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HOTEL ★★★★★
STRASBOURG

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INTRODUCTION

The MGallery Cour du Corbeau hotel,

situated in the heart of Strasbourg just a step away from the famous Notre Dame cathedral is considered as one of the most beautiful architectural ensembles of the Renaissance. With its wooden balustrades and its typically Alsatian façade, the history of the Cour du Corbeau hotel is unique. From a coaching inn to an artistic glass works, the hotel tells a legendary tale.





A bit of history

In 1528 the Cour du Corbeau (or The Raven's Court) housed a hotel known as "Zum Rappen". It was a working inn for more than three centuries, welcoming famous travellers, including the Duke of Bavaria in 1570, the Swedish General Gustav Horn in 1632 and the Marshal of Turenne in 1647, to name but a few... At various points in time, some of them left writings there, as did the Duke of Chevreuse in 1664, accompanied by Balthasar de Monconys, who was dazzled by the beauty of the engraved copper buckets used to draw water from the wells and public fountains. Later, Alexandre Dumas recounted a dinner shared with his friend Gérard de Nerval, who left some verses scribbled on a table. Others, like the Emperor of Germany, Joseph II, and the King of Prussia, Frederick the Great, stayed there incognito. From 1852, part of the buildings were occupied by the glassworks run by the Ott Brothers, who restored the stained glass

windows of the cathedral, keeping the magic of the building alive for 130 years. In 1871, "Seitz", a draper, moved into the Cour du Corbeau. One of his clients was the Shah of Iran. Parts of the Cour du Corbeau were used as accommodation for the staff who worked there. In 1930, the Cour du Corbeau was classified as an historic monument. After the departure of the "Ott" Glassworks in 1982, the buildings were abandoned... In 2007, the vast renovations began, which were to last two years... The new owners and the architects have endeavoured to revive its history and its cachet of yesteryear, like archaeologists, restoring its facades and carved wood balusters, right down to the establishment's historic inscription, engraved in the wood. On 1 May 2009, the new "Cour du Corbeau" hotel opened its doors and came back to life, reflecting its neighbourhood, which continues to reinvent itself by reviving links with its past.



Historically sensitive renovation



The immense wooden balustrade, about ten metres high, has been retained in identical condition. The walkway and the passageways are of period wood, and have been weathered by time. In summer, the balustrade is adorned with the dazzling colours of geraniums.

The breakfast room is in the former stables, and at the time the works were done, in 2009, the workers found the drinking troughs for horses, which were reused across the courtyard.

The red colour of the bedroom doors also owes nothing to chance: the restorer who worked on the site found the pigments of the original hue that protected against insects and ultraviolet.

To heat, air-condition the premises and produce hot water, the architects chose an environmentally-friendly geothermal process that draws energy from the water table. This choice also helps preserve the beauty of the site.

The floor tiles in reception were discovered in the building during the renovation work and were carefully cleaned, and rearranged like a carpet. The cobblestones in the Court are also originals.

The rooms have preserved some details from the past: stained-glass windows that dim the light, beams and carved wooden windows. Others bear the marks of their guests' passage, such as the half-timbering in Turenne's room or the woodwork in Voltaire's room. The suites also bear the names of the guests who contributed to the legendary past of this hotel, indicated by a discreet door plaque.

But visitors may also stroll around and discover other secrets... The stone statue, like an angel's head, adorning the facade. The raven at the top of the turret - a nod to the name of the hotel. An inscription dating from 1632, engraved on the wood and faithfully restored. A coat of arms over a door... Before and after photos in the winter garden recount how the site has been transformed.

Understated & elegant style

Just a stone's throw from Notre-Dame Cathedral, reached through a porchway, the MGallery Cour du Corbeau Hotel is a haven of peace. All the interior decoration has been redesigned, with ancient materials carefully used in a contemporary spirit (sandstone stones from the Vosges, cobblestones, tommettes, floor tiles, copper, glass, slate, granite, pebbles...). Combined with elegant tones of taupe and beige, touches of colour, sometimes powdery, sometimes shimmering, enhance the place's warmth.



Each of the 63 different rooms reflects a part of Alsatian history and culture. Here a play on light, elsewhere attic rooms, a little further on a private garden... All are spacious and comfortable, making for an extremely pleasant stay. The MGallery Cour du Corbeau Hotel team is also there to support its visitors and ensure they have an unforgettable experience. Always attentive, respecting the right balance between availability and discretion, the hotel staff takes care of clients from the moment they arrive, sharing information on places to visit and the secrets to be discovered in the capital of Alsace.

The rooms

THE HOTEL COMPRISES 63 SPACIOUS ROOMS INCLUDING 12 JUNIOR SUITES AND 10 SUITES. THE COUR DU CORBEAU OFFERS ITS GUESTS ALL THE COMFORT IN A PLACE CHARGED WITH HISTORY.

THE ROOM FACILITIES:

- Free Wi-Fi
- Latest generation television (Satellite and Canal+)
- Mini-bar
- Safe
- Phone
- Desk
- Lounge area in Junior Suite and Suite
- Choice of rooms with double bed (1.60 m), twin beds (2 x 0.90 m), king size bed (1.80 m or 2.00 m)
- Individual air conditioning or heating
- Courtesy tray
- Nespresso machine provided in Suites
- Bathroom with shower or bathtub, magnifying mirror, hairdryer, towel radiator
- Separate toilet
- Bathrobe and slippers
- High quality cosmetic products
- Baby's cot and extra bed (on request)

Minimum area of 23m² for bedrooms and 30m² for suites.



63 rooms and suites all with unique charm





In the shade of the stones



The breakfast

The breakfast is served from 7.00 am to 10.30 am, until noon on weekends and holidays, in a charming and romantic ambiance. A buffet introducing the visitor to local produce and sophisticated French cuisine, to help them relive their childhood or enjoy a healthy meal: Kougelhopf, Pretzel, rosehip and golden plum jam, quince jelly, seasonal fruits, organic cereals, detox juice... The spotlight is on local producers, with farm products such as yoghurts and Tomme du Ried cheeses. Our teams will also help you discover their home-made recipes (cakes, bircher muesli, vanilla cream), as their fancy dictates.



A gentle wake-up



Gourmet delights



THE HOTEL SERVICES

- Breakfast served either in the restaurant or in rooms (from 7.00 to 10.30 am or noon on weekends and holidays)
- 24h room service
- Tea lounge and bar
- Public car park Parking Austerlitz at 150 m (charge)
- Porter and valet service
- Concierge
- Dry cleaning (apart from Sunday)
- Office facilities with high-speed internet access; free Wi-Fi in the common areas
- 1 modular meeting room
- Animals allowed (extra charge)
- Rooms with facilities for people with mobility issues
- 2 lifts
- 3 floors

The bar

A seldom place in the heart of Strasbourg, where the historic ambiance has a modern touch. The service team, discrete and attentive, is always on its quest for originality and creates for its clients the delicious cocktails of the month, to enjoy with friends or family. Weather permitting, the magnificent 16th century yard terrace will be opened until 10.30 pm. The bar is opened every day from 2.00 pm to midnight.



Seminar



Our winter garden, with one of the most beautiful views of our courtyard, can host informal or small meetings (up to 12 people in a U-shape and up to 30 people in theatre-style configuration).



Access routes



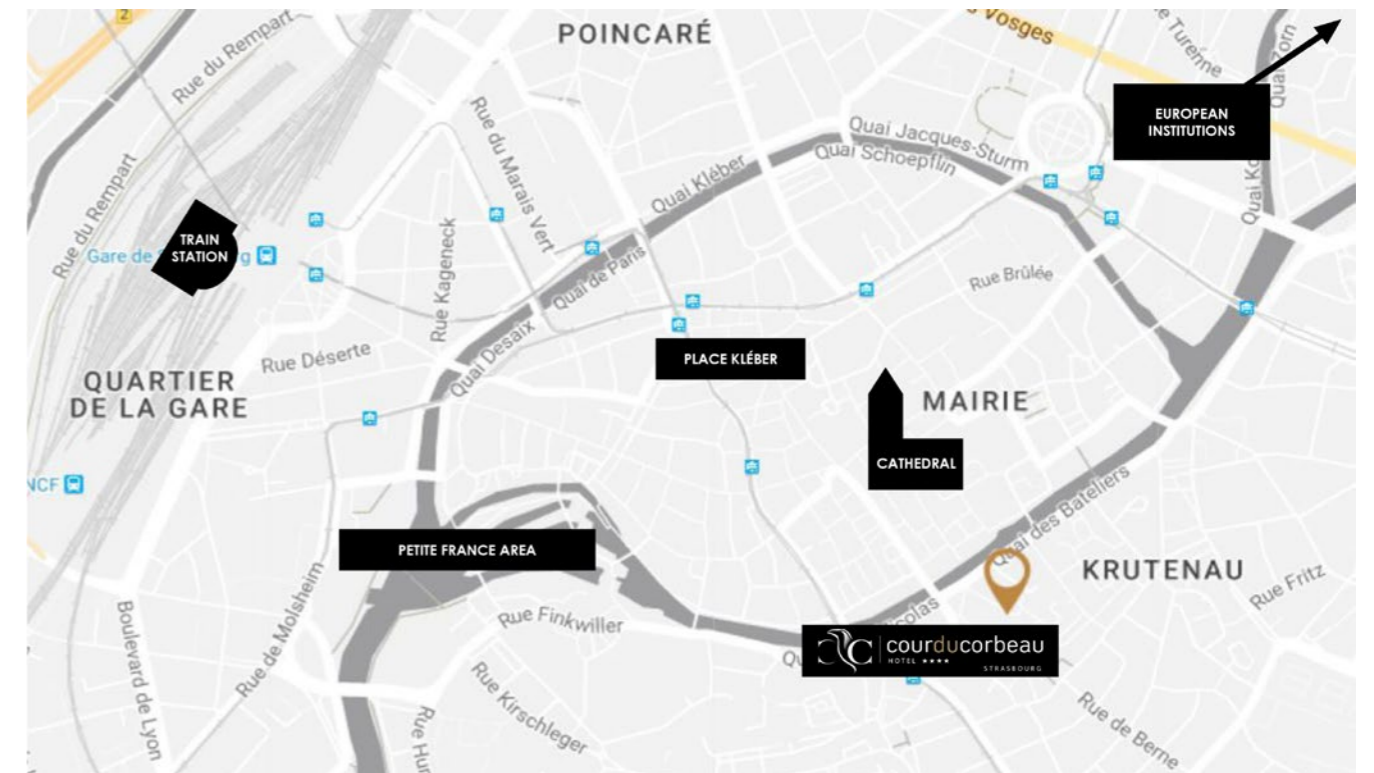
Come to Strasbourg

- TGV central station: 10 min / 2.5 km
- German border: 15 min / 6 km
- Strasbourg-Entzheim Airport: 20 min / 16 km
- Karlsruhe-Baden: 50 min / 53 km
- EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse: 1h20 / 130 km

From other cities

- Paris: 5h00 / 495 km
- Lyon: 4h30 / 500 km
- Frankfurt: 2h15 / 220 km
- Stuttgart: 1h45 / 160 km
- Zurich: 2h20 / 224 km

Location: Strasbourg city centre



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