



▲ ABBAYE DE LA BUSSIÈRE, Burgundy

Canine lodgings don't come much grander than Abbaye de la Bussière; a spectacular 12th-century abbey south-west of Dijon where seven hectares of parks, gardens and a lake, a host of pet perks and the hospitality of the dog-loving family owners create a truly special holiday setting. Brits Clive and Tanith Cummings, along with their trusty pooch Holtson, took over the abbey ten years ago, and have painstakingly preserved the history and tranquillity of the place – you'll find interiors adorned in stone pillars, original frescoes and magnificent stained-glass windows. Fifteen luxurious bedrooms are spread across the abbey, although many guests prefer the freedom of staying in one of the five suites tucked away in a historic annexe building in the parkland. After working up an appetite exploring the grounds, guests (with their pets) can dine either in the Michelin-starred restaurant or the informal lunchtime bistro. The abbey's location in the heart of Burgundy makes it a convenient base for exploring the region's newly Unesco-inscribed vineyards or a superb stopover on the drive south.

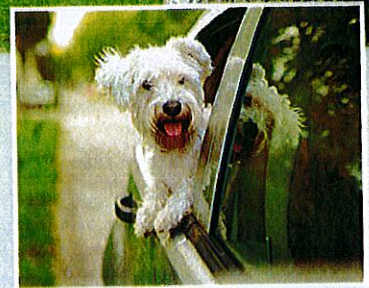
Route Départementale 33, 21360 La Bussière-sur-Ouche
Tel: (Fr) 3 80 49 02 29, www.abbayedelabussiere.fr
Doubles from €225, breakfast €25.

► MONTELEMBERT, Paris

This five-star boutique bolthole on Paris's Left Bank offers small, well-trained dogs a dose of luxury with its VID (very important dog) service. On arrival, your travel-fatigued canine will be given a water bowl, while a cosy basket and miniature bottles of dog shampoo are ready in the bedrooms. The pampered pooches won't go hungry either; they are free to enter the hotel restaurant where the chef will create a special canine menu upon request. The concierge will organise dog sitting and walking so that owners are free to visit the city's less dog-friendly addresses, be it chef Joël Robuchon's



famed Atelier restaurant next door or the Musée du Louvre just across the River Seine.
3 Rue de Montalembert, 75007 Paris
Tel: 0330 100 3180
www.mrandmrsmith.com
Doubles from £287. 📍



PET TRAVEL CHECKLIST

Before taking your dog, cat or even ferrets to France, make sure you comply with the various requirements for entering and leaving the UK:

- Fit your pet with a microchip. This should be done at the vets before vaccination.
- A vaccination against rabies is needed at least 21 days before travel. Get regular booster vaccinations when they are due.
- Dogs must be treated for tapeworms between 24 hours and 120 hours (five days) before you return to the UK.
- A passport issued by your vet is needed to officially prove your pet has been micro-chipped, vaccinated and treated for tapeworms.

For more information visit:
www.gov.uk/take-pet-abroad

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