

OCCITANIE

La Manufacture Royale de Lectoure

About five years ago, while walking the Camino de Santiago with her family, the Parisian stylist Christele Ageorges fell in love with the village of Lectoure and its 18th-century limestone buildings. She eventually bought an abandoned tannery and transformed it into this

five-bedroom property filled with handmade objets, antiques, and flowers and foliage from the surrounding gardens. On warm days breakfast is served in the garden, which has stunning views of the Pyrenees. *lamanufactureroyaledlectoure.com; doubles from \$310. — Gisela Williams*



A sitting area at
La Manufacture
Royale de Lectoure.

PARIS

LA MAISON FAVART

My husband and I first came across this romantic hotel while planning a trip to Paris in 2015. Located on the edge of the Second Arrondissement, the 39-room gem appealed to us primarily because it's within walking distance of several marquee sights, including the Louvre and the Tuileries. Each morning, we'd fuel up on fresh croissants, fruit, and strong coffee in the breakfast room; complimentary snacks and an honor bar were set out in the evenings. It was a delight to return after a long day of sightseeing and share the convivial atmosphere with other visiting couples. *laisonfavart; doubles from \$311. — SARAH BRUNING*

CHAMONIX

AUBERGE DU BOIS PRIN

Having arrived at this Chamonix auberge late on a summer night, I was surprised when I drew back the curtains the next morning and found Mont Blanc and the French Alps still partly wreathed in snow. This wood-paneled inn includes 10 comfortable rooms and suites and a large terrace where breakfast is served. The restaurant is superb, with an exceptional list of French wines—as might be expected at a place owned by chef Emmanuel Renaut. (His Flocons de Sel, an hour's drive away in Megève, has three Michelin stars.) *boisprin.com; doubles from \$263. — NINA CAPLAN*



◀ Marseille artist Emmanuelle Luciani's mural at the entrance to Tuba Club.

MARSEILLE

Tuba Club

Marseille has slowly evolved into France's next creative capital, and was therefore in need of a free-spirited meeting place for locals and travelers. Enter, in 2020, Tuba Club, a cluster of buildings in the seaside neighborhood of Les Goudes with five simple cabin-like rooms, a restaurant, and a beach club.

Paris-based designer Marion Mailaender gave this former scuba-diving school a retro-glam makeover, complete with bird-shaped bedside sconces and industrial-chic shower tiles. Guests get first dibs on beach loungers and dinner reservations; they can also take the hotel's restored 1970s fishing boat out for a spin. *tuba-club.com*; doubles from \$241. — G.W.



A-LIST PICK

Les Trésorières (*les-tresorieres.com*; doubles from \$219) is the first five-star hotel to open in the heart of Tours, an under-the-radar but buzzing university town in the Loire Valley. Small and intimate, it may not offer the services found in Parisian palaces, but the rooms are big and well appointed, and the smiles are genuine. — **PHILIP HASLETT** of Kairos Travel, philip@kairos-travel.com

PROVENCE

LE MOULIN

Storybook villages are plentiful in Provence, but perhaps none has as much appeal as Lourmarin: if you wanted to skip through cobblestoned streets singing “*Bonjour! Bonjour!*” like Disney’s Belle, this would be the ideal place. Le Moulin, a 25-room hotel housed

in a former mill, is across the street from a Renaissance château. Inside, however, the ambience is less fairy tale and more updated French-country chic, with sisal rugs and a color scheme of beige-on-beige. Books by Provençal authors abound, from Jean Giono to Marcel Pagnol. *beaumier.com*; doubles from \$173. — **SARAH LIEBERMAN**

CORSICA

DOMINIQUE COLONNA

The mountain landscape around the small town of Corte is a paradise for hikers. Luckily, it's also home to a family-run hotel that's perfect for recovering after a long trek. Dominique Colonna is shrouded in pine and birch trees

and sits on the banks of the Restonica River—in the summer, nothing feels better than a dip in its cool waters. For sustenance, the hotel offers some of the best provisions in town: local cheeses with house-made fig jam; fresh-squeezed lemonade; and plenty of organic olive oil from the property's own grove. *dominique-colonna.com*; doubles from \$214. — **S.L.**