

RESTAURANTS & BARS

This Storied Hotel in Pigalle is Home to Some of Paris' Premier Dining & Drinking Destinations



At n°55 Boulevard Rochechouart along the foot of Montmartre, Hotel Rochechouart is a distinct fixture in Pigalle's neighborhood history. The private eight-story building was famous in the 1920s, welcoming scholars and intellectuals, local Parisiennes, and international travelers for leisurely stays and meals within the lobby's dining destination, Restaurant Rochechouart. As the last of the great hotels in Paris dedicated to Art Deco, **Orso Hôtels** now ensures the sanctity of this beloved property.



As of 2020, Hôtel Rochechouart now houses three distinct culinary offerings: the esteemed Restaurant Rochechouart, the breathtaking Bar sur le Toit de Rochechouart, and the speakeasy dance hall Le Mikado Dancing.

Restaurant Rochechouart is bringing the boulevard back to life, just as it did for many years prior. After a major renovation overseen by the prestigious French architecture firm Festen, the historical hotspot continues to welcome diners within the same splendor of its Art Deco surroundings.

With lead design duo Charlotte de Tonnac and Hugo Sauzay at the helm, the floors have quite literally been scratched to the bone, revealing the original blue mosaic tiling ringed in gold. Wood, metal, and mirror accents are perfectly complemented by ambient lighting.

On the menu, bistro and bourgeois cuisine go hand in hand. Restaurant Rochechouart places great emphasis on sourcing fresh produce to ensure the regional yet traditional dishes offered are reminiscent of those that might have been found at the establishment in the past.

While the plates change based on seasonality, the *Homemade semi-cooked foie gras* and *Endive salad* always remain. If on the menu, do not miss the *Chicken with morels, white wine cream, and homemade frites*.



As for dessert, standout options include the *Profiteroles au chocolat* or the *Must-Have Crêpe Cake*, born from a recipe by Freddy Israël, a longtime friend of the hotel founders' family.

While in Paris, every meal calls for a cocktail or glass of wine. A selection of about sixty bottles for all budgets pays tribute to French producers and appellations. Though few, the cocktail offerings are simple yet elegant and focus on French gins, vodka, and whisky.





Whether kicking of the evening's festivities or in search of a nightcap, Le Mikado Dancing is waiting to be discovered. Set within the basement, this intimate club draws inspiration from the obscure opium dens of the 1910s and Roaring Twenties and dance halls. Behind the red door signposted in neon, Le Mikado sports deliciously retro sofas and poufs, large velvet curtains and Japanese lanterns. At the central bar, simply provide the expert mixologists with preferred spirits and flavor profiles, and they can concoct almost anything one's heart desires. Live DJ sets ignite the need to dance the night away under the disco balls. Visitors are sure to relive the memories they create on an evening in n°55 Boulevard Rochechouart for decades to come.

Top Takeaways

Location: Pigalle, Paris (9th arrondissement)

Address: 55 Boulevard Marguerite de Rochechouart, 75009 Paris, France (within Hôtel Rochechouart)

Cuisine: French

Price Point: \$\$\$

Takes Reservations: Yes – Restaurant Rochechouart takes reservations via **their website**.

The vibe: Set amidst the Art-Deco style of its former restaurant, the modern Restaurant Rochechouart seamlessly blends Old World Parisian charm with modern flair.

Our favorite thing on the menu: The menu changes based on seasonality, but the *Homemade semi-cooked foie gras* and *Endive salad* always remain. If on the menu, do not miss the *Chicken with morels, white wine cream*, and *homemade frites*. Order the *Profiteroles au chocolat* for dessert.

The attire: Smart Casual

Breakfast, Lunch, or Dinner: Restaurant Rochechouart is open Tuesday – Saturday from 7 pm – 11 pm. Le Mikado Dancing is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 pm – 3 am. Bar sur le Toit is open from April to October, Monday to Sunday from 12 pm – 12 am.