

HOTEL
crillon le brave
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Hotel History

In the summer of 1988, Peter Chittick and Carolyn Fairbairn (his then-girlfriend, now wife) set about finding a Provençal property to convert into a hotel. They stumbled upon the large country house of a Parisian family in the tiny hamlet of Crillon le Brave, and about a year later, with the help from a very good friend and business partner Craig Miller and his wife Susan Meech, Peter opened the Hostellerie de Crillon le Brave with 11 bedrooms in what is now the “Maison Roche”.

Over the subsequent 25 years, the Hotel has expanded to encompass eight more village buildings. In 1995, the Hotel joined the prestigious association of fine hotels “Relais & Châteaux”.

Through the years, Peter and Craig have been supported by a strong group of co-investors. This includes Robin Hutson, co-founder of the UK’s Hotel du Vin group, and his wife Judy who for several years did much of the interior design in Crillon.

In 2012, Sebastien Pilat joined Hotel Crillon le Brave as General Manager having previously been the Director of famous Michelin starred restaurants such as l’Hostellerie de l’Abbaye de La Celle in Provence (Ducasse) and l’Hôtel de Crillon in Paris.

In 2015, the hotel continues its development with the new ‘Spa des Ecuries’ and three new stunning suites designed by Penny Lydon of Chalkhouse Design in the UK.