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## Nine French Countryside Retreats to Live Out Your Pastoral Dream Life

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Rolling fields of Provençal lavender, hundred-year-old wineries in Beaujolais, the striking Alpine backdrops of Avoriaz: no matter where you look, the French countryside is spectacular come springtime, and at these idyllic retreats, the magic is on full display.



Courtesy of Le Grande Maison

### La Grande Maison, Bordeaux

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Less a hotel than a restaurant with rooms, this labor of love by legendary chef Joël Robuchon and wine magnate Bernard Magrez is every bit as elegant and refined as you'd expect: grand spiral staircases, silk wall coverings, and an expansive wine cellar filled with 250-plus local labels. Every element of service—be it in the dining room or in the six rooms upstairs—has been thoughtfully considered, from the Christofle cutlery to the Hermès bath amenities. And when you're a guest of Magrez's, the VIP treatment is no small perk. Here, wine tours can be done via helicopter or Rolls Royce, or with the company of a running coach—whichever you prefer. Rooms start at \$335 a night.