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Welcome to the fabled "City of Lights" or "City of Love." Paris is certainly both and has always been considered one of the most romantic cities in the world. Whether an artist, a businessman or a tourist, you will enjoy the long walks from Montmartre to the Quartier Latin. Going through some of the finest Roman and medieval monuments, sooner or later you will end up at a café, standing on the Pont Neuf Bridge, or exploring a vintage fashion shop in the Marais district.





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THE CITY



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Like New York or London, Paris is incomparable. As soon as you start exploring the world's most visited city, you'll feel like you are going through an open air museum. You won't see much of the capital's Celtic roots, but you will be able to admire its architectural splendours which go back to the 13th century, when the imposing Cathedral of Notre Dame started to be built. At that time, the swamplands forming the Marais district were drained and the Sorbonne University opened its doors.

But it was during the Renaissance, in the 16th century, that Paris' grandeur was created. Versailles became Louis XIV's headquarters, whose lavishness opened the doors to the French luxury goods industry. In the 19th century, Napoleon appointed Baron Haussmann to develop modern Paris, with its long boulevards, beautiful buildings and great parks that still make the city unique today.

No wonder Paris is internationally renowned for its defining neoclassical architecture and its influence in fashion and the arts. Going by foot is the best way to explore the city's districts, its old centres, cemeteries and great parks. It's busy with thousands of tourists, but the city has managed to keep its real authenticity with places like Montmartre, a good start for a tour, or the crowded Champs-Elysées with its legendary promenade. Those who fancy a trendier atmosphere, districts such as Le Marais, Quartier Latin or the quaint Canal St-Martin are the right places to be. If you like art galleries, museums or famous cabarets such as

Folies Bergères, Paris has everything to meet your dreams. It's not as intense as London or New York, yet the combination of its historical heritage and its unique French touch makes this destination one of a kind.

DO & SEE



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Paris' beautiful location right by the peaceful and romantic river Seine makes for a perfect setting whether your plan is to stroll around without haste or see as many attractions as possible. Over 30 million tourists come to Paris each year, drawn by the mouth watering cuisine and of course, the exciting fashion. No wonder the capital of France is one of the most visited cities in the world!

Experience Paris



Experience the iconic monuments and legendary neighbourhoods of Paris on this walking tour. Explore the tangled medieval streets of Paris, savour local cheese and

charcuterie, and try your hand at a game of petanque.

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La Tour Eiffel

This iron tower is the very symbol of Paris itself, and it attracts about six million visitors every year. The tower was built by Gustave Eiffel for the 1889 World Exposition to celebrate the centennial of the French revolution.

Fun facts about the Fiffel tower:

Height: more than 300 metres Weight: 10 100 tons

Materials: 12 000 iron beams and 2.5 million rivets

Steps: 1665 steps to the top

According to the official website of the Eiffel Tower the construction is repainted once every seven years. It takes 15 months and requires 60 tons of paint.

Address: La Tour Eiffel

Le Louvre

The Louvre is one of the largest museums in the world, and famous for its master pieces Mona Lisa, Venus de Milo, art by Rembrandt, Vermeer, Caravaggio and many more. The main entrance is covered by the 21 meter high glass Pyramide de Louvre. The French government has collected the 35 000 paintings, sculptures and artefacts over the past five centuries, and the collection boasts Assyrian, Etruscan, Greek, Coptic and Islamic art and antiquities from prehistory to the 19th century.

You can buy tickets in advance from the ticket machines in Carrousel du Louvre or from the billetteries (ticket offices) of Fnac or Virgin Megastores for an extra €1 to €1.60, and go straight in without waiting in line. Tickets are valid for the whole day, which means that you can come and go as you please.

Another way to avoid the queues outside the pyramid or at the Porte des Lions entrance is to enter the complex via the Carrousel du Louvre shopping centre, at 99 Rue de Rivoli, or to follow the D Musée du Louvre' exit from the Palais Royal-Musée du Louvre metro station.

Address: Place du Louvre 1er

Public Transport: Palais Royal-Musée du Louvre

Phone: +33 1 40 20 53 17 Internet: www.louvre.fr

Basilique du Sacré-Cœur

Sacré-Cœur is a Roman Catholic basilica on top of the Montmartre hill, at the highest point of the city. The church was inaugurated in 1914 and is named after, and dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The church contains more than 500 statues and the venue is often pictured in movies.

Address: Basilique du Sacré-Cœur

Arc de Triomphe

The Arc de Triomphe was erected by the Emperor Napoleon in 1806, and is with its 50 metres (164 feet) one of the most famous landmarks in Paris. Located at the centre of Place Charles de Gaulle at the western end of Champs-Élysées, the arch honours those who fought and died in the French Revolutionary and the Napoleonic Wars.

Address: l'Arc de Triomphe

La Seine

The river Seine flows 776 kilometres through France, and offers in Paris a great opportunity to, by boat, get familiar with many of the city's impressive monuments. It doesn't get more romantic than to sit back on the water and enjoy the scenic setting of Paris.

Catch a ride on the famous and unique long-boats leisurely plying the Seine Bateaux Mouches. Despite the number of operators from which to choose, most of the boat lines offer similar itineraries and are equipped with an audio announcement system, providing commentary on the passing sights in several different languages.

More Info: The best time to enjoy a boat trip in Paris is May to mid-September, the sky is clear and the temperatures are comfortably



warm

Château de Versailles

This town located 20 kilometres outside of Paris is a wealthy suburb and municipality. In the 11th century Versailles was merely a country village enveloping a castle and the church of Saint-Julien. Today Versailles is mostly known for the Roman Catholic cathedral that has been home to the French King Louis XIV and Napoleon who spent his summers here. The historic Treaty of Versailles was signed here in 1919.

Address: Versailles

Public Transport: RER C, Versailles Phone: +33 1 30 83 78 00 Internet: www.chateauversailles.fr

Notre-Dame de Paris

Notre-Dame is, with 10 million visitors each year, the most visited site in Paris. This place has always been the religious center of the city the Celts considered the grounds sacred, the Romans built a temple here, a Christian basilica was built here and the last religious structure before the Notre-Dame cathedral was a Romanesque church.

The gothic cathedral of Notre-Dame was finished in 1345 and is a tectonic masterpiece. The building is 128 meters long (420 ft) and has two 69 meter tall towers (226 ft).

Address: 6 Place du Parvis Notre Dame 4e

Public Transport: Cité Phone: +33 1 42 34 56 10

Internet: www.notredamecathedralparis.com

Pont Neuf

Pont Neuf means "New Bridge" and is, ironically, the oldest bridge over the river Seine in Paris. King Henry III ordered its construction in 1578 after the previous bridge was in a bad state. It is today 278 meters long and 28 meters wide.

Address: Pont Neuf

Place de la Concorde

Place de la Concorde is a square in the 8th arrondissement, 84 000 m² big. The square holds historic importance for several reasons. The liberation struggle during World War II brought many battles to Place de la Concorde. During the French Revolution, a guillotine was installed at the center of the square and over a thousand people were beheaded here, many of them famous Louis XVI, January 21, 1793, Marie Antoinette, October 16, 1793 and revolutionary Robespierre, just to name a few.

The site is dominated by a 24 meter high obelisk one of Cleopatra's needles - a gift from Egypt's viceroy Mohammed Ali to Louis Philippe.

Address: Place de la Concorde

Père Lachaise

The largest cemetery in Paris and reputed to be the most visited in the world. A huge and peaceful park and home to many Frenchmen and foreigners who have enriched French life over the past 200 years Edith Piaf, Oscar Wilde, Camille Pissarro, Marcel Proust, Molière, Max Ernst, Maria Callas and Jim Morrison.

Address: Boulevard de Ménilmontant, 20th Arr. Public Transport: Line 2 Philippe Auguste Internet: www.pere-lachaise.com

Jardin du Luxembourg

The garden of the French Senate is also the second largest public park in Paris. A recommended place to relax and savour the cosmopolitan atmosphere of the rich palace garden. Here is one of the funniest places to people watch, you can find all different types: families, students with their philosophy books, runners, politicians out on a walk, chess players and lovers holding hands.

Address: Jardin du Luxembourg
Public Transport: RER B Luxembourg
More Info: Located in the 6th arrondissement



Musée d'Orsay

This is the place for art and artifacts from the Middle Ages and Impressionist eras with leading collections. Originally a railway station, the building itself deems a visit. You can see works of art here from artists such as Van Gogh, Cezanne, Degas and Monet.

Address: 62 rue de Lille, 7th Arr.

Public Transport: Line 12 Solférino or RER C Musée d'Orsay

Opening hours: Closed on Mondays Internet: www.musee-orsay.fr

Musée des Arts d'Afrique et d'Océanie

Not as popular as Orsay or Louvre, yet worth a visit. A mix of world-class exhibitions of African and Pacific art. There is an excellent tropical aquarium in the cellar.

Address: 293 avenue Daumesnil Public Transport: Line 8 Porte dorée

Phone: + 33 1 77 15 95 08 / + 33 9 50 66 25 70

Internet: www.museums-of-paris.com

Le Marais

Le Marais is situated on the right bank (3rd and 4th Arr.), this is a trendy district with beautiful architecture from the 17th century. There are also many museums, art galleries and historic sites such as Paris' oldest square Place des Vosges where you can find Victor Hugo's residence.

Address: Bastille, Chemin Vert, Pont Marie, Saint-Paul, Saint-Sebastien-Froissard, Sully Morland

Montmartre

One of the most popular historic areas with the Sacré-Cœur Basilica on the top of the 130 meter high hill, the highest point in Paris. It's famous for the cafés and studios of many great artists, and it's easily recognizable as the filming location of the movie "Amélie." Other famous places situated here are Moulin Rouge nightclub and Lapin Agile. It seems the inspiration flows in these streets as many famous artists have worked here, among them Salvador Dali, Claude Monet and Pablo Picasso. Downhill to the southwest, is the red-light district of Pigalle.

Address: Montmartre

Public Transport: Line 12 Abbesses

Internet: www.sacre-coeur-montmartre.com

Champs-Élysées

This promenade is nearly two kilometres long and goes all the way from Place the la Concorde to Place Charles de Gaulle. It is the place to be during any celebration, be it the French National Day, July 14th, or New Year's Eve. In the month of July, the final stages of Tour de France, takes place right on this very street.

Address: Avenue des Champs-Elysées

DINING



Photo: Alex Clark

Paris is internationally renowned as the capital of gastronomy and boasts a huge range of eateries. Each place has its own particular atmosphere and style, whether recipes are local or from all over the world. In Paris, you must differentiate between restaurants, bistros or brasseries. A bistro is usually small, featuring simple fare, sometimes with entertainment. A brasserie serves hearty meals along with beer and wine, usually cheap and with a liquor and coffee bar. It is the right place to test the high-quality products and delights of traditional French cookery thanks to the talented and creative chefs.

Parisian restaurants are real ambassadors of good taste, offering superlative ingredients—including premium wines and cheeses—enriching the experience. But don't worry, there are good places for all budgets. Whether it's a restaurant, a bistro, or a brassiere, you'll be able to enjoy a



real culinary feast with gourmets from all over the world!

Hôtel du Nord

Hôtel du Nord welcomes diners in a warm red velvet setting with suffused lighting. It is a bistro offering a variety of traditional dishes such as pan-seared foie gras with mango chutney and French toast or lightly cooked scallops with aubergine caviar.

Address: 102 Quai de Jemmapes

Public Transport: Line 3, 8, 9, 5 République

Phone: +33 1 40 40 78 78 Internet: www.hoteldunord.org

Carré des Feuillants

One of the best places for contemporary French Nouvelle cuisine, located in a 17th century building near the Tuilerie Park and Eiffel Tower. The chef, Alain Dutournier, is considered to be one of the ground breaking chefs in his category.

Address: 14, Rue de Castiglione, 75001 Paris

Public Transport: Tuileries, Concorde, Opéra, or Madeleine

Phone: +33 1 42 86 82 82 Internet: www.carredesfeuillants.fr

Le Kong

The past few years have turned Le Kong into somewhat of a legend in Paris. Underneath its glass ceiling you can have a lovely dinner, grab a drink and later on dance the night away, all the while enjoying one of the most romantic views over the river Seine.

Address: 1, Rue du Pont-Neuf, 75001 Paris

Public Transport: Pont Neuf Phone: +33 1 40 39 09 00 Internet: www.kong.fr

L'as du Falafel

On and around Rue des Rosiers you will find many delicious Middle-Eastern and Yiddish/Eastern European specialties. Be sure to make a stop at L'as du Falafel. This little restaurant claims to have the "best falafel in the world" and many agree. Expect delicious falafels

accompanied by yummy hummus and tasty vegetables—to go or to stay.

Address: 34 Rue des Rosiers, 75004 Paris

Public Transport: St. Paul Phone: +33 1 48 87 63 60

Alcazar

Alcazar is a trendy restaurant located in St Germain-des-Prés where you can taste traditional English and French dishes prepared by skilled chefs. On the second floor, you can enjoy a drink in Alcazars huge chill-out area.

Address: 62, Rue Mazarine, 75006 Paris

Public Transport: Odéon Phone: +33 1 53 10 19 99 Internet: www.alcazar.fr

Pierre Gagnaire

Pierre Gagnaire is located near the Champs-Elysées and is one of the city's most solid and appealing restaurants, ranked in the world's top 50. Expect €80 for the lunch menu and dinner can easily run over €200 per person. Reservations are compulsory.

Address: 6, Rue Balzac, 75008 Paris Public Transport: Line 1 Georges V Phone: +33 1 58 36 12 50

Internet: www.pierre-gagnaire.com

Goumard

This is the right place for seafood lovers. This reputable restaurant has been in business since 1872 and its motto is simply "Everything that comes from the sea." In fact, the owner buys everything straight from the dock's local fishermen. Specialties include grilled Breton lobster and scallop carpaccio with oysters.

Address: 9, Rue Duphot, 75001 Paris Public Transport: Line 12 Madeleine

Phone: +33 1 42 60 36 07 Internet: www.goumard.com



Allard

There are still local neighbourhood restaurants that serve excellent food. One of them is Allard, in the 6th Arrondissement, over on the left bank of the Seine. It is a traditional 1930s bistro, with many regulars from the same era. Try the foie gras, frog legs and other dishes that put France on the culinary map.

Address: 41, Rue St-André des Arts

Public Transport: Line 4 St Michel or Odéon

Phone: +33 1 43 26 48 23

Brasserie Balzar

Yet another traditional eatery with a nice atmosphere and a traditional menu. Brassiere Balzar is a great bistro located in the lively Quartier Latin since 1898! Many of the city's famous authors have been regulars here—a true seal of approval.

Address: 49, Rue des Ecoles, 75005 Paris

Public Transport: Cluny La Sorbonne

Phone: +33 1 43 54 13 67 Internet: www.brasseriebalzar.com

Founti Agadir

Paris has many North African restaurants and one of the best is the Moroccan Founti Agadir. Located on the left bank it has a fine selection of good value couscous, tajines, and pastilla dishes.

Address: 117, Rue Monge, 75005 Paris

Public Transport: Line 7 Gobelins et Censier Daubenton

Phone: +33 1 43 37 85 10 Internet: www.fountiagadir.com

Asian

This great restaurant takes you on a journey to discover the food from Japan, China, Vietnam and Thailand. A place where you can enjoy the wonderful kitchen of Asia. The atmosphere is very friendly and welcoming.

Address: 30, avenue George V, 75008 Paris

Phone: +331 56 89 11 00 Internet: www.asian.fr

Annapurna

This Indian restaurant has been serving the best of Indian gastronomy ever since 1967. The décor is authentic and stylish, on the menu you will find tasty dishes like lamb curry, onion bargees and chicken tikka.

Address: 32, rue de Berri, 75008 Paris

Phone: +33 1 45 63 91 56

Internet: www.restaurant-annapurna.com

Les 400 coups

Les 400 coups, is a family-friendly restaurant with children play area and offers fresh homemade food. Here you can enjoy traditional cuisine and international food like vegetable tian, bean pesto and samosas. This is a perfect place for the whole family.

Address: 12bis, rue de la Villette 75019 Paris

Phone: +33 1 40 40 77 78 Internet: www.les400coups.eu

Zo

Zo is a cosy restaurant and offers Japanese and Mediterranean cuisine. The restaurant has an exotic and welcoming décor and is very lively at weekends. On the menu you will find dishes everything from sushi to pizza, steak and pasta.

Address: 13, rue Montalivet, 75008 Paris

Phone: +33 1 42 65 18 18 Internet: www.restaurantzo.com

Marrakech

Explore the flavours of authentic Moroccan cuisine in a warm and cosy atmosphere at restaurant Marrakech. This family-friendly restaurant offers tasty dishes like chicken tajine, lamb tajine and couscous with meat balls.

Address: 12, rue d'Armaillé 75017 Paris

Phone: +33 1 43 80 26 65

Internet: www.restaurant-marrakech.fr



CAFES



Photo: besopha

Start your day in one of Paris' many cafés with a delicious croissant and an espresso, relax with an afternoon tea, or have an aperitif with friends. Many cafés are part of bistros and brassieres, functioning like bars and feature great music with a wide range of drinks.

Lipp

Have some cultural history with your espresso. Lipp, and neighbouring Deux Magots and Flore, were the post-war gathering spots of choice for intellectual celebrities such as Jean-Paul Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir. All of these large 6th Arrondissement cafés are usually packed to the rafters.

Address: 151, Boulevard Saint Germain
Public Transport: Line 4 St Germain-des-Prés

Phone: +33 1 45 48 53 41

Internet: www.groupe-bertrand.com/lipp.php

Le Réservoir

Checking out other people is an important part of Parisian café culture. Trendy Le Réservoir is a prime spot for that kind of activity.

Address: 16, Rue de la Forge Royale, 75011 Paris

Public Transport: Line 8 Ledru Rollin

Phone: +33 1 43 56 39 60 Internet: www.reservoirclub.com

Café Charbon

Located in the 11th Arrondissement, Oberkampf is one of the trendiest streets and attracts an urban crowd. It is spacious and was originally built as a dance hall around 1900. It also fits the "Bars" section!

Address: 109, Rue Oberkampf Public Transport: Line 3 Parmentier

Phone: +33 1 43 57 55 13 Internet: www.lecafecharbon.com

Café de Flore

Café de Flore is famous around the world and very well known for its unique, intellectual clientele. Getting a table among all the tourists might not be easy but it will be worth it!

Address: 172, Boulevard Saint-Germain

Phone: +33 1 45 48 55 26 Internet: www.cafedeflore.fr

Le Pain Quotidien

This cosy and rustic café has become such an international success, it can now be found in the US, the UK and many other places. In a country-like atmosphere you can choose among a number of eco-friendly dishes and home baked breads. A Sunday brunch at Le Pain Quotidien is a favourite among Parisians.

Address: 18-20, Rue de Archives, 75004 Paris

Public Transport: Hôtel de Ville Phone: +33 1 44 54 03 07 Internet: www.lepainquotidien.fr

Strada Café

Strada Café is a small café where the friendly staff serves great breakfast, brunch and other refreshments. On the menu you will find homemade soups, pies, freshly squeezed orange juice, coffee and croissant. The atmosphere at this French café can be described as cosy and simple.

Address: 94 Rue du Temple, Paris Phone: +33 1 44 610 928

Bertie's CupCakery

If you have a sweet tooth then you have probably come to



the right place. Bertie's CupCakery serves fresh gourmet cupcakes daily with mouth-watering flavours. Here you can eat cupcakes with flavours like salted caramel, raspberry lemonade and dark chocolate.

Address: 26 Rue Chanoinesse, Paris

Phone: +33 1 43 29 18 70

Internet: www.bertiescupcakery.com

Berthillon

Berthillon used to be a restaurant many years ago but the family decided to focus on ice creams and sorbets. This popular place can be crowded but well worth a visit. With several mouth-watering flavours such as mojito sorbet, fresh basil, roasted pineapple and blackcurrant yoghurt, you may find it difficult to choose what to have.

Address: 29-31 rue Saint Louis en l'Ile, Paris

Phone: +33 1 43 54 31 61 Internet: www.berthillon.fr

Café de la Paix

This famous café has an elegant and sophisticated ambiance and located next to the Opera Garnier. People from all over the world comes to this café. Although Café de la Paix is pricey, it will be worth a visit due the impressive environment and professional service.

Address: 12 Boulevard des Capucines, Paris

Phone: +33 1 40 07 36 36 Internet: www.cafedelapaix.fr

Kooka Boora Cafe

Kooka Boora Cafe is a cosy café where you can have a really good coffee. If you are hungry the helpful staff serves baguettes, sandwiches and desserts like freshly made muffins, cakes and tartes. This is also a great place to visit for breakfast.

Address: 62 rue des Martyrs, Paris Phone: +33 1 56 92 12 41

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Photo: Alex Clark

Paris' night life offers you lots of trendy and popular bars serving all kinds of drinks with a good mix of people, music and sometimes live DJs. Paris has an intense and diversified night life. From high-tech dance clubs to mellow jazz haunts, there is always something that fits your mood. Also try the famous cabaret venues for a great dose of vibrant entertainment!

Favela Chic Paris

This is a hot spot—literally speaking! The atmosphere in this Brazilian bar (and restaurant) is exotic, lively and friendly. The bar is often packed with people and can get very hot however, the bar staff has a habit of cooling the guests off with a water hose!

Address: 18 Rue du Faubourg du Temple, 75011 Paris

Public Transport: République Phone: + 33 1 40 21 38 14 Internet: www.favelachic.com/paris

La Perle

La Perle is a favourite amongst the "bohemian chic"
Parisians as well as international stylists, artists, models
and so on. It's a perfect place to start your evening at, or
to just have a conversation over a glass of wine. Though it
is often crowded, it has a homely and friendly atmosphere.

Address: 78 Rue Vieille du Temple Phone: +33 1 42 72 69 93

Buddha Bar

This temple-like establishment is still very popular for its

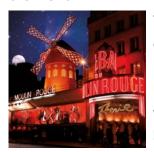


ambience at the cocktail bar. Top DJs deliver mood-setting tunes and the globally famous venue has spawned franchises all over the world.

Address: 8 Rue Boissy d'Anglais, 75008 Paris

Public Transport Concorde Phone: +33 1 53 05 90 00 Internet: www.buddha-bar.com

Moulin Rouge- The Most Famous Cabaret in the World!



The Moulin Rouge, a promise of an unforgettable evening! Established in 1889, the Moulin Rouge opens its doors with an audacious bet: becomes "The Palace of

dance and women! ". A successful bet for this famous cabaret became the Mecca of the party, immortalized by Toulouse-Lautrec, place of birth of the Music-Hall and world-famous thanks to its French Cancan! Enjoy your dinner in the French gastronomy tradition, orchestred by the famous Maison Dalloyau, served in a beautiful venue with its Belle Epoque decoration. The Moulin Rouge, an evening to be shared with family, friends or with your lover... A promise of unforgettable moments!

Address: 82 boulevard de Clichy, 75018 Paris
Opening hours: Formula "Dinner-Show" at 7:00 pm: choice of 2 menus +
" A la Carte" Formula "Show" at 9pm and at 11pm. (All the formulas include a ½ bottle of Champagne per person).

Phone: +33 1 53 09 82 82 Internet: www.moulinrouge.fr

More Info: "Féerie", 2 hours of an amazing show, 60 artists on stage, amongst 40 Doriss Girls casted from all over the world, 1000 costumes of feathers, rhinestones and sequins, luxurious sets, the best international acts, a huge aquarium, original musics ... "Féerie" an amazing show to be shared with family, friends or with your lover!

Le Nouveau Casino

This is also a famous venue that keeps on rocking until dawn—both in the bar downstairs and the medium-size dancehall upstairs. Le Nouveau Casino is also a great concert host.

Address: 109 Rue Oberkampf Public Transport: Line 3 Parmentier Phone: +33 1 43 57 57 40

Internet: www.nouveaucasino.net

Point Ephémère

Canal Saint-Martin in the 10th Arrondissement is a trendy area colonized by artists and young creative workers seduced by its lazy charm. You'll find several nice venues such as L'Atmosphère, Chez Prune or Le Repaire.

Address: 200 Quai de Valmy, 75010 Paris Public Transport: Line 7bis Jaurès or Louis Blanc

Phone: +33 1 40 34 02 48 Internet: www.pointephemere.org

Le Queen

Le Queen is a famous place, located on the Champs-Elysées. It is the place to groove and be beautiful, and it's not strictly gay as people usually think. You'll also meet celebrities and people from creative fields.

Address: 102 Avenue des Champs-Elysées Public Transport: Line 1 Georges V Phone: +33 1 45 61 28 21 Internet: www.queen.fr

Rex Club

This renowned electro club has always drawn a crowd since the mid-1980s. It is home to a terrific sound system with top international acts. Expect long lines at the doors, especially for Friday's events.

Address: 5 Boulevard Poissonnière, 75002 Paris Public Transport: Line 9/8 Bonne Nouvelle

Phone: +33 1 42 36 10 96 Internet: www.rexclub.com



SHOPPING



Photo: Patrick Nouhailler

Shopping in Paris means famous designers and luxurious brands such as Louis Vuitton and Christian Dior. But you'll also find more affordable brands matching your budget in the huge department stores or many popular neighbourhoods. There are famous gastronomical establishments for gourmets, too.

La Vallée Village



La Vallée Village is 35 minutes east of Paris city centre and five minutes from Disney® Parks. Discover superb price reductions on a selection of the leading

French and international luxury fashion and lifestyle brands in 115 outlet boutiques.

Address: 3 Cours de La Garonne, Serris

Phone: +33 1 60 423 500 Internet: www.lavalleevillage.com

Les Grands Boulevards (Hausmann)

In the 1st and 2nd Arrondissements, this is undoubtedly the most popular shopping area, home to prestigious department stores such as Printemps and Galeries Lafayette. They are remarkable for the wide range of items sold, as well as for their Art Nouveau architecture. You will find a world of ready-to-wear, with appealing boutiques and affordable brands. You can start with a nice walk from the beautiful Opéra Palais Garnier down to the stores on

Boulevard Hausmann

Address: Les Grands Boulevards, Paris

Les Halles and Marais

Les Halles is similar to London's Covent Garden, located in the city centre, right between the Louvre and Notre Dame. The shopping mall Forum des Halles features a heap of good shopping spots in a fascinating and crowded underground complex. This is a good source for affordable clothing. Not far away, the Jewish neighbourhood Le Marais, carries many handicraft and antique shops and is always an interesting visit.

Address: Les Halles, Paris Phone: +33 1 44 76 96 56 Internet: www.forumdeshalles.com

Along the Seine River

One of the most charming shopping activities in Paris consists of walking along the rows of bookstalls perched against the parapet of the Seine River. Here, if you have time and good bargaining skills, you may find some ancient and valuable tomes or collections of old stamps.

Bazar de l'Hôtel de Ville

BHV is a little less trendy, yet definitely worth mentioning. It has a good range of house wares and home improvement items, as well as useful and beautiful domestic goods. They also carry a decent selection of clothing and accessories.

Address: 52-54 Rue de Rivoli, Paris Phone: +33 9 77 401 400 Internet: www.bhv.fr

Marché aux Puces de Clignancourt

This world renowned flea market on the northern part of Paris attracts over 70,000 Parisians every weekend to find terrific bargains from vintage clothing to antique furniture.

Address: Porte de Clignancourt, Paris



Galeries Lafayette

Galeries Lafayette is the most spectacular department store with its unique stained-glass dome. You will find the most prestigious designer and cosmetics labels, and the largest European space entirely devoted to men's fashion. This is also home to huge toy, jewellery, house ware and delicatessen departments.

Address: 40 Boulevard Hausmann, Paris

Phone: +33 9 69 39 75 75 Internet: www.galerieslafayette.com

Champs-Élysées

This tourist strip has lots of fast food chains, banks, airline offices, cinemas and malls such as the futuristic Drugstore Publicis near Arc de Triomphe, or Gallerie Marchande des Champs-Elysées near Georges V Station. The Guerlain Parfumerie, with its turn-of-the century elegance and curved staircase, as well as the neo-classical Virgin Megastore, a huge retail haven for recorded music and books, are worth a stop.

Address: Champs-Elysées, Paris

Le Carrousel du Louvre

Le Carrousel du Louvre is a diverse underground shopping precinct adjoining the famous museum. Whether you are looking for music, gifts, perfumes or clothing, you will find a number of well-known stores that deliver quality merchandise and ease of purchase.

Address: Le Carrousel du Louvre, Paris Internet: www.carrouseldulouvre.com

Le Bon Marché

This is the oldest and most prominent retail establishment, the top destination for fashion and style. Designer apparel for men and women, cosmetics, and house wares comprise the major departments. Here you can even find an impressive food hall!

Address: 22 Rue de Sèvres, Paris Phone: +33 1 44 39 80 00 Internet: www.lebonmarche.com

Printemps Hausmann

Like its rival Lafayette, Printemps Hausmann is distinguished by amazing architecture and has everything, women's, men's, and children's fashions. It is a modern and trendy store and the beauty department highlights over 200 brand names.

Address: 64 Boulevard Hausmann, Paris Internet: www.printemps.com

Area surrounding Place Vendôme

Right off Rivoli is the beautiful Place Vendôme, where the jet-setters and millionaires buy their jewellery. This is "the" area for renowned Haute Couture and luxury goods. From here you can enjoy a walk down to Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré and Avenue Montaigne where the superb boutiques display their sophisticated or baroque windows. Women will particularly like Colette at 213 Rue St-Honoré, one of the most interesting shopping experiences anywhere, an eclectic collection of fresh-off-the-runway design, fashion, gadgets and music. Men can try Charvet on Place Vendôme, the oldest and best known boutique in Paris selling top quality ties and shirts. Hermès and Lanvin on Faubourg Saint-Honoré, and Jil Sander on Avenue Montaigne, are also among the best for one-stop shopping for men on the go.

Address: Place Vendôme, Paris

11 Rue Royale

At 11 Rue Royale, Lalique has become a reference throughout the world for the beauty and quality of its Cristal designs collections, tableware, and decorative glass objects. In the same area, gourmets will find the foremost of French delicatessen at Fauchon (Place de la Madeleine) or Granterroirs (Rue Miromesnil).

Address: 11 Rue Royale, Paris



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Address: 10 Place de la Concorde, 75008 Paris

Public Transport: Concorde Phone: +33 1 44 71 15 00 Internet: www.crillon.com

Hôtel Costes

The hotel, in a converted townhouse, is located close to some of Paris' most upscale shops. Costes evokes the imperial heyday of Napoleon III. It is one of Paris' trendiest hotels, a favourite for many fashion headliners. The suites are spacious, with theme designs such as "Moroccan Nights".

Address: 239 Rue Saint-Honoré, 75001 Paris Public Transport: Line 1 Tuileries or Concorde

Phone: +33 1 42 44 50 00 Internet: www.hotelcostes.com

Hôtel de Fleurie

This is a nice three-star-hotel in the heart of St-Germain-des-Prés. Large rooms with high ceilings, decorated in a flowery and romantic style. The many connecting rooms with two large beds makes it perfect for families.

Address: 32-34 Rue Grégoire de Tours, 75006 Paris Public Transport: Line 4 and 10 towards Odéon

Phone: +33 1 53 73 70 00

Internet: www.fleurie-hotel-paris.com

Résidence Lord Byron

Just a few steps from the Champs-Elysées, this is a very elegant hotel with an inner garden, a typical Parisian lounge and spacious suites.

Address: 5 Rue de Chateaubriand, 75008 Paris

Public Transport: Line 1 Georges Phone: + 33 1 43 59 89 98

Internet: www.escapade-paris.com



Hôtel du Quai Voltaire

This is one of the best hotels for views of the Seine. It's also rich in history: originally a 17th century abbey that was transformed into a hotel in 1856. Famous people like Oscar Wilde, Baudelaire and Wagner have stayed here.

Address: 19 Quai Voltaire, 75007 Paris Public Transport: RER C Musée d'Orsay

Phone: +33 1 42 61 50 91 Internet: www.quaivoltaire.fr

Hôtel El Dorado

This is one of the most charming budget hotels. Bohemian proprietor Anna Gratacos has decorated all 40 rooms individually, some with African fabrics, others with flea market finds. Also try the great food at Bistro des Dames which is part of the hotel.

Address: 18 Rue des Dame, 75017 Paris Public Transport: Line 2, 13 Place de Clichy

Phone: +33 1 45 22 35 21 Internet: www.eldoradohotel.fr

3 Ducks Hostel

3 Ducks Hostel is located about fifteen minutes from the Eiffel Tower on foot. This hostel offers four-six and eight-person dormitories in a friendly atmosphere. Close to metro station, train station, restaurants and cinemas.

Address: 6, place Etienne Pernet, 75015 Paris

Phone: +33 1 48 42 04 05 Internet: www.3ducks.fr

Le Clos Medicis

This historical building is built in 1773 and located a few blocks from the Luxembourg garden. The décor inside the hotel is perfectly combined with the contemporary and antique style in a charming way. The hotel offers comfortable rooms in a warm atmosphere.

Address: 56, rue Monsieur Le Prince, 75006 Paris

Phone: +33 1 43 29 10 80 Internet: www.closmedicis.com

Hôtel du Levant

Hôtel du Levant is a three star hotel located in the heart of the Latin Quarter which is a picturesque area. All rooms provide all the comfort to guarantee a pleasant stay. This is a great hotel for both business and leisure travellers.

Address: 18, rue de la Harpe, 75005 Paris

Phone: +33 1 46 34 11 00 Internet: www.hoteldulevant.com

Au Sourire de Montmartre

This bed and breakfast is located in the Montmartre neighbourhood and offers five luxurious rooms with unique décor. The décor is influenced both from French and Moroccan cultures. This is a cosy place to stay.

Address: 64 rue du Mont Cenis, 75018 Paris

Phone: +33 6 64 64 72 86

Internet: www.sourire-de-montmartre.com

Absolute Paris

Absolute Paris is a hostel with 39 rooms with shower and WC and located in the front of the canal St Martin. Kitchen facilities, dining room and 24-hr reception is provided at this hotel

Address: 1, rue de la Fontaine au Roi, 75011 Paris

Phone: +33 1 47 00 47 00 Internet: www.absolute-paris.com

San Régis

San Régis is a four star hotel and is ideally located in the Champs Elysées district. The elegant facade and the beautiful décor creates a unique atmosphere in this 19th century townhouse. Each room has its own character and offers all the modern amenities for a comfortable stay.

Address: 12, rue Jean Goujon, 75008 Paris

Phone: +33 1 44 95 16 16 Internet: www.hotel-sanregis.fr

Hotel Britannia

This hotel is ideally located in central Paris close to tourist attractions. Hotel Britannia offers cheerful rooms in a



warm and welcoming atmosphere. The staff is very friendly and will be delighted to help you and give you information.

Address: 24 rue d'Amsterdam,75009 Paris

Phone: +33 1 42 85 36 36 Internet: www.hotelbritannia.com

Hôtel Moulin Vert

Hôtel Moulin Vert is a two star hotel located close to Saint-Germain-des-Prés, on a small street. All 28 rooms are individually decorated in a comfortable style. This is a very charming hotel with friendly staff.

Address: 74, rue du Moulin Vert, 75014 Paris

Phone: +33 1 45 43 65 38 Internet: www.hotel-moulinvert.com

Le Pershing Hall

Le Pershing Hall is a five star design hotel located in the heart of Paris. It offers a very luxurious and relaxing stay in an elegant and beautiful environment. All rooms have a unique and elegant design and provide all the modern facilities you will need for a pleasant stay.

Address: 49 rue Pierre Charron, 75008 Paris

Phone: +33 1 58 36 58 00 Internet: www.pershinghall.com

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Airports

Paris is served by two major airports, Roissy Charles de Gaulle (CDG), 25 Km from the city centre and Orly, 15 Km from the city centre. A third airport, Paris Beauvais, is mainly served by low cost airlines. A shuttle service is organized to and from its terminals and Paris-Porte Maillot.

From CDG terminals, the Roissy bus leaves every 15 minutes from 6 a.m and arrives at the city centre (at Opéra) after a 45-60 minutes journey. After midnight there are night busses going to Place du Châtelet, 90 rue de Rivoli every 30 minutes. The cheapest and fastest (30 minutes) is the underground RER B to Gare du Nord running from 4.56 a.m to 23.56 p.m. From Gare du Nord you are connected to Paris' metro network. Air France buses go to Porte Maillot and Etoile (every 15 minutes) and taxis can be found near the terminals' baggage collection area exits.



From Orly, the automatic metro Orlyval takes you to RER B Antony station from 6 a.m to 11 p.m. The other option (and cheaper) are the airport shuttle buses going to RER C Pont de Rungis station. As for buses, the Orly bus takes you straight to RER B Denfert-Rochereau.

Internet: www.aeroportsdeparis.fr www.aeroportbeauvais.com

Public transport

The RATP runs the city's local transport system, it is cheap and efficient. The bus, underground (metro) and commuter train system (RER) is divided into five zones. The underground runs from 5.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m. Tickets are valid on both buses and trains, and can be purchased from the stations and in kiosks. Travel cards, ranging from one to five days, are also available at the airport, at underground stations and from tourist information offices

Phone: +33 8 92 69 32 46 Internet: www.ratp.fr

Taxi

Taxis can be hailed at stands or on the street, but they can be hard to find, especially on Friday and Saturday evenings. Beware of fake cabs at the airports! Do not forget to tip the driver about 10% of the total amount.

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Internet: www.batobus.com

Post

Stamps are available from kiosks and news agents. For mail overseas, it is advisable to visit a post office. The central post and sorting office of the Louvre is open 24

hours a day.

Address: 52 rue du Louvre Public Transport: Louvre Phone: +33 1 40 28 20 00

Health Care

Should you have a medical problem your best bet is to contact the American Hospital in Neuilly on the West edge of Paris. The have a medical team availble 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Address: 63 boulevard Victor Hugo Neuilly sur Seine Public Transport: Line 3 Pont de Levallois station Phone: +33 1 46 41 25 25

Internet: www.american-hospital.org

Pharmacy

The pharmacies are open either late or around the clock, on the door it will say which is the closest pharmacy and opening hours. Pharmacie Les Champs Elysées is one of the main pharmacies.

Address: 84 avenue des Champs Elysées

Public Transport: George V Phone: +33 1 45 62 02 41

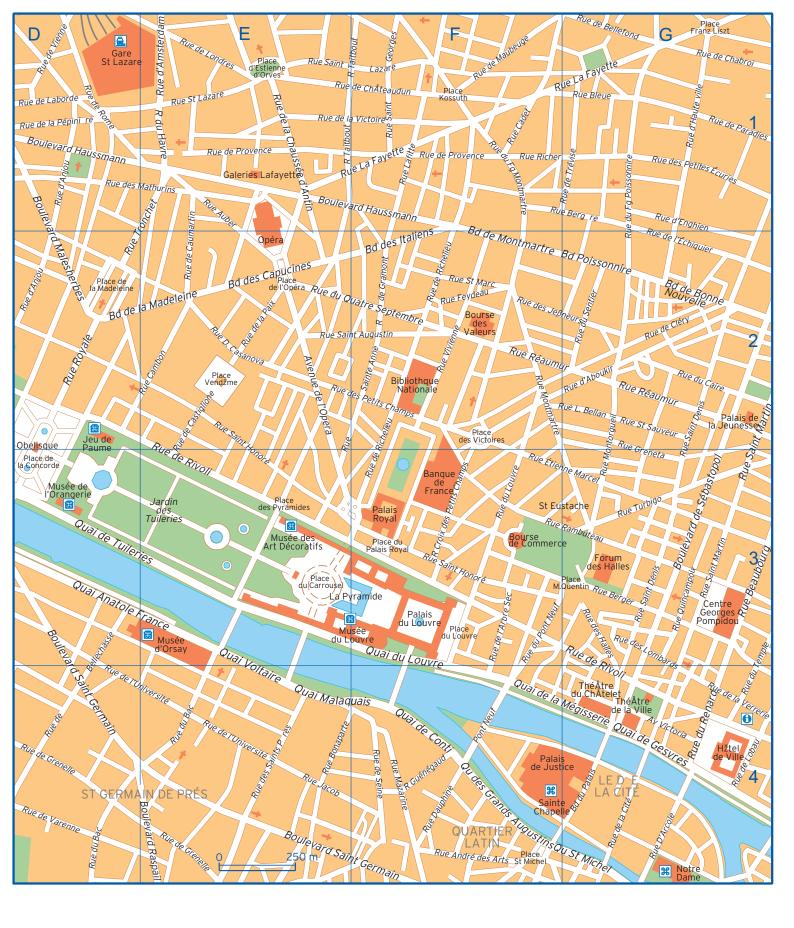
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Boulevard des Italiens	F2	Quai de Gesvres	G4	Rue de Lübeck	A2 A3
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Rue de l'Échiquier	G2	Rue du Fg Poissonnière	G1 G2	Rue P. Valéry	A2
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Rue de Maubeuge	F1	Rue du Louvre	F3	Rue Quincampoix	G3
Rue de Miromesnil	C1	Rue du Pont Neuf	F3	Rue Rambuteau	F3 G3
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Rue de Varenne	D4	Rue Fabert	C3	Rue Saint Lazare	E1 F1
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