

Hotel Cuq en Terrasses



French connection Travellers to south-western France looking for an area that is not chock-full of tourists but still chock-full of things to do will love the boutique Hotel Cuq en Terrasses. Lying in the middle of a triangle between Toulouse, Albi and Carcassonne, this tiny hotel has individually styled rooms, a swimming pool and a simple but delicious menu.

Nearby Toulouse is like a Paris shopping experience without the angst, as the tiny medieval streets are home to many top boutiques. To the north, the town of Albi has one of the finest cathedrals in France, as well as the Toulouse-Lautrec Museum with its stunning formal garden. Le Parvis across the road is recommended for its regional cuisine. An exploration of Carcassonne, a walled city to the south, is not to be missed.

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