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Telegraph expert rating

" You won't forget you're in Switzerland when staying at this smart, modern hotel which draws on Swiss rural life for its fun yet stylish décor. But there's nothing rural about its setting, slap in the heart of Lausanne in the trendy Grancy neighbourhood. "

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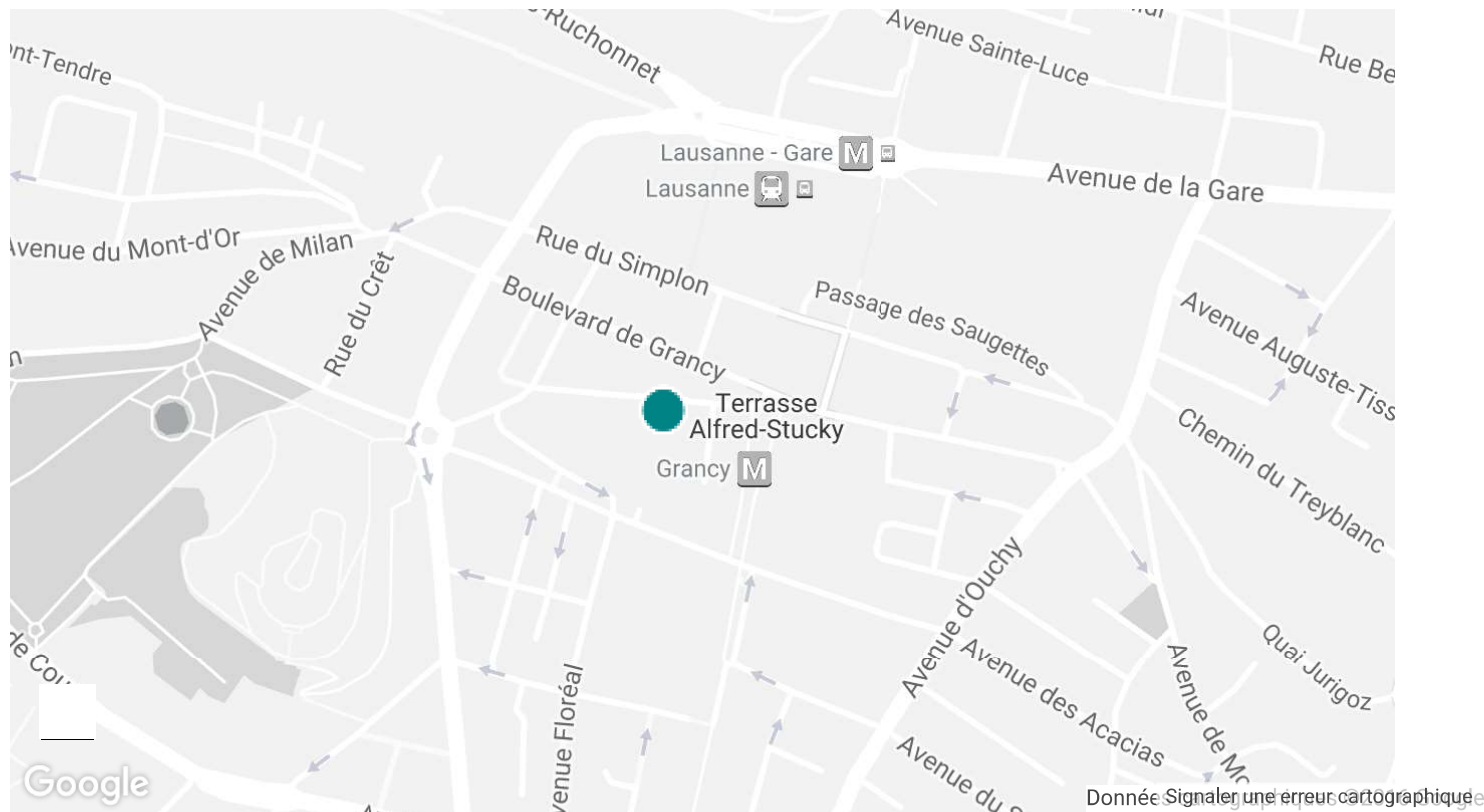


By **Caroline Bishop**

Location

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In the quiet but hip residential district of Grancy, centrally located behind Lausanne's main rail station and peppered with laid-back cafés, upmarket boutiques and quirky independent shops. It's less than a minute's walk to Grancy metro station from where it's two stops up to the city centre shops or three down to the lakeside at Ouchy.



Style & character

8/10

The building's boxy exterior is rather off-putting, but happily it's much more charming inside. Though it has the feel of a smart, modern business hotel, there's humour in the décor which nods to Swiss rural traditions whilst remaining firmly contemporary. The colour scheme is red, white and natural wood, and reception sets the theme with cow-print chairs, abstract wooden lamps evoking tree branches and a clutch of ticking cuckoo clocks adorning one wall.

Service & facilities

6/10

Front desk staff are friendly and efficient. There's a certain no-frills feel to facilities – the 'bar' is a self-service fridge in reception and there's no restaurant – but what facilities it does have are good quality. A small fitness centre containing several machines and a sauna feels new and well maintained and is designed to allow in natural light despite being in the basement.

- ✔ Fitness centre
- ✔ Laundry
- ✔ Parking
- ✔ Sauna
- ✔ Wi-Fi

Rooms

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The hotel's theme continues in the 147 rooms, which have cow-hide chairs, a Swiss army-style blanket on the bed and a lampshade adorned with silhouettes of cows in a nod to the Swiss tradition of paper-cutting. Thankfully this 'Swissness' isn't overbearing, and results in a room that's smart and contemporary yet also warm and cosy. Facilities include a kettle with tea and

coffee (not always a given in Switzerland), a good quality hairdryer, a large TV, desk, coffee table and chairs.

Rooms are a decent size overall, though the bathroom is small and has a (good) shower but no bath. Superior rooms are on the higher floors so offer more light than the standard rooms below reception level, but are otherwise similar in size and décor.

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Food & drink

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The breakfast buffet is a decent spread but nothing spectacular – unlike the views. Served in a top floor, glass-roofed breakfast room, you can munch your Swiss bircher muesli whilst watching the morning sun dapple Lausanne’s rooftops, Lac Léman and the mountains beyond. Though there’s no restaurant, there are plenty of dining options in nearby streets.

7/10

Value for money

Double rooms from 120 CHF (£94) to 250 CHF (£196); the hotel operates an airline system whereby prices change depending on demand. Breakfast excluded, available at 22 CHF (£17) per person for a full buffet breakfast, or you can order à la carte. Free Wi-Fi.

Access for guests with disabilities?

Adapted rooms and lifts to all floors.

Family-friendly?

There are some interconnecting rooms, as well as suites with kitchenettes for a supplement. Cots are available for no extra charge if the child is under two years old.

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