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LOCATION



Nestled in the heart of the Côte d'Azur, 15 km from Nice International Airport, Château Saint-Martin & Spa offers a magnificent natural setting, a place where history has blended with and then adapted to a more contemporary lifestyle.

Its 35-acre park with 300 olive-trees centuries old features a poetic garden designed by landscape artist Jean Mus. The hotel has two clay tennis courts, a petanque ground, a helicopter pad, a fitness room, a heated overflow swimming pool, the Spa Saint-Martin by La Prairie and many other dreams to share. The Château Saint-Martin & Spa offers 46 rooms, suites and junior suites, including 6 private villas with high end services and panoramic views over the Mediterranean Sea.

The famous contemporary architect Luc Svetchine was responsible for the final restoration of the building, transformed into a luxury hotel in 1997. Château Saint-Martin & Spa has been renovated and improved in 2018 and 2019 by renowned interior architect and designer Bergit Grafen Douglas of MM Design, based in Frankfurt, Germany.

Surrounding area

By car or boat, the entire Mediterranean coast unfurls from Saint-Tropez to San Remo and the Riviera from the Château Saint-Martin & Spa.

Following in the footsteps of great artists, we find among many others the Rosary Chapel decorated by Matisse in Vence, Museums dedicated to Picasso (Antibes), Fernand Léger (Biot), Chagall and Matisse (Nice), the legendary village of Saint-Paul-de-Vence its art-galleries and the Maeght Foundation Vence with its artists' studios, Grasse, capital of the perfume industry, Biot and its glass factory Vallauris and its ceramics, Eze Village and its medieval eagle's nest.

Cultural discoveries but also wine tastings, as well as a variety of culinary specialities inspired by different areas.





HISTORY



A fortified structure dating back to Roman times in a strategic location, the Château Saint-Martin & Spa played host to the Bishop of Tours in the year 350 A.D. and kept his name from that time on.

Handed over to the Crusaders on their return from Jerusalem by the Count of Provence, it became in 1150 A.D. the stronghold of the Knights Templar, whose message of faith still shines through the Saint-Martin Chapel. The Chapel remains to this day a place for private occasions, such as christenings and weddings.

The current building was built and completed on the foundations of the ancient Templar Commanderie perpetuating the legend of the famous Templar treasure which has never been found. Remains registered as Historical Monuments the picturesque and captivating ruins still visible testify of this ancestral memory.

A Parisian industrialist, Fernand Genève, bought the property in 1935 and transformed it into a hotel in 1954. The six villas were built in the 1960s. In 1994 the Oetker family became the owner of Château Saint-Martin & Spa.

ACCOMODATION



Decoration

The renowned interior architect and designer Bergit Grafin Douglas of MM Design, based in Frankfurt (Germany), has renovated and improved the Château Saint-Martin Spa in 2018 and 2019.

With its fresh, contemporary style, the hotel is embracing a touch of modernity, at the same time maintaining its warm and distinguished atmosphere.

Rooms, Suites and Junior Suites

The 40 rooms, suites, junior suites and the 6 villas have been fully renovated in a refined and elegant style.

All the materials have been carefully chosen, such as the fabrics and trimmings made in France by “Pierre Frey”, “Manuel Canovas”, “Fadini Borghi” and “Les Passementeries de l’Ile de France”; along with the bed skirts, cushions and bedroom benches made in England by “Baker Lifestyle”, “Ian Mankin” and “Colefax Fowler”.

The materials used include linen in soft, pale colours, as well as more vivid shades such as coral, blue, mint green, plum, lilac and red.





Villas

Riou, La Foux Ponant, Saint-Lambert, Saint-Véran and Saint-Martin... Six peaceful villas with names inspired by nearby Provence all open out to panoramic terraces where guests can organise all their meals, from breakfast to dinner.

The Villa Saint-Martin with 3 bedrooms offers the opportunity to its guests to cook or receive a Chef in the villa's kitchen. The fourth villas with 2 bedrooms have their own kitchen as well.

Surrounded by underbrush and olive-trees several centuries old, in the midst of protected nature and offering a sweeping view of the Château Saint-Martin & Spa, these villas embody the kind of accommodation which offers both luxury and authenticity.

The villas have been renovated between 2018 and 2019.

GASTRONOMY



Le Saint-Martin

Completely renovated in 2018, the gourmet restaurant “Le Saint Martin”, one Michelin-starred, is one of the culinary inescapable addresses of the French Riviera.

“Le Saint-Martin” restaurant is located in the most beautiful place of the property with stunning views of the Mediterranean and a panoramic terrace for romantic moments to share. The restaurant is opened daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Executive Chef Jean-Luc Lefrançois offers a refine and traditional cuisine made with noble and local products at “Le Saint-Martin” restaurant which combines perfectly tradition and modernity.





L'Oliveraie

Set in the gardens near the pool and under the shade of centuries-old olive trees, the summer restaurant “L'Oliveraie” offers barbecued dishes, a rotisserie, plancha and a fire wood pizza oven.

“L'Oliveraie” is open for lunch from May to September.

A romantic and unique place to enjoy nature around a lunch with family or friends.



Bar Le Rossini

Decorated with beautiful Gobelins and Aubusson tapestries (18th century), the bar “Le Rossini” suggests a selection of spirits and cocktails as well as various types of teas.

Guests can enjoy the terrace facing the immensity of the Mediterranean.

A light menu is also provided throughout the day.





“Les Canthares” - OEnologique Club

On the hills of Vence, the Château Saint-Martin & Spa opens its doors on its reserve of a thousand and one vintage phials... In the underground cellar decorated with visible rocks filled with history, the living spirit of wine reveals itself through sharing, meeting and learning moments created to discover the real flavours of the soil.

A program orchestrated around wine tasting, wealthy in experience and with unique flavours is proposed all along the season by Vincent Arhuro Head Sommelier. With the complicity of the Executive Chef Jean-Luc Lefrançois, food and wine pairings are suggested for the pleasure of our gourmet clients.

Located next to the gourmet restaurant “Le Saint-Martin”, the Oenotheque is a space designed for private oenological tastings (6-8 people) in an enchanting setting with oak.

MEETINGS & EVENTS



Château Saint-Martin & Spa is a five-star destination of the highest prestige in which to host an event, with beautiful natural surroundings and sweeping views over the Côte d'Azur.

There is also a rare opportunity to reserve Château Saint-Martin & Spa in its entirety, where the pool, spa, restaurants and terrace will be exclusively at the guests' disposal and can be personalized upon request.

A tailor-made service is offered according to needs and requirements.





Private Meeting Rooms

Three private meeting rooms are available within the property to organize receptions, meetings and other events.

With floor-to-ceiling windows, Salon Cap d'Antibes (89m²) offers stunning views down the rolling hills of the Riviera to the glittering Mediterranean.

The deeply elegant Salon Matisse (77m²) immerses guests in the special atmosphere of the hotel. There is a small private patio and three charming French windows, throw them open for a fresh breeze and sunshine.

Salon Chagall, meeting room of 60m², offers computer and technical facilities of new generation. An ideal setting to organize meetings.

At the whim of the events, the ambiances are transcended to offer the chic or the sublime.

LEISURE & ACTIVITIES



The property is set in 34 acres of spectacular natural beauty, and the surrounding countryside offers a range of recreational activities including magical walks through the hills.

At Château Saint-Martin & Spa, guests have a Spa Saint-Martin by La Prairie, a luxuriously therapeutic sanctuary, fitness facilities, two clay tennis courts, a boutique, four cabanas and a truly majestic infinity pool.

Les Cabanes

Located in the gardens under the olive trees centuries old four cabanas provide a tranquil retreat from the outside world. The cabanas are an invitation to relaxation and serenity.





WELLNESS



Spa Saint-Martin by La Prairie

La Prairie has blended precision, scientific innovation and the finest ingredients to offer a subtle and magical experience based on performance and elegance. The brand offers exceptional treatments to be savoured in a world of luxury for an absolute moment of pleasure and relaxation. “Spa Saint-Martin by La Prairie” is the ultimate venue for well being and serenity.

The spa features five La Prairie treatment rooms, including one double “Sweet Crystal Spa” room for an experience shared in duo. The various treatment areas, gathered in a 400 sqm dedicated space, bring out the Swiss brand’s sense of luxury and precision. This warm cocoon invites both your body and mind to relax. A dedicated beauty room including hairdressing complete this wellness area, set alongside the hammam and the sauna.

Drawing upon a collection of exceptional body and face products, every guest will receive a personalized treatment programme, recommended by La Prairie experts.

This outstanding brand, together with the unique setting, makes for an unrivalled spa experience.



Bamford's body treatments

Since early 2012, the Château Saint-Martin & Spa has started an ecological and biological approach with the brand Bamford, and offers now a selection of 100 natural revitalizing and relaxing body treatments.

Soothing remodelling with olive oil, Mediterranean peelings, massages administered by two pairs of hands, optimised treatments for the body with honey, lavender or sweet almonds... The "Rituals treatments" dispensed by a highly qualified staff and combined with the effectiveness of sophisticated textures pay tribute to a holistic approach to beauty, for men as well as women.

The Bamford brand located in the United Kingdom is a brand offering 100 % natural products.





BOUTIQUE



Saint-Martin Boutique - “Capturing exquisite memories”

The Saint-Martin Boutique offers an exquisitely curated range of products. Products that embody the essence, the memory and the emotion of the guests’ stay.

Available at the Saint-Martin Boutique on property.



Erick Ifergan

Erick Ifergan's works of art are bold and vivid, with the intention of touching the spectator's collective unconscious in a poetic and profound way. His style always incorporates one constant: drawing.

Signature intertwining black lines form an infinite dance in his drawings and sculptures, creating a kind of visual melody which compels the viewers' gaze to become lost in meandering knots and elegant lines. Erick Ifergan is an accomplished visual artist – a photographer, filmmaker and director of international award-winning films and music videos, painter and sculptor. Having begun his career as a photographer in the 1980s, before quickly becoming one of the most famous music video directors in France and the world, at the beginning of the 2000s, he decided to dedicate himself wholly to art. In 2011, he set up workshops in Grasse and Vallauris where he devoted himself to ceramics and painting.

In 2018, Erick Ifergan transformed the Château Saint-Martin & Spa's chapel with an expansive floor-to-ceiling, magical mural of the "Tree of Life".



Agnès Sandahl

The French Riviera's creative heritage and the artists who have spent time in the neighbouring village of Saint-Paul de Vence — names like Picasso, Braque and Cocteau — were the inspiration behind Agnès Sandahl's rich colour palette employed across the exhibition, and one that perfectly reflects the hotel's Provençal ambiance.

Warm hues combining nuances of Terracotta with oranges evoking solar luminosity are blended throughout with a distinctive touch of modernity.

Château Saint-Martin & Spa's Guests will be able to enjoy the artist's ceramic works while dining at the hotel's Michelin-starred restaurant Le Saint-Martin, where a collection of entirely handmade, one-of-a-kind plates decorate the tables.

The hotel invites resident guests on an exclusive visit to the Agnès Sandahl gallery in the heart of Vallauris, the Riviera's historic pottery village. In this authentic setting, guests will enjoy a private tour, followed by a ceramics or painting workshop led by none other than Agnès Sandahl herself.

A truly unique opportunity to absorb the passion and knowledge of a profoundly gifted artist.





SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



Partnership

The Château Saint-Martin & Spa has a rich natural heritage that must be protected. The hotel is in partnership with the association «Ligue pour la Protection des Oiseaux» to protect biodiversity in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region. We invite our guests to join us in conserving our local fauna with a minimum donation of 50 euros at check-out.

Our beehives

Our park welcomes four hives and olives trees that will produce delicious honey and olive oil.

Award

Since 2013, the Château Saint-Martin & Spa is a «Refuge LPO®», by making actions to protect biodiversity: nesting boxes, beehives, organics fertilizers.

DREAM MAKERS



Géraud Tournier **General Manager**

Géraud Tournier holds a BTS in Hospitality and Restaurant Management with a sommelier specialisation, and has already earned his stripes working in this highly illustrious field. Named France's Best Student Sommelier in the year 2000 and armed with over ten years' experience in the sector, split between Monaco and Paris, he has had the opportunity to rub shoulders with some of the biggest names in hospitality over the course of his career.

A cultivated and ambitious individual, having been appointed Head Sommelier at the 3-Michelin-starred Pavillon Ledoyen Restaurant in Paris, Géraud Tournier then became the Manager of the wine cellars of four restaurants belonging to the Epicure Group, heading up a team of five sommeliers.

He joined the Château Saint-Martin & Spa and L'Apogée Courchevel as Head Sommelier in 2012, where he was promoted to Catering Manager and Head Sommelier in 2015. He ran "Les Canthares" Wine Club at the Château Saint-Martin & Spa for a good many years against the backdrop of the stunning rocky cellar, encouraging discussion and interaction around beautifully balanced food and wine pairings for the greatest pleasure of gourmets. In 2021, he continued to climb the career ladder on being appointed Resident Manager of the two Oetker Collection establishments.

In 2022, Géraud Tournier takes on the General Management of L'Apogée Courchevel, and he fulfills the same role at the Château Saint-Martin & Spa during the summer season.

A career step that speaks volumes about his talent.





Jean-Luc Lefrançois **Executive Chef**

“My favorite food is light, simple, precise and creative”.

Jean-Luc Lefrançois joins Oetker Collection in 2014 as Executive Chef at L'Apogée Courchevel. Winter in the mountains, summer on the French Riviera, he joins the Château Saint-Martin & Spa as Executive Chef in 2015.

Jean-Luc Lefrançois, who was born in Rouen, has more than 30 years of experience in the field of top level gourmet cuisine. He joined the hotel Le Bristol Paris at the age of 18 as help cooker and later went into the Army to do his military service, where he became private chef to General Moreau. Cooking is really a true passion, and one that he cannot live without. Jean-Luc Lefrançois has been working in the finest gourmet restaurants in Paris, from the Ritz to the Hôtel de Crillon as well as the restaurant run by Hélène Darroze, Le Relais Louis XIII, Chez Prunier and the Restaurant Dominique Bouchet.

He describes his cooking as traditional, instinctive, refined and pleasing to the eye, with plenty of flavor. Jean-Luc Lefrançois shares his love for local produce, and likes to enhance traditional recipes to create an authentic type of cuisine.



Tanya Colella
Pastry Chef

Tanya Colella joined Oetker Collection last summer 2021, as Pastry Chef de Partie at Château Saint-Martin & Spa.

During the winter season, Tanya evolved to the position of Sous-Chef at L'Apogée Courchevel, establishment Oetker Collection. Back at Château Saint-Martin & Spa for the summer season 2022, and promoted as Pastry Chef, Tanya Colella contributes to delight the most delicate taste buds in all the different restaurants of the property.

A graduate of the Angelo Consoli Hotel Institute in Castellana, with an average of 95/100, Tanya made her first experiences in her home country, Italy. From restaurants to events-catering, shops and hotels, Tanya discovered pastry in all its facets.

In 2018, she moved to France and joined some of the most prestigious Parisian establishments among Maison Breguet (5-star Hotel), L'Atelier de Joel Robuchon (2-star Michelin) and the restaurant Le Cinq (3-star Michelin).

Nowadays, Pastry Chef Tanya Colella pursues her career with the Château Saint-Martin & Spa where she designs and creates an array of exceptional desserts at the restaurant Le Saint-Martin, 1-star in the Michelin Guide. Thanks to her creativity and passion for details, she keeps impressing our guests with fine delights.



AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS



2023

Forbes Travel Guide 2023 - Château Saint-Martin & Spa obtains the 4-star travel rating by Forbes Travel Guide 2023, among the best hotels, resorts, spas and restaurants around the world.

2021

World Spa Awards Winner - Château Saint-Martin & Spa is awarded «World's Best Country House Hotel Spa 2021» by the World Spa Awards.

Weddings & Honeymoons Magazine - Château Saint-Martin & Spa has been featured as our Top France Castle Hotel for France on «Weddings and Honeymoons» digital magazine.

2019

Atout France - French Palace distinction.

Global Compact - Global Compact's member.

World Luxury Hotel Awards - Château Saint-Martin & Spa is awarded "World Luxury Romantic Hotel 2019" by "World Luxury Hotel Awards".

Wine Spectator - The gourmet restaurant Le Saint-Martin is awarded "Best of Award of Excellence 2019" by "Wine Spectator" for its delicate wine menu.



PALACE



OETKER COLLECTION



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The collection includes L'Apogée Courchevel, Le Bristol Paris, Brenners Park-Hotel & Spa in Baden-Baden, Hôtel du Cap-Eden-Roc in Antibes, Château Saint-Martin & Spa in Vence, The Lanesborough in London, Eden Rock-St Barths, Jumby Bay Island in Antigua, Palácio Tangará in São Paulo, The Woodward in Geneva, Hotel La Palma in Capri, The Vineta Hotel in Palm Beach, and more than 150 private villas around the globe.

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