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HÔTEL LE CEP

Beaune

WITH CELLARS STOCKED WITH FINE WINE, THIS **LUXURY HOTEL** IN THE HEART OF BURGUNDY IS PERFECTLY POSITIONED FOR CONNOISSEURS

Photography: **Hôtel Le Cep**

LOCATED IN THE REGION'S WINE capital, Hôtel Le Cep represents the best of Bourgogne, inviting guests to discover the finest bottles in its *caves*, sourced from the world famous wine auction held at the nearby Hospices de Beaune. There are even more vintages and rare alcohols waiting to be poured at the hotel's bar, serving refreshments at any time of the day or night.

Le Cep's individually decorated rooms (some of which benefit from private balconies) are classified according to size and comfort as Bourgogne, Village, *1er Cru*, *Grand Cru* or Nectar. Bourgogne rooms – of which there are four – are aimed at the single traveller. Nectar suites – of which there are nine – are designed to accommodate the most demanding guests. They include two family and three *boudoir* style suites, complete with espresso machine, private *salon* and walk-in wardrobe.

Furnishing the hotel with French antiques, its current owners, the Bernard family, have been able to personalise each of the 61 guest bedrooms and create an environment that is at once elegant and unique. It also recalls the history of the hotel, which was originally created in 1966 by Antoine Falce, an antique dealer.

The building as it stands today was originally two private mansions, erected between the 14th and 18th Centuries. Both are classified as historical monuments and so retain their charming original features. Its expansion over the years has allowed this luxuriously appointed establishment to provide diners with Michelin quality dishes in its own restaurant, Loiseau des Vignes.

There is a fitness centre on site and a number of courtyards, where breakfast may be served in summer. When you're finished exploring the hotel and the cellar, Le Cep can even help organise visits to any of the other 600 cellars in the area. **FT**

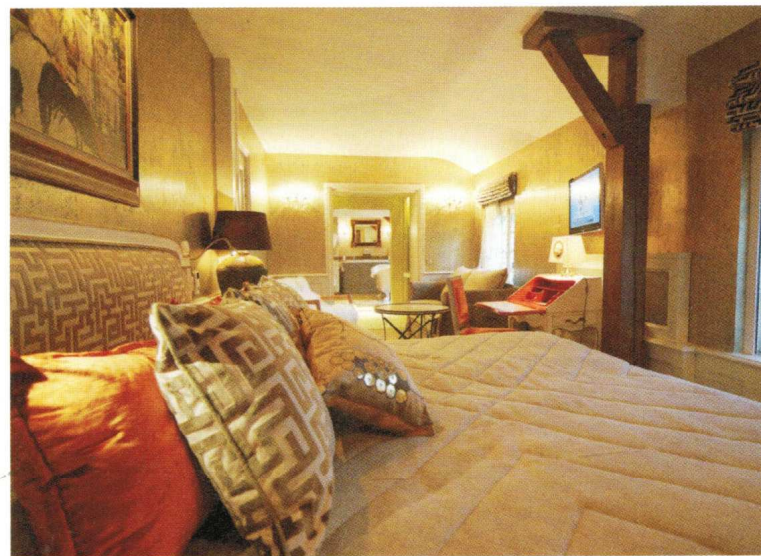
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Hôtel Le Cep, clockwise from top left:

One of two listed courtyards at Le Cep; the best bathrooms feature luxury amenities; whether opting for a Bourgogne or Nectar room, guests are assured of top quality and great value for money; the bar at Le Cep has an enviable wine list; a breakfast buffet served in the vault is an option