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# **Hotel Fabric**

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Telegraph expert rating "This relaxed boutique hotel subtly nods to its past as a textile factory, preserving industrial metal windows and injecting a rash of colourful patterned fabrics. The ground floor mutates between reception, honesty bar and breakfast room with eclectic flea-market finds."

By Natasha Edwards, destination expert

# $7_{/10}$ Location

This converted textile factory is an interesting reminder of Paris's industrial past. The street is in a gentrifying part of a district still partly devoted to the rag trade. You don't get much of a view and it's not in prime sightseeing territory – although it is an easy walk to both the Marais and the Canal St-Martin – but the real attraction is the numerous good places to eat nearby and the Oberkampf bar scene around the corner.



# $9_{/10}$ Style & character

Relaxed and stylish, the Fabric, which opened in 2013, makes a refreshing change from tasteful minimalism or revisited historicism. The large open-plan lobby lounge sets the style, with a post-industrial vibe of large metal windows, exposed ducts and brick walls, vases of flowers and an eclectic mix of design and fleamarket finds. You can sit on Eames chairs around a massive oak table, read the papers in a worn chesterfield sofa or serve yourself coffee at an old haberdashery counter.

## $7_{/10}$ Service & facilities

A warm welcome from staff who are proud of their hotel. The hotel has the plusses of a hammam, a small but decently equipped gym, and an attractive mini spa in the basement, proposing massages and beauty treatments with products from the Les Bains de Marrakech.

Steam room/hammam

Wi-Fi

## $8_{/10}$ Rooms

Appropriately for its origins, the 33 rooms make use of lots of different fabrics and patterns. After all those hotels in tasteful taupes and navy, at last a place that is refreshingly, wilfully colourful: high-backed beds, good lighting, exposed brick in some rooms, a stripey wall in others and occasional iron columns that recall the weaving atelier past. Even the smallest Club rooms feel relatively spacious with high ceilings and large windows. Larger De Luxe rooms have an extra seating area, and the top floor contains duplexes under the mansard roof. I liked the wooden packing cases – still stamped Fragile – turned into wardrobes, and the random tile patterns in the bathrooms (most with large rainshower showers, a couple with baths).

# $6_{/10}$ Food & drink

Buffet breakfast is served downstairs in the morning, with tea and coffee available all day and an honesty bar that is set up in the evening. There's no restaurant but room service is available and there are masses of restaurants nearby.

# $8_{/10}$ Value for money

Good value for a hotel with genuine style. Look for special offers on the hotel website. Double rooms from €133 (£105) excluding breakfast. Free Wi-Fi.

#### Access for guests with disabilities?

Yes, wheelchair adapted rooms and lift.

#### Family-friendly?

Larger De Luxe rooms have a convertible extra bed; top-floor duplexes can sleep four. It's not the most obvious area for kids, though the locks and playgrounds along the Canal St-Martin are fun.

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