



„It was one of the great royal mansions of France, and once housed the Queen of Scotland's young father, twenty years before, also a bridegroom. The comte de Sevigny's friends were not overawed.“

Checkmate, Part III, Chapter I

I haven't found a Hôtel d'Hercule or an equivalent of the Sejour du Roi for us to stay at, but all the recommended Hotels have a theme of ancient tiles, wooden beams and are all in the Paris described so vividly by Dunnnett. The Île Saint Louis may have still been used to graze cows and to do the laundry then, as can be seen on contemporary maps, but its 17th century mansions still evoke more of Lymond's Paris than many other places around.

All of the hotels chosen are within walking distance of the Île de la Cité, or even on it. The Parvis Nôtre Dame, the square in front of Nôtre Dame Cathedral, is going to be our central meeting point for all activities, dinners, walks, excursions so I would recommend you choose a hotel close by. We will have early starts in the mornings, so being within walking distance is advantageous, you won't need to fight your way through rush hour traffic or use the Métro or bus to get to your destination.

Île Saint Louis:

Hotel Du Jeu de Paume *****

54, rue Saint-Louis-en-l'Île
75004 Paris

Tel. 0033 1 43 26 14 18

info@jeudepaumehotel.com

www.jeudepaumehotel.com

28 rooms

The most expensive of the lot. But ah... it's an old Jeu de Paume, an old tennis court, transformed into a hotel. It doesn't get much better and much more authentic than this for a that Queens' Play feeling.

Hotel de Lutèce ***

65, rue Saint-Louis-en-l'Île
75004 Paris

Tel. 0033 1 43 26 23 52

info@hoteldelutece.com

www.hoteldelutece.com

23 rooms

Hotel des Deux-Iles ***

59, rue Saint-Louis-en-Île
75004 Paris

Tel. 0033 1 43 26 13 35

info@hoteldesdeuxiles.com

www.hoteldesdeuxiles.com

17 rooms

Hotel Saint Louis ***

75, rue Saint-Louis-en-Île
75004 Paris

Tel. 0033 1 46 34 04 80

slouis@noos.fr

www.hotel-saint-louis.com

19 rooms

You'll notice that all hotels are in the same street on the Île St Louis. The island isn't very big, and this is its only major street. If you all book rooms in one of those hotels it is a bit like staying in the same place, the hotels are almost next to each other. You won't have to go far for dinner, food, coffee or anything else, there are restaurants and shops all up and down the street.

Île de la Cité:

Hotel Hospitel ***

1 Place du Parvis Notre Dame

75004 Paris

Tel. 0033 1 44 32 01 00

www.hotel-hospitel.com

14 rooms

You can't get any closer than that. The hotel is right next to Nôtre Dame Cathedral. It is part of the Hôtel Dieu Hospital complex and not many people know that hidden inside the hospital is actually a little hotel.

Hotel Henri IV *

25, Place Dauphine

75001 Paris

Tel. 0033 1 43 54 44 53

15 rooms

www.henri4hotel.fr

Right on the tip of the Ile de la Cité. Very basic, a bare bones budget affair. But you can't beat the location. The site of the old palais and its gardens in Lymond's time

St Germain/Quartier Latin:

Delhy's Hotel *

22, rue de l'Hirondelle

75006 Paris

Tel. 0033 1 43 26 58 25

delhys@wanadoo.fr

www.delhyshotel.com

A budget hotel. But a budget hotel with a twist. It's literally round the corner from the Hôtel d'Hercule (or what's left of it) and on the site of an old royal mansion built by Francois I for the Duchesse d'Etampes which communicated with the Hôtel d'Hercule. The hotel uses what is left of the ancient walls. It's as close as you can get to actually staying in the Hôtel d'Hercule itself.

The rue de l'Hirondelle is still the ancient ruelle of Lymond's time, nothing much has changed here since he passed by on his way to the river with Mme la Maréchale.

Hotel Saint-André-Des-Arts *

66, rue Saint-Andre-Des-Arts

75006 Paris

Tel. 0033 1 43 26 96 16

hsaintand@wanadoo.fr

no website but see her for plenty of info and photos:

www.france-hotel-guide.com/h75006sainandrelesarts.htm

Another budget hotel, this one's around the corner from the Hôtel d'Hercule as well. Antique furniture, vintage tiles, an old 17th century mansion, it's a treat.

The street is full of eateries, little shops and cafés, so you won't have to walk far for food.

Hotel Henri IV ***

9-11 rue Saint Jacques

75005 Paris

Tel. 0033 1 46 33 20 20

info@henri4hotel.com

www.henri4hotel.com

23 rooms

Overlooking the Gothic St Severin Church. Great location not far from the Hôtel de Cluny. You can just imagine Lymond passing by, rescuing Mme la Maréchale.

Hotel de Fleurie ***
32-34, rue Grégoire-de-Tours
75006 Paris
Tel. 0033 1 53 73 70 00
bonjour@hotel-de-fleurie.tm.fr
www.hotel-de-fleurie.tm.fr

Well, couldn't resist the name ;-)
Comparable to the hotels on the Île Saint Louis, but in a different location

Hotel Le Clos Medicis ***
56, rue Monsieur –Le-Prince
75006 Paris
Tel. 0033 1 43 29 10 80
message@closmedicis.com
www.closmedicis.com

Hotel Saint Paul ***
43, rue Monsieur-le-Prince
75006 Paris
Tel. 0033 1 43 26 9864
contact@hotelsaintpaulparis.com
www.hotelsaintpaul.com

Across the street from Le Clos Medicis.
Lovely hotel, one for cat lovers. Hotel cat Sputnik welcomes you in the lobby

Hotel du Globe **
15, rue des Quatre-Vents
75006 Paris
Tel. 0033 1 43 26 35 50
hotel-globe@wanadoo.fr
www.hotel-du-globe.fr

Not quite the Hôtel des Sphères, but close ;-)
It's a small place, part of the old abbey buildings of St Germain.
Like the Clos Medicis, the Saint Paul and the Hotel Fleurie, all very nice hotel, a little bit further up the hill than the others, but still within walking distance of Nôtre Dame Cathedral.