

PRESS RELEASE

RODIN – LOVE AND TORMENT AT LE MEURICE



Paris, March 13, 2023 - [Dorchester Collection](#) unveils the next in its series of bespoke private walking trails, designed exclusively for guests to follow in the footsteps of legendary artists.

In addition to the Picasso’s Montmartre trail and Monet – Revolutionary Brushstrokes, guests at [Le Meurice, Paris](#) can discover the extraordinary story of love and torment that shaped the art of Auguste Rodin in the company of a knowledgeable, passionate guide, who will transport them back in time to soak up the rich atmosphere of this historic city.

The launch of the Rodin – Love and Torment trail offers guests a uniquely romantic glimpse into a little-known aspect of the life and career of the “Father of Modern Sculpture.”

The adventure begins with a stroll through the beautiful Tuileries Garden on the doorstep of Le Meurice, where a life-size cast of Rodin’s famous ‘The Kiss’ can be admired in a shady corner en route to the Musée Rodin and its sculpture garden.

Guests will uncover not only the strength of personality and obsessive perfectionism that led Rodin to rise to success even after being rejected from art school three times, but how Rodin's secret affaire with his student Camille Claudel transformed both the subject matter he chose to sculpt and his manner of doing so before ultimately ending in tragedy.

With lively dialogue, one-on-one or as part of small, private groups, guests will be able to pause and enjoy the beauty of Paris as well as absorb thrilling anecdotes about the artist's life and career, which will remain with them long after their stay.

Each itinerary will be adapted to the individual guest or group, so that the trails are able to cater for both intrepid explorers who wish to prolong the trail and discover public commissions scattered throughout the city refine their knowledge, and novices who may have visited Paris before but never delved deeper.

Helen Smith, chief customer experience officer, said: "Building on the buzz created by the Picasso's Montmartre and Monet – Revolutionary Brushstrokes trails, we are delighted to introduce Rodin – Love and Torment to the series. We were inspired by the fact that guests can walk straight out of the hotel doors onto rue de Rivoli to see Rodin's sculpture in the Tuileries Garden, as they venture forth to the Musée Rodin and its own breathtaking garden."

Information

Rodin – Love and Torment

Available from March 13th 2023

Rates from €2,010 for two sharing a Superior Room or Suite, including [American breakfast with Cédric Grolet pastries](#), a two-hour expert guided tour and two entry tickets to the Musée Rodin.

See more [here](#).

Other trails at Le Meurice:

Picasso's Montmartre – Celebrating 50 years available now. See more [here](#).

Monet - Revolutionary Brushstrokes available now. See more [here](#).

Trails at other hotels:

Caravaggio – Rebel and Rome available now at Hotel Eden, Rome. See more [here](#).

Hepworth – Rhythm & Form available now at 45 Park Lane, London. See more [here](#).

Fontana - Slashing Space available from summer 2023 at Hotel Principe di Savoia, Milan.

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Notes to the editor

LE MEURICE

The original palace hotel in the heart of historic Paris, Le Meurice is the very epitome of quiet elegance where the world's artists and thinkers have found their inspiration. Many of the rooms and apartments overlook the Tuileries Garden including the exceptional Belle Etoile Suite which offers views of 18 of Paris's landmarks. At the 2 Michelin-starred Restaurant Le Meurice Alain Ducasse, the flavour of every ingredient is preserved while at Restaurant Le Dalí you'll spot the quirky touches of the artist, whilst its colourful cuisine takes centre stage – prepared with 95% locally sourced Ingredients. When time comes for tea, Cédric Grolet serves up a parade of sweet treats and for pampering, La Maison Valmont pour Le Meurice is an oasis of calm, offering the finest spa treatments by Swiss skincare experts.

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