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Hôtel La Pérouse, Nice, France



Hôtel La Pérouse overlooks the sea

A soul has surely been sold for this oceanfront spot, stepping up lush Castle Hill. The heated outdoor pool — unheard of in Old Nice — flows from the ancient rock while the hot tub overlooks the sea, several storeys removed from the hoi polloi on the pebble beach — a godsend for parents on a solo break. The recent refurb has elevated the interiors from “1980s time capsule” to “heavenly hideaway”, in sunny yellows and tropical chintz. You get a change of scene simply descending through the succession of terraces until you finally reach the shady promenade.

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