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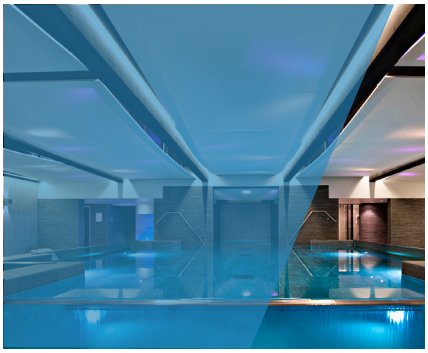
IMPERIAL PALACE
Annecy France

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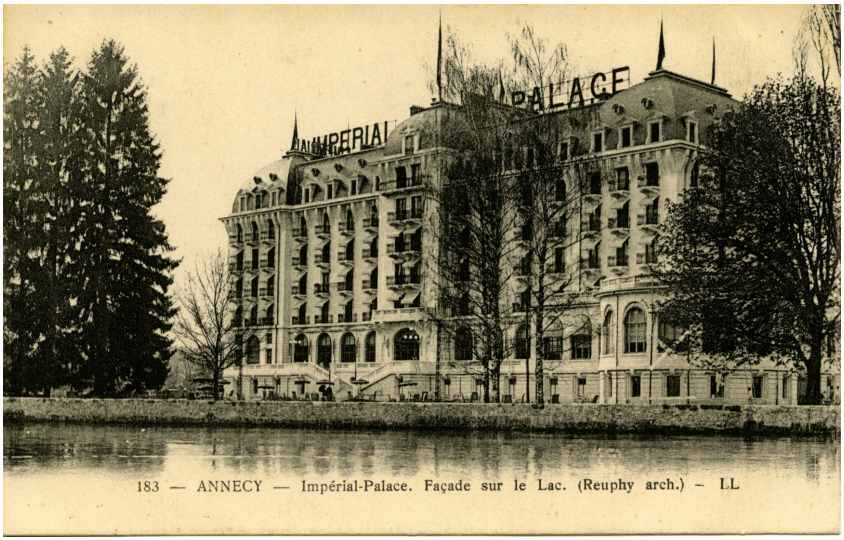
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Turn back the time

Annecy is also otherwise known as the “Venice of the Alps”. Here, pure clear water runs from the lake into the flower lined canals that flow through the old town, the historical centre of Annecy and its picturesque streets. The market on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday morning is an ideal opportunity to stroll through the old district. Only 3 hours 40 minutes away from Paris by TGV high speed train, stopover in Annecy and enjoy a taste of adventure on land, on water or up in the air! There is every type of activity to offer: swimming, sailing, water-skiing, paddle board, diving, cycling (more than 40 km of cycling paths along the lake) and alpine activities (hiking, mountain biking, via ferrata, canyoning and pargliding). Excursions from the hotel in a Twizy (small electric car) are possible on request. Plus, in an effort to optimize your stay, the concierge at the Imperial Palace can arrange everything for you.

The Imperial Palace, from past to present



Its immaculate and majestic Belle Epoque façade, set against the blue backdrop of the lake, has drawn a silhouette on the Annecy landscape for more than a century. Officially opened on 14th July 1913, the Imperial Palace was built on behalf of a private investor in record time. Erected on stilts, in order to secure this lakeside building, its construction mobilized 300 specialist Italian workers for a duration of 10 months. However, the historical context of the Great War delayed the finishing touches, later completed in 1918. During this more prosperous period, famous people met here: the Sultan of Egypt, the Bey of Tunis, the Peugeot family, Charlie Chaplin and even Winston Churchill.

Over time, the flagship, as the hotel was nicknamed, weathered a few storms including repurchase, closure, abandon and even a fire that partially destroyed the building in 1981, only several years after having been purchased by the town of Annecy. Despite the damage, the hotel was sold to a German Group who renovated and equipped the building with a Conference Centre and a Casino. They ran the business from 1990 to 2013, before the PVG Hotel Group (based in La Clusaz), acquired the management company of the most famous hotel-casino- conference centre in Annecy. In 2016, the new buyers launched a major refurbishment plan, costing over €10 million, adding a brasserie and a 600 m2 spa before completely renovating the Casino in 2016. Finally, in 2018, several new suites were created on the eighth floor.



Here to stay

L'Imperial Palace, a mythical establishment in Annecy, boasts 90 rooms and 14 suites, 3 restaurants including a gourmet restaurant, a Casino, a 600 sqm Spa and a conference centre, all set in a wooded park by the lakeside.

New

Magnificent eighth floor !



The refurbishment programme undertaken by the PVG Group since 2013 has been completed this year with the renovation of the eighth floor, at the heart of the rounded slate roof that characterizes the silhouette of this Belle Époque building. Attractive features include right and spacious rooms with high ceilings, bull's-eye windows and picture postcard views of the lake, the park and the surrounding mountains. The open beams resemble the hull of an overturned boat, a visual reminder of the hotel's location on the water's edge.



New

Imperial Suite

This 162 sqm duplex suite with lake views was recently refurbished by the Annecy based interior designer Marie-Laure Marrel, who also designed the Cristal Spa, the Hip Bar and the gourmet restaurant La Voile. She redesigned the suite using a range of light colours to capture maximum light. The entrance opens into a vast 50 sqmcontemporary design living room with armchairs by Giorgetti and extraordinary views of the lake. A 20 sqm junior bedroom, ensuite bathroom and walk-in closet are also located on this floor. Upstairs, a small cosy lounge with a fireplace opens onto the terrace, a dining room and a reading area. The master suite, in addition to a private terrace and walk-in closet, also boasts a large bathroom with a Kelly Hoppen designer bath and spacious double shower / steam room. Finally, a home automation system with Ipad puts the personal management of lighting, temperature, music and television at your fingertips. If 162 m² remains insufficient more space can be provided with the 2 interconnected adjoining bedrooms.



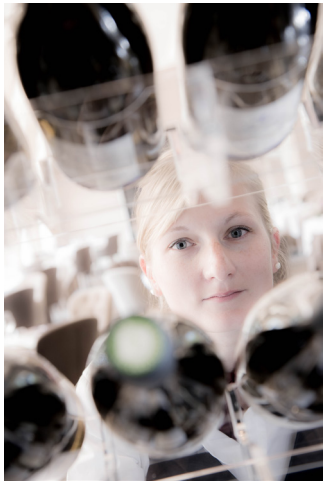
Here to enjoy

There's something for every taste at the Imperial Palace, from snacks to bistro style cuisine and fine food.

A young Chef at the Imperial Palace

Adrien Tupin-Bron started as a pastry Chef at the Imperial Palace in 2011, aged 20. Five years later, he became head pastry Chef for all the restaurants at the hotel. At the age of 27, he faces a new challenge as Head Chef of the gourmet restaurant La Voile. A natural progression for him, who, after having worked closely with the former Head Chef Thomas Eudier, is used to associating vegetables with fruits in his desserts, for example Asparagus with Yuzu or Peach with Fennel and Rocket. For Adrien, the work in the kitchen is above all team work, where each member contributes experience and sensitivity to the creation of a unique moment.





A super sommelier at the Imperial Palace

After achieving the first two levels of her ‹Master Sommelier' exams Isabelle Maboux worked in various renowned Micheline-Stared restaurants such as *Traube Tonbach in the German Black Forest, ***Régis Marcon in Saint-Bonnet-le-Froid and **Gidleigh Park in England, where the wine list was elected to be the best in the country for two consecutive years.

In 2012, she returned to France, and more precisely to Lyon, to work at the **Auberge de L'Ile. In spring 2014 she joined the team at the Imperial Palace where she was given the opportunity to create the wine list for the Restaurant La Voile, seeking to promote young winemakers and wines of the region.

In May 2018, she qualified for the semi-final of the Best French Sommelier contest, due to take place this coming autumn.

The restaurant La Voile has the wind in its sails!

In addition to welcoming guests in a refined setting in soft tones, or on the terrace with a breathtaking lake view, Adrien Tupin-Bron proposes an inventive cuisine and a wealth of culinary flavours. On the menu, a selection of local produce and mouthwatering dishes such as Char, Calf Sweetbreads or Filet of Limousin Beef. Cheese or dessert? The question does not arise in view of Alain Michel's generous cheese trolley, fourth generation of Master Cheesmakers in Annecy.

Menus from €45 to €115

Open every day in summer

Open from Tuesday to Sunday the rest of the year

Reservations: +33 (0)4 50 09 30 00



New

This summer, a selection of la carte dishes enables those who do not have the time to opt for the menu, to enjoy a gourmet break in their working day.

A three-course lunch menu inspired by the Chef and created using fresh market produce.
Menu Creation: €45.

The Hip Bar

The chic and modern Hip Bar is the perfect setting to enjoy a drink at any time of the day. Take advice from the head bartender when choosing from a selection of rum, cognac and whisky. Enjoy a classic cocktail, with or without alcohol, and a number of more original creations such as the «Mango 47» which cleverly combines gin, Cointreau, mango and yuzu.
A snack and finger food menu is also available, perfect for an aperitif!

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The Brasserie

Located on the park level with lake views, the Brasserie offers bistro style cuisine, local and traditional bistro dishes. Themed weeks organized throughout the year include a Savoy week and a Moroccan week.





An Imperial Sunday Brunch… not to be missed!

On Sunday, La Brasserie serves a buffet-style brunch of regional seasonal produce. Choose from a selection of breakfast dishes, starters and hot dishes. **Live cooking** on-site. An absolute must!



Le Riva

Located within the Casino, at the heart of the Imperial Palace, Le Riva boasts a subdued atmosphere, refined décor and furniture in a range of pastel colors, to blend with the lake views. Here, one can enjoy a choice of Italian inspired dishes.

Menu of the day

From €13.50



Here to relax

The Imperial Palace Spa offers a relaxing break in routine. Enjoy moments of pure relaxation in a environment entirely dedicated to beauty and well-being.

The things that dreams are made of?

A waterfall that runs into a glass pool with jacuzzi…
A sensory shower experience…
A fountain of ice…
A steam room beneath the stars…
To find out more, make a beeline for the Cristal Spa at the Imperial Palace, located opposite the lake and gardens.
This fabulous 600sqm spa boasts high-end facilities including 6 treatment rooms.
Happiness in every shape and form with treatments from €60.

Nouveau

Cristal Ephémère by Cristal Spa

Toute l'expérience et le savoir-faire CARITA s'accordent au masculin dans ce soin pour l'homme qui allie efficacité et relaxation pour gommer les effets du stress, de la fatigue et de l'âge. L'experte de beauté, en travaillant la matière de la peau avec des gestes souples et dynamiques, tonifie les peaux en manque d'élasticité et apaise les irritations quotidiennes. Les traits se détendent et le grain de peau est purifié, pour un éclat durablement retrouvé.

Tarif : 110 € pour 50 minutes

Nouveau

Massage L'Homme Idéal

Et pour les plus pressées, certains massages se déclinent désormais en version plus courte (50 au lieu de 80 minutes).

Tarif : 110 € pour 50 minutes/170 € pour 80 minutes

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6 Cabines de soins | 1 Hammam/Sauna | 1 Piscine | 1 Douche à expériences | 1 Salle de fitness

Here to be entertained

All-year-round the Imperial Palace proposes great entertainment. There's something for everyone in every season.

In the summer, enjoy the explosive Lakeside Festival or the Imperial Annecy Festival. There is plenty of entertainment to choose from during your stay at the Imperial Palace.

VIP Jazz Evenings

From September to June, the Hip Bar becomes a true international jazz club with a guest star every first Tuesday of the month and a live jazz atmosphere at weekends.

Imperial Cabaret

Grace, enchantment and magic are on the programme of this new cabaret review. On stage, a journey through time, from mysterious Venice to the Paris of Toulouse Lautrec and the rhythm of disco sounds. Enjoy a cabaret dinner specifically designed for the Imperial Palace and enhanced with several breathtaking acts by the illusionist Eric Lee, who, in the space of a couple of years, has gained a national and international reputation.



Prices: from €99 per person, inclusive of dinner, drinks & cabaret show.
VIP offer: €119 per person inclusive of dinner & cabaret show, front row seats and a glass of champagne.
Upcoming dates: 17th November & 15th December 2018, 26th January, 23rd March and 13th April 2019.



Roll the dice at the Imperial Casino

Young and old, frequent players or for a bit of fun, enjoy the opportunity to discover the only establishment in the region with an outdoor terrace and lakeside views. Move through a magical decor, from slot machines to gambling tables. Try your hand at Punto Banco, a traditional game recently available at the Imperial Casino. Other activities are also organized regularly and include Lucky Weekends on Friday 13th, theme days etc.

Lakeside Festival

Imperial fireworks

Don't miss the explosive Lakeside Festival, the "**Fête du Lac**", a fabulous firework display that dates back to the 1860 Venetian celebration given in honor of the visit of Napoleon III. A 1 hour 10 minute themed firework display with music, lighting and water displays.

This year, on **4th August**, the theme "Around the World", inspired by Jules Verne, promises to be a breathtaking and colourful show.



The Imperial Palace has created 2 package breaks for the occasion:
All-inclusive Lakeside Festival Package from €914 for 2 people

This package includes:
- 2 nights in a double room with buffet breakfast
- Dinner at the restaurant "La Brasserie"
- Seats in the tribune for the firework display
- Access to the wellness area and 10% discount at the Cristal Spa

New

High Five Palace
From 5th to 7th October 2018

For its 9th edition, the High Five Festival takes its quarters at the Imperial Palace. On the programme: 3 famous stand-up performers, tested and recommended by Gaylord Pedretti and the High Five Comedy Up. Not to be missed!

High Five FESTIVAL

Imperial Annecy Festival from 14th to 29th August 2018 - 3rd Edition

Jazz and more jazz at the Imperial Palace

A combination of comedy performances, jazz and classical music, the Imperial Palace renews this event for the third consecutive year.
The key to success? An idyllic setting, great artists, reasonable prices and free performances everyday at 18: 00 on the terrace of the Hip Bar (weather permitting). In the evening, enjoy indoor performances, starting with 5 days dedicated to jazz.



Among those heading the bill, **Champian Fulton & the Scott Hamilton** Quartet, formed by **Scott Hamilton**, legendary American saxophonist, and the young pianist and singer from New York, **Champian Fulton**, one of the most beautiful female voices of the moment, **Biréli Lagrène**, the gypsy guitarist, accompanied by **Francis Lockwood.**

5 days of classical music are to follow. In the spotlight this year: **Nemanja Radulovic** (violin virtuoso, awarded the prize for the best soloist at the Classical Music Awards in 2014) and **his quartet**, **Emmanuel Rossfelder** (gifted guitarist) in a duet with **François Salque** (renowned cellist), both regulars on stage at Imperial Palace. On the programme for the younger audience: a morning showing of a musical fairytale.

The festival ends on a more humorous note with 4 evenings of sketches, song and comedy.
Don't miss **Les Coquettes**, a modern whimsical show, or the comedy **Mars & Venus**, adapted from the bestselling book «Men are from mars, women from Venus» and interpreted by Thierry Garcia, a renowned imitator.

Impérial Annecy Festival
From 14th to 29th August 2018
Information & reservations

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Here together

The Conference Centre at the Imperial Palace boasts an exceptional setting, combining nature, prestige and well-being. Its 21 rooms accommodate all types of events and offer breathtaking views of Lake Annecy and the surrounding mountains. Numerous activities also enable you to take full advantage of the destination.

The Conference Centre at the 4* Hotel Imperial Palace welcomes groups in an exceptional setting, only 30 minutes from Geneva airport, 1 hour from Lyon airport and 3 hours 40 minutes from Paris by TGV high speed train.

It consists of 21 conference and banqueting rooms, fully adjustable to accommodate from 5 to 200 people and a large conference room for up to 600 people, equipped with booths for simultaneous translation, audio-video and lighting facilities and several terraces for cocktails or coffee breaks.

New
Conference Centre

After several months of renovation work, the Conference Centre now boasts 4* facilities. The floors, walls and ceilings have all been refurbished. Woodwork, lighting and curtains have been changed. To make concentration more pleasurable, tones of brown and blue combined with light woodwork create a warm and friendly atmosphere.
The Prestige Room will also be equipped with high-tech facilities and fully connected with a home automation system (screens, lighting, temperature, blinds etc.).
All of these bright rooms have views on the lake and the surrounding mountains. They are air-conditioned and equipped with high-speed internet.
Another unusual event space is the Imperial Tent, ideal for a meeting or a meal for up to 120 people.
Incentive and team building activities include a discovery rally of the old town, wine and cheese tastings and nautical challenges on the lake. Within the hotel, activities include games evenings and theme conferences at the casino, escape games and murder-mystery parties.





21
Conference rooms with natural light

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Reception room with views of the lake

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A dedicated team

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