

YOUR GUIDE TO - PARIS



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1.0 – WELCOME

Your audio guide:

Thanks very much for choosing this mp3cityguides guide to Paris. If you've already done any of our other walks, you'll know how it works but if not, I'll tell you now.

As you've probably already noticed, each of these sections of the walk that you've downloaded on to your machine has a name - this first one is 'Louvre' on our Grand Monuments Tour and 'Concorde' on our Romance and Revolution tour. Just consider each of these walks as individual tracks on an 'album' which is the complete tour. You'll hear directions about where to go next at the end of each section but the route and the stopping points are also marked on your map which is on pages four and five of this Printed Guide.

When you get to a stopping point find somewhere to stand or sit which is out of the way of people and traffic and then play the relevant section of the walk.

The map has been especially produced to help you find your way while you're listening to the audio guide which means that it's not drawn exactly to scale.

Top tip: when you print out this Printed Guide or, at least, the map, set your printer to high quality or fine print so that the map is as clear as possible and easy to read.

Please take care when you're using the audio guide: Paris is a relatively safe city but do keep an eye out for pick pockets and watch out when you're crossing the road.

When we arrive at a monument, church or a museum, after I've described it you might want to go in or you might want to buy a ticket for later if it looks crowded. Or you might just want to carry on and come back and visit it afterwards now that you know where it is.

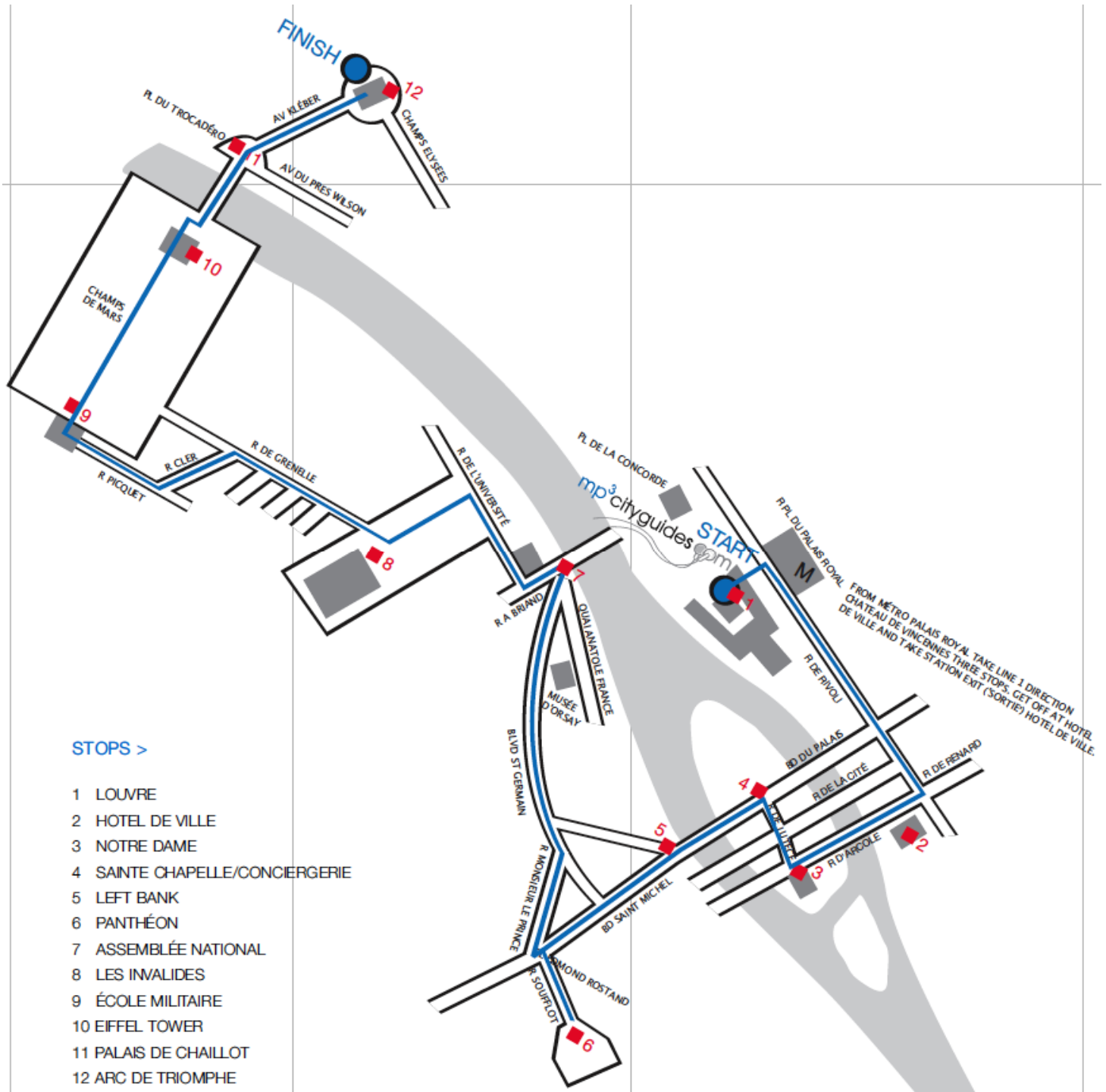
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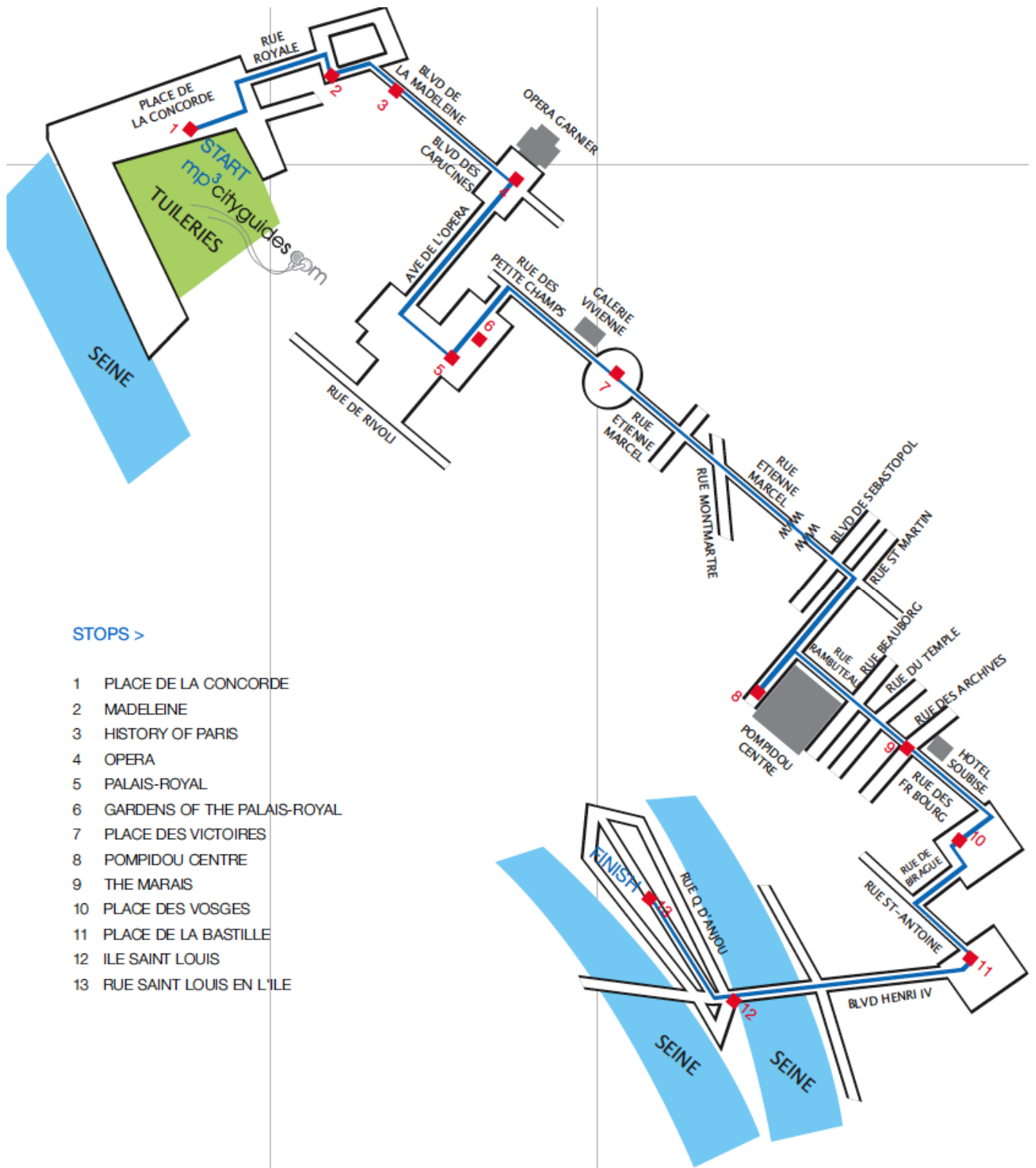
This printed guide complements your audio guide. We know that exploring a city can take more than one visit - and possibly even a life time so we've pared our guide down to what we think are the essential things to see and do. They're included in section four, the Hit List.

We've done our best to get it right and, because we're an Internet based guide rather than a conventional guidebook, we can update our information very quickly. That said, all kinds of places inevitably change their opening times at short notice so please accept our apologies if you arrive somewhere and, despite what we've said, you find it's shut. As with your Audio Guide, if you find that a museum, gallery, church, bar or restaurant is not as we've described it then please do let us know by contacting us at feedback@mp3cityguides.com

2.0 – MAP – GRAND MONUMENTS



2.0 – MAP – ROMANCE & REVOLUTION



3.0 – GETTING AROUND

3.1 Arriving in Paris

From Charles de Gaulle (also known as Roissy) airport (see www.adp.fr):

By Bus:

There are regular Air France coaches into town. For more information see www.airfrance.com

Line 2 departs from:

Terminal 1, exit 34 (arrivals level)

Terminals 2A and 2C, exit 5

Terminals 2B and 2D, exit 6

Terminals 2E and 2F, exit 3 from the gallery

Frequency: every day from 5.45am to 11pm, every 15 minutes.

Destination: Porte Maillot at the end of Avenue de la Grand Armee which leads off from the Arc de Triomphe opposite the Champs Elysees. (Metro/RER Porte Maillot on Line 1) and then on to Place Charles de Gaulle-Etoile at the Avenue Carnot (Metro/RER Charles de Gaulle-Etoile Line 1).

Line 4 departs from:

Terminal 1, exit 34 (arrivals level)

Terminals 2A and 2C, exit 2 from 2C

Terminals 2B and 2D, exit 2 from 2B

Terminals 2E and 2F, exit 3 from the gallery

Frequency: every day from 7am to 9pm, every 30 minutes.

Destination: Gare Montparnasse (Rue du Commandant Mouchotte, Metro Montparnasse- Bienvenüe) and Gare de Lyon (Boulevard Diderot, Metro/RER Gare de Lyon). Price for both buses: Tickets (EURO12 for Line 2 and EURO 12 for Line 4) are available from the ticket offices at the airport or directly from the driver.

The Roissybus departs from:

Terminal 1, exit 30 (arrivals level)

Terminals 2A and 2C, exit 9 from 2A

Terminals 2B and 2D, exit 11 from 2D

Terminals 2E and 2F, between exits 3 and 5 from the gallery

Terminal 3, in front of the terminal

Frequency: every day from 6am to 11pm, every 15 to 20 minutes.

Destination: Opéra (Rue Scribe, Metro Opéra, RER Auber)

Price: tickets are €16.10 (about £14) single and €27.50 return (about £23) can be purchased from the driver or via (www.lescarsairfrance.com/en.html) Travel passes covering zones 1 to 5 (except Mobilis - the one day travel card that crosses most zones in Paris) are also accepted. They can be obtained from the ticket offices and machines in RER stations.

RER:

There are free ADP (Aéroports de Paris) shuttle bus departures every day, every 5 to 8 minutes, to the RER stations of Roissy-pole and Terminal 2.

Departing from:

Terminal 1, boutique level

Terminals 2A and 2C, exit 8 from 2A

Terminals 2B and 2D, exit 6 from 2B

Terminal 2E, exit 2.06

Terminal 2F, exit 2.08

RER Line B departures are daily from 4.56am to 11.56pm, every 4 to 15 minutes, from stations at Roissy-pole and Terminal 2: Destination: Gare du Nord, Châtelet-Les Halles, Saint-Michel-Notre-Dame, Luxembourg, Port Royal, Denfert-Rochereau, Cité Universitaire. Estimated journey time (airport shuttle plus RER B) to Châtelet-Les Halles is about 45 minutes.

Price: Tickets (approx. €8), and travel passes covering zones 1 to 5 (NB, Mobilis, the one day travel card that covers most zones in Paris, is not accepted), can be purchased from the ticket offices and machines in RER stations.

Taxi:

Taxis depart from:

Terminal 1, exit 20 (Arrivals level)

Terminal 2A and 2C, exit 6

Terminal 2B and 2D, exit 7

Terminal 2E, exit 1 from the gallery

Terminal 2F, exit 0.11 (Arrivals level)

Terminal 3, in front of the terminal (Arrivals hall)

Expect to pay an average fare of about €50 during the day (7am to 7pm) and €55 at night (7pm to 7am) and on Sundays and public holidays, for a journey into central Paris in normal traffic conditions. For heavy luggage, an additional charge of €1.20 per item is payable.

From the Eurostar:

Eurostar trains arrive at the Gare du Nord. The left luggage office (open: weekdays 6.15am - 11.15pm and weekends 6.45am - 11.15pm) is over to your right as you leave the Eurostar platforms. The Gare de Nord is on Metro Line 4 (runs north to south, through the Left Bank and St Germain), Line 5 and (through the eastern part of the city and Pl de la Bastille) and via La Chapelle Station Line 2 which forms an arc over the northern part of the city from Pl Charles de Gaulle over to Pl de la Nation.

From Paris-Orly Airport (see www.adp.fr):

Bus:

There are regular Air France coaches into town. For more information see

www.airfrance.com

Buses depart from:

South Terminal, exit K

West Terminal, exit D (Arrivals level)

Frequency: Every day from 6am to 11.30pm, every 15 minutes.

Destination: Gare Montparnasse (R du Commandant Mouchotte, Metro Montparnasse- Bienvenüe) and Invalides (Air France terminal, Metro/RER Invalides).

Price: Tickets cost €11.90 (about £9) and can be purchased from the Air France ticket offices or directly from the driver or via www.lescarsairfrance.com/en.html

Train:

Take the Orlyval shuttle which departs from South terminal, exit K and West terminal, exit W Departures level (every day from 6am to 11pm, every 4 to 8 minutes) to RER Antony. Then take Line B from RER Antony (every day from 5.08am to 0.12am, every 4 to 15 minutes). Stops at: Cité Universitaire, Denfert-Rochereau, Port Royal, Luxembourg, Saint-Michel-Notre-Dame, Châtelet-Les Halles, Gare du Nord. Estimated journey time (Orlyval plus RER B) to Châtelet-Les Halles: 35 minutes

Price: Combined ticket Orlyval plus RER B costs €12.50 (€9 for the Orlyval only, as far as Antony). Paris Visite, zones 1 to 5, is the only pass accepted. It can be obtained, along with the Orlyval ticket, from RATP/Orlyval ticket offices and machines in the South and West terminals.

3.2 - Getting around Paris

Metro

The Paris Metro is comprehensive and usually pretty reliable. There are 16 lines each numbered and each with its own colour but they are more usually referred to by their directions, indicated by the stations at either end. For example, Line One on which you'll find the Place Ch de Gaulle (for the Arc de Triomphe), Place de la Concorde, the Tuileries gardens, the Louvre, Hotel de Ville, St Paul (for the Marais district) and Place de la Batille has La Défense at the western end and Chateau de Vincennes at the eastern end.

Just identify the station that you want to get to and then carry on looking at the Métro line to find the terminus station at the end of it. That is the direction you need to look for at stations, on platforms and when changing lines ('Correspondence').

Price: A single metro ticket costs €1.40, and can be used for one journey, including all connections. Tickets are lilac in colour and can be bought singly or, more cheaply and conveniently in a book of 10 ("un carnet") for €10.50, at the ticket offices or machines in metro stations, and also in some tobacconists.

Keep hold of your ticket until you have completed your journey in case of ticket inspections. These tickets are valid for zones 1 and 2 and allow you to travel anywhere in Paris, and even beyond, since they will take you to the end of each metro line, even if it is located in zone 3 (as for example La Défense on Line 1). You can also choose a weekly or monthly “Carte Orange” pass, and other kinds of travel pass valid for unlimited travel for one or more days. These are available at the ticket offices or machine in the stations, their prices vary depending on the travel zones covered. A weekly carte orange covering zones 1 & 2 (as much you'll probably need) is €16 while a monthly one is €52.50. NB You'll need a passport-sized photo for these passes, which you can get from the photo booths in some metro stations (make sure you have the correct change). A better bet might be the Paris Visite card - valid for 1, 2, 3 or 5 consecutive days in central Paris and the outskirts as well. It doesn't require a photo.

Bus:

Buses are a great way to see Paris. The main points along the route are listed across the side of the bus and the destination is shown at the front. Bus stops also show the route.

The evening and Sunday service is less frequent but still useful. You get on through the door at the front and leave by the middle or end doors, except for the articulated or 'bendy buses' where you can get off at any door just by pressing the button by the door.

There is also a network of night buses called 'Noctilien' operating between about 0.40am and 6am. Price and tickets: bus tickets are the same as the ones you buy for the Metro. The Carte Orange is also valid. Punch them in the machines on the buses when you board - otherwise you could be fined. The Noctilien buses require their own tickets.

Taxis:

Taxis are not particularly plentiful in Paris, especially at night. It's often a good idea to ask if your hotel or restaurant can order one for you. You can hail taxis in the street if the 'Taxi Parisien' sign is illuminated.

As in any city, check that the taxi's metre is running when you set off. The standard pick up charge is €2 and the minimum cost is €5.20.

4.0 – THE HIT LIST

Getting to know Paris – or any big city – can take a lifetime but if you've only got a weekend then here is what we recommend you see in descending order of priority.

* = covered on our Grand Monuments audio guide

† = covered on our Romance and Revolution guide

4.1 – The Great Monuments and Sites:

* **The Eiffel Tower** The most famous landmark in Paris. To avoid the queues get there first thing or, better still, come back after dinner. Open: 1st January to 15th June daily 9.30am - 11.45pm (last lift to the top 10.30pm), 16th June to 2 September, daily 9am - 12.45am (last lift to the top 11pm) and 3 September to 31st December 11.45pm (last lift to the top 10.30pm)
M: Bir Hakeim www.tour-eiffel.fr

* **Arc de Triomphe** Napoleon's great monument to his military prowess offers great views from the top. There is also a museum about its history and the tomb of the unknown soldier with its flame. Open: October to March daily 10am - 10.30pm and April to September daily 10am - 11pm.
Place Charles de Gaulle/Étoile. M: Charles de Gaulle Étoile (take the special subway from the station or from the Champs Elsyées or Avenue de la Grande Armée.

Versailles The Sun King, Louis XIV's enormous, sumptuously decorated chateau and its surrounding palaces and park take at least a day to explore in full. Getting there by train is the best bet: take RER line C to Versailles-Rive-Gauche-Château or the SNCF (over ground train) train from Montparnasse station to Versailles-Chantiers. The other option is to go from Saint-Lazare station to Versailles-Rive-Droite.

www.chateaudeversailles.fr

Galeries Nationales du Grand Palais Under the vast glass and iron roof there are regularly changing exhibitions. Open: Daily except Tuesday 10am - 8pm (last admission 7.15pm) and Wednesday until 10pm (last admission 9.15pm)
3 Avenue du Général Eisenhower. M: Champs Elsyées Clémenceau
www.rmnm.fr/galeriesnationalesdugrandpalais

† **Panthéon** Vast classical former church which is dedicated to the great men of Paris. Open: 1st April - 30th September daily 10am - 6.30pm (last admission 5.45pm), 1st October - 31st March daily 10am - 6.15pm (last admission 5.30pm).
Place du Panthéon. M: Cardinal Lemoine.

† **Palais Garnier - Opéra National de Paris** The vast, Empire-style opera house built for Napoleon III. Open: Daily 10am-4.30pm (last admission 4pm), and until 5.30pm (last admission 5pm) from July 15th to September 10th. Closed sometimes in the morning for reshearsals.
Place de l'Opéra. M: Opéra
www.operadeparis.fr (for information on productions)

Cimetière du Père-Lachaise The most famous graveyard in Paris featuring the final resting places of Oscar Wilde and Jim Morrison amongst others. A lovely place to walk. Open: From 6th November to 15th March Monday to Friday 8am - 5.30pm, Saturday 8.30am - 5.30pm and Sunday and holidays 9am - 5.30pm. 16th March to

5 November Monday to Friday 8am - 6pm, Saturday 8.30am - 6pm and Sunday and holidays 9am - 6pm.

Boulevard de Ménilmontant. M: Père-Lachaise.

4.2 - Galleries and Museums:

* **The Louvre** One of the greatest museums in the world, it has three sections. The Denon Wing has the Mona Lisa and other Italian Renaissance works as well French paintings by Poussin and Ingres. Richelieu has French sculpture and painting as well as furniture and household accessories plus the collection of Islamic and Middle Eastern art. Sully has the recently unearthed excavations of the earliest parts of the Louvre as well as the Egyptian collection.

Break up your visit with lunch in the cafeterias which are good or even pop out - your ticket is valid for re-entry all day. Visit on a Wednesday or Friday night to avoid the worst of the crowds and it's cheaper. Open: Monday, Thursday Saturday and Sunday 9am to 6pm and Wednesday and Friday 9am - 9.45pm. Free entry on Friday 6pm - 9.45pm and the first Sunday in the month.

Rue de Rivoli. M: Palais-Royal-Musée-du-Louvre

www.louvre.fr

* **Musée d'Orsay** Formerly a station, this is now Paris' main collection of Impressionist art. The building is almost as impressive as its contents which are beautifully displayed. Open: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 9.30am - 6pm (ticket office closes at 5pm) and Thursday 9.30am - 9.45pm (ticket office closes at 9.15pm).

62 Rue de Lille. M: Solférino RER: Musée d'Orsay.

www.musee-orsay.fr

† **Centre Beaubourg/Centre Pompidou/Musée National d'Art Moderne** British architect Richard Rogers created this vast, post industrial arts complex which has a permanent collection of modern art, changing exhibitions, a cinema, a large arts bookshop and a smart restaurant and cafe on the top floor. Open: Daily except Tuesday 11am - 9pm (last admission 8pm and occasionally 11pm).

Rue Saint Martin. M: Rambuteau/Hotel de Ville

www.centrepompidou.fr

† **Atelier Brancusi** Just outside the Centre Beaubourg, sculptor Constantin Brancusi's workshop is worth a visit for the bizarre shapes and flowing lines of his work. Open: Daily except Tuesday 2pm - 6pm.

Rue Saint Martin. M: Rambuteau/Hôtel de Ville.

Musée de l'Orangerie See Monet's vast water lily paintings in all their colourful glory as well as other Impressionist and 20th century works. Open: Daily except Tuesday. From 9am - 12.30pm groups with tickets ONLY can enter. Then from 12.30pm - 7pm and 9pm on Thursday) there is general admission.

Jardin des Tuileries. M: Concorde

www.musee-orangerie.fr

Jeu de Paume Formerly a 'royal tennis' court, this light spacious gallery has exhibitions of photography and video art. Open: Tuesday noon - 9pm, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday noon - 7pm and Saturday and Sunday 10am - 7pm (last admissions 30 minutes before closing).

1 Place de la Concorde. M: Concorde

www.jeudepaume.org

Musée de Cluny The main collection of medieval art features some beautiful statues, tapestries and includes some well preserved Roman baths. Open: Daily except Tuesday 9.15am - 5.45pm (last admissions 5.15pm)

6 Place Paul Painlevé. M: Cluny La Sorbonne/Saint Michel.

www.musee-moyenage.fr

† **Musée National Picasso** Comprehensive collection of paintings and sculptures arranged in chronological order so that you get a clear idea of Picasso's artistic development. Open: October to March Daily except Tuesday 9.30am - 5.30pm and April to September daily except Tuesday 9.30am - 6pm.

Hotel Salé, 5 de Thorigny. M: St Paul.

www.musee-picasso.fr

* **Hôtel National des Invalides** The military hospital is one of Paris's grandest buildings and includes the tomb of Napoleon I, the stunning Dome Church, the Musée de l'Armée, an army museum containing a vast array of weaponry and uniforms as well as moving letters and photographs from the First World War. The Musée de L'Ordre de la Libération is devoted to the efforts by French soldiers during the Second World War. Open: 1st October to 31 March daily 10am - 5pm (last admission 4.30pm) and 1st April to 30 September 10am - 6pm (last admission 5.30pm).

129 Rue de Grenelle. M: Latour-Maubourg. RER: Invalides. Next to Rodin museum below.

www.invalides.org

* **Musée National Rodin** Just next to Les Invalides this small museum and easily manageable museum with its pretty garden house a collection of sculptures by Rodin and paintings by Van Gogh and Renoir amongst others. Open: Tuesday to Sunday. 1st April to 30th September museum 9.30am - 5.45pm (last admission 5.15pm) garden closes at 6.45pm) and 1st October to 31st March museum 9.30am - 4.45pm (last admission 4.15pm) garden closes at 5pm.

77 Rue de Varenne. M: Varenne.

www.musee-rodin.fr

Musée Carnavalet This museum tells the history of Paris with paintings of great events and characters, interior decorations and bits of memorabilia including the cork lined room that Marcel Proust worked and slept in. There is, though, very little explanation of what happened when and why so do your history homework before you go. Open: Tuesday to Sunday 10am - 6pm.

23 Rue de Sevigné. M: St Paul.

Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris The permanent collection features work of the Cubists and other early twentieth century painters such as Delaunay, Modigliani and Braque and there are temporary exhibitions. Nice café with terrace, too. Open: Tuesday to Sunday noon - 6pm (last admission 5.20pm) and until 10pm on Wednesday (last admission 9.20pm).

11 Avenue du Président Wilson. M: Iéna. Also - see Palais de Tokyo below.

www.mam.paris.fr

Palais de Tokyo The name of this building comes from its role in the 1937 Paris exhibition but it's now a stunning modern art space with a permanent collection of cutting edge modern artists and temporary exhibitions. Open: Tuesday to Sunday 12noon - midnight.

13 Avenue du Président Wilson. M: Iéna. Also see Musée d'Art Modern de la Ville de Paris above.

www.palaisdetokyo.com

Musée des Arts at Métiers This former monastery is now the museum of craft, engineering and science with a range of exhibitions and illustrations. Good cafe on the terrace. Open: Tuesday to Sunday 10am to 6pm and until 9.30pm on Thursday. Last admission 30 minutes before closing time.

60 Rue Réamur. M: Arts & Métiers.

www.arts-et-metiers.net

* **La Conciègérie** The ancient palace of the kings of France. Amid the gothic splendour are the cells used during the Revolution. Look out for temporary exhibitions as well. Open: Daily March to October 9am - 6pm and November to February 9am - 5pm.

Boulevard du Palais. M: Châtelet/Cité.

La Pinacothèque de Paris This often overlooked gallery has interesting and thought provoking temporary exhibitions of art and artifacts. Open: Monday and Friday 10am - 10.30 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 10am - 7pm.

30bis Rue de Paradis. M: Bonne Nouvelle/Poissonniere

www.pinacothèque.com

Institut de Monde Arabe Striking modern exhibition and cultural centre dedicated to the Arab world with Arab themed exhibitions. Open: Tuesday to Sunday 10am - 6pm.

1, rue des Fossés Saint-Bernard. M: Jussieu/Cardinal-Lemoine.

www.imarabe.org

Musée National du Luxembourg Small gallery which attracts some interesting temporary exhibitions. Open: Tuesday to Thursday 11am to 7pm, Monday, Friday and Saturday 11am - 10pm and Sunday 9am - 7pm.

19 Rue de Vaugirard. M: Luxembourg/Saint Sulpice.

www.museeduluxembourg.fr

Musée de Quai Branly New museum in a striking modern building with a huge range of exhibits from Africa, Asia and south America. Open: Tuesday to Sunday 10am - 6.30pm and until 9.30pm on Thursday.

37 Quai Branly. RER: Pont d'Alma

www.quaibrantly.fr

Palais de la Découverte Opposite the Grand Palais, this is the museum of science and technology with exhibits from the Renaissance, through the Industrial Revolution to today. There are sometimes demonstrations and lectures at weekend. Open: Tuesday to Saturday 9.30am - 6pm (last admission 5.30pm) and until 7pm on Sunday (last admission 6.30pm).

Avenue Franklin D Roosevelt. M: Champs Elysées Clemenceau.

4.3 - Small Museums:

Paris has a number of smaller museums, often former private homes that are rarely as busy as the big names.

Musée Marmottan - Claude Monet This Paris mansion house now houses a collection of furniture and paintings from the Napoleonic period as well as pictures by Impressionist artists such as Pissaro and Manet but the real attraction is the extensive collection of paintings by Monet.

Open: Daily 10am - 6pm (last admission 5.30pm).

2 Rue Louis Boilly. M: La Muette

www.marmottan.com/uk

Musée Cognac-Jay This delightful little museum in a former mansion house in the Marais is full of paintings (mainly Fragonard and Watteau) and furniture assembled by the founder of the Samaritaine department store. Open: Tuesday to Sunday 10am - 6pm.

8 Rue Elzevir M: St Paul

www.paris.fr/musees/cognacq_jay

Musée Nissim de Camondo A Parisian mansion which reveals how a wealthy family would have lived during the Belle Epoque with their elegant antiques and Sèvres porcelain. It's named after the owners' son who was killed in the First World War and it's quite moving when you realise that the family would have swapped these rooms full of beautiful things in a second to have the young man back again.

Open: Wednesday to Sunday 10am - 5pm.

Rue 63 Rue de Monceau. M: Villiers.

Galerie-Musée Baccarat The museum of the famous glass manufacturer has been revamped in extravagant style by Philippe Starck. Open: 1st March to 1st November: 9.30am - 12.30 and 2pm - 6.30pm. From 2nd November to 31st March 10am - noon and 2pm - 6pm, July and August 9.30am - 6.30pm.

11 Place des Etats Unis. M: Iéna.

www.baccarat.com

Musée Cernuschi This former merchant banker's mansion now houses an extensive collection of Chinese. Open: Tuesday to Sunday 10am - 6pm.
7 Avenue Vélasquez. M: Monceau/Villiers.

4.4 - Churches:

* **Nôtre-Dame** Paris' main church has a vast Gothic cathedral with ornate exterior and vast interior with beautiful stained glass windows. Open: Daily 7.45am - 6.45pm but access is limited during services.

6 Place du Parvis Notre-Dame, Ile de la Cité. M: Cité.

www.cathedraledeparis.com/EN/0.asp

* **Sainte Chappelle** The huge stained glass windows flood with this Gothic church with light. Open: From 1st March to 31st October 9.30am - 6pm (last admission 5.30pm) and from 1st November to 28th February 9am - 5pm (last admission 4.30pm). Next to the Conciergerie – see above.

4 Boulevard du Palais. M: Cité

Sacré Coeur The basilica was built to mark France's defeat in 1870 by Prussian forces. It was finally consecrated in 1919 and is in the ancient Byzantine style. There are great views from the dome. Open: Daily Basilica: 6am - 10.30pm and the dome and crypt: 9am - 5.45pm.

Parvis du Sacré Coeur. M: Abbesses/Anvers.

† **Madeleine** Large, elegant, highly decorated church commissioned by Napoleon. Watch out for Parisian society weddings on Saturdays. Open: Daily 9am - 7pm.

Place de la Madeleine. M: Madeleine.

St-Etienne-du-Mont A mixture of Gothic Renaissance architecture, this church is dedicated to St Genevieve, the patron saint of Paris and contains the remains of the great dramatist Racine and the philosopher and mathematician Blaise Pascal. The pulpit shows Samson sitting on the lion he has just defeated. Open: Tuesday to Sunday 10am - 7pm.

Rue Clovis. M: Cardinal Lemoine.

5.0 – EATING, DRINKING & SHOPPING

5.1 Cafés:

Left Bank/Montparnasse

* **Cafe de Flore** Picasso, Camus and Sartre were regulars here during their time. Worth visiting for the atmosphere and the Art Deco interior. Open: Daily 7.30am - 1.30am.

www.mp3cityguides.com

172 Boulevard St Germain. M: Saint-Germain-des-Près.

Dalloyau This ancient and very elegant Salon de Thé is popular with smart women who lunch and politicians alike. Drop into the shop for something to take home afterwards. Open: Daily 9am – 7.30pm. Shop: Daily 9am – 8.30pm.

2 Place Edmond-Rostand. T: + 33 1 43 29 31 10. M: Luxembourg/Cluny La Sorbonne.

Branch at Bastille: 5 Boulevard Beaumarchais. T: + 33 1 48 87 89 88. M: Bastille. Open: Daily 10am – 9pm. Shop: Daily 9am – 9pm.

www.dalloyau.fr

* **Les Deux Magots** The name relates to the two Chinese figures by the entrance. This Left Bank institution was a favourite of Sartre and Picasso but it still offers great people watching possibilities. Open: Daily 7am - 1 am.

170 Boulevard St Germain. M: Saint-Germain-des-Près.

Louvre/Les Halles/Opera

Jean-Paul Hévin This elegant tea room is set in a stunning chocolate shop. Lunch available too. Open: Monday to Saturday noon - 7pm.

231 Rue Saint-Honoré. M: Tuileries/Concorde.

Mariage Frères Old fashioned tea room where you can also buy wonderful leaf tea and cakes to take away. Open: Daily noon - 7pm.

260 Rue de Faubourg St Honore. M: Palais-Royal-Musée-du-Louvre.

Marais/Bastille

Mariage Frères See listing above. Open: Tuesday to Sunday 3pm - 7pm.

30 Rue Bourg-Tibourg. M: Hôtel de Ville.

Le Pain Quotidien 'The Daily Bread' is now a chain worldwide but this is still a charming cafe. Coffee is served in traditional bowls and as well as cakes and pastries the Sunday brunch is a must. Open: Daily 7am - 10.30pm.

18 Rue des Archives. M: Hôtel de Ville.

Montmartre/North

Cafe des Deux Moulins If you've seen the movie 'Amelie' you'll recognise this unpretentious little cafe and brasserie instantly. Unchanged by its screen success.

Open: Daily 7am - 1am.

15 Rue Lepic. M: Blanche.

La Fourmi A bar by night (see 'bars' listing) but a relaxed, bohemian café by day.

Open: Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 2am, Friday 8.30am - 4am and Sunday 10am - 2am.

74 Rue des Martyrs. M: Pigalle.

5.3 - Restaurants:

Prices: Guide is for one person for three courses plus half a bottle of wine.

Expensive: €35 (£25) and above. Moderate: €30-€20 (£15-£25). Budget: up to €20 (£15).

Left Bank/Montparnasse

L'Atelier de Joel Robouchon The famous chef produces modern international cooking at this smart restaurant which is not as pricey as it looks. Open: Daily noon - 11pm. Price: Moderate/Expensive.

5 Rue de Montalembert. M: Rue du Bac. T: + 33 (0) 1 42 22 56 56

La Coupole This might be one of Paris's most famous brasseries but it still offers good food, especially sea food, at reasonable prices. Open: Daily 8.30am - 1am. Price: Moderate.

102 Boulevard du Montparnasse. M: Vavin. T: + 33 (0) 1 43 20 14 20.

Le Jardin des Pâtes The garden of pasta has a huge range of shapes and styles including buckwheat and corn served with simple but well made vegetarian sauces. Open: Daily noon - 11pm. Price: Budget.

4 Rue Lacépede. M: Cardinal Lemoine. T: + 33 (0) 1 43 31 50 71.

* **Jules Verne** The restaurant at the second storey of the Eiffel Tower serves modern French food and offers great views, of course. Booking is essential for the evening but there is better availability at lunchtime. Open: Daily lunch and dinner. Price: Moderate/Expensive.

Eiffel Tower. M: Bir Hakeim T: + 33 (0) 1 45 55 61 44

www.tour-eiffel.fr

Mon Vieil Ami Situated on the Isle Saint Louis, this cosy little restaurant offers an imaginative take on traditional bistro food. Open: Tuesday to Sunday lunch and dinner. Price: Moderate.

69 Rue St Louis en l'Île. M: Pont Marie. T: + 33 (0) 1 40 46 01 35

Le Petit Zinc Classic French brasserie with Art Nouveau interior serving the usual brasserie favourites. Open: Daily noon - 2am. Price: Moderate.

11 Rue St Benoit. M: Saint Germain des Prés. T: + 33 (0) 1 42 86 61 00

www.petit-zinc.com

Salon d'Hélène Two restaurants in one: a traditional restaurant upstairs and a smaller, more relaxed dining room downstairs. Both provide modern French and European cooking but in the lower room you can choose from a range of smaller dishes at lower prices. Open: Tuesday to Saturday lunch and dinner. Price: Moderate/Expensive

4 Rue d'Assas. M: Sèvres-Babylone. T: + 33 (0) 1 42 22 00 11.

La Soummam Well established North African restaurant with authentic cous cous and tagines. Open: Monday to Saturday noon - 11.30pm. Price: Budget/Moderate. 25 Rue des Grands Augustins. M: Odeon. T: + 33 (0) 1 43 54 12 43

Louvre/Les Halles/Opera

Au Pied de Cochon Well known and loved restaurant with decidedly meaty menu and nice mix of locals and visitors. Open: Twenty four hours a day (really!). Price: Moderate.

6 Rue Coquilliere. M: Les Halles T: + 33 (0) 1 40 13 77 00

Biotifull Place 'Bio' is French for organic and this ultra chic bar and eatery ensconced in the Printemps de la Beauté department store offers smart health food and smoothies. Open: Monday to Saturday noon - 7pm. Price: Moderate. 66 Boulevard Haussmann. M: Havre-Caumartin.

Chez Georges Wonderfully traditional French restaurant with dark wood interior and white table cloths. The menu includes classic dishes such as coq au vin and steak frites. Open: Monday to Saturday lunch and dinner. Price: Moderate.

1 Rue du Mail. M: Etienne Marcel/Louvre-Rivoli. T: + 33 (0) 1 42 60 07 11

Drouant Recently revamped, this restaurant and bar with its understated interior is cool and relaxed. Food is modern French with interesting combinations of dishes and courses. Open: Daily lunch and dinner. Price: Moderate/Expensive.

16-18 Place Gaillon. M: Opéra/4ième Septembre. T:+ 33 (0) 1 42 65 15 16

www.drouant.com

L'Epi d'Or Traditional brasserie with elegant interior which serves classic French dishes in bustling atmosphere. Open: Monday to Saturday lunch and dinner. Price: Budget/Moderate.

25 Rue Jean-Jacques Rousseau. M: Louvre-Rivoli T: + 33 (0) 1 42 36 38 12

www.epidor.fr

Flunch Large, good value self service restaurant. Better at lunch than the evening. Open: Daily lunch and dinner Price: Budget.

21 Rue Beaubourg (next to the Centre Pompidou) M: Rambuteau.

Le Grand Colbert Former cafeteria that has been 'upscaled' and updated. Good food relaxed atmosphere. Open: Daily noon - 1am. Price: Moderate.

2 Rue Vivienne. M: Pyramides. T: + 33 (0) 1 42 86 87 88

Le Rubis Well established wine bar and restaurant serving classic food from Lyon together with an excellent range of Beaujolais. Open: Monday to Friday lunch and dinner, Saturday lunch only. Price: Budget.

10 Rue du Marché St Honoré. M: Tuileries. T: + 33 1 (0) 42 61 03 34

Kong Completely over the top but great fun, nevertheless. Set above the Kenzo store, this glass domed restaurant with its transparent Philippe Starck chairs is the

place for fashionistas and the glossy posse. Service is variable, though. Open: Monday to Saturday lunch and dinner. Price: Moderate/Expensive.
1 Rue du Pont Neuf. M: Châtelet.

Marais/Bastille

L'Ambroisie One of the smartest restaurants in Paris, this elegant eatery serves cutting edge French cuisine in the sublime location of the Place des Vosges. Booking strongly advised. Open: Tuesday to Saturday lunch and dinner. Price: Expensive
9 Place des Vosges. M: St Paul. T: + 33 (0) 1 42 78 51 45

Bofinger This brasserie which dates back to 1864 is perennially popular with Parisians and tourists alike. Classic French dishes with an emphasis on shellfish. Open: Daily noon - 1am.
Price: Moderate.
5-7 Rue de la Bastille. M: Bastille. T: + 33 (0) 1 42 72 87 82

Ma Bourgogne Relaxed, classic restaurant whose best feature is its wonderful location in the beautiful Place de Vosges. Open: Daily noon - 1am. Price: Moderate.
19 Place des Vosges. M: St Paul. T: + 33 (0) 1 42 78 44 64

Le Repaire de Cartouche Unpretentious but popular restaurant specialising in food from Normandy - so look out for apples, truffles, wild boar and Camembert amongst other things. Open: Daily lunch and dinner. Price: Moderate.
8 Boulevard des Filles du Calvaire. M: Saint Sébastien-Frossart. T: + 33 (0) 1 47 00 25 86

Le Vilaret Funky restaurant serving French cooking with an imaginative twist but without gimmicks. Open: Saturday lunch only and Monday to Friday lunch and dinner. Price: Moderate.
13 Rue Ternaux. M: Parmentier. T: + 33 (0) 1 43 57 89 76.

Montmartre/North

Le Bouclard Classic French brasserie with friendly atmosphere and a menu from the south west of France - lots of duck, foie gras and cassoulet (bean and sausage casserole). Open: Daily noon - 11.30pm. Price: Moderate.
1 Rue Cavalotti. M: Place de Clichy. T: + 33 1 (0) 45 22 60 01
www.bouclard.com

Casa Olympe This tiny restaurant (booking is essential) in Pigalle specialises in food from Corsica so expect French cuisine with Italian and North African influences. Open: Monday to Friday lunch and dinner. Price: Moderate.
48 Rue Saint Georges. M: Saint Georges. T: + 33 (0) 1 42 85 26 01

Le Soleil Gourmand The sun of the title refers to the fact that the cooking here hails from the Mediterranean. The atmosphere is equally warm and this place really does offer excellent value for money. Open: Daily noon - 11pm. Price: Budget.
11 Rue de Ravignon. M: Abbesses. T: + 33 1 (0) 42 51 00 50

Place Charles de Gaulle/Champs Elysées

Camille Quiet, upmarket local restaurant serving consistently good French classics. Open: Monday to Friday lunch and dinner and Saturday dinner. Price: Moderate
28 Rue Duret. M: Argentine. T: + 33 (0) 1 45 00 45 20

La Fermette Marbeuf 1900 Classic French cuisine is served in a striking Art Nouveau interior. Open: Daily lunch and dinner. Price: Moderate.
5 Rue Marbeuf. M: Alma-Marceau/Franklin-D-Roosevelt. T: + 33 (0) 1 53 23 08 00

Maison Blanche Set above the Théâtre des Champs Elysées, this extremely smart restaurant is known for its understated décor, great views and cutting edge cuisine which combines unusual flavours and ingredients. Open: Daily lunch and dinner. Price: Expensive.
15 Avenue Montaigne. M: Alma-Marceau. T: 33 (0) 1 47 23 55 99

Spring One of the most remarkable restaurants in town. Daniel Rose came from Chicago to Paris and is now chef and waiter at this tiny Michelin approved restaurant. There is one sitting, no menu and room for just 16 customers but the food is sublime. Open: Tuesday to Friday at 8pm. Price: Moderate
28 rue de la Tour d'Auvergne. M: Anvers/Cadet. T: + 33 (0)1 45 96 05 72
www.springparis.blogspot.com

5.0 – SHOPS

Left Bank/Montparnasse

Bande Dessinée Huge range of children's and adult cartoon books and posters.
60 Rue M Le Prince. M: Odéon. Open: Monday to Saturday 10.30am - 7.30pm

La Bonbonniere De Buci Sumptuous bakery where light-as-a-feather millefeuilles in myriad flavours are the speciality. Open: Monday to Saturday 8.30am – 7pm and Sunday 10am – 7pm.
12 Rue de Buci. M: Mabillon.

Cacao et Chocolat Gorgeous display of handmade chocolates with lots of favourites and some less well known fillings and flavours. Open: Monday to Saturday 10.30am - 7.30pm and Sunday 2.30pm - 7pm.
29 Rue de Buci. M: Mabillon.

Branch: Marais. For details see listing.

Diptyque The classic scented candle and home fragrance shop is still one of the best. Open: Monday to Saturday 10am - 7pm.

34 Boulevard Saint Germain. M: Maubert-Mutualité.

www.diptyque.tm.fr

Isabel Marant Simple elegant fashions in earth tones influenced by Marant's travels in Africa. Open: Monday to Saturday 10.30am - 7.30pm

1 Rue Jacob. M: Saint Germain des Prés.

Maison Trudon Said to be the oldest candle maker in the world, this beautiful traditional shop has an array of highly decorated classic candles and holders.

Open: Monday to Saturday 10am – 6pm.

78 Rue de Seine. M: Saint-Germain de Prés.

www.ciretrudon.com

Poilâne Gorgeous selection of patisserie as well as the famous sour dough bread.

Open: Monday to Saturday 7.15am - 8.15pm.

8 Rue du Cherche Midi. M: Sèvres-Babylone.

www.poilane.fr

Vannina Vesperini

Luxurious lingerie with an arty, retro feel. Open: Monday to Saturday 10am – 6pm.

4 Rue de Tournon. M: Odeon.

www.vanninavesperini.com

Louvre/Les Halles/Opera

Colette It's almost always heaving and some of the stock is just plain tacky but this quirky yet elegant store is always worth a visit. Check out the water bar downstairs

which offers over 100 different types of H2O plus a menu of snacks and light

lunches. Open: Monday to Saturday 11am - 7pm.

213 Rue Saint Honoré. M: Tuileries/Pyramides.

www.colette.fr

Didier Ludot Antique clothing and accessories ranging from the 20s to the

noughties at knock down prices. Open: Monday to Saturday 11am - 7pm.

19-20 and 23-24 Galerie de Montpensier. M: Palais-Royal-Musée-du-Louvre.

Fauchon Paris' answer to Fortnum & Mason - but with better food. Shameless

gastro-porn but with plenty of affordable items. Open: Monday to Saturday 9am -

8pm. Boulangerie Monday to Saturday 8am - 9pm).

24-30 Place de la Madeleine. M: Madeleine.

www.fauchon.fr

Gabrielle Geppert Vintage Wonderful collection of kitch antique clothing and accessories from the sixties, seventies and early eighties. Open: Monday to Saturday 11am - 7pm.
31 Galérie Montpensier. M: Palais-Royal-Musée-du-Louvre.

Galleries Lafayette Paris' premier department store is vast but not particularly inspiring. Worth looking in to say that you've been. Open: Monday to Saturday 9.30am - 7.30pm and until 9pm on Thursday.
40 Boulevard Haussman. M: Auber/Chausée d'Antin.
www.gallerieslafayette.com

Jean-Paul Hévin Smart chocolates in stunning designs are the attraction here and there is a beautiful tea room too at this branch. Open: Monday to Saturday 10am - 7.30pm.
231 Rue Saint Honoré. M: Tuileries/Concorde.
www.jphevin.com

La Petite Robe Noire The Little Black Dress is what you'll find in this elegant boutique – every different style, designer and price range as well as new and vintage. Open: Monday to Saturday 11am - 7pm.
125 Galérie de Valois (in the gardens of the Palais Royal) M: Palais-Royal-Musée-du-Louvre.
www.didierludot.com

Il Pour Homme Gifts for the man about town ranging from shaving gear to cigar cutters and accessories. Open: Monday to Saturday 10.30am - 7pm.
209 Rue St Honoré. M: Tuileries.

Il Printemps Paris' second most famous store specialises in fashion and accessories as well as household items in three locations. Open: Monday to Saturday 9.30am - 7pm and until 10pm on Thursday.
64 Boulevard Haussmann. M: Havre-Caumartin.

Rodolphe Ménéudier Cutting edge shoe design from protégé of Karl Lagerfeld and Christian Lacroix. Open: Monday 11am - 7pm and Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 7pm.
14 Rue de Castiglione. M: Tuileries/Concorde.

Royal Cheese The name refers to McDonald's French equivalent of a quarter pounder and the women's and men's clothes stocked here have a knowing, streety style. Open: Monday to Saturday 11am - 1pm and 2pm - 8pm.
24 Rue Tiquetonne. M: Etienne Marcel.
www.royalcheese.com

Marais/Bastille

La Belle Epoque Wonderful collection of vintage designer clothes from the seventies, eighties and nineties. Open: Tuesday to Saturday 1.30pm – 6.30pm

10 Rue Poitou. M: Bastille.

Boutique Paris-Musées Arts and accessories shop with gifts, prints and reproductions from some of Paris' most famous museums. Open: Monday 2pm - 7pm, Tuesday to Sunday 11am - 1pm and 2pm - 7pm.
29bis Rue des Francs Bourgeois M St Paul.

Cacao et Chocolat See listing in Left Bank/Montparnasse. Open: Daily 11am - 7pm.
36 Rue Vieille du Temple. M: St Paul.
63 Rue de Saint Louis en L'île. M: Cité. Open: Daily 10.30am - 7.30pm.

Fnac Large branch of the music, books and games chain which also offers tickets for museums, theatre and other events. Open: Monday to Saturday 10am - 8pm.
4 Place de la Bastille. M: Bastille.
www.fnac.com

L'Habilleur Discounted designer clothes for men and women. Open: Monday to Saturday 11am - 8pm.
44 Rue de Poitou. M: Saint Sébastien-Froissart.

Isabel Marant Simple elegant fashions in earth tones influenced by Marant's travels in Africa. Open: 10.30am - 7.30pm.
16 Rue de Charonne. M: Ledru Rollin.

Merci Interesting and imaginative collection of fashions and accessories that is one of Paris's hottest destinations. Open Monday to Saturday 10am - 7pm.
111 Boulevard Beaumarchais
www.merci-merci.com

Palais des Thès This 'palace of teas' has a huge range of teas from around world in attractive boxes and tins as well as cups and tea making equipment. Open: Daily 10am - 8pm.
64 Rue Vieille du Temple. M: St Paul. Branches around Paris.
www.palaisdesthes.com

Paris Happy Home Modern furniture and groovy home accessories. Open: Monday to Saturday 11am - 7pm and Sunday 2.30pm - 7pm.
76 Rue Francois Miron. M: Saint-Paul.

Produits des Monastères Cakes, biscuits, honey and preserves made in Benedictine and Trappist monasteries. Open: Tuesday to Saturday 10am - noon and 2.30pm - 6.30pm.
10 Rue des Barres. M: Hôtel de Ville.

Montmartre/North

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Du Pain et des Idées One of Paris's most exciting young pâtisseries, Christophe Vasseur offers wonderful artisanal breads and cakes in this stylish outlet. Open: Monday to Friday 6.45am – 8pm.

34 Rue Yves Toudic. M: Jacques Bonsergent

www.dupainetdesidees.com

Place Charles de Gaulle/Champs Élysées

Alléousse

Amazing cheese emporium run by cheese evangelist Roger Alléousse and his son. Open: Tuesday to Thursday 9am – 1pm and 4pm – 7pm. Friday and Saturday 9am – 1pm and 3.30pm – 7pm. Sunday 9am – 1pm.

13 Rue Poncelet. M: Ternes.

fromage-alleousse.com

Brûlerie des Ternes Wonderful coffee emporium in this foodie area, worth visiting just for the smell. Open: Tuesday to Friday 9am - 2pm and 3.30pm - 7.30pm, Saturday 9am - 7.30pm and Sunday 9am - 1pm.

10 Rue Poncelet and 28 Rue de l'Annonciation. M: Charles-de Gaulle/Étoile.

www.brulriedesternes.com

Creed This family run perfumier dates back to 1760 and still uses natural ingredients. Despite its age and smart clientele, the staff are not all, well, sniffy. Open: Monday to Saturday 10.30am - 7pm.

38 Avenue Pierre 1er de Serbie. M: Iéna.

www.parfumscreed.com

Sephora Vast, busy flagship store of this well known cosmetics and perfumery chain. Open: Monday to Saturday 10am - 1am and Sunday noon - 1am.

70 Avenue des Champs Élysées. M: Franklin D Roosevelt.

5.1 - Markets:

Batignolles Organic fruit, vegetables, meat, cheese and bread are available at this increasingly popular market. Open: Saturday 8am - 1pm.

Rue des Batignolles. M: Rome.

Marché aux Puces de Clignancourt Vast, sprawling flea market with interesting pieces amongst the tat. Open: Saturday, Sunday and Monday 7.30am - 7.30pm. Just outside Porte de Clignancourt Metro station.

Place de Vanves Good place to find books, prints and bric a brac. Open: Saturday and Sunday 7am - 1.30pm.

Avenue Georges-Lafenêtre and Avenue Marc-Sangnier. M: Porte des Vanves.

Rue Cler Pretty little food market. Open: Tuesday to Saturday 8am - 4pm. M: École Militaire.

6.0 – BARS AND CLUBS

6.1 – Bars

Left Bank/Montparnasse

Le Crocodile With a vast cocktail menu, this laid back bar is something of a Paris institution. Open: Monday to Saturday 10.30pm - 5am.
6 Rue Royer Collard. M: Luxembourg.

Le Piano Vache Long established student haunt with regularly changing DJs. Open: Monday to Friday noon - 2am and Saturday and Sunday 9pm - 2am.
8 Rue Laplace. M: Maubert Mutualité.

Louvre/Les Halles/Opera

Café Noir Cool but relaxed bar, with bizarre interior featuring papier mache lampshades. Popular with locals and visitors. Open: Monday to Friday 8am - 2am and Saturday 3pm - 2am.
65 Rue Montmartre. M: Sentier.

Hotel Costes The Hotel Costes is still one of the smartest places to stay in Paris and its bar is equally chic. Open: Monday to Saturday 7pm - 2am.
239 Rue Saint Honoré. M: Tuileries/Concorde.
www.hotelcostes.com

Marais/Bastille

Amnésia Relaxed, cosy bar popular with gay guys and their straight friends. Open: Daily 11am - 2am.
42 Rue Vieille du Temple. M: Hôtel de Ville.

Baz'art Cool, stylish bar and restaurant which doesn't feel that it has to work too hard. Open: Daily 8am - midnight.
36 Boulevard Henri IV. M: Bastille.

China Club With its subdued lighting, leather settees and bookcases and hint of the Orient this place has the feel of a gentleman's club in colonial times. Open: Daily 7pm - 2am.
50 Rue de Charenton. M: Bastille/Lédru-Rollin

Lizard Lounge Despite the rough interior and pints of lager, this bar with a small dance floor is warm and inviting. Open: Monday to Saturday noon - 2am.
18 Rue du Bourg-Tibourg. M: Hôtel de Ville/Saint Paul.

Le Wax Plastic furniture, psychedelic colours and groovy fashionistas from Paris' nearby rag district give this bar has a special charm. Open: Tuesday to Thursday 6pm - 2am. Friday and Saturday 6pm - 5am.
15 Rue Daval. M: Bastille.

Stollys Small, relaxed bar with cheap beer and cocktails. Popular with British and American ex-pats. Open: Daily 4.30pm - 2am.
16 Rue Cloche-Perce. M: St Paul/Hôtel de Ville.

Montmartre/North

La Fourmi The post industrial interior and busy but unpretentious atmosphere of this former bistro has made popular with Pigalle locals. Open: Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 2am, Friday 8.30am - 4am and Sunday 10am - 2am.
74 Rue des Martyrs. M: Pigalle.

Kube Inside this boutique hotel you'll find an ice bar which is, er, cool and understated. Huge selection of vodka cocktails, comfortable settees, dramatic lighting and hip, hot DJs. Open: Daily 7am - 2am.
1-5 Passage Ruelle. M: La Chappelle.
www.kubehotel.com

Place Charles de Gaulle/Champs Elysées

Buddha Bar With its rich, golden interiors and dramatic lighting, this bar and restaurant is a great place to watch chic Parisiens in action. Open: Monday to Friday noon - 2am and Saturday and Sunday 6pm - midnight.
8 Rue Boissy d'Anglas. M: Concorde.
www.buddha-bar.com

VIP Room Black leather seating and dramatic lighting have made this former cinema a smart destination. Music is mainly R&B and House. Branches in Cannes, Monaco and Marrakech. Open: Daily 10pm - 4am.
76-78 Avenue des Champs-Élysées. M: Champs-Élysées-Clémenceau.

6.2 – Clubs

Left Bank/Montparnasse

Le Wagg The Paris branch of London's Fabric, this club is cool without being intimidating. Open: Wednesday to Sunday 11pm - 5am.
62 Rue Mazarine. M: Odéon.
www.wagg.fr

Louvre/Les Halles/Opera

Le Cab Cool, subtly lit hang out for models and the fashion crowd. Open: Monday to Saturday 9pm - 6am.

2 Place du Palais-Royal. M: Palais-Royal-Musée-du-Louvre.

Rex Club Serious dance venue with regularly changing DJs playing variety of music styles from House to Techno and R&B. Open: Wednesday to Saturday 11.30pm - 6am.

5 Boulevard Poissonniere. M: Bonne Nouvelle.

www.rexclub.com

Marais/Bastille

Les Bains Douches The granddaddy of Paris clubs still has a great atmosphere.

Open: Daily 8pm - 2am.

7 Rue du Bourg L'Abbé. M: Sébastien Froissart.

www.lesbainsdouches.com

Gibus Vast but always busy venue with cutting edge dance music including Techno, Trance and Acid House. Open: Tuesday to Saturday 11pm to 6am.

18 Rue de Faubourg du Temple. M: République.

www.gibus.fr

Montmartre/North

L'Alimentation Générale It might look like a junk shop rather than the 'grocers' as its name suggests but this is one of the coolest places to hang out in Paris. Open: Monday to Saturday 5pm - 2am.

64 Rue Jean-Pierre Timbaud. M: Parmentier.

Place Charles de Gaulle/Champs Elysées

Nirvana Exotic and popular club and restaurant with Indian themed decor and laid back vibe. Open: Daily 8pm - 2am.

3 Avenue Matignon. M: Franklin D Roosevelt.

Le Queen This vast gay disco is now popular with straight men and women alike.

Check website for theme parties and music styles. Open: Daily midnight - 6am.

102 Avenue des Champs-Elysées. M: Georges V.

www.queen.fr

7.0 – USEFUL INFORMATION AND WEBSITES

7.1 - Websites:

www.mp3cityguides.com

www.parisinfo.com - the official Paris tourist website
www.paris.fr - informative site run by the mayor of Paris' office
www.parismuseumpass.fr - buy a pass to most of the museums of Paris on line
www.ticketnet.fr - useful site with tickets for museums, galleries, events and attractions.

Pick up the tickets you've bought on line at Virgin Megastores and other places in Paris.

Also note: the Paris Museum Pass allows you to visit more than 60 museums and monuments in Paris and the surrounding area including the Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre, the Centre Pompidou amongst others. The Pass allows you to visit as many times as you like and without having to queue. Admission to temporary exhibitions and lecture tours is not included. It's available for two (€30), four (€45) or six days (€60).

For details and purchase options see:

http://en.parisinfo.com/rub8035.html&OTCP_action=citypass

7.2 - Tourist Offices:

In the Carrousel du Louvre 99 Rue de Rivoli (Main entrance to the Louvre)
25 Rue des Pyramides (Near the Louvre, off the Rue de Rivoli)