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### Hôtel Le Coucou

Méribel, Rhône-Alpes, France View on a map

Telegraph expert

" The newly built Hôtel Le Coucou is part of a small, family-owned group of stylish, properties in France. This large chalet-style ski hotel in the resort of Méribel has designer interiors, two restaurants and a spa with swimming pool, plus direct ski-in ski-out access to the vast Three Valleys ski domaine."



Telegraph Review





By Sophie Butler, DESTINATION EXPERT

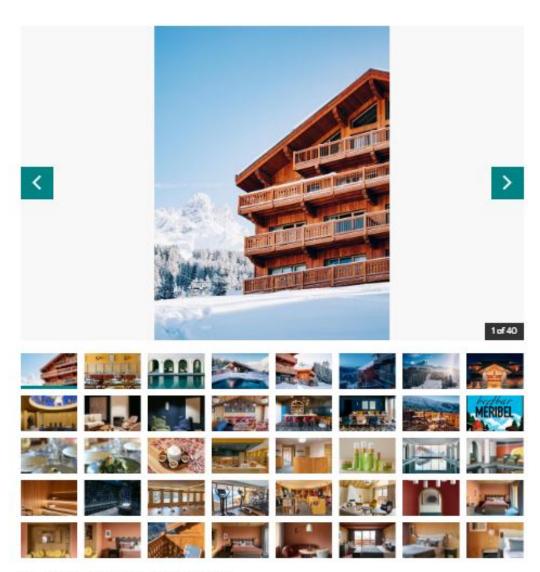
# 10/10 Location

Superbly located at Meribel's Rond Point at the heart of the Three Valleys in Belvedere, the hotel gives directly onto the blue pistes which run down to the Chaudanne base station for fast lift connections to the neighbouring valleys and resorts including Courchevel and Val Thorens.



# 9<sub>/10</sub> Style and Character

The hotel was built from scratch and meticulously designed by Paris-based architect and interior designer Pierre Yovanovitch, in close collaboration with owners Patrick Pariente and his daughters Leslie Kouhana and Kimberley Cohen. The cuckoo trope crops up in chair backs, an audio loop of nursery songs in the public cloakroom and the hotel's ubiquitous logo, while owls feature in Matthieu Cossé's striking frescoed dome in reception. Strong, matt colours, dark greens, taupe blues, salmon pinks, mustard yellows and deep reds set off eye-catching, contemporary furniture – curved sofas, sheepskin-covered bar stools, showpiece clocks and quirky armchairs with bear-ear headrests – and vintage touches including retro alpine jugs personally sourced from bric-a-brac markets by Yovanovitch.



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### 9/10 Service and Facilities

Expect faultless service in the boot room by impeccably efficient staff who fit boots and skis onsite, while young staff provide cheerful, solicitous service in the restaurants. The soothing Tata Harper spa has six treatment rooms (including a double), sauna, steam room, hot tub and an indoor-outdoor pool overlooking the mountains. There is also a small gym and yoga studio.

- Bar
- Kids' club
- Pool
- Spa
- Wi-Fi

- Fitness centre
- Laundry
- Restaurant
- Steam room/hammam

## 9/10 Rooms

Views and balconies come as standard in the 16 rooms and 39 suites, all designed with the same eye for detail as the public rooms. Polka-dot carpets, statement lighting, rich wall colours and pale-wood cupboards create a cosseting, Alpine ambience. Generously sized bathrooms have deep tubs and walk-in showers. Two 'chalets', not standalone but discreetly tucked into the main building, sleep eight in four ensuite bedrooms, with private ski room, pool and mini-spa.

## 8/10 Food and Drink

Open for lunch and dinner, the Beef Bar specialises in sharing plates of cured hams, pizzetta, sea bass ceviche and fried calamari, plus succulent beef in various guises: steaks, burgers, barbecues, stir-fries and bourguignon. A highlight is the signature mashed potato, served silky smooth and delicately flavoured with lemon, jalapeño pepper or truffle. Italian options in Bianca Neve include a mouthwatering risotto al tartufo, plus a range of fish and meat dishes.

Excellent breakfast breads and pastries are baked in-house and served with a lip-smacking buffet spread of fruit, cheeses, yogurts and cold meat, plus scrambled, boiled or fried egg dishes at extra cost.

## 8/10 Value for Money

Double rooms from €440 (£370) in low season; and from €780 (£656) in high. Breakfast included. Free Wi-Fi.

#### Access for guests with disabilities?

There are five adapted rooms, including one in each of the chalets.

### Family-Friendly?

The hotel is welcoming to families with a kid's club for children aged four to nine years, and a 'Teens Lab' (10 to 15 years) with table tennis, table football and karaoke. There are no age restrictions on the pool or dining areas. Junior suites accommodate at least three and some adjacent rooms share private hallways.

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