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Bride

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26 PAGES OF DIY IDEAS!

- ♥ Impressive decorations ♥ Stylish invites
- ♥ Fun favours ♥ Decadent desserts & more

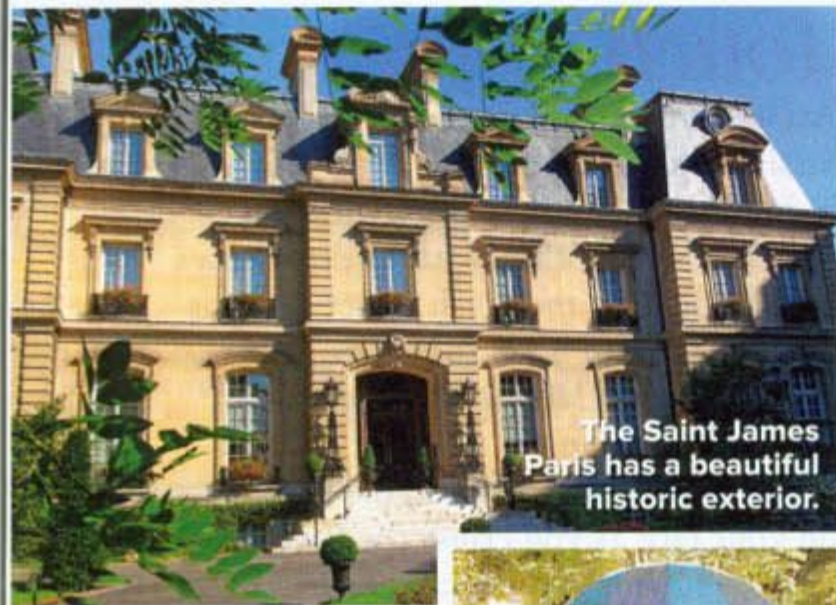
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A PAMPERING WEEKEND
 worth over **\$7500**
 (take 3 friends with you!)
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HOT
honeymoon
 from \$109
 \$7000+ a night

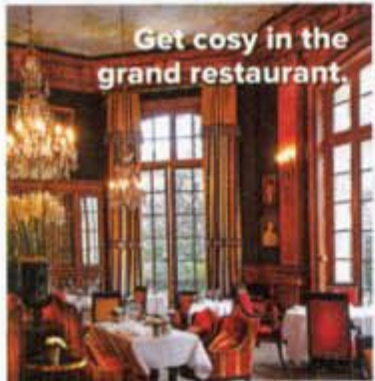
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 Australia \$13.95
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Parisian honeymoon



The Saint James Paris has a beautiful historic exterior.



Get cosy in the grand restaurant.



Hot air balloon-marquees add flair to The Terrace.



Retreat to the Tonkinoise suite.

Where to stay for...
French kitsch

SAINT JAMES PARIS

LOCALE Situated in Paris' upscale 16th district,

Saint James Paris is within walking distance of designer shopping strips Avenue Victor Hugo and Avenue des Champs-Élysées, and landmarks such as the Arc de Triomphe and Eiffel Tower.

THE VIBE Eccentric and extravagant. This chateau-hotel masterpiece was built in 1892 on an airfield. It was first established as The Thiers Foundation by first lady Madame Dosne-Thiers in memory of her late husband, President Adolphe Thiers. The foundation offered talented students scholarships at the creative mansion for decades, with many going on to be politicians, historians and writers, such as Georges Huisman, who created the Festival de Cannes, and famous philosopher Michel Foucault. In 1985, the building was restored and became a luxe hotel. Today, the kitschy chateau is frequented by the rich and famous looking for privacy and a special experience.

SLEEP Forty-eight rooms and suites are on offer, each with a unique theme. The Love Pavilion hideaway has a private spa with its own steam room, double tub and two massage tables!

EAT The restaurant serves seasonal cuisine including dishes such as quail stuffed with foie gras, garden peas and wild mushrooms, served with verbena-mint jus. The Library-Bar retains all its historic quirk with 12,000 books on display, and you'll feel as if you've stepped back in time enjoying an alfresco menu on the terrace styled in homage to the history of the chateau.

RELAX If burning off those croissants on a stationary bike or pumping weights in the chandelier-embellished Exercise Room sounds too strenuous for your honeymoon, book in for a semi-precious stone massage, infused with orange and vanilla fragrances at Spa Germology, which is exclusive to the hotel's club members and guests.

CHECK IN Room rates start at \$398*; see saint-james-paris.com.

HÔTEL DANIEL

Where to stay for...
boutique chic

LOCALE In the heart of the very elegant 8th district, Hôtel Daniel is centrally located just two blocks from the Avenue des Champs-Élysées and chic Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré. It's surrounded by antique and fashion boutiques and world-class restaurants.

THE VIBE Warm, friendly, sophisticated. The epitome of French chic, the hotel oozes romance and charm. Built in 1870 (and renovated for the hotel opening in 2004), it retains all the charms of the local Haussmannian architectural manner. It's so beautifully furnished in 18th century, chinoiserie-style, you'll feel as if you've stepped into another world. In the lobby alone sea-green handmade De Gournay Chinese paper printed with delicate birds and flowers hugs the walls, Oriental furniture and carpet from Kazakhstan is artfully placed, and a ceiling mirror looks down on you.

SLEEP The steep spiral staircase leads up to the 26 rooms and seven suites, with the attic room boasting views of the Parisian rooftops. Every room is decorated uniquely with divine

antiquities from the hotel owners' extensive world travels. Find bath salts sourced from the Dead Sea and hand-crafted olive oil soaps in your private bathroom, while rich velvet curtains, soft silk cushions and French books add charm to your room. Rooms also have a safe, Wi-Fi, TV and access to a 24-hour concierge.

EAT Enjoy traditional French cuisine with Mediterranean influences at the intimate Restaurant Daniel. There's no long wait for service, the food portions are substantial and exceptional quality, using the freshest ingredients, plus the service impeccable. Try the lightly crumbed and shallow-fried frog legs with a glass of Louis Roederer Champagne, or the house-made pastries and desserts with high tea.

RELAX Simply reclining on a comfy chaise in the lounge area reading your copy of *A Moveable Feast* by Ernest Hemingway will have you rejuvenated.
CHECK IN Double rooms start at \$507* per night; see hoteldanielparis.com.



The welcoming facade of Hôtel Daniel is just a hint of what's to come.



Restaurant Daniel.



The gorgeous Junior Suite.