

GOING IT ALONE

SLEEPING ON THE WATER

Currently the only floating hotel in Paris is a 58-room barge with four suites. The rooms are fairly large, whether on the upper or lower deck. The bar, terrace and marina overlook a swimming pool (not heated year-round). Atelier Cologne products are found in the bathrooms. Great location right next to the Cité de la Mode et du Design, by architects Jakob & Macfarlane. Open to the public for drinks year-round. **OFF PARIS SEINE** 86, quai d'Austerlitz, 13th, metro Gare d'Austerlitz, Gare de Lyon, tel 01 44 06 62 65, www.offparisseine.com, 58 rooms and suites, €120 to €325

SLEEPING IN A WOOD CABIN

This comfortable wood cabin can be reached by crossing a bridge, like a boat's gangway, in the back of the courtyard garden of the 9 Hotel Montparnasse. The exterior is in red cedar and the interior in chestnut. Wheelchair accessible, it was opened in 2016 and boasts a king-size bed, a double shower, light therapy and a Japanese toilet. The bedside table is a swing, the roof is a garden and breakfast (included) is served on a private terrace under the trees. The "nine deadly sins" option consists of nine naughty accessories to be tested (or not) by a couple. **9 HOTEL MONTPARNASSE** 76, rue Raymond Losserand, 14th, metro Pernéty, tel 01 40 52 12 40, www.9hotelmontparnasse.fr, 1 cabin, €199 to €259

SLEEPING IN A BOOKSTORE

In 2016, David Lécuyer (formerly of L'Oréal) and his associates had the idea of taking over Paris boutiques that had closed and transforming them into suites with services. In this one, the shop window on the ground floor looks like a bookstore (there are actually 4,500 books inside), but it is really a room decorated in excellent taste with rough stone and wood. It's a good way to experience the spirit of Paris through its now-disappearing authentic shops. Coming soon: a wine cellar, a fine grocery in the Bastille area and many others. Concierge service from 7am to 11pm, practical bathroom and kitchenette with microwave.

PARIS BOUTIK 12, rue Caffarelli, 3rd, metro Temple, Filles du Calvaire, tel 01 75 43 29 26, www.parisboutik.com, 1 suite, €320 to €390

HÔTEL DA VINCI

25, rue des Saints-Pères, 6th
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Tel 01 55 35 41 88
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24 rooms, €320 to €420

BAROCOCO

This small refurbished hotel pays tribute to the Italian Renaissance. The room called the "Adorateur" is where the man who stole the *Mona Lisa* in 1911 found refuge before giving himself up to the authorities. In the attic, you'll find exposed beams and a fake *Mona Lisa*. The toiletries are by Roberto Cavalli. Best for short stays

(with few suitcases), since the rooms are so small, although still liveable, even at 12 square metres. Ask for the Privilege room (510), which is not listed on any website. And, as soon as you arrive, reserve private time in the pretty relaxation pool under a starry vault.