics that upgrade the frames and emphasize the color combination chosen for each room: **Parma pink, blue, bronze, and champagne.**

The new corridors are lined with specially designed bronze-colored carpets with black borders. Designer Tai-Ping Maison wanted to create the illusion of a path of golden sand, leading from one room to the next, inviting guests to explore the different corners of the hotel.

Each door number is adorned with a fresh flower, cut from the hotel's garden. This lovely touch is integral to the Lancaster's identity which has always been associated with flowers.



## RENOWNED GUESTS

A prestigious clientele has also helped the hotel earn its high-class, international and cosmopolitan reputation. The Lancaster hotel is particularly proud that Marlene Dietrich, Emile Wolf and Boris Pastoukhoff each left their mark on the hotel and a suite has been dedicated to each.



For more than three years during the 1930s, **Marlene Dietrich** made the Lancaster hotel her Paris home. The new Marlene Dietrich suite is the same room that she used to stay in. Her grand piano and a portrait of the German singer (signed by the Josef von Sternberg, director of the Blue Angel) take pride of place. Decorated in parma shades – Marlene’s favorite color – the furniture is a modern interpretation of fashionable pieces from the 1930’s, including the vegetal lace design that borders the pink wool carpets, a subtle reminiscence of some of the

fashionable of the lace garments worn by ladies in the '30's. The Marlene Dietrich suite consists of a **50 square meter lounge** and a **40 square meter bedroom** that opens onto the Rue de Berri. The suite may also be joined together with the Boris Pastoukhoff suite to cover a total area of 170 square meters.

The most spacious **Pastoukhoff suite** pays tribute to the Russian artist, whose art-work adorns the walls of the Lancaster. The preferred portraitist of the last Russian Tsar, he used to offer his works as payment for staying at the hotel.

Today, a unique collection of over 80 portraits and still nature paintings adorn the hotel, transforming into a private art gallery. Decorated in **shades of blue**, the **40sqm lounge area** and **30sqm bedroom** overlooks the garden courtyard.



**Emile Wolf** was the original owner and founder of the hotel. His suite covers approximately **70sqm** and is divided into a bedroom and lounge area with balcony overlooking the garden courtyard. The suite is decorated in delicate shades of lavender purple.

The romantic suite, named '**I love Paris**', overlooks the garden courtyard on one side and the **Eiffel Tower** and **Sacré-Coeur** on the other.

The new rooms and suites of the Lancaster epitomizes the two contrasting, yet complimentary sides of the hotel’s vision of hospitality – classicism and comfort – inspired by its Haussmannian structure and the Art Deco decorative elements.

## TRANQUILITY AND SERENITY



Once guests walk through the elegant entrance to the hotel, they enter a calm and tranquil space, away from the bustle of Paris. In the garden patio, or '**Terrasse du Lancaster**' as regulars call it, plants from five continents flourish – Australian palm trees are complimented by a Japanese-style flowerbed with pebbles, whilst oak trees and teak woodwork decking create a grounded, solid feel.

During the summer, the "Terrasse du Lancaster" is decorated with streamlined tables and chairs made of striking and unusual woods. With the soothing sounds of the fountain, guests can relax and escape from the flurry of activity at the Champs Élysées.

## LA TABLE DU LANCASTER



The delightfully intimate, understated and contemporary restaurant "La Table du Lancaster" is an exquisite one-Michelin-star restaurant.

The inspired seasonal menu at La Table du Lancaster, crafted by Julien Roucheteau, highlights vivid and unforgettable flavors; the menu is declined around the origin of the product. "Colors and favors of the soil", "From the river to the lake", "Winds and tides", "Pasturelands and farmyards" offer a walk through French land and the world.



With his technical abilities, Julien Roucheteau sublimes products thus providing a unique vision of the world with creative dishes. The Chef does not hesitate to explore a wide range of tastes for side dishes.

The restaurant decoration reflects the Chef's Cuisine: fine and subtle. It is the perfect place to enjoy an intimate and refined atmosphere, facing the interior garden.

Chef Julien Roucheteau won the prestigious *Challenge Culinaire du Président de la République* on June 24th of 2013 !

Official Contest Facebook link:

<https://fr-fr.facebook.com/pages/Les-Cuisiniers-de-la-R%C3%A9publique-Fran%C3%A7aise/168088369884372>

The gourmet restaurant **La Table du Lancaster** is open to both hotel guests and the general public.

### Lunch

### "Les Bons Plans de La Table"

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From Monday to Friday at **lunchtime**, the gourmet restaurant "La Table du Lancaster" offers a "**Bon Plan de La Table**" Menu, which changes weekly. The menu includes a choice of 1 appetizer, 2 starters, 2 main course dishes and 2 desserts, accompanied by a glass of wine, half a bottle of water and coffee for **€58 per person**.

### "Jours de Fête"

Keeping the custom of Sunday lunch alive, Chef Julien Roucheteau revisits traditional recipes for guests to share refined and intimate dishes with family and friends. For **Sunday lunch**, he offers a choice within 3 starters, 3 main course dishes, 1 cheese platter and 3 desserts for **€65 per person**, excluding beverage.



### Dinner

#### "Impression de Saison"

The gourmet restaurant "La Table du Lancaster" offers an "**Impression de Saison**" Degustation, which composition is at the discretion of our Chef Julien Roucheteau. The menu includes an appetizer, 2 starters, 2 main course dishes and a dessert, plus coffee for **€138 per person**, excluding beverage.

### Opening hours

Breakfast: from 7am to 10.30am

Lunch: from 12.30am to 14.30pm

Dinner: from 19.30pm to 22.00pm

### THE BAR OF HOTEL LANCASTER



Cosy and contemporary, the Bar of Hotel Lancaster enhances the 1930s.

The harmony of velvets and the luminosity of natural light will provide you with relaxation and well-being. Chose you preferred sofa or armchair and enjoy your family and friends comfortably sited, during lunch time around light snacks, and all day long.

The Bar team will be attentive to your every wish and may also inspire you with exclusives and original cocktails.



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## ROOMS, AMENITIES AND SERVICES

ROOMS	57 accommodations
ROOM STYLES	5 single rooms 15 Superior rooms 12 Deluxe rooms 8 Prestige rooms 3 Junior suites 7 Deluxe suites 3 Prestige suites: Emile Wolf Felix Ziem Boris Pastoukhoff 1 Marlene Dietrich Signature suite
RESTAURANTS	"La Table du Lancaster", Chef Julien Roucheteau (1 Michelin star)
IN-ROOM AMENITIES	Cable television / satellite VOD (Video-on-Demand) service Free Internet (WIFI) connection In room safe Air conditioning Bathrobe Slippers Hair dryer iPod station Mini bar
COMPLIMENTARY SERVICES	24/7 room service Fitness area WIFI Mobile phones and fax on request Zen outdoor patio Dry-cleaning service Free daily newspapers Private parking Limousine service 2 lounges Concierge service IPad

Rates from **€485** per night

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