



Maison Montespan



Last October I was invited to check out **Maison Montespan** a new, luxury residence, for short term rentals in Paris.

Just to give you a bit of background and context, I've visited and stayed in some of the top five-star hotels in Paris and throughout Europe in the past eight years. After visiting so many of these hotels, the bar for luxury has been set so high and it takes a lot to impress me. I don't mean to come off like a snob or being jaded, it's just that the word "luxury" seems to be tossed around an awful lot in the travel industry and the over-usage at this point dilutes its meaning.

With that said, I was impressed with the level of luxury at **Maison Montespan**.

Located on **Ave. Montespan** off of **Ave. George Mandel**, in the most upscale part of the 16th arrondissement, the entrance to **Maison Montespan** is quite discreet, a black, unmarked door.

Once inside, the narrow vestibule had a marble and gold inlaid stand with an opulent dried flower and feather arrangement, atop a elaborately carved wood base.



Nicolas Zimmerman, the sales and marketing director, greeted me and took me on a tour. We started at the bottom level that featured a decent sized workout room, and a hammam (Turkish steamboat). Next was the recreation room with a movie sized, TV screen. Before visiting, Nicolas sent press materials which stated there was an indoor swimming pool. Curious to know where it was, Nicolas responded by pressing a button, which allowed the floor to electronically sink and fill with water, thus creating the lap pool. I thought, now that's luxury!





We took the elevator to the top floor, which had an expansive, 800 square-foot pergola and terrace, which had great views of the Paris skyline. The space can fit up to 50 people comfortably for a cocktail soiree, or on a smaller scale, catered lunch or dinner, which **Maison Montespain** can arrange.







The other floors contained five sumptuously decorated bedrooms, all with en-suite bathrooms. Interior designer Thomas Lange designed custom made furniture in each suite, accompanied by complementary antiques and the bathrooms feature Carrara marble with toiletries by Frédéric Malle, the top fragrance artisan in France.





The spacious, living and dining room suite, is like a Parisian salon you would see in a deluxe shelter magazine, filled with plush couches and club chairs in a neutral palette, Parquet floors, art works and sculptures plus a showstopper Steinway grand piano. The dining table can be extended to have up to 16 guests for a grand dinner party.



Maison Montespan takes its clients privacy and discretion seriously, so it provides a private entrance for cars, a Panic Room device, and an alarm button in every room.

Included with your stay, full continental breakfast service for up to 10 people with pastries by pastry chef **Benoît Castel** and daily newspaper, a fully stocked refrigerator with guest's preferred foods, daily housekeeping services, private butler

service from 9am-6pm, and an outdoor parking space in front of the private entrance door.

The staff puts its emphasis on catering to families and can arrange experiences such as cooking and baking classes, piano lessons, magic lessons, on site yoga classes and private trainers, plus city tours and museum treasure hunts.

The cost for all of this lavish luxury? Rates vary from 5,000 to 10,000€ per night for the entire residence, depending on time of the year.

If you book time at **Maison Montespan**, I expect nothing less than a hand calligraphed invitation, delivered by your footman, for dinner.

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