

Fact Sheet

Brief Description

Since 1913 the Victoria Palace Hôtel has been a landmark of the 6th arrondissement of Paris. Located on a quiet street off the bustling Rue de Rennes, the hotel truly is an expression of, the Rive gauche. It combines a very Left Bank sense of understated and un-self-conscious luxury with the obvious advantages of a centrally located, residential neighbourhood.

Whilst retaining its traditions (it has been owned by the same family since 1936) the *Victoria Palace Hôtel* underwent an in-depth renovation in the year 2000 : where once there had been 113 rooms, today there are only 62 : 30 Deluxe Rooms (260 square feet on average) ; 28 Junior Suites (375 square feet on average) ; 4 One-Bedroom Suites (approximately 485 square feet). The warm and opulent décor remains classically French, with walls covered in stretched fabrics, but everything was re-thought for the twenty-first century : the marble bathrooms have powerful lights and hair-dryers, high-speed internet access is available in every room, the telephones are equipped with voice-mail, every room has a work-desk, etc... Needless to say, all the rooms are sound-proofed and air-conditioned ; bathrobes and slippers are provided for all guests. Last but not least, the *Victoria Palace Hotel* has its very own, private garage.

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History

Built in 1913 (architect : Gaston Ernest) ; the hotel opened under the management of Mr Davidsen. It possibly was named in honour of Queen Victoria Eugenia of Spain, who was much in the news that year when she gave birth to a son, Don Juan, the father of the current king of Spain, Don Juan Carlos.

Bought in 1936 by Albert J. Schmitt, father of current owner.

Four-star classification since 1964.

Some noteworthy guests : James Joyce (1923–1924) ; Katherine Mansfield ; Hakucho Masamune (1936); Giorgio DeChirico (his favourite Parisian hotel in 1938) ; Queen Marie-Josée of Italy

Latest renovations : 1995–2000. Room count brought down from 113 units to 62.

2008 : Hallways and reception area

Basic facts

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| ★ Number of floors : 8 (ground + 7) | ★ 1 bar lounge |
| ★ Number of elevators : 2 | ★ 1 drawing-room with fireplace |
| ★ Number of rooms : 62, of which | ★ 1 breakfast room |
| ★ Deluxe Rooms : 30 | ★ 1 meeting-room for 18 pp. (approximately 45 m ² / 485 square feet) |
| ★ Junior Suites : 28 | ★ 3 non-smoking floors |
| ★ One Bedroom Suites : 4 | |

Room types

DELUXE ROOMS : on average approximately 260 sq ft (25 m²)

7 Deluxe Rooms with twin beds

18 Deluxe Rooms queen-sized bed

5 Deluxe Rooms with ‘oversized’ queen bed (half-way between a queen and a king)

of which :

5 pairs of connecting Deluxe Rooms (queen sized beds and twin beds)

3 Deluxe Rooms with twin beds accessible to wheelchairs (French standard, not ADA compliant)

6 Deluxe Rooms look out onto the street ; 24 Deluxe Rooms face the courtyard

JUNIOR SUITES : on average approximately 375 sq ft (35 m²)

5 junior Suites with twin beds

3 Junior Suites with queen-sized bed and canopy

20 Junior Suites with ‘oversized’ queen bed (half-way between a queen and a king) and canopy

No connecting Junior Suites

21 Junior Suites look out onto the street ; 7 Junior Suites face the courtyard

ONE-BEDROOM SUITES : from 450 to 500 sq ft (45–50 m²)

all 4 with queen-sized beds, of which 3 with canopies

2 connect to Deluxe Rooms to become two- bedroom suites

2 are duplex (4th & 5th floor ; 6th & 7th floor) with exit doors on each floor

all one-bedroom suites face the courtyard

Amenities

Décor is very traditional and very French : rooms are furnished in Louis Seize style. All walls are covered in stretched fabrics (Lelièvre, Gaston y Daniela and Braquenié) ; 9 different patterns.

Specially commissioned, hand-copied *sanguine* and/or chalk drawings in most rooms (mostly after Hubert Robert, Antoine Watteau, Jean-Honoré Fragonard, Simon Vouet).

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| ★ Air-conditioning in all rooms and public areas during the summer months. | ★ All rooms have two-telephone lines with numbers directly accessible from outside the hotel and voicemail and dataport. Fax machine available upon request. |
| ★ All rooms have a marble bathroom (floor and walls) ; many different shades. | |

- ★ High-Speed internet connections (wireless or cabled) are available in every room.
- ★ All rooms have a desk or writing-table with a lamp
- ★ All rooms have a telephone on the desk (with speakerphone), by the bed and in the bathroom.
- ★ All rooms have a safe in the closet (no extra charge).

- ★ All rooms have a 1600-watt, hand held hair-dryer in the bathroom.
- ★ All guests are provided with a bathrobe and slippers.
- ★ All rooms are equipped with a mini-bar.
- ★ Coat-hangers can effortlessly be removed from and returned to closets.
- ★ All rooms have a full range of bathroom amenities especially designed for the Victoria Palace, including bath salts.

Services

Front Desk staffed 24 hours

Concierge services through the Front Desk : tickets, dinner reservations, limousine and car hire, shipping, sightseeing excursions, babysitters, medical attention etc.

Business centre services through the Front Desk : document and parcel shipping, faxes, photocopies, translation and/or typing services, etc.

Laundry & Dry Cleaning : same-day service except Sundays and legal holidays

Room Service : Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. ; Other meals from 11 a.m. to 12 midnight

Bar Lounge open from 11 a.m. to 12.30a.m. ; mixed drinks served from 5 p.m. until closing.

Breakfast Buffet : open from 7 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Hot dishes : scrambled eggs, bacon, chicken sausage & pork sausage. Cold cuts, cheeses, cereals; fresh fruit salad, dried fruit, etc. Croissants and breads. Juices.

Special Welcome for children aged 4 to 12 staying a minimum of two nights. They receive a 'cornet surprise' with small, inexpensive toys and a book of their choosing to remember their stay in Paris.

Fitness centre : guests may use the facilities of *Club Med Gym* located approximately 40 yards from hotel : squash courts, weight-lifting equipment, steam-room, etc. Preferential rate for hotel guests.

Private garage within the hotel

Pets welcome

Shopping guide : the hotel has created a small shopping guide listing one hundred shops within easy walking distance of the hotel, focusing on well-known marques as well as one-of-a-kind boutiques.

Foodies' Discovery Trail : available to all clients, it is a partnership with eight superior food craftsmen of the neighbourhood ensuring that our clients receive a warm welcome and a taste of one of their products.

Hotel Location

Latitude : 48°50' North (48.846) ; Longitude : 2°18' East (2.324)

Central Paris, on the Left Bank (6^e arrondissement, *Cherche-Midi* neighbourhood). Between the landmark districts of *Saint-Germain-des-Prés* and *Montparnasse*, it is a largely 18th & 19th century neighbourhood with a wonderful mix of high-end residential and commercial activity.

Public transportation : Metro stations : *Saint Placide*, *Montparnasse-Bienvenue* or *Rennes*. Buses n°95 (to the *Louvre*, *Opéra* and *Montmartre*) ; n°92 (to *Arc-de-Triomphe* and *Champs-Élysées*) ; n°94 (to *Place de la Concorde*) ; n°82 (to *Eiffel Tower*) ; n° 96 to *Notre-Dame* cathedral and the *Marais* neighbourhood.

Easy walking to *Jardin du Luxembourg*, *Musée d'Orsay* (15 min.), *Musée Rodin* (15 min), *Invalides* (15 min), *Saint-Germain-des-Prés* (10 min), *Louvre Museum* 20 min) ; *Le Bon Marché* department store (5 min).

Tip for finding the hotel : ask for the book and record shop *FNAC Montparnasse* on the *Rue de Rennes*.

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