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L'Hotel

13 Rue Des Beaux Arts, Paris, 750006, | France 

From **£250** per room per night

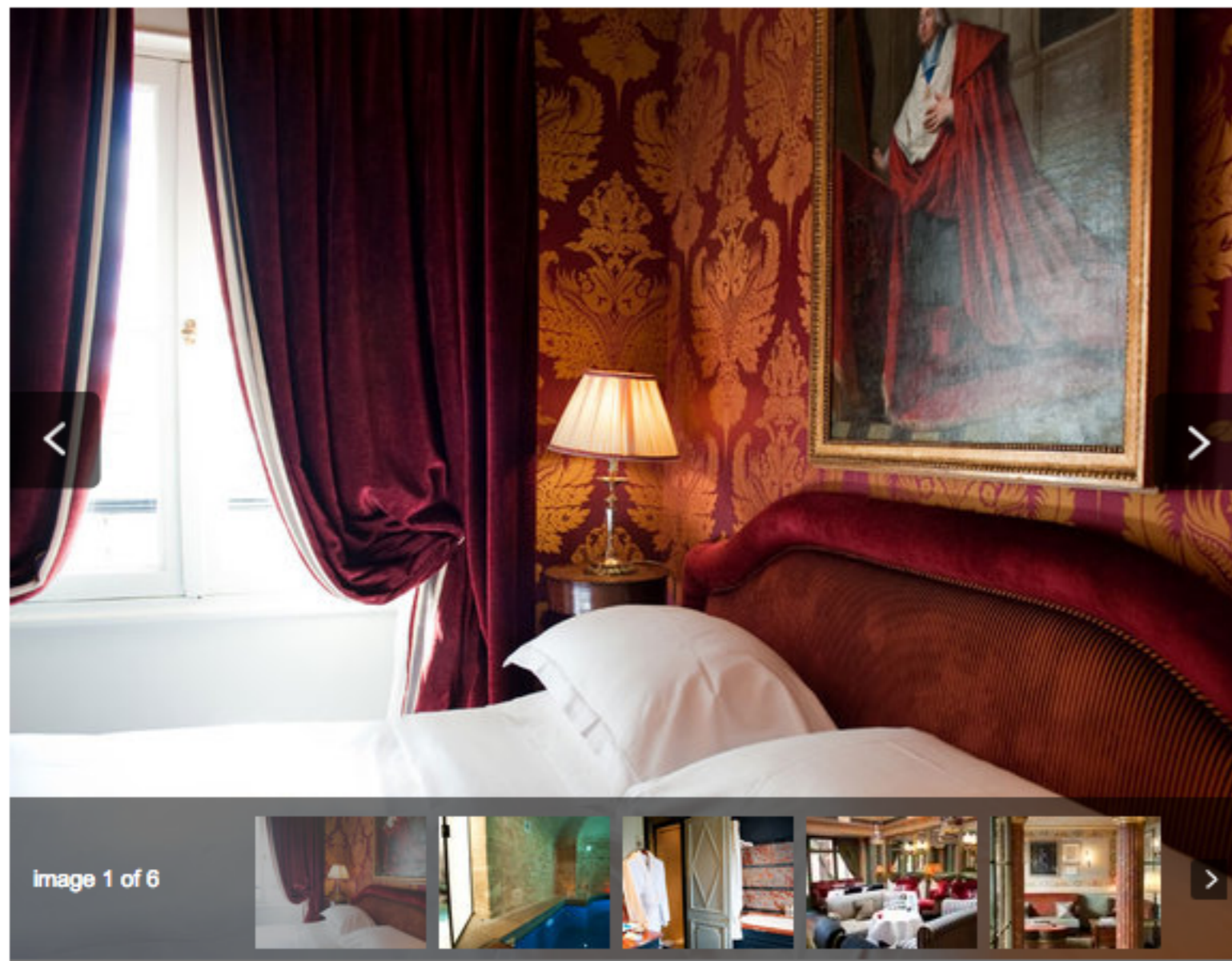
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Cosy and unassuming, a little eccentric but utterly charming, **L'Hotel** oozes elegance and defines discretion. These days, it's rumoured to be Johnny Depp's hideout in the City of Light, but the one-time 'Pavilion d'Amour' on the Left Bank has welcomed everyone from Princess Grace to Frank Sinatra, and iconic lovers Liz Taylor and Richard Burton. It was even home to Oscar Wilde, who never checked out...

The theatrical décor is the work of interiors guru Jacques Garcia whose unique, antique-stuffed designs gave each room their own soul. The Oscar Wilde room is a vision in shimmering greens and stunning peacock frescoes, with plenty of authentic memorabilia. The Mistinguett bedroom features the Queen of Cabaret's very own Art Deco mirrored bed and vanity desk set, while the decadent penthouse suite has a private terrace overlooking the city's rooftops.

It's almost impossible to choose L'Hotel's best, or most quirky, feature: there's the opulent bar, the steam room in the basement, the Palladian-style building's trademark six-floor rounded dome which beams light down into the lobby, and a bjiou pool for a 'tete a tete' in the crypt. But there's also the small matter of a Michelin-starred 'Le Restaurant' where you can dine on gourmet food ensconced in comfy armchairs.

What's hot?

- The unique rooms
- The outstanding restaurant
- The friendly service

What's not?

- The bar shuts at 1am

Need to Know: L'Hotel

- Number of rooms:** 20
- Check-in/check-out times:** 3pm and 12noon
- Room service:** Yes
- Swimming pool:** Yes
- Spa:** No. Just a steam room and pool
- Dogs welcome:** Yes. Small dogs are welcome

Eating and drinking: Chef Philippe Belissent heads up the Michelin-starred Le Restaurant. There's also a cosy, decadent-feeling bar complete with library walls, crushed velvet sofas, faux-marble roman columns and leopard skin carpet.

Near to: Just steps away from Boulevard St Germain's iconic cafes like Le Flore and some of the world's finest shopping

Getting there: Orly and Charles de Gaulle Airports are both around a 45 minute taxi ride away (depending on traffic). Alternatively, the most relaxed way to reach the city is on the Eurostar. Paris' Eurostar station, Gare du Nord is a 20 minute taxi ride away or a direct metro journey to Saint-Germain-Des-Pres on line 4 (which is just a 5 minute walk away).

SPECIAL OFFERS AT L'HOTEL:

L'Hotel are offering four nights for the price of three nights to ELLE escapes users throughout August (arriving on any day).

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Arrival date
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Nights **Adults**

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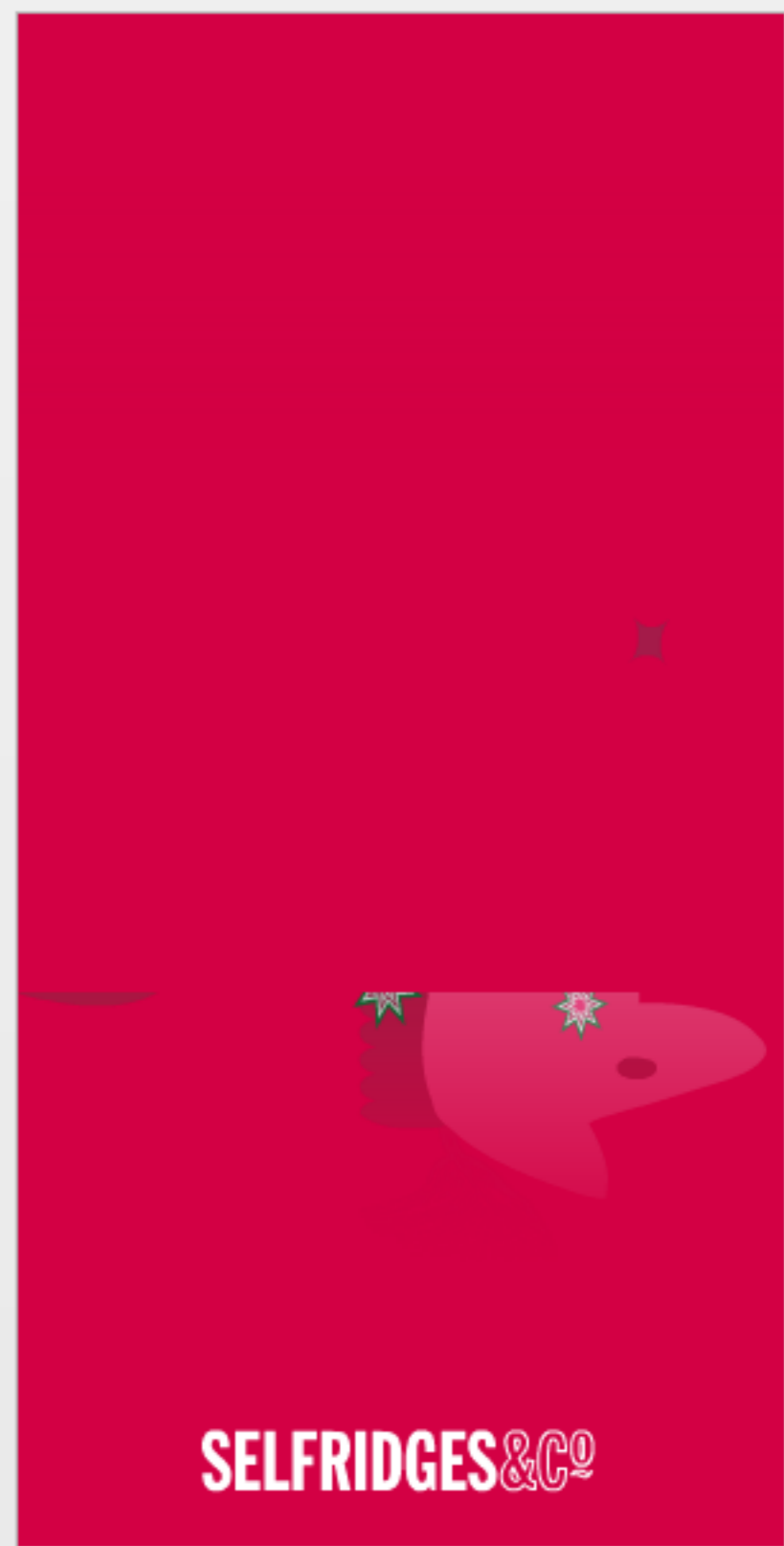
The ELLE Edit


Best room: The all green Oscar Wilde room and the glamour puss Mistinguett room

Best dish: Philippe Belissent is a creative genius who puts his own distinct twist on classic dishes. Try the pan fried foie gras with clementine, sea bass with deliciously sweet 'rattes' crushed potatoes and the delicate roasted fig and cinnamon desert.

Fashion/design credentials: Designer Jacques Garcia's interiors are absolutely fabulous

Who stays here? Johnny Depp, Liz Taylor and Eva Green




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