

Paris Report

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1. Hotel Les Lumières Versailles

Project Overview

In July 2024, the boutique hotel Les Lumières Versailles opened just steps from the Palace of Versailles. This new concept, developed by 2L Collection, a group specializing in luxury hotels that embody the French lifestyle aesthetic, has garnered significant attention. The hotel features a boutique in collaboration with renowned pastry chef Pierre Hermé.

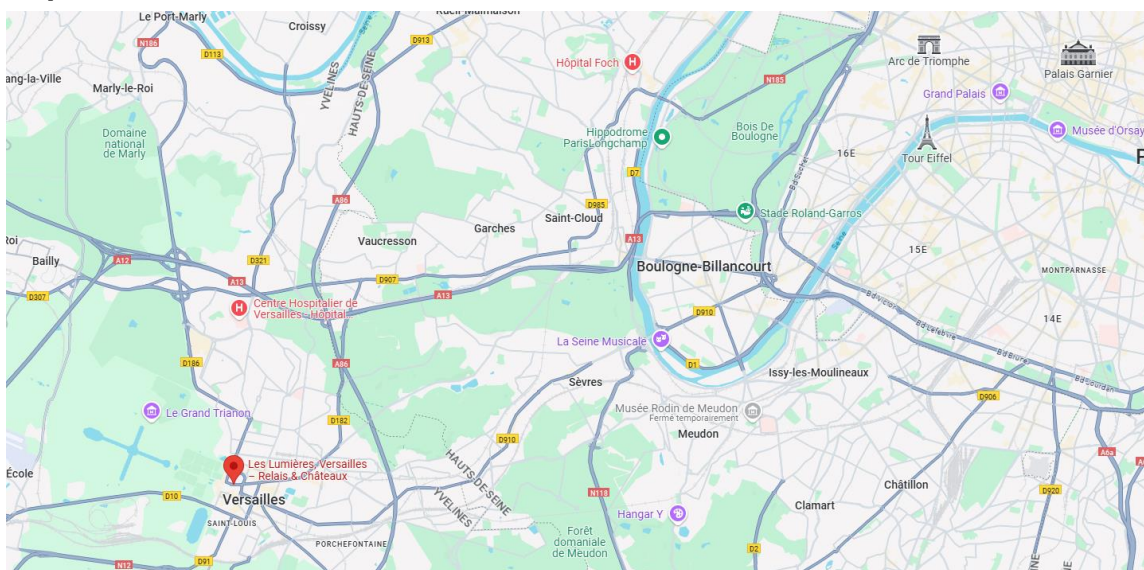
Les Lumières Versailles was established after more than three years of restoration of two pavilions gifted by Louis XIV, both designated as French historical monuments. Its name pays homage to the Age of Enlightenment (Le Siècle des Lumières). The hotel's centerpiece is a reading salon, designed as a symbolic space where intellectuals—including historians, philosophers, and writers—gather for monthly events. With its extensive use of mirrors and silver hues, the salon evokes the Hall of Mirrors at the Palace of Versailles.

The hotel offers 31 rooms, each named after a prominent figure from the Age of Enlightenment, decorated in a refined style reflecting the splendor of the royal palace. Additional facilities include a French restaurant, bar, spa, and a Salon de Thé, also in collaboration with Pierre Hermé. The Salon de Thé, featuring a six-meter-high ceiling adorned with chandeliers and intricate moldings, provides panoramic views of the palace. Open to both guests and visitors, it offers a regal atmosphere and a taste of the world's most celebrated French pâtisserie. Since its opening, it has become a must-visit attraction in Versailles.

Project Details

1. Brand: Les Lumière, Group 2L Collection
2. Type of Business: Hotel
3. Open Date: 07/2024
4. Location: 5 Rue Colbert, 78000 Versailles France
5. Size: 31 rooms
6. Architect : Didier Benderli

Location Map

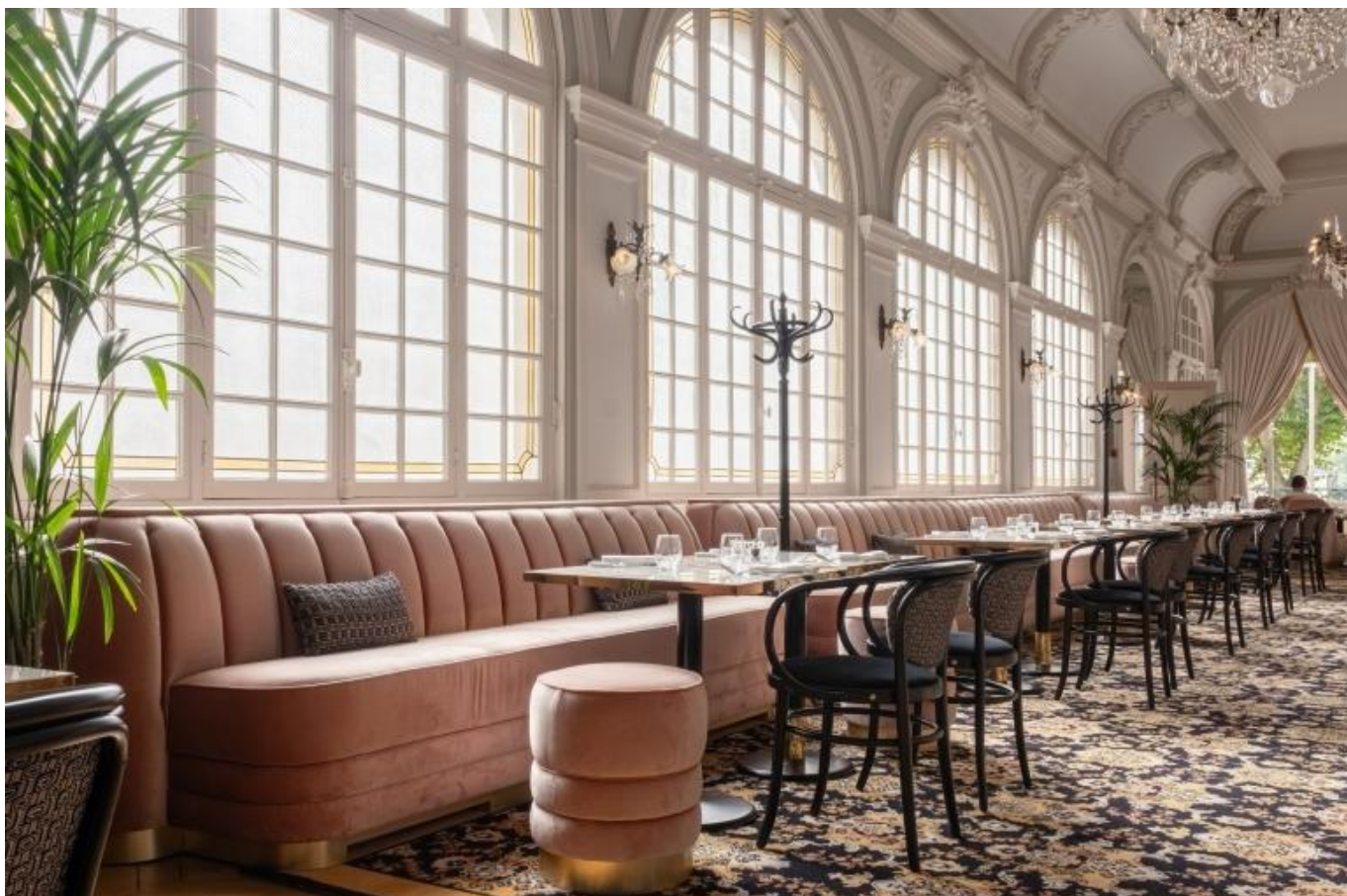




Façade



Book Salon



Salon de The



Boutique



Restaurant



Spa

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2. Notre Dame de Paris

Project Overview

In December 2024, Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris reopened to the public after five years of reconstruction. This World Heritage site, considered a masterpiece of Gothic architecture, suffered a devastating fire in April 2019, and its crumbling state shocked the world. In the aftermath, donations poured in from around the globe, and French President Emmanuel Macron pledged that the cathedral would be rebuilt within five years. Reconstruction proceeded at an astonishing pace.

Originally, the construction of Notre Dame spanned nearly two centuries, from 1163 to the mid-14th century. This time, over 2,000 craftsmen from various fields came together, utilizing the latest technology to achieve what many have called a miraculous five-year restoration.

At the reopening ceremony on December 7, heads of state and dignitaries from around the world gathered to honor both the firefighters who extinguished the blaze and the craftsmen who contributed to the reconstruction. Although the cathedral has reopened, some construction work is expected to continue until 2026.

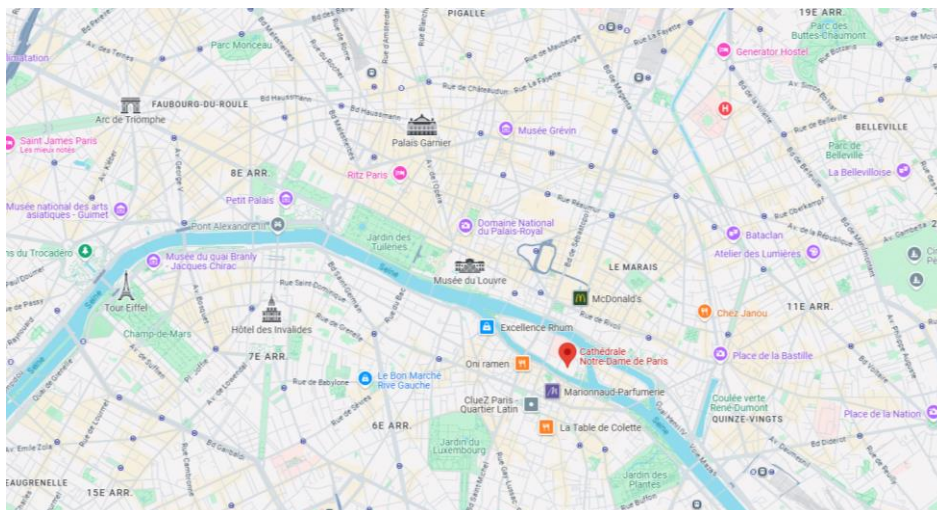
New design elements include 1,500 church chairs designed by Paris-based Ionna Vautrin, which now line the cathedral's central section. Additionally, the chapel in the south aisle features modern stained glass windows created by French artist Claire Tabouret.

Just one month after reopening, 850,000 visitors have already experienced the beautifully restored cathedral. To manage the influx, an online reservation system has been introduced, significantly improving visitor flow. With an average of 29,000 daily visitors, Notre Dame now welcomes as many people as the Louvre, marking a remarkable resurgence in public interest.

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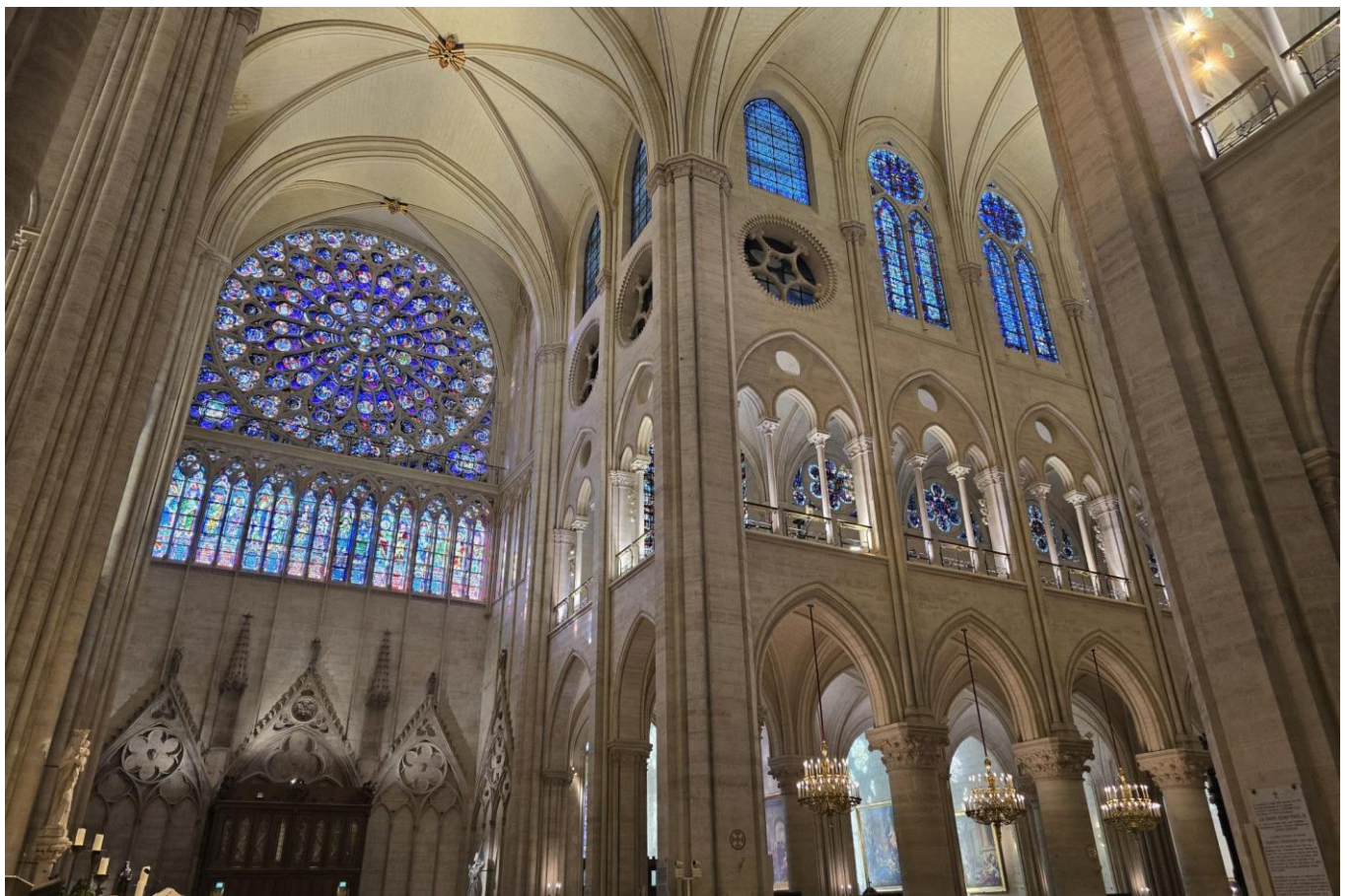
1. Brand: Notre Dame
2. Type of Business: Cathedral
3. Open Date: 12/2024
4. Location: 6 Parvis Notre-Dame, 75004 Paris France

Location Map





Facade



Stained glass "Rose Window"



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Church Chair