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Glass House

IN 1920, THE FRENCH designer René Lalique ventured to the northern region of Alsace to build a home for his glassmaking company. Lalique also needed a home for himself, and so he constructed a timber-framed villa just a mile from the factory. Nearly a century later, the home has opened as a six-suite retreat that reflects its former owner and the company he founded. Unveiled in September, **Villa René Lalique** is decorated with historic family photos, Maison Lalique furnishings, and crystal accents. Adjacent to the home, a new glass pavilion designed by Mario Botta houses a 20,000-bottle wine room and a restaurant run by Jean-Georges Klein, longtime chef of the Michelin three-star L'Arnsbourg. Hanging in the dining room is a glittering crystal chandelier that Lalique designed in 1928 for the Orient Express. —CASEY HATFIELD-CHIOTTI 



WHAT: French designer René Lalique's historic mansion turned luxury hotel.
WHERE: Wingen-sur-Moder, a small village in Alsace, roughly one mile from the original Lalique factory and Musée Lalique. **WHY:** Art, architecture, and gourmet fare make for a high-style couples' hideaway in the French countryside.
Villa René Lalique, villarenelalique.com (about \$380–\$1,300)