

Editors' CHOICE

Le Meurice Banquets



FOR ALMOST 200 YEARS, ITS SENSE OF BEAUTY AND SPLENDOR have given Le Meurice (dorchestercollection.com) grace, style, and soul. It started in 1835 when the hotel was already beginning to make a name for itself as a place inspired by the grandeur and finery of Versailles. Even then, the gilded walls of Le Meurice played host to the most elegant ladies and powerful men of society's elite. The popping of champagne corks mingled with the sound of witty ripostes and ripples of laughter under the light of its bronze chandeliers.

The Salon Pompadour, the palace's stateroom, with its white and gold panelling and gilt trimmings that pay homage to Versailles' "Salon de musique," gives one a perfect first taste of its luxury. Silver platters and engraved golden dishes are circulated around the room, carrying "chaud froids" of Dover sole (with mushrooms and mussel cream), langoustine consommé, and the famous Rivoli "poularde," a dish of chicken mousseline delicately flavored with herbs. It is understood that 228 rue de Rivoli is not just a meeting-place – it is a symbol of unrivaled service and of discreet, warm attentiveness that makes each and every employee constantly devoted to the well-being of their guests.



Whether drawn to the classical, harmonious 19th-century stateroom decor of the Salon Pompadour, the Art Deco style of the Salon Jeu de Paume, or the more contemporary Salon Tuileries, all of the private rooms at Le Meurice are majestic locations for creating tailored, personal events. Here, everything can be put into place to ensure that one's every need is catered for, down to the tiniest detail. Le Meurice can offer it all, from the most traditional to the utterly singular, fulfilling needs that range from the original to the extraordinary with a team of countless professionals and tradesmen on hand to make each event unforgettable. A veritable troupe of florists, decorators, waiters, technicians, upholsterers, and a thousand other talented people are poised and ready to provide breathtaking service.



Awarded the distinguished "Living Heritage Company" status as a result of its creative brilliance and riding high from its designation as one of Paris' palace hotels in May 2011, Le Meurice now stands at the pinnacle of the international luxury hotel industry. The 400 employees at Le Meurice never let up in perfecting their hospitality skills or showcasing that special French genius for the art of living.

Signature creations by Le Meurice include Classical Le Meurice, for wedding celebrations and cocktail receptions; Magical Le Meurice, for themed celebrations on a grand scale; Historical Le Meurice, for Grand Siècle dinners; and Mixological Le Meurice, for cocktail master classes with their head barman. ●



Clockwise from top left: Salon Pompadour (two views); Salon Jeu De Paume; Salon Tuileries