



Coco Chanel and Beyoncé both were guests at Le Meurice.

# HOUSE of STYLE

When fashion icons hit the City of Light, look for them at Le Meurice



**W**ant to rub elbows with the glitterati? The hottest spot in Paris for soaking in the designer scene is hotel

Le Meurice, which over two centuries has hosted royalty, dignitaries and VIPs including **Picasso**, **Elizabeth Taylor** and the **Duke and Duchess of Windsor**, and even played home to famed artist **Salvador Dalí**. (*Condé Nast Traveler* and *Travel + Leisure* have rated the 160-room hotel among the world's best.) The hotel recently served as the chic setting for a soon-to-be-published *Watch!* fashion shoot featuring *The Good Wife*'s Archie Panjabi and Matt Czuchry, whose onscreen chemistry clearly translates to film in this steamy pictorial. Rates from \$565. 228 rue de Rivoli, lemeurice.com — *Mona Buehler*

## VOGUE ABODE

The hotel's classic décor—gilding, marble, chandeliers, antiques—makes rooms feel like timeless Parisian apartments. While **Beyoncé** and **Jay-Z** were in town for a *Harper's Bazaar* photo shoot, they holed up in Le Meurice's Belle Etoile Royal Suite, which takes up the entire seventh floor and boasts a

2,700-square-foot wraparound terrace and butler's quarters.

## LOCATION, LOCATION

Tucked between the Louvre and the Place de la Concorde, the hotel is a short walk from Parisian boutiques and the runway bustle at Jardin des Tuileries.

It's the perfect place to crash for Paris Fashion Week, when designers show off their new collections, sometimes right in the hotel: Fashion houses such as Chanel and Guy Laroche have staged shows at Le Meurice, and in the 1930s the high-class hotel hosted glitzy parties for **Coco Chanel** herself.



Clockwise from above: Archie Panjabi and Matt Czuchry; 228 Bar; The Cocktail Starcky

## PARTY LIKE A ROCK STAR

Before you check out, chill out at 228 Bar, a cozy British-style club with classic wooden bar stools and leather chairs where singers **Robbie Williams**, **Liam Gallagher** and **Eminem** have all sipped on beverages. The bar has 300 signature creations, like The Cocktail Starcky named after **Philippe Starck**, the hotel's interior designer.

## CHIC CUISINE

Two restaurants promise to tempt your taste buds—Restaurant Le Meurice with audacious modern French cuisine and the simpler Restaurant Dalí, with new takes on traditional Parisian fare. Michelin-starred chef Yannick Alléno's cooking may make securing reservations difficult, so book well in advance. **V**

