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## Hotel Victor Hugo in the 16th Arrondissement Gets a Makeover

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Lobby of the Hotel Victor Hugo. Photo: Bielsa

The **Blanc Hotels** group honors Victor Hugo, restyling the charming Art-Déco hotel dedicated to his name.

On a tranquil street near Le Union Libérale Israélite de France synagogue, the St. Honoré-d'Eylau church– and just minutes from the Arc de Triomphe, Champs Elysées and Trocadéro Gardens– here's a fantastic under-the-radar address for your next visit to Paris.

Located in the chic 16th arrondissement, the hotel has splendid views (from the eighth floor) of the Eiffel Tower and “secret” **Passy reservoir**.



*Balcony at the Hotel Victor Hugo*

Jacques Blanc of Blanc Hotels and Arnaud Dupin gave carte blanche to interior architect **Laurent Maugoust** to revive the 75-room, four-star boutique hotel, preserving the Art-Déco detail and the homage to the national treasure that is Victor Hugo.

“It was an exciting challenge; I have tried to retain the spirit of the 19th century, revising and correcting it for savvy travelers of the 21st – bearing in mind my requirements when checking into to a hotel which must be chic, convivial and welcoming,” explains Maugoust. A charming, talented, hip dude, Maugoust graduated from the prestigious Ecole Camondo and worked with the likes of Christian de Portzamparc and **Jean-Philippe Nuel** before creating his own design group.



From the ground floor, library-style reception area and lobby bar up to the 8th floor, there's an eclectic collection of stylish photos and paintings. (Look up; they're on the ceilings, too). You'll also find books and souvenirs of the poet who famously said: "To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark".

The 75 rooms can be reached by two lifts, or climb the original stairway to heaven; the sexy leopard print carpet is inspired by designer Madeleine Castaing.

In the bar called Les Contemplations, generous buffet breakfasts are served and throughout the day a selection of delicious dishes and **desserts "Boco" by Vincent Ferniot** – also available in room.



Although the **Victor Hugo Museum** is at Place de Vosges, the poet, novelist, dramatist, breathed his last breath (1802-1885) in a handsome *hôtel particulier* at 124, Avenue Saint Cloud. This street was renamed, in his honor, the Avenue Victor Hugo in 1881. At the end of the road, the superb monument – by Rodin – sits proudly at the angle of Avenues Victor Hugo and Henri Martin!

#### **Hôtel Victor Hugo**

19 rue Copernic, 16th

Metro: Victor Hugo

Single rooms from €110-200, Doubles from €140-300

Buffet Breakfast €19 – Formula Express €9.50

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*Hotel Victor Hugo, standard room with Eiffel Tower view. Photo: Bielsa*