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THOUMIEUX

79 Rue St. Dominique; 33-1/47-05-79-00;
thoumieux.fr; rooms start at \$350.

The anonymous door and narrow staircase say it all: Staying at Thoumieux feels exclusive and different, more like a bed-and-breakfast for the beautiful and glamorous. Its 15 rooms display the daring mix of prints (leopard, flowers, squares) and color mélanges (purple, brown, orange, green) that are designer India Mahdavi's trademark. **Details:** The door handles and light fixtures were dreamed up by hip Parisian design duo M/M, and the marble bathrooms feature made-to-measure wicker mirrors and stand-alone tubs. The small windows and smaller rooms channel bohemian Paris, breakfast is served in the downstairs brasserie, and renovations are under way to transform the not-great central shaft into a small planted terrace. Added bonus: A reservation at its gastronomic restaurant, currently the hardest booking in Paris, is not guaranteed but much facilitated. **Room to get:** Though we visited twice, some rooms were still not finished at press time for us to make this call.



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LE JOYCE

29 Rue La Bruyère; 33-1/55-07-00-01;
astotel.com; rooms start at \$280.

This is the perfect hotel for South of Pigalle, the up-and-coming area better known as SoPi, which is brimming with organic caterers, *brocanteurs* selling affordable antiques and media types with their photogenic children. We love Le Joyce's wacky design: The airy breakfast room is a study in offhand elegance, with vintage-tiled floors, creamy leather car seats by the tables, turquoise armchairs and a wide, Eiffel-like glass roof. Somehow it all works. The 44 rooms are neat, bright and rather large for Paris (and this price range). **Details:** Drawings of headboards, books and chandeliers hang on the wall behind the beds instead of the real things, and small architect lamps sit on the bedside tables. The crowd is young and European—lots of Spanish and Italian spoken—and comes down for their morning café au lait with laptops under their arms. As befits the guests, there is little service: no luggage porters and room service from an outside caterer. **Room to get:** The one and only suite, the two-room L'Appartement, on the sixth floor. At \$440, why not? It has the best views and is larger than the rest.

