



Its Own Bonbon

The 33-room Hôtel de Nell is not just another luxurious boutique hotel in Paris but a window into a forgotten, dreamlike corner of the French capital. It's in the Ninth Arrondissement, across the street from the church of St.-Eugène and Ste.-Cécile, where Jules Verne was married. Inside the hotel is an outpost (above) of La Régalade, the Left Bank bistro of the chef Bruno Doucet. The rooms pass on what you might think of as modern luxury and instead emphasize beautiful raw materials: carpets of straw-colored organic Swedish wool, Japanese-style marble soaking tubs and bath accessories made of Oregon myrtlewood. Even the smallest details are sharply observed, among them the bonbons placed in each room from the historic confectioner nearby, À la Mère de Famille. Rooms from \$468; hoteldenell.com. ALEXANDER LOBRANO