

World66's guide to Paris

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Paris

Paris is known as *The City of Lights* and absolutely deserves this name. But it is much more than just the City of Lights. Paris is one of the best travel destinations. It has everything a traveller could possibly wish for.

Eating Out (both expensive and cheap), good accommodation at moderate prices, some of the best museums in the world, as well as a couple of landmarks you must have seen at least once in your life.

A stay in Paris should at least include a visit to the Louvre, one of the best museums in the world, a climb of the Eiffel tower, a climb to the top of Notre Dame Cathedral, a day of shopping frenzy, a night out on the town and time to relax to sit in a parks or visit one of the squares. You should also climb the steps to the Sacré Coeur in Montmartre, stroll around the Place du Tertre behind it, visit the saucy Pigalle district, walk around the Latin quarter– St. Germain, Boulevard St. Michel, and feel the atmosphere of the street performers outside the Centre Pompidou, before you enter, of course.

In the neighborhood of Paris you can visit, [Fontainebleau](#), [Versailles](#) with its magnificent palace of Louis XIV, Vaux–le–Vicome and the inspiration for Versailles [Disneyland Paris](#) . All of these make perfect daytrips.

Paris – Shopping

If Paris had no monuments, it would still be great to go there just for the shopping. No other town has so many exquisite shops and so many well–known designers. Well, let's face it: there is only one Paris. Here are some of the main shopping places.

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Les Halles

Built at the places where the markets were held in earlier days, the shopping mall of Les Halles has an ideal location right in the center of Paris, between the Louvre and the Notre Dame. In Les Halles you can find almost anything. There is a huge bookstore, called FNAC, there are several possibilities to have lunch, there is an indoor swimming pool, there are loads of clothings shops and there is a Haagen Dasz. All of this is to be found underground! On top of the mall is a garden where children can play.

address: city centre

Au printemps

What a building! This is your place to be when you are on a shopping spree.

address: 64, boulevard Haussmann, 8th Arrondissement

Tati

If you like shopping and do not have enough money to visit Cartier or Chanel, Tati is where the French go. There is a real big Tati in Barbes but there are several others all in Paris. You can find them at La Republique,

Temple and Opera among others. They are open from 10:00 to 19:00 on weekdays and from 9:15 to 19:00 on Saturdays.

Flea Market (OHIO)

The Saint Ouen Flea Market at the Porte de Clignancourt draws a crowd of about 70,000 Parisiens every weekend. For this reason alone, you may consider going there. There is also a good flea market in Montreuil.

The Flea market is actually the biggest in the world with over 2000 salesmen selling their stuff. Very nice atmosphere and easy to reach from the center using the Metro. Open on weekends and Mondays.

Samaritaine

This is the way all malls should be. A classical building with great views from the roof terrace cafe. And sure, plenty of things you would want to buy.

address: 19 Rue de la Monnaie, 1st Arrondissement (Near Pont-Neuf)

Galleries Lafayette

Practically across the street from Printemps. Lafayette has a beautiful glass and steel dome, and an Art Nouveau staircase built in 1912 by the architect Cahnautin. The store – all 10 stories of it – is classified as a historic monument. The Galleries is open from 9:30 to 19:00 from Monday to Saturday and until 21:00 on Thursdays.

The website at www.gallerieslafayette.fr has a virtual model that can help you with your choices. Most of it is in French though.

Cartier

Looking for jewels? This is where you want you could afford to buy them. Serving all royalty since the Czar in the 19th century. There are seven Cartier shops in Paris, including one on the airport and one in the Galerie Lafayette, but the real one is one the Place Vendôme, at number 7 and 23.

The website of Cartier is full of Flash animations and it takes ages to load. The address is www.cartier.fr

address: Place Vendôme

Chanel

You say Paris, you say Chanel. From Coco to Gabrielle, Chanel is one of the oldest *maison de couture* in business. They added perfumes to their clothing lines in 1921 and recently started doing watches and jewelry as well. Across the street from Cartier.

Frederic Dellioux, l'Atelier

A small new boutique in the Marais which sells mainly leather clothing, very well tailored. Also has accessories and other clothing made by other designers.

address: 4, rue du roi de Sicile, Paris 75004

tel: +33 1 40 29 03 53

email: contact@fredericdelliaux.com

Paris – A perfect day

Just one? Just one single day? Then we don't have any time to lose..

Get up early, have a coffee and a croissant in one of the many bars (it's cheaper if you eat it standing in front of the bar then when you sit down at a table) and head for the Notre Dame. Since it is still early (you did rise early, didn't you?) you will have marvellous views over the river Seine. When you come out of the Cathedral, you walk around the Ile de France, the oldest part of Paris and head for the Louvre.

The Louvre is about to open now (that means it's 9:00 AM). You line up, and even though the line may be long, this is worth it. You spend the whole morning in the Louvre to see everything. I know that's not enough, but it's all you have.

Now you will have lunch. I suggest that you buy a sandwich and eat it in the nice gardens of the Tuileries. After lunch, we have a walk in the direction of the Arc de Triomphe, over the Champs Elysees. Although you might be tempted to take the metro because it is faster, please walk. You will see more and that's what you are here for after all. On your way, you pass the Petit Palais and the Grand Palais.

You've seen him all day from a distance but now you can go up: The Eiffel Tower. It offers some great views over Paris and is a building not to be missed. Take the elevator because you've done quite a bit of walking already.

It will be quite late already when you go down. However, we still have to do a few things. The Hotel des Invalides is between you and the Quartier Latin, where we will spend the rest of the evening, so you might consider visiting the hotel before moving on to the QL.

Wander through the small streets of the QL and st. Germain des Pres. Small boutiques, antique shops and book sellers fill the maze of streets. When you get hungry, sit down in one of the many restaurants in the Quartier. May I suggest Lebanese food? Well, you can decide for yourself.

Now have a coffee and a stroll to digest. Walk up to the Pantheon and sit outside the Jardin du Luxembourg. You must be exhausted. Well, I told you one day wouldn't be enough. There are so many things you haven't seen yet....

Paris – Books

Many books were written in Paris. Many books were written about Paris. Here are a few highlighted ones.

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Pere Goriot

author: Balzac, Honore de

isbn: 0451521900

subject: Literature

Picasso's Paris

author: Ellen
Williams

isbn: 0964126273

subject: Art

Eugenie Grandet

author: Balzac, Honore de

isbn: 014044050X

subject: Literature

The History of Dada Paris

author: Behar

isbn: 0816173745

subject: Art

Man Ray's Paris portraits

author: Ray / Baum /
Hemphill

isbn: 0962189308

subject: Art

Eyewittnes Guide



author: Alan Tillier

isbn: 1564581853

subject: Travel

The American

author: Henry
James

isbn: 0140390820

subject: Literature

Down and Out in Paris and London

George Orwell's account of living rough in Britain before going to Paris to work as a dishwasher in Cafes and restaurants – and interesting alternative view to Paris life in the 1930s.

isbn: 015626224X

author: George Orwell

Paris – Practical Information

Tourist offices:

Main office: 127, Avenue des Champs–Elysées. They have maps and metro leaflets, open daily 9am–8pm. For more information call: +33 (0)1 49 52 53 54 or see www.paris-touristoffice.com. There is an annexe of the tourist office at the Gare de Lyon (Mon – Sat 8am – 8pm) and a seasonal office by the Tour Eiffel (May – Sept. 11am – 6pm).

Emergency phone numbers:

Police: 17

Ambulance: 15

Fire: 18

Hospital:

SOS–Medecins, Tel. 01 47 07 77 77 or 01 43 37 77 77. They have 24hr medical help.

Post office:

Main office: 52 rue du Louvre, open daily 8am – 7pm

Paris – Eating Out

France is famous for its food. Paris has an huge choice of restaurants, ranging from the very luxurious and expensive to the very quaint, cheaper restaurants in the Quartier Latin and more than one hundred MacDo's where –indeed– they serve beer.

Most French restaurants have special price three course menu's, but often the cheap prices advertised outside are for lunch only. Prices for dinner are always a bit more expensive. When you are on a budget, you might consider having a warm lunch and sandwiches for dinner.

Note: Paris does not have as much choice for vegetarians as other European capitals. Of course you can always have pizza, or have a Lebanese Mezze in the Quartier Latin, but I find it hard to find good, genuine French vegetarian restaurants. Any suggestions are welcome.

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Nouvillaville

Popular chinese restaurant, about 100 FF the menus, open daily till 2am, Métro: Belleville

address: 32, rue de l'Orillon, (11. Arr.) Paris

tel: (01) 43 38 95 23

Wally Saharien

Original maghreb cooking, couscous and taboule, cosy atmosphere, menus about 200 FF, open every day till 23.30. Métro: Pont Marie

address: 16, rue le Regrattier, Paris

tel: (01) 43 25 01 39

Le Fouta Djalon

African restaurant near the Republique. Service can be a bit slow, but the food is great.

address: 27, bd St. Martin

Au Vieux Berlin

Plain German cooking, not only Berlin specialties, good beer, menus about 300 FF, closed on Sundays, opening hours: 12.00–14.30 and 19.00–23.00 o'clock. Métro: Georges V

address: 32, av. Georges, (7. Arr.) Paris

tel: (01) 47 20 88 96

La Luna

Spain, mainly andalusian cooking, menus from 150 FF, open every day.

address: 12, rue, Dauphine, Paris

tel: (01) 46.33.85.85

Casa Miguel

Very pricey but really fine restaurant, menu about 100 FF, closed on Sunday evenings, open from 12.00 – 13.00 and 19.00 – 20.00. Métro: Notre–Dame–de–Lorette, St.–Georges

address: 48, rue St. Georges, (9. Arr.) Paris

tel: (01) 42 81 09 61

Tapas Nocturne

Spanish and often very crowded restaurant, menus about 100 FF, closed on Sundays, open from 12am till 2.30am, Métro: Bastille.

address: 17, rue de Lappe, (11. Arr.), Paris

tel: (01) 43 57 91 12

Bermuda Onion

Terrasse "STAR" – BAR – Salon de nuit Parking en sous-sol

address: 16 rue Linois – Paris 15
openinghours: Tous les soirs & dimanche midi
tel: +33 1 45 75 11 11

Le Télégraphe

Elegant guests, art nouveau style interior, delicious dishes from 50 euro, live piano, Métro: Rue du Bac, open: daily till half an hour after midnight.

address: 41, rue de Lille, (7° Arr.) Paris
tel: (01) 40 15 06 65

Le Caveau du Palais

Beautiful atmosphere on place Dauphine, fine wines, Menues from 100 FF, opening hours: Mon – Sat from 8.30am – 8.00pm.

address: 17, place Dauphine, Paris
tel: (01) 43.26.81.84

L'Escargot Montorgueil

Famous restaurant with nice ambiente, delicious 'escargots' (snail) dishes, opening hours: Tue – Sun till 11pm, menus from 200 FF. Métro: Les Halles, Etienne–Marcel.

address: 38, rue Montorgueil, Paris
tel: (01) 42 36 83 51

Au rendez vous de la marine

An tiny, but excellent, french restaurant, with very large and cheap varied dishes. Nice parisian atmosphere, near the famous "Hotel du Nord". A good adress.

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Le Baptiste

In the 5–th arrondissement, this is a cozy place filled with real French students. Meals for about 10 US dollars.

address: 11 rue des Boulangers

La Ferme du Perigord

A classical French restaurant in the Quartier Latin with very reasonable prices. Metro: Saint Marcel.

address: Rue des Fossés Saint Marcel

tel: (0)1 43 31 69 20

Feu Follet

Traditional French kitchen. A good and filling meal starting from about 100 franks. That's a very good deal! Good atmosphere as well. Recommended. Métro Pernety, Gaité. Closed Lunch, Sunday and Holidays, Open August.

address: 5, rue Raymond Losserand, 14th arr.

tel: 01.43.22.65.72

Le Maquis

Traditional French cuisine in the area near Montmartre. Very good cuisine for about a 100 francs. Métro Lamarck Caulaincourt. Closed Sunday.

address: 69, rue Caulaincourt, 18th arr.

tel: 01.42.59.76.07

L'Incroyable

Crowded and small but really good restaurant near Potier–Passage, in summertime open–air tables, menus from 70 FF, closed on sundays and mondays. Métro: Palais Royal.

address: 26, Rue de Richelieu, Paris

tel: (01) 42.96.24.64

Au Crus de Bourgogne

Pricey and good bistro with plain cooking and cosy patio, closed on Saturdays, Sundays and in august, near Montmartre. Métro: Sentier.

address: 3, rue Bachaumont, Paris

tel: (01) 33 48 24

Un Piano sur le Trottoir

An old post station of the 14th century, menue 150 FF, Métro: St. Paul.

La Tour d'Argent

One of the most famous first class restaurants in Paris. Delicious duck dishes, wonderful view, really first class in both cooking and service. You have to spend about 1000 FF per person. Closed on Mondays. Make a reservation. Métro: Pont Marie/Cardinal Lemoine.

address: 15 – 17, Quai de la Tournelle, 5^o Arr. Paris

tel: (01) 43.54.23.31

Bistro de la Gare

Classical French cuisine, founded in 1906 as bouillon–restaurant, renovated, in 1977.

address: 59, Bvd Montparnasse, (6° Arr.) Paris

tel: (01) 45.48.38.01

L'Arbuci

Right in the middle of Saint–Germain–des–Prés, open till early morning, live jazz music, menue from 170 FF, Métro: Odéon.

address: 25, Rue de Buci, (6° Arr.) Paris

tel: (01) 44.41.14.14

Le Petit Saint–Benoît

Very popular restaurant, pricey and delicious, menue about 100 FF, closed on Sat and Sun, open from 12.00–14.00 and 19.00–22.00 o'clock. Métro: St.–Germain–des–Prés. *stephen ffoulkes*: cheap cheerful atmospheric, unchanged since de gaulle knows when, shockingly unpretentious, entertaining as the waitresses ruthlessly pack the punters in elbow to elbow, then feed them with great simple traditional french bistro classics, not to be missed.

address: 4, rue St.–Benoît, (6. Arr.) Paris

tel: (01) 42 60 27 92

Chez Jean

Open for dinner only, Monday–Saturday (entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays) A small place in the budding artists section of Paris, way up on Menilmontant Hill, Metro Gambetta. Good and abundant food, fresh from that morning's market. Very friendly atmosphere over which Jean Chouty, a former journalist, presides: he speaks English, has a great sense of humor, loves what he does and his customers, the habitués as well as the new ones. His prices are cheap to moderate, and his prix–fixe menus are really good buys. The wine list is great too: Jean is knowledgeable and gives good advice.

address: 38 Rue Boyer 75020 Paris

tel: 01–47–97–44–58

Creperie de Cluny

Cozy crepe restaurant in the Latin Quarter and neat cathedral that isn't Notre Dame but filled with history. Great food and prix fixe meals are great here. The cider is traditional with the crepes. C'est si bon. Closed Mondays, at elat it was two years ago.

address: 20, rue de la Harpe

tel: 01 43 26 08 38

zipcode: 75005

Pastavino

Italian Trattoria, offers pricey pizza and pasta and other italian specialties, opening hours: from 9.00am to 8.00pm, Métro: St.–Paul

address: 27, rue de Turenne, Paris

Bar a Huitres le Saint Germain

Reasonable priced restaurant that specializes in fish and most of al oysters. It's in the Quartier Latin on Boulevard Saint Germain, metro Odéon.

address: Boulevard Saint Germain

tel: (0)1 44 07 27 37

Le Paradis du Fruit

Le Paradis du Fruit is a chain of very nice restaurants & *salons de fruit*. They are all over town: Saint–Michel, George V, Marbeuf, Wagram, Les Halles, Bastille, Vélizy 2 and Bells Epine.

address: place de la bastille

Fouquet's

Fouquet's is open again! This is the place with the rep. This is the only real one. The building is a classified monument. Don't expect things to be cheap here. Métro : George V Valet. Car parking possibilities, Open , every day from 8am to 2am.

address: 99, avenue des Champs Elysées, 75008 PARIS – France

tel: +33 (0)1 47 23 70 60

Bojangles Restaurant & Bar

With soulfood and jazz five nights a week! Traditional African American favorites like southern fried chicken, grilled T–bone steak, fried pork chops and Caribbean style fried fish. Daily specials are a melange of pan–African delights. Open: Wednesday through Sunday from 7 PM to midnight. Average three–course meal 125 FF. Métro Anvers.

address: 47 rue Rodier, 75009 Paris

Tomo

Japanese family restaurant with original cooking, menus about 200 FF, closed on Sundays and Mondays, open till 10pm. Métro: Quatre Septembre, Pyramides.

address: 39, rue Ste–Anne, Paris

tel: (01) 47 03 43 53

Sushiken

A wonderful, small but unpretentious, authentic Japanese restaurant, with a real Japanese Chef and his French wife seating and serving people.

Sushis ans Sashimis are just perfect!

At a walking distance from the Porte de Versailles exhibit Center.

address: 12 rue Esnest Renan
tel: 01 46 42 58 18
zipcode: Issy les Moulinaux
url: none (yet)

Le Poète Ivre

First class thai cooking, menue about 150 FF including wine, sundays closed, we recommend to make a reservation.

address: 8, rue Leopolde, Paris
tel: (01) 40 26 26 46

Jo Goldenberg

Nice and very popular restaurant with jewish elicacy shop. Menues about 200 FF, open till midnight every day, Métro: St.–Paul.

address: 7, rue des Rosiers, Paris
tel: (01) 48 87 20 16

Paris – Accommodation

Although Paris is expensive in many ways, it has a good choice of cheap, decent hotels, when compared to other European cities. We have divided the hotels into three categories: sleep cheap for those costing up to 25 dollars a night for a single, mid range for those costing about twice as much as that, and first class for the rest. In the expensive category we have tried only to mention those who are actually worth that extra amount of money.

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url: www.travelorganizations.net

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In The Heart Of Paris, A Few Steps From Avenue Des Champs Elysees And Located In A Quiet Street, Your /Home Paisian/ Recently Renovated, Will Seduce You With Bedrooms All Equipped With Private Bathroom, Telephone Direct, Minibar, Colour Tv, Safe, Hairdryer. A Friendly Welcome Will Make Your Parisian Stay The Most Pleasant One. Hotel Closed From The 1st January 2003 To 31st May 2003 Due To Renovations Renovated In 1999EN

url: www.booking2u.net

King Eiffel

Situated in a quiet and residential area next to the Porte de Versailles, few minutes from the Parc des Expositions and Palais des Sports, the King Hotel offers you 53 comfortable bedrooms all with shower, toilet, color television, mini-bar and direct dial telephone

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Beaugency Eiffel

A visit to the Orsay and Invalides Museums, the breathking view from the top of the Eiffel Tower, shopping, dining at the most famous restaurants or sipping a coffee on the terraces of the best cafes... These are some of the treats you can enjoy when you stay at the Hotel Beaugency, located near the Champ de Mars

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Blackston Opera

The front desk staff can speak English, French or Spanish. This establishment was given 3 inter-stars by INTER-Res@. The rooms are equipped with bar, telephone and television. Also available is outdoor parking. Abotel Blackston, in a friendly atmosphere, is pleased to propose you 30 rooms all equipped with bath or shower and private toilets, mini-bar, color TV, direct dial, individual safety box.

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Kleber Superior

A "Second Empire" building is the comfortable setting with style and paintings have great harmony. Between the Etoile, the Champs Elysées, and the Trocadéro, in the business, Embassy and Museum Quarter

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la Bourdonnais

At a blend of the meandering river Seine, between the Alma and Iéna bridges, located on a wide avenue parallel to the Champs de Mars and the Eiffel Tower, 2 mn from Trocadéro and the Invalides, the Hotel La Bourdonnais offers the peace and charm of an elegant neighbourhood.

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Le Jardin de Cluny

Le Jardin de Cluny is situated in a very quiet area near Notre–Dame and Sorbonne, offers access to Paris' famous shops and museums. A small garden and breakfast room will delight you. A pleasant team is waiting to give you a warm welcome

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Louvres Marsollier Opera

"OSCAR WILDE'S HOTEL" Located in the heart of old Paris, this stylish hotel (where Oscar Wilde lived throughout the year 1899) is only a stone's throw from the most prestigious Parisian sites: Opera, Louvre, Concorde, Palais Royal and Place Vendôme. rom the business center and the famous department stores

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Madison

Ideally located at the heart of the very chic Saint–Germain des Pres district, the Madison is one of its most distinguished addresses. Discriminating travelers will appreciate its elegance, warm ambiance and attentive, courteous welcome

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Millesime

Harmony is the master word in hotel Millesime. This charming 17th century hotel, with its genuine historic staircase, has just been entirely refurbished to offer you a delightful stay in luxurious three–star comfort

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Opera Cadet

The Opera Cadet Hotel is located in a charming, typically Parisian side street within walking distance of the Opera. Spacious public rooms, bar, lounge and the delightful guest rooms and suites are sound-proofed, air-conditioned and have full bath, satellite TV (CNN-BBC), safe, minibar, fax and modem connection

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Orange Opera

Situated between the Operahouse and the Gare du Nord, this budget hotel offers you good service in an modern environment. L'Orange Opéra welcomes tourists as well as business men who need an uncomplicated and comfortable stay in the center of Paris

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Relais Saint Sulpice

You can come to this hotel to visit Paris or come to Paris to visit this hotel. Its a perfect example of harmony between forms, colors, space, created to make your stay as pleasant as possible. What a pleasure when you come out of your hotel, to stroll in the heart of Quartier Latin.

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Trocadero Bouquet de Longchamp

An intimate Hotel, you can call home right in the heart of Paris. Only steps away from the Eiffel Tower, the Champs-Elysées and Arc de Triomphe. All rooms with bath, WC, mini-bar, direct dial phone, colour TV. Decorated in restful pastel, shades. It is wonder fully cosy. Room service 24H/24H

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Atlantide le Marais

You will recognize the refinements of Atlantide Le Marais from the welcome you receive and the quality of the service. This charming hotel has 27 styled rooms, all fitted with color TV, mini bar, direct dial telephone, radio and fax at customers' disposal. Located half way between Bastille and Republique. Complimentary breakfast and newspaper are included in stay

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Bristol le Marais Republique

The hotel Bristol entirely renovated, offers you its 45 rooms each with shower or bath, colour TV, mini bar, direct bar, direct dialing phone and automatic wake-up alarm, background music. The hotel is at a short walking distance to the Opera district (Grands Magasins Dept Stores) to the Louvres and Pompidou center, near Gare de Lyon Nord and East Gare train station.

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Regina Opera

Situated in the most typical and touristic district of Paris, the Hotel Regina Opera is entirely renovated, each room is equipped with modern comfort offering you private bath and toilets, direct dial telephone, satellite TV, mini bar and hairdryer. Our team is looking forward to welcoming you.

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Residence Montparnasse

Montparnasse, a legend which never fails to surprise and filled with wonder. First and foremost, it is avant-garde, an event which has all the Parisian charm of the arts, fashion and dynamics of a business center. Situated in the aristocratic quarter, the Residence Montparnasse is a completely new concept.

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Jardins d'Eiffel

Situated at the feet of the Eiffel Tower, in a residential area close to the Champs-Élysées and the Invalides (Terminal Air France – Air Inter). The Hotel Les Jardins d'Eiffel offers you 80 rooms with personal touch and all modern conveniences: air-conditioning and Paris without parking problems, 32 parking places inside – wooded gardens, solarium, non-smoking rooms available. Art Deco 19th century renovated in 1997.

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Messidor

Abotel Messidor Abaca Expo, has a friendly atmosphere. It is pleased to propose 30 rooms all equipped with bath or shower and private toilets, mini-bar, color TV, direct dial, individual safety box. General Information: Multilingual speaking staff: English, Spanish and French.

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Saint Michel Left Bank

Abotel St. Michel – Left Bank, has a friendly atmosphere. It is pleased to propose 55 rooms all equipped with bath or shower and private toilets, mini-bar, color TV, direct dial, individual safety box. General Information: Multilingual speaking staff: English, Spanish and French

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Albe Saint Germain

Located in the heart of Paris Left Bank Latin quarter Saint-Germain Rive Gauche face Notre-Dame! A very charming renovated hotel near the banks of Seine, Orsay and Louvre museum. Also near Notre Dame as well as restaurants and boutiques

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Aramis Saint Germain

Saint-Germain-des-Prés, Montparnasse, the ideal location for your business or leisure trip. Set in this magical district, centre of cultural life, Paris for lovers, poets, students, artists, the Hotel Aramis Saint-Germain will delight you with its charming atmosphere, individually decorated rooms, helpful service and modern comfort.

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Ascot Opera

Located in the heart of Paris in an extremely quiet area at the center of tourist attractions, business and shopping areas near the Grand Louvre, this charming three star hotel offers you all modern facilities in a personal atmosphere

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Hotel Academie

In an extremely convenient Left Bank location, opposite the university, in the heart of the famous St Germain des Prés quarter (the liveliest place to be at night) and within walking distance of the Musée d'Orsay and the Louvre. A fine base for browsing in the bookshops and the Antiquaires of the Beaux Arts quarter.

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Hotel de l'Odeon

From the quays on the Seine to the Luxembourg gardens, the district of Saint–Germain–des–Prés is one of the most particular to Paris: Café des Flore, Les Deux Magots, art galleries, museums and theatres.

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The beautiful Churches among them the Notre Dame and the Sacre Coeur with its great views over the city should be on every itinerary.

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Centre Pompidou

The Centre Pompidou is a strange looking building in the heart of Paris. It's a great example of modern architecture. It houses a good collection of modern art. It has nice exhibitions every now and then. For up to date info on exhibitions, check the website of the Centre Pompidou.

The Centre has one of the world's most important public collections of twentieth–century art, architecture, and design, to be found on the third and fourth floor. These floors were completely renovated in 1999 and have reopened on new years eve of that year. The exhibitions have become landmark events for a public that is eager to encounter all the art forms of its times and follow their development.

address: Rue de Rambuteau (Beaubourg)

Parc Andre Citron

In the outskirts of Paris near the Seine, the Parisiens have created a modern park as grand and spacious as the famous ones in the centre of the city and at the same time completely different. Every detail has been thought through. Combine it with your visit to the Eiffel, it is a little bit more westward.

Jardin du Luxembourg

The Jardin du Luxembourg is a large and sumptuous park that is a must to visit in any season. With its statuary, benches and formal gravel paths, this is the quintessential Paris park. Right in the middle of the park, the italianate-style Palais du Luxembourg has served many functions in its long existence. Today it houses the French Senate. While you're in the parc, try not to miss the Fontaine des Médicis.

Just outside the park, you can find the Saint Sulpice church. This classical building has mural paintings by the French painter Eugene Delacroix, as well as beautiful stained-glass windows and sculptures.

Bibliothèque Nationale

The wealth of its 500 year history has made the Bibliothèque nationale de France one of the best-endowed libraries in the world. Over the centuries, whether as a royal, imperial or national institution – depending on the political regime in force – the library has never once failed in its task of collecting, conserving, cataloguing, communicating and transmitting knowledge.

The collection has been moved to an awesome new building that stands on the south bank of the Seine in the East of Paris. The architecture is great and by itself worth a visit.

La Defense

This is the new Paris. Like it or not, it certainly is something special and the view from the New Arch to the old Arc de Triomphe is a fine one. This alone merits the trip with the metro. For 40 FF you can go up the Arche. It's open from 9.00 to 20.00 but they stop selling tickets an hour before closure time. *A. de la Rosa:* Where is the view?

Arc de Triomphe

One of the most famous monuments of Paris. When you walk away from it over the Champs, it seems like the Arc is following you.

The Arc was built by Percier and Fontaine, between 1806 and 1808. The construction was ordered by Napoleon I. It roughly follows the model of the Arc of Constantine in Rome.

Under the Arc is the grave of the un-known soldier. There is a flame in his (her?) honour.

Eiffel Tower

The Eiffel tower (Tour Eiffel in French) was built in 1889 for the World Exposition, which was held in Paris for the centennial of the French Revolution. The architect and builder of the tower, Gustave Eiffel (1832–1923) is also famous as the architect who designed the iron backbone of the Statue of Liberty in New York City harbor.

The tower is over 300 m high. Another exciting fact about the Eiffel Tower is that it is most visited building in the world. In 1998, it received 6 million visitors, much more than the Empire State Building (3.6 million), and the Tokyo Tower (3 million).

Sacre Coeur

The Sacre Coeur probably numbers in the top 5 of monuments of Paris. This is a bit strange, because the basilica is not very old. It probably stems from the great location; in one of the nicest quarters of Paris, on top of a hill and overlooking all of Paris.

In 1873, the National Assembly declared its plans to erect this grand Romano–Byzantine church, dedicated to the Sacred Heart and intended for public usage. It was built as a "praise God anyway" reaction after losing a war with Germany. Construction began in 1876 on the plans of the French architect Abadie. The building was completed in 1910 and consecrated in 1919.

The Sacré–Coeur measures 100 m in length and 50 m in width, and is crowned by a distinctive 83 m dome. The 84 meter high bell–tower shelters an 18.5 ton bell with a 850 kg clapper. The interior of the church hides a lot of treasures of its own: marble sculptures, stained–glass windows, and mosaics. Standing on the stairs of the Sacré–Coeur, you can see a panoramic view that dominates Paris.

connections: Métro Anvers

Notre Dame

The Notre Dame is, without a doubt, the most popular attraction on the Ile de la Cité. Its first stone was laid in 1163, it was finished 170 years later. The Cathedral is a magnificent example of gothic architecture. It is possible to climb the towers and get a nice view over Paris and look at all the details of the sculptures here. It is a bit of a climb, so be reasonably good shape and allow a couple of hours. It is also possible to visit the Crypte Archeologique under the Cathedral, where you can see the foundations of buildings built 2,000 years ago by the Parisii, the Celtic tribe after which Paris is named.

However, Notre Dame is not the only site of interest on the Ile de la Cite. Just a few steps away, you will find another Gothic masterpiece, *La Sainte Chapelle* built in 1248 by Louis IX, Saint Louis. The upper chamber is a magnificent, stained glass lined vaulted chamber.

Just around the corner from La Sainte Chapelle is the Conciergerie, a Gothic palace that later became a prison. During the Revolution, it housed over 4,000 prisoners, including Marie Antoinette. Other points of interest on the Ile de la Cite include the Pont Neuf, the oldest bridge in Paris, that connects the island to both the right and left banks. The park at the western tip of the Ile is a lovely place to watch the Seine flow by. And the Marché aux Fleurs (the Flower Market) is one of the few remaining in Paris.

Pantheon

The Pantheon was originally a church built by Louis XV between at the end of the 18–th century. It is a very impressive building. Not long after it came into being, it was secularized by the French Revolution. Napoleon made it a religious building again, and it was secularized once more in 1885. It is now most famous for its collection of tombs of great French thinkers : Rousseau, Voltaire, Hugo, Zola and Malraux. But also of scientists Pierre and Marie Curie. It was also the place where Foucault did his famous experiment with the pendulum.

Sorbonne

The Sorbonne is the most famous university of Paris. This is not a museum, although it is a very beautiful building, but the atmosphere with all the students is nice, especially on a summer day.

Place de la Concorde

The Place de la Concorde, the biggest place of Paris, has a nasty background. In the black days of the French Revolution this is where they put the guillotins to behead the opponents of the Revolution. Louis XVI, Marie–Antoinette, Danton, Robespierre, and 2800 others were killed here between 1793 and 1795.

The new name Place de la Concorde was established to symbolize the end of a troubled era and the hope of a better future. Today it is a very pretty place, a nice example of French city architecture. The Place stands between the Tuileries gardens and the Champs Elysees.

A central place of the Place is reserved for the Obelisk of Luxor. The 22 meter high Obelisk was a present of Mohamed Ali, king of Egypt to his counterpart Louis Phillippe.

In each corner of the place you can find a statue that represents one of the large French cities: Lille, Strasbourg, Lyon, Marseille, Bordeaux, Nantes, Brest and Rouen.

Place des Vosges

Place des Vosges is one of Paris' finest squares. Walk to the center where Louis XIII sits on a horse surrounded by locals enjoying their fine community park. Henry IV built this centerpiece of the Marais in 1605. As hoped, this turned the Marais into Paris' most exclusive neighborhood. Victor Hugo lived at #6 (corner closest the Bastille, open to the public, admission fee).

To leave the square, walk behind Louis' horse to the arcade. Follow it left past art galleries and antique shops onto the boutique–filled rue des Francs Bourgeois. Browse two blocks off the place des Vosges to corner of rue de Sevigne where you'll see the Musee Carnavalet (History of Paris museum, on right).

Barbes

The Boulevard de Rochechouard and the Boulevard the Barbes meet at the foot of Montmartre. This area has a distinct atmosphere, where the different nationalities of Paris, Algerian, Senegalese, Beninois, Antillian clearly show. There are small shops here and market stalls as well as street sellers (these are mostly from Senegal and always chased by the Police). A good place to buy things at cheap prices. There is also a real big Tati (see shopping) spread out over different buildings.

Bastille

This is historic ground. It was here that the French revolution started just over 200 years ago. The popular revolt had far stretching consequences. It swept across Europe, influencing minds and ideas of people all over the old continent. Nowadays the prison is gone. The Colonne de Juillet dominates la place. In the subway station beneath the square, stones from the Bastille's foundation can still be seen. This square is also home to the Opéra Bastille completed in 1990.

Paris – Getting Around

There are dozens of ways to get to and from Paris' airports from rapidfire shuttle trains to the standard assortment of pokey public buses private shuttles and taxis. There's even a bus that runs solely between the two airports. Say what you will about driving around Paris the city's public transportation is world class.

The most charming of Paris' public transport options the underground Métropolitain (and its sister system the RER) is a simply massive network. No matter where you are chances are there's a metro station within a few blocks. Likewise the public bus system runs everywhere but its hours are laughable and don't even try to hop aboard on Sunday or a holiday. The Noctambus network takes over in the heavily trafficked areas once both the underground and the day buses go to sleep.

In case you hadn't guessed it driving around Paris is a job best reserved for the terminally aggressive – if you don't have lots of time to kill you're better off taking public transport. Likewise with bicycles: Parisians don't much like to share the road and bikes aren't allowed on the metro.

For visitors on their first trip to Paris the Batobus offers an excellent way of seeing a number of major sights from the river. <http://www.batobus.com/english/index.htm>

Paris – Nightlife and Entertainment

Paris by night can be a whole lot more than a bus tour to the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de Triomphe...

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La Java

Live Latin bands followed (Thu – Sat) by DJ's playing Latin–American Sounds. Older, energetic and friendly crowd.

address: 105, rue du Fauburg–du–Temple, 11e arr.

Moulin Rouge

On the 6th of October 1889, at the foot of the Montmartre, a new music hall in Paris opened its doors: The Moulin Rouge (Red Mill). Joseph Oller and Charles Zidler have every reason to be content. From the first day onwards, their "Palais des Femmes" is a great success.

Rich businessmen, artists such as Toulouse Lautrec and young men out to see a spectacle have gathered here ever since. Today, the Moulin Rouge still does good shows and decent dinners (albeit pricey) are served. The atmosphere has something of a tourist trap, but well, there is only one real Moulin Rouge, and this is it.

Show dinner 8pm, show 10pm, midnight, daily. Admission show, champagne 450F; with dinner 750F. Credit AmEx, DC, MC, V.

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address: 82 blvd de Clichy, 18th arr.

tel: 01.53.09.82.82.

Les Bains–Douches

A former Turkish bath house, was once one of the hippest clubs of Paris, playing house, rap and funk and the odd rock band. Nowadays it is still an OK club, but if you're looking for the 'to be seen' crowd, look elsewhere. Open daily 11.30pm – 6am.

address: 7, rue du Bourg–l'Abbé, 3e arr.

Chapelle des Lombards

Erstwhile *bal musette* that still plays the occasional waltz and tango but far more often salsa, reggae, rai and the blues. Entry FF 100 – 120 with a drink.

address: 19 rue de Lappe, 11e arr.

La Locomotive

Enormous hi–tech nightclub next to the legendary Moulin Rouge with the crowded dance floors and a very young crowd. Open till 6am.

address: 90, bldv de Clichy, 18e arr.

Nouveau Casino

Hip club in the Oberkampf area, music mainly electronic (house, broken beat, electro) but also used as punk / rock'n'roll / hip–hop concert venue.

url: www.nouveaucasino.net

address: 109, rue Oberkampf 75011

Cox

address: 15, Rue des Archives, Paris, 75004

tel: +33 (0) 1 48 87 55 44

Mixer Bar

A trendy mix of Gay and straight.

address: 23, Rue Ste–Croix–de–la–Bretonnerie, Paris, 75004

tel: +33 (0) 1 48 87 55 44

Le Queen

Mainly gay club with women welcome except Thurs. Drag queens and model types mostly. Music is mainly house, open nightly 11pm – dawn.

address: 102 av des Champs–Elysées

Halls Beer Tavern

Gay Bar

address: 68, Rue Saint–Denis, Paris, 75002

tel: +33 (0) 1 42 36 92 72

Banana Cafe

Great bar/disco with two floors. Trendy gay clientele (mostly men, women welcome). First floor has a sitting bar. The basement sports a small dance floor and several intimate places to have a chat. Usually there are Go-Go dancers everynite.

address: 13, rue de la Ferronnerie

url: www.bananaparis.com

openinghours: 8:00 PM

tel: 01 42 33 35 31

Chez Michou

Song and Dance? Chez Michou is the place for you. Metro: Pigalle. Dinner daily 8.30pm (reservation essential). Show 10.30pm approx (ring to check). Admission show, dinner 550F; show, one drink 200F. Credit V.

address: 80 rue des Martyrs, 18th arr.

tel: 01.46.06.16.04

Lido de Paris

Le Lido has some charm, a bit touristy though. Dinner 8pm. Shows 10pm, midnight. Admission show, dinner 770F, 880F, 990F (all incl half-bottle champagne); show, drink 365F (at bar); 540F (incl champagne). Credit AmEx, DC, MC, V. Wheelchair access. Metro: George V.

address: 116 bis av des Champs-Elysées

tel: 01.40.76.56.10

zipcode: <http://www.lido.fr/>

Cafe de Flore

In Saint-Germain des Pres this is another one of the famous artist type cafes. Not too many around these days, but still a nice place to have coffee.

Port d'Amsterdam

Named after a Jacques Brel chanson, Le Port d'Amsterdam is a Dutch pub in Paris. Good atmosphere and good beer. Monday is student night with beer for just 10 FF. 20 rue Croissant.

Les Trois maillet

In the Quartier Latin this bar has life music in a cave and stays open really late.

address: 56 rue Galande

L'Ariel

address: rue Pont Neuf 29

tel: 01.42.36.51.33

Asia Express

address: rue Bertin Poirée 14

tel: 01.40.26.30.75

Bodin Vincent

address: rue Montmartre 14

tel: 01.42.36.08.93

Café Tabac Henri IV

address: Place Pont Neuf 13

tel: 01.43.54.27.90

Café Ness

address: pl Palais Royal 2

tel: 01.42.92.04.04

Dja'z Band

address: rue St Denis 41

tel: 01.42.21.88.61

L'Arbre Sec

address: rue Arbre Sec 39

tel: 01.42.60.03.09

La Détente

address: rue Coquillière 42

tel: 01.42.36.69.11

Le Marly

A very nice place in the Richelieu wing of the Louvre Museum. It has a terrace on the Cour Napoleon. Quite expensive.

address: inside the Louvre museum

tel: 49 26 06 60

Le Rendez Vous des Belges

Just accross the street from the Gare du Nord, this is a good place to drink something when you just arrive in Paris or are about to leave. Good atmosphere.

Brasserie Lipp

"The beer was very cold and wonderful to drink. The pommes à l'huile were firm and marinated and the olive oil delicious. I ground black peper over the potatoes and moistened the bread in the olive oil. After the first heavy draft of beer I drank and ate very slowly." That's what Hemingway wrote about this famous Brasserie.

To be found in St. Germain des Pres.

address: 151, Boulevard St. Germain

Deux Magots

This may be a bit of a tourists trap, but the place does have history. It has been a popular meeting place for writers and artists for years and years. It's located in the Quartier Latin.

address: Place du Quebec

Le Sous-Bock (SARL)

address: rue St Honoré 49

tel: 01.40.26.59.36

Le Tour de Table

address: rue Petits Champs 17

tel: 01.42.96.47.54

La Tartine

Very nice wine bar with great choice of pricey wines and small snacks, closed on Tuesdays, open from 7.30am – 10.00pm, Métro: St.–Paul.

address: 24, rue de Rivoli, Paris

tel: (01)42 72 76 85

L'Écluse

This wine bar offers selected and elegant wines and small snacks, sundays closed, open from 12am till 2am, Métro: St.–Michel.

address: :15, quai des Grands–Augustins, Paris

tel: (01) 46 33 58 74

Harry's Bar

American cocktailbar founded in 1911 (oldest in Europe), interior looks like an US east coast pub, open till 4am. Métro: Opéra.

address: 5, Rue Daunou, (2° Arr.) Paris

tel: (01) 42.61.71.14

Le Diable des Lombards

address: rue Lombards 64

tel: 01.42.33.81.84

Balajo

Old-styled music hall with extravagant 1930s decor and music ranging from mazurkas and tangos to slurpy French chansons. Entry about 100 FF. Closed in august..

address: 9, rue de Lappe, 11e arr.

Paris – Getting There

Paris – Museums

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Musée de l'Orangerie

This museum in the Tuilleries Gardens has some important collections but its principal claim to fame is possession of four huge paintings of water lilies by Claude Monet. The history is explained on <http://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/orangerie/musee.html>

Hours [closed Tuesday] 09.45 – 15.15

url: www.paris.org

address: Place de la Concorde, Jardin des Tuileries, 1st Arrondissement.

tel: 42 97 48 16.

Cité des Sciences

This is one of the most visited museums of Paris. It is a bit outside of the center, in the North East, but easy to reach with the subway/metro system. It has many shows on Natural Sciences, a big Planetarium and interesting things for kids as well.

Media library and Science actualités newspaper room (at the entrance to the media library) open from 12 noon to 8 pm.

Cité des métiers/Cité's vocational guidance centre: from Tuesday to Friday, 10 am to 6 pm, Saturday, 12 noon to 6 pm, closed on Sunday, Monday and Bank Holidays.

Contacts:

administrative switchboard: (33) (0)1 40 05 70 00

interactive voice server: (33) (0)1.40.05.80.00

Pay car park: Quai de la Charente and Boulevard Macdonald

– Reservation: individuals and groups: (33) (0)1 40 05 12 12 or (33) (0)1 40 05 80 00

address: Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie, 30, avenue Corentin-Cariou, 75930 Paris cedex 19

connections: Métro: Porte de La Villette, Buses: 75, 139, 150, 152, PC

openings: from Tue to Sat, 10 am to 6 pm, Sun 10 am to 7 pm, closed on Mon.

tel: (33) (0)1 40 05 70 00

Hotel des Invalides

Les Invalides comprises different museums, including: the Musée de l'Armée, the Musée des Plans-Reliefs, the Musée de l'Ordre de la Libération and L'Eglise de St-Louis-des-Invalides. Together these museums and the impressive architecture that houses them make the Hotel des Invalides worth a visit.

In 1670, Louis XIV founded Les Invalides near what was then called the Grenelle Plain. It was to serve as a home for retired soldiers, and the construction was paid for by the Army and the soldiers themselves. Construction followed plans drawn up by Libéral Bruant, and was completed in 1676. The Dome was constructed a few years afterwards.

The main attraction of the place may be that it houses the grave of Napoleon. In 1840 the French government received permission from the British Government to exhume the body of Napoleon and to transport it back from St.Helena to Paris. A State funeral for the small General was held in Paris and Napoleon was buried in the crypt under the Dome of the Hotel des Invalides 19 years after his death. Some people who saw the body when the coffin was opened, claim it was still in a perfect state.

address: Esplanade des Invalides , 75007 Paris

Institut du Monde Arabe

Founded in 1980, this contemporary take on Arab architecture has photo-sensitive windows that regulate the flow of light into the building. The museum houses both temporary and permanent collections of art

representative of the Arab world as well as a large collection on books and other documents. I have seen there once a beautiful exhibition of old Turkish kilims.

address: 1 Rue des Fossees St. Bernard (5th)

openings: Tuesday–Sunday 10 am–6 pm

tel: +33–1–4051–3838

Dali Museum

The Espace Dali–Montmartre was set up by the Stratton Foundation, a non profit–making association operating from Lichtenstein whose main aim is to promote Art.

The Stratton Foundation owns and holds on deposit the largest collection of sculptures by Salvador Dali. After displaying the works in museums throughout the world, the Foundation decided, in 1991, to open a permanent exhibition in honour of Salvador Dali and it selected Paris as its location.

This is the first museum in France to be devoted to works by the great Catalan artist. The 1000 sqm of Surrealist exhibition space are situated behind the famous, picturesque Place du Tertre in Montmartre. The museum is entirely devoted to one of the 20th century's most fascinating artists, and is yet another jewel in the capital's crown of museums.

The collection of 330 works, some of them displayed for the first time in France by the Stratton Foundation, reveal the many facets of this universal genius.

There are original, artistically daring sculptures (Spatial Elephant, Vision of the Angel, Soft Watches, Retrospective Bust of a Woman, Unicorn, Hallucinogenic Toreador, Woman in Flames, Anthropomorphic Cabinet etc.)

Some sumptuous illustrations for Ovid's Art of Love, Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland, Cervantes' Don Quixote, Rabelais' Gargantua, La Fontaine's Fables, the Decameron, the Marquis de Sade, Casanova, Moses and Monotheism.

Amazing anamorphoses to be deciphered include Lily, Matthew, Harlequin with Cylindrical Mirrors etc. All of these works were created between 1934 and 1984.

Car parking spaces around the Sacré Coeur – Car park on Place Blanche.

address: 11, rue Poulbot, 75018 Paris

connections: Metro: Anvers + RER – Abbesses – Blanche Pigalle. Bus: 64– 80.

openings: daily without interruption, including public holidays, from 10 am to 6 pm

tel: 01 42 64 40 10

Galleries Nationales du Grand Palais

The Grand Palais shows very good expositions. For current expositions you can consult the calendar page of the website of paris.org .

address: Porte Champs–Elysées, 3, avenue du Général–Eisenhower , 75008 Paris

connections: Metro:Champs Elysées–Clemenceau

Louvre

The Louvre is one of the most important museums. Here you find a short list of the best things to see in the Louvre if you only have a day on your hands. If you have more than a day, you can see all of the museum.

Not only the contents of the museum are worthwhile, the buildings are quite impressive themselves. They are a fine mixture of classical architecture with a few modern elements.

Oriental Antiquities

The Department of Oriental Antiquities preserves works which originate from a huge area stretching from the Indus to the Mediterranean, which was home to a great number of civilisations and cultures, from the Neolithic period up to around 9500, the oldest of which date back to 6000 years before Christ. Highlights include artifacts from Darius I's palace at Susa, and Assyrian sculptures.

Egyptian Antiquities

Since Napoleons raid into Egypt France has had quite a good collection of artifacts form Ancient Egypt. The Louvre collection was started by Champollion who was the first person in the modern west to understand hieroglyphs.

Greek, Roman and Etruscan

A good collection of Classical works. Highlights include the collection of Cretian and Mycenian art and the Etruscan section. Two of the most famous pieces are the Venus de Milo and the Nike of Samothrace. Try not to miss anything!

Paintings

Six thousand paintings, from the 13th to the 19th century, make the paintings section alone an absolute must for the visitor. You will be astonished by the richness of the early renaissance painters such as Da Vinci (Mona Lisa!) and Pisanello, the great French painters as well as e.g. Dutch masters such as Vermeer (The Lacemaker), Rembrandt (The supper at Emmaus).

Museum of decorative arts

Museum presenting an exceptional collection of Italian primitives, tapestries from the Middle Ages and eighteenth century (220,000 items, objects, drawings, furniture, plate, jewels, ceramics, glassware, upholstery, old and contemporary posters, toys...). Six chronological departments are organised into period rooms marking out the stages in everyday life from the Middle Ages to the twentieth century.

Other collections

Other collections include prints and drawings (one of the biggest and oldest collections in the world) and sculptures.

connections: Metro: Musée du Louvre, Louvre–Rivoli

admission: about 45 FF, first Sun of month free

Musée du Petit Palais

The Petit Palais and its neighbor the Grand Palais were built as exhibition halls for the Paris Universal Exhibition in 1900; both buildings are showcases of the flamboyant art nouveau architecture that flourished in Belle Époque Paris.

After its opening the Petit Palais was used to show the works bought from the Parisien Salons. You can find ancient artifacts, medieval objects, rare manuscripts and books, Dutch paintings from the seventeenth century. The collection includes western art from the Egyptian era to the present.

Le Petit Palais was opened officially December 11, 1902, between the Champs–Elysees and the Avenue Alexandre III. The Petit Palais also has many temporary exhibitions.

address: Av. Winston–Churchill, 8th Arrondissement.

connections: Métro: Champs–Elysées–Clemenceau

openings: 10h – 17h40 daily (closed Monday and holidays)

tel: 42 65 12 73

Musée de l'art Juif

Set up since 1948 on the 4th floor of the Jewish Center in Montmartre, the museum presents Jewish history and art, mostly through cult objects (clothing, lamps, books, hands...). There are also models of synagogues from 17th and 18th centuries in Poland, an old model of Jerusalem and moldings representing the tombs of the Jewish cemetery in Prague. The museum also has modern paintings from artists like Chagall, Pissaro, Pascin, Benn etc., and encourages young, Jewish artists of today with an art award.

admission: about 30 F

address: 42, rue des Saules, 75018 Paris

openings: daily from 3–6pm, except Fri and Sat, closed in Aug and Jewish holidays.

tel: 01 42 57 84 15

connections: Metro Lamarck–Caulaincourt (line 12)

Musée de Montmartre

Built in 1680, the house first was a village house to an actor of the Moliere acting troupe. At the turn of this century, the wing that looked onto the street was divided up into artist studios and housed Dufy, Suzanne Valadon and her son Utrillo. Opened in 1960, the museum retraces the life of the old Montmartre village.

connection: Metro: Anvers (line 2), Abbesses, Lamarck–Caulaincourt (line 12)

address: 12 rue Cortot (street), 75018 Paris

openings: from 11 am –6 pm daily except Mondays

tel: 01 46 06 61 11

Musée des Arts Africains et Océaniens

Art from Mali, Ivory Coast, New Guinea and Australia as well as a tropical aquarium. (open Sat and Sun 10 am–5:30 pm).

address: 293 Ave. Daumesnil (12th)

openings: Mon, Wed, Thur and Fri 10–11:50 am and 1:30–5:30 pm, Sat and Sun 12:30–5:30 pm.

tel: +31–1–4474–8480

admission: about 30 F adults, free for children under age 18

Musee d'Orsay

The Musée d'Orsay is an old trainstation converted into a Museum. The conversion has been very successful and the museum is worth a visit for the special setting alone. The old Gare (train station) d'Orsay was built by Victor Laloux and inaugurated in 1900 for the Universal Exhibition. The station was closed in 1939.

The museum was opened in December 1986 and was dedicated to all artistic production from 1848 to 1914. Paintings, pastels, sculptures, furniture and objets d'art, photography and documentary objects reflect the richness and diversity of this era.

If you have limited time, you may well prefer to confine yourself to the thisd floor, which contains superb paintings by the Impressionists.

address: Quai dOrsay

connections: Metro: Solferino / RER: Musee dOrsay

openings: Winter: 10 am – 6 pm, Sun: 9 am – 6 pm. Summer: 9 am – 6 pm. Late night opening: Thur till 9.45 pm.

admission: about 35 FF. / Red. 24 FF

Musee Marmottan

The Musee Marmottan houses a good collection of impressionist art, best of all are the Monet paintings they have here. Furthermore they have a very large collection of Empire artefacts, paintings and bronzes.

address: 2, rue Louis Boilly, 75016 PARIS

tel: 01 42 24 07 02

Musee Picasso

The Musée Picasso is situated in the heart of historic Paris, and has a collection of several thousand works of Pablo Picasso. Picasso was born in 1881 and he began to study art in 1895. During his life he created diverse works: painting, sculpture, drawing, ceramics, engraving, and even poetry. After his death in 1973, many of Picasso's works went to the French state, which decided to form a museum with the collection. To house the collection, they chose to use a seventeenth-century hotel, situated in the Marais. This is the Hôtel Salé that was built in 1656 for the general Aubert de Fontenay. Before housing the musée Picasso, the hotel was already well-known. It was leased to the ambassador of Venice, and it became the Central School of Art and Manufacture (and then the School of "métiers d'art"), and finally it was leased to the state in 1975. The restoration of the museum was completed in 1985.

Today, there are 203 paintings, 191 sculptures, 85 ceramics, and over 3000 drawings, engravings, and manuscripts in the museum. Besides the personal collection of Picasso, the museum also has some works of Cézanne and Matisse.

address: Hôtel Salé; 5, rue de Thorigny , 75003 Paris
connections: Metro: Saint–Paul, Chemin–Vert, Filles du Calvaire
openings: Mon, Wed Sun 9.30am 6pm

Musee Rodin

Auguste Roding is presumably the most famous sculptor of France. The museum dedicated to him, shows works from different periods of his life. The museum has a very nice sculpture garden, that can be visited seperately. Entry to the sculpture garden is 5FF.

address: 77, rue de Varenne
connections: Métro: Varenne or Invalides
openings: 10h – 17h45 (Ticket office closes 16h30), closed on Mondays.
tel: 44 18 61 24

Musée National du Moyen Age Thermes de Cluny

This is the museum of Medieval Art in Paris. It is built right next to the Termes de Paris. It houses a very interesting collections of carpets and other artefacts from the Middle Ages. Also check out the collection of stained glass, manuscript and sculpture. There are quite a few Roman remains on exposition as well.

address: Place Paul–Poinlevé
connections: Metro: Cluny La Sorbonne
openings: Mon, Wed Sun 9.15am 5.45pm

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