



CLOCKWISE
FROM LEFT: POOL
AND TERRACE AT
CRILLON LE BRAVE;
VINEYARD VIEWS;
SUNNY BEDROOM;
FRESH PROVENÇAL
COOKING. BELOW:
NUTFIELD PRIORY



French getaway

HOTEL CRILLON LE BRAVE, PROVENCE

A remarkable hilltop hotel comprised of several historic stone buildings rescued from ruin in the Ventoux village of the same name, Hotel Crillon le Brave is the perfect hideaway. Its 32 spacious rooms are decorated in contemporary Provençal style, with generous bathrooms and amenities, and all with marvellous views over vineyards below the village. Check out the sight of the majestic Ventoux peak from the pool or terrace or be pampered in the mini Cowshed spa. Later, head past the village church (still in use) to Maison Roche, which houses the restaurant. Order the speciality Provençal lamb, carved from a leg hung in the fireplace. If you can drag yourself away, it's a short bike ride to wineries such as Château Pesquié (which hosts Crillon guests during the grape harvest) and oak truffle forests (the hotel arranges truffle hunts in autumn and winter), and a short drive from the famous antique town of L'Isle Sur la Sorgue. Doubles from €250 per night. *KC. crillonlebrave.com*



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