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Alsace



A villa built in 1920 by the French jewellery and glass designer René Lalique has been transformed into a lavish boutique hotel. Lalique used the villa, in the village of Wingen-sur-Moder, as his home while visiting his nearby factory. The villa's exterior has been faithfully restored in traditional Alsatian style but inside it now contains six suites designed by Tina Green (wife of the British retail magnate Sir Philip Green) and Pietro Mingarelli. Beside the villa is a new building in glass and red sandstone, designed by architect Mario Botta, which houses a 20,000-bottle wine cellar and restaurant. The chef, Jean-Georges Klein, won three Michelin stars at his previous restaurant, L'Arnsbourg in Baerenthal. Lalique products are still made at the factory, on the other side of the village, and a museum opened there in 2011. Suites range from €350 to €1,300.

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