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# RIFE WITH LUXURIOUS INDULGENCE, PARIS FASHION WEEK ISN'T JUST AN EVENT... IT'S A DECADENT JOURNEY

**W**hile everyone loves Paris in the springtime, the most illustrious time to visit this decadent city of lights may very well be winter. It is then, during January's deepest chill, when a hazy post-holiday gloom is magically lifted from the city to welcome spring's most coveted haute couture. Through a whirlwind of chic activity, the shows seem to give Paris even more glamorous appeal than usual as celebrities, socialites, royalty and fashionistas from around the globe flock to see the newest offerings from their favorite designers.

While a front row seat at these exclusive showings is, without a doubt, one of the most coveted – and elusive – tickets in town, it's just one of the myriad of elements necessary for curating a truly luxurious stay in Paris and experiencing Fashion Week in high style.

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### FLY AWAY!

Long lauded for their service and comfort, flying to Paris in Air France's first class cabin lends a sense of genteel indulgence to long, international flights. With amenities including fully-flat reclining seats, replete with feather pillows and duvets, toiletries by Givenchy and menus developed by culinary masterminds like Joël Robuchon, Régis Marcon, Guy Martin, Anne-Sophie Pic and Michel Roth; flying to Paris via Air France's 'La Première' allows one to land looking and feeling civilized. For the ultimate in indulgence, flying privately is the epitome of arriving in style. Whether corporate, privately owned or chartered; the airspace above Charles de Gaulle is rarely sans personal craft activity. Joining the commercial giants is a new option for the jet set, La Compagnie. Boasting a hip, chic attitude and an all business-class cabin that has debuted amidst positive reviews; La Compagnie will certainly be a contender among airlines hoping to woo New York to Paris travelers.

### DINE WELL

From the neighborhood bistros that dot nearly every corner to the impossibly elegant dining rooms twinkling under veritable constellations of Michelin stars; it can be argued that stumbling upon a bad meal in Paris is more difficult than finding a memorable one.

Bistrot Victoires near the Louvre and Palais Royal is a lunch spot lauded by locals and tourists alike. Serving traditional, casual French comfort food in one of the city's most chic neighborhoods it's the perfect spot to sip a glass of champagne, share a plate of pommes frites and people watch in true French fashion.

For a truly decadent, glamorous experience in French dining, Alain Ducasse au Plaza Athénée is an unforgettable experience. This grand dame of extraordinary French opulence is dressed in lavish



elegance, brilliant with the glimmer of the thousands of crystals that glint overhead. In Paris, the mere mention Chef Ducasse has a certain savoir-faire that is wholly inimitable. From the chic rusticity of Aux Lyonnais to the unparalleled thrill of fine dining Jules Verne from within the Tour Eiffel to the experiences that await at the Plaza Athénée, a meal at one of Alain Ducasse's posh Parisian eateries is an envy-worthy addition to the most illustrious of itineraries.

## STAY LUXURIOUSLY

Home to some of the world's sweetest suites, Paris is a treasure trove of luxury accommodations. From the quietly bespoke luxuries to over the top indulgence to boutique style charm; the choices in luxury provided by Parisian hotels is vast and varied.

For more intimate accommodations in Paris, The Relais Christine is an aesthetic charmer beautifully wrapped within a stately townhouse manse in the heart of the historic Latin Quarter. A quiet, relatively secluded escape from the cacophony of the city, the Relais Christine - particularly her posh, one bedroom garden suite - is the perfect choice for those who wish to feel like a local while visiting Paris.

Another option for accommodations that feel more pied-à-terre than hotel is the impossibly gracious, uber-chic Penthouse Suite at Le Royal Monceau, Raffles Paris. The two-bedroom apartment with its mansard roof and Phillippe Stark furnishings offers a private entrance, curated art and all the luxury one would expect from Raffles - including the impeccable butler's service the brand is famous for - combined with the romance of your own Parisian apartment.

The most quintessential views in all of Europe greets guests of the 1,000sf Eiffel Suites at the Plaza Athénée. Rich with gilt-clad furnishings, opulent finishes and graceful touches; the Eiffel Suites, as well as all of the suites in this Parisian landmark, pay homage to decadence via a curated collection of unparalleled opulence in the city of lights. Also at the Plaza Athénée is Paris' largest four bedroom suite - the Royal Suite - featuring more than 4,800sf of over-the-top opulence

From the jetway to the runway, Paris Fashion week isn't merely an opportunity to feast one's eyes on the world's most beautiful couture... it's an opportunity to delve headlong in timeless luxury that never goes out of style.





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