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## Where To Soak Up The Last Of The Summer Sun In Paris Right Now



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Dining

If you're the kind of traveler who likes a bit of people-watching, then Paris is *the* city for it. You'll notice that most café terraces are even arranged so that all chairs are facing the street as opposed to facing each other, so as to better see and be seen. In fact, terraces as a whole are intrinsic to the local culture. Whether it's a coffee first-thing, a business lunch, after-work drinks or dinner, it all happens on restaurant, café and bistro terraces. All year round, spots are sought after so knowing where to go is of primordial importance if you want to soak up the sun while eating and drinking well.

### The Garden That's A Well-Kept Secret



The restaurant with a garden space at the Ballu Hotel in Paris. BALLU HOTEL

Already a favorite hangout with the locals of Paris' 8th and 17th neighborhoods, the Ballu might be a newcomer to the boutique hotel scene, but it gets top marks for the block-colored vintage-meets-Art-Deco rooms, private spa with pool, and super-slick restaurant which comes with an attractive leafy courtyard, formerly the garden of artist Charles Wislin, who lived inside the red-brick building from 1891.

Tucked on a side street just off bustling Place de Clichy and a short walk from the Pigalle cocktail bar scene, the owners Julia and Thomas Vidalenc have ensured that the Ballu's laid-back ambiance transpires throughout, including at the restaurant, which is a real haven of peace that's the perfect spot for al fresco dining.

Guests here feast on young chef Michaël Riss' hearty home cooking like baked leeks doused in a tangy sauce, one of his grandmother's secret recipes. Follow with tender chicken with crunchy carrots, and follow with the Granité of strawberries, a Ballu signature dish.

*Ballu Hotel, 30 rue Ballu, Paris 75009*