



PARIS: HOTELS AND MORE

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For a touch of the sublime, Angelika Taschen's is it. This is someone who has spent a lot of

time – and money – in the city of light and love and reading through *Paris Hotels and More* is like reading her annotated travel journal.

Don't be swayed by first appearances. Chapter one might open with an homage to the Ritz and chapter two may raise the bar even further with the George V hotel where rooms start at €710 but delve a little deeper and Angelika delivers a fascinating and diverse slice of Parisian life.

Each section covers a geographical area and suggests firstly somewhere to stay. The 22 hotels are lavishly photographed for the armchair traveller and a brief overview is given with rates and facilities; the choice ranges between

rooms from €60 to the unimaginable although the average is around €400. We are then at the author's mercy as she cherry-picks her own favourite haunts. This could be arguably Paris' most exclusive deli, Hédiard or a herb doctor in the 17th. Alternatively, she could take you to La Durée to get the best macarons in town or the Rue des Rosiers to get the best falafel.

You have to get over the fact that everything is written in triplicate – in English, German and French – and see there is a surprising amount of useful content in here. While it could not solely be relied on for a budget weekend, there is something here for anyone who likes the finer things in life, whatever their budget. ■