

REVIEW**TASCHEN'S PARIS**
Angelika Taschen
(Taschen, £24.99)

At the opposite end of the spectrum, Angelika Taschen reveals a decidedly grown-up version of Paris, with this utterly gorgeous selection of some of the most lavish and places to eat, stay and play in the city. Opening almost any Taschen title is like stepping into a fantasy world, and this book is illustrated with numerous glossy photographs. There's little text or information – by no means is this a guidebook – but it could still provide inspiration for a romantic mini-break, in particular the kind that parents travelling with children are probably fantasising about. Pure escapism.



EXTRACT "The Brasserie Balzar has traditionally been a meeting place for the intellectual scene in Paris, where Sartre and Camus came to dine. The former proprietor wanted to make the restaurant into a second Lipp and engaged the same architect, who made use of the large mirrors, dark wooden panelling and white and green tiles. The intimate Art Deco ambience and the classic menu has remained consistently first rate. Regular guests love the seafood platters, the choucroute, the steak-frites and the sole meunière."