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Sit by the pool at the sun-kissed Toile Blanche hotel in Saint-Paul de Vence or admire the art in the manicured gardens. See our review on page 173



A look at the French Riviera hotel that is as artistic as it is relaxed, a designer's guide to Vienna, delicious spring dishes, plus what makes Michelin-starred chef Tom Sellers tick



A GREAT ESCAPE

A French medieval hilltop town is the location of Toile Blanche, a former 19th-century farmhouse reimaged as a boutique hotel

SAINT-PAUL de Vence is a place steeped in art history. Just a short journey from the bustle of Nice, the town holds many stories of artists – the likes of Picasso, Chagall and Matisse – who exchanged paintings for rooms at the now iconic hotel, La Colombe d'Or, which is open for drinks and dinner, so you can stand awestruck with a rosé in hand as you admire the original works. It's also home to the modern art collection at Fondation Maeght – and it still draws new artists and gallerists from across the world. It is the perfect home for Toile Blanche, a boutique hotel that, just like the town, has artwork at its core.

The Leroy Brothers began the hotel in 2004 as a small bed and breakfast, transforming a 1890s farmhouse into a family-run business. But before becoming hoteliers, they were (and still very much are) artists, working together on contemporary pieces that can be found throughout the hotel.

Now Toile Blanche has grown to 22 suites, dotted around the beautiful grounds in a mix of new buildings and older properties. Each has a unique feel and personal touch, some come with private pools and every one has outdoor space. No two are the same, but all the interiors have the same thread of warmth, the perfect balance of minimalism, while still being inviting. Pinkish clay tones and terracottas mix with linen, wood and rattan to create beautiful layers, reflective of the Mediterranean location.

The grounds of the hotel are like an open gallery, a sculpture park for modern art from both local and global artists. But blink and you might miss them, as the pieces are nestled among the lavender or disguised in the olive trees. This is a place that effortlessly blends modern art and luxury design.

Have lunch alfresco at La Guinguette, which has a beautiful seasonal menu of small plates to be enjoyed under the shade of the burnt orange sun umbrellas. Dinner is a slightly more formal affair at Le Restaurant, where the decor is moodier and more intimate, with the owners' artwork lining the walls. 🍷

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