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Hotel Château de Grand-Lucé, France

L HOTEL CHÂTEAU DU GRAND-LUCÉ *Loire Valley, France*

One of the few chateaux to survive the French Revolution completely intact, Hotel Château de Grand-Lucé is an 18th-century abode, three hours' drive from Paris, which has emerged from its chrysalis fully reimagined as a hotel and go-to party location for fashion houses such as Louis Vuitton and Marni, thanks to Californian hotelier Marcy Holthus. The old-world splendor of the 17 suites – think velvet drapes, herringbone parquet and glinting crystal chandeliers – is quietly disrupted by modernist pieces by Roche Bobois and Jean Paul Gaultier, presented next to priceless artworks rescued from under the floorboards of the Louvre. The bar is housed in a converted chapel and the original laundry house is currently being transformed into a Maison Caulières spa. Beyond the neatly trimmed neoclassical gardens, there's an orb-like outdoor pool, a lake, a kitchen garden and an orchard, while a farmer's market is held every week just outside the estate gates.



THE REGAL DEAL

No two rooms in the Hotel Château de Grand-Lucé are the same



ALIGHIERI

Paola and Francesca gold-plated necklace



ZIMMERMANN

Verity floral-print silk-satin maxi dress



PRADA

Sidonie medium leather shoulder bag



BY FAR

Tanya metallic leather mules