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Few cities can match the kind of iconic status that Paris boasts in the imagination of travellers the world over. In fashion, gastronomy, the arts, she is queen. As you visit the different 'quartiers' of the City of Lights her moods shift from gritty to sophisticated, Haute Couture to punk. Paris is a true metropolis and there is always something new to discover beyond the legendary sights and museums we all know so well. This fabled city has a way of getting under your skin and feeling instantly familiar to all who wander her hypnotic streets and linger at her inviting cafes.



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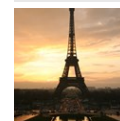
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Writers, travellers, artists, photographers and filmmakers have tried to capture the magic of the French capital for hundreds of years. Time and time again, they have failed. It may be possible to understand and admire the magnificence of its architectural splendours, the appeal of its long tree-lined boulevards, the draw of its vast, green parks, but that unique feeling of strolling through this open-air museum on a clear night cannot be reproduced by any medium. Paris is a city that must be experienced first-hand.

Instantly recognizable for its iconic architecture, it is a vibrant metropolis in constant change. Though perennial monuments like the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe and Notre Dame Cathedral are a must, as are world-renowned museums such as the Louvre and Musée d'Orsay, there are wonders to be found on every corner. From the trendy bars, boutiques and galleries of Marais to the artsy and bohemian feel of Montmartre to the grandiose elegance along the Seine, there is plenty for all tastes, a full range extending from earthy grit to over-the-top sophistication, but always with an emphatic and inimitable Parisian flavour.

A pioneer in design of all kinds, Paris is consistently at the forefront of innovation in

everything from the arts and culture to fashion and gastronomy. Be it for shopping, dining or sightseeing, it is hard to find a better place than this, the world's most visited city.

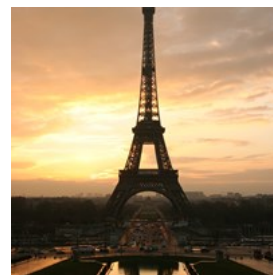
DO & SEE



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There is never enough time to take in everything that Paris has to offer. Visiting the sights and museums is immersive and awe-inspiring and could easily keep you occupied for months. But visitors are best rewarded by simply venturing out into the night. Like most truly great cities, Paris is best experienced after dark and without a fixed route in mind, when the explorer is free to stumble upon an unexpected sight or an undiscovered hole-in-the-wall, drawn in by an alluring scent or some sort of innate feeling. One thing is for sure, you will never run out of things to see, do and experience in Paris.

La Tour Eiffel



This iron tower is the very symbol of Paris itself, and it attracts nearly seven million visitors each year. The tower was built by Gustave Eiffel for the 1889 World Exposition to celebrate the centennial of the French Revolution. It towers over the city at 324 metres and weighs over 10,000 tons, making it both an

imposing monument and an engineering marvel.

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Address: Parc du Champ de Mars, Paris

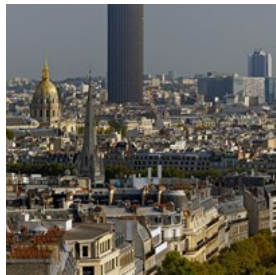
Public Transport: Bus 82, 42: "Tour Eiffel". Metro line 6: "Bir-Hakeim". Metro line 9: "Trocadéro".

Opening hours: Daily 9am-12:45am

Phone: +33 892 70 12 39

Internet: www.toureffel.paris

Tour Montparnasse



The 689-foot tall Montparnasse Tower, also called the "Tour Maine-Montparnasse", is Paris' only skyscraper, standing at 59 storeys tall

(plus 6 underground levels). The fastest lift connects the ground floor to the 56th floor, at an altitude of 643 feet in just 38 seconds (or 19 feet per second). The top floors and the terrace are only accessible by stairs and provide breathtaking panoramic views of the city.

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Address: 33 Avenue du Maine, Paris

Opening hours: Summer: daily 9:30am-11:30pm. Winter: Sun-Thu 9:30am-10:30pm, Fri-Sat 9:30am-11pm

Phone: +33 1 45 38 52 56

Internet: www.tourmontparnasse56.com

Musée du Louvre



The Louvre is one of the largest museums in the world, famous for its many masterpieces: the 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 artifacts that inhabit its endless halls over the

past five centuries, and the collection boasts Assyrian, Etruscan, Greek, Coptic and Islamic art, as well as antiquities dating from prehistory to the 19th century.

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Address: Musée du Louvre, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 1, 7: "Palais Royal-Musée du Louvre"

Opening hours: Mon, Thu, Sat-Sun 9am-6pm, Wed, Fri 9am-9:45pm

Phone: +33 1 40 20 53 17

Internet: www.louvre.fr

Email: info@louvre.fr

Basilique du Sacré-Cœur



The Sacré-Cœur Roman Catholic basilica sits atop the Montmartre hill, the highest point of the city, offering an wonderful panoramic view of Paris

as it extends southward. The church was inaugurated in 1914 and is named after, and dedicated to, the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It contains more than 500 statues and its iconic status makes it a regular sight on film.

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Address: 35, Rue du Chevalier-de-la-Barre, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 12: "Jules Joffrin", "Pigalle", "Abbesses". Metro line 2: "Pigalle", "Anvers".

Opening hours: Daily 6am-10:30pm

Phone: +33 1 53 41 89 00

Internet: www.sacre-coeur-montmartre.com/english

L'Arc de Triomphe



The Arc de Triomphe was erected by the Emperor Napoleon in 1806, and standing tall at 50 metres (164 feet), it is 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 Napoleonic Wars.

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Address: L'Arc de Triomphe, Place Charles de Gaulle, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 1, 2, 6:

"Charles-de-Gaulle-Etoile".

Opening hours: Daily 10am-11pm

Internet: www.arcdetriompheparis.com

Château de Versailles



The town of Versailles is a wealthy Parisian suburb and municipality, located 20 kilometres outside the city. In the 11th century Versailles was merely a country village enveloping a castle and the church of Saint-Julien. Today it is mostly known for the lavish Chateau de Versailles, which served as home to King Louis XIV and summer palace to Napoleon. It also saw the historic signing of the Treaty of Versailles in 1919 in the now legendary Hall of Mirrors.

Photo: S-F/Shutterstock.com

Address: Place d'Armes, Versailles

Opening hours: Palace: Tue-Sat 9am-6:30pm. Garden: daily 8am-8:30pm

Phone: +33 1 30 83 78 00

Internet: www.chateauversailles.fr

Seine River Cruise



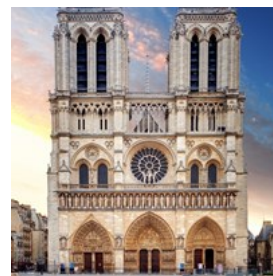
Boat cruises on the Seine embark at the foot of the Eiffel Tower and take you through the heart of the city where you can admire the prestigious monuments and landmarks of the city and the

stunning architecture from bridge to bridge and bank to bank. To learn history along the way, plug in your audio guide and choose your language (there are 13 languages available). Come back at night for another tour, and it will be a different Paris before your eyes, yet just as magical.

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Address: Port de la Bourdonnais, Paris

Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris



With its 10 million yearly visitors, Notre-Dame is the most visited site in Paris. This place has always been the religious centre of the city: the Celts considered the grounds sacred, the Romans built a temple here, the Christians, a basilica, and the last religious structure before the Notre-Dame cathedral was erected was a Romanesque church. The Gothic cathedral of Notre-Dame, finished in 1345, is a tectonic masterpiece. The massive structure is 128 meters long (420 feet) and has two 69-meter-tall towers (226 feet).

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Address: 6 Parvis Notre Dame, Paris

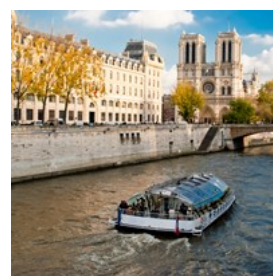
Public Transport: Metro line 4: "Cité", "Saint-Michel"

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 7:45am-7pm

Phone: +33 1 42 34 56 10

Internet: www.notredamedeparis.fr

La Seine



The river Seine flows 776 kilometres through northern France, and offers a great opportunity to become familiar with many of Paris' impressive monuments while enjoying a boat ride through

the heart of the city. A romantic cruise for couples, or a fun-filled ride for the whole family, just sit back on the water and enjoy the scenic setting of Paris. Most boat lines offer similar itineraries and are equipped with an audio announcement system, as the multilingual guides provide commentary on the passing sights in several different languages.

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Pont Neuf



Pont Neuf (New Bridge) is, ironically, the oldest bridge over the river Seine in Paris. Its construction dates back to the 16th century, and

the iconic bridge stands today at 278 meters (912 feet) long and 28 meters (92 feet) wide, connecting the Ile de la Cité with either side of the Seine.

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Address: Pont Neuf, Paris
Public Transport: Metro line 7: "Pont Neuf"

Champs-Élysées



This iconic promenade is nearly two kilometres long and goes all the way from Place de la Concorde to Place Charles de Gaulle,

bookended by the Arc de Triomphe and the Musée de Louvre. It is a lovely walk on any day of the year, and it is the place to be during times of celebration, be it the French National Day or New Year's Eve. In the month of July the final stage of the Tour de France takes place right on this very street.

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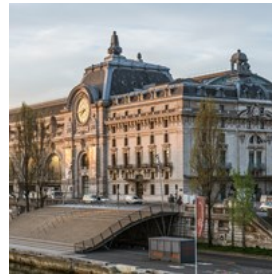
Address: Avenue des Champs-Élysées, Paris

Public Transport: Station "Concorde" (metro line 1, 8, 12).

Station "Charles de Gaulle - Étoile" (metro line 1, 2, 6, A).

Station "Franklin D. Roosevelt" (metro line 1, 9).

Musée d'Orsay



The Musée d'Orsay was originally a railway station, and the building itself demands a visit. But it holds a mesmerizing collection of mainly

French paintings, sculptures and photography, including the world's largest collection of impressionist and post-impressionist paintings, with works from artists such as Van Gogh, Cézanne, Renoir and Monet.

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Address: 62 rue de Lille, Paris

Public Transport: RER: "Musée d'Orsay"

Opening hours: Tue-Wed, Fri-Sun 9:30am-6pm, Thu 9:30am-9:45pm

Phone: +33 1 40 49 48 14

Internet: www.musee-orsay.fr

Montmartre



Montmartre is one of the most popular historic areas in Paris, with the Sacré-Cœur Basilica its beacon atop the 130-metre Montmartre

hill, the highest point in Paris. It is famous for the cafés and studios of many great artists, such as Dalí, Monet and Picasso, and it is easily recognizable as the filming location of the movie "Amélie". Other famous places in the area are the Moulin Rouge and Lapin Agile, downhill to the southwest, in the red-light district of Pigalle.

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Public Transport: Metro line 2: "Blanche", "Pigalle", "Anvers".

Metro line 12: "Abbeesses".

Le Marais



Le Marais is a historic district situated on the Right Bank of the Seine, spread across the 3rd and 4th Arrondissements.

This is a trendy district with beautiful architecture dating back to the 17th century. Now home to a vibrant LGBT community, it is famous for its many museums, art galleries and historic sites, such as Paris' oldest square, Place des Vosges, the site of Victor Hugo's former residence.

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Disneyland Paris



If you can be drawn away from the magical allure of the city, venture to a different type of magic at Disneyland Paris. The resort consists of two

parks, Disneyland Park, which consists mainly of the usual rides, restaurants, cafés and tons and tons of shops, and Walt Disney Studios, which has cinemas and stages on top of that. Wander down Main Street USA, explore exotic sceneries in Adventureland, or visit you favourite and most beloved characters at Fantasyland. Adventure and wonder wait at Disneyland Paris, especially if you have kids, but not exclusively. Tons of fun is waiting to be had by visitors of all ages.

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Address: Marne-la-Vallée

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-8:30pm, Sat-Sun 10am-10pm

Phone: +33 1 60 30 60 30

Internet: www.disneylandparis.com

Place de la Concorde



Place de la Concorde is a massive 84,000m² square located at the eastern end of the Champs-Élysées. It 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, over a thousand people were beheaded here, many of them famous: Louis XVI, Marie Antoinette, and revolutionary Robespierre, just to name a few. The site is dominated by the 24-metre Obélisque de Luxour, one of Cleopatra's needles - a gift from Egyptian viceroy Mohammed Ali to Louis Philippe.

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Public Transport: Metro line 1, 8, 12: "Concorde"

Centre Pompidou



The Centre George Pompidou is a vast postmodern and high-tech architectural space that hosts the Musée National d'Art

Moderne (the largest modern art museum in Europe), as well as a large public library and a centre for music and acoustic research. Its construction was controversial, as it was necessary to demolish the emblematic market that stood at that location at Les Halles, and it was initially despised by many Parisians for its unusual architectural aesthetic, which many thought clashed with the city's classical and sophisticated style.

Photo: Jorge Felix Costa/Shutterstock.com

Address: Place Georges Pompidou, Paris

Public Transport: Station "Châtelet-Les Halles" (metro line 1, 4, 7, 11, 14, RER A, B, D). Station "Rambuteau" (metro line

11). Station "Hôtel de Ville" (metro line 1, 11).

Opening hours: Wed-Mon 11am-9pm. Thu until 11pm

Phone: +33 1 44 78 12 33

Internet: www.centrepompidou.fr

Email: contact@centrepompidou.fr

Père Lachaise Cemetery



Père Lachaise is the largest cemetery in Paris and reputed to be the most visited in the world. It is a huge and peaceful park and the final resting place of many Frenchmen and foreigners who have enriched French life over the past 200 years: Edith Piaff, Oscar Wilde, Camille Pissarro, Marcel Proust, Molière, Max Ernst, Maria Callas and Jim Morrison, to name just a few.

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Address: Boulevard de Ménilmontant, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 2: "Père Lachaise". Metro line 3: "Père Lachaise", "Gambetta".

Phone: +33 1 55 25 82 10

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. This is one of the most interesting places in the city to people watch, where you will encounter frolicking families, strolling students, runners, rushing politicians, pickup chess matches and lovers holding hands.

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Address: Rue de Médicis - Rue de Vaugirard, Paris

Public Transport: RER: "Luxembourg", "Port Royal"

Phone: +33 1 42 64 33 99

Internet: www.senat.fr/visite/jardin

Cité Nationale de l'Histoire de l'Immigration



One of Paris' lesser known gems, the Cité Nationale de l'Histoire de l'Immigration (formerly the Musée des Arts d'Afrique et d'Océanie) is

not as popular as Orsay or Louvre, yet it is definitely worth a visit. Here you can find a mix of world-class exhibitions of African and Pacific art, and there is an excellent tropical aquarium in the cellar.

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Address: 293 avenue Daumesnil, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 8: "Porte Dorée"

Opening hours: Tue-Fri 10am-5:30pm, Sat-Sun 10am-7pm

Phone: +33 1 53 59 58 60

Internet: www.histoire-immigration.fr

Email: info@histoire-immigration.fr

Paris Catacombs



The Catacombs are at once fascinating and eerie. Walk down the many steps to experience this spooky underground place. Here you will find

the osseous remains of almost 6 million people, moved to this location from an old cemetery.

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Address: 1 avenue du Colonel Henri Rol-Tanguy, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 4, 6: "Denfert-Rochereau". RER

B: "Denfert-Rochereau"

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-8pm

Phone: +33 1 43 22 47 63

Internet: www.catacombes.paris.fr

Panthéon



This neoclassical building in the Latin Quarter was modelled after the Pantheon in Rome. The crypt below is the final resting place of numerous writers, philosophers, poets and scientists, such as Rousseau, Voltaire, Victor Hugo, Emile Zola, Louis Braille and Marie Curie.

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Address: Place du Panthéon, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 10: "Cardinal Lemoine". RER: "Luxembourg"

Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm

Phone: +33 1 44 32 18 00

Internet: www.panthéonparis.com

Parc Montsouris



Parc Montsouris is one of four large public parks built by Emperor Napoleon III at the cardinal points around the city. The large lake, the cascade and the extensive lawns make it a favourite among locals in any weather.

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Address: 2 Rue Gazan, Paris

Public Transport: RER: "Cité Universitaire"

Phone: +33 1 53 90 67 14

DINING



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Paris' cuisine surprises as much for its variety and range as it does for its quality and exquisite presentation. From small family-run bistros to Michelin-starred restaurants run by internationally famous chefs, dining here is more art than science. Sweets, pastries, cheese and fresh market produce are also an essential part of the Parisian gastronomic experience, as are, of course, local specialties like foie gras, macarons and crème brûlée. Top it off with a treat from a specialty chocolaterie and a fine local vintage in the evening to complete the tour of the best delicacies Paris has to offer.

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.

Photo: sasaken/Shutterstock.com

Address: 102 Quai de Jemmapes, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 3, 8, 9, 11: "République"

Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-1:30am

Phone: +33 1 40 40 78 78

Internet: www.hoteldunord.org

Email: jl@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 most ground-breaking chefs in his category.

Photo: Marian Weyo / Shutterstock.com

Address: 14 Rue de Castiglione, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 1: "Tuileries"

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 12:30pm-2pm and 7:30pm-10pm

Phone: +33 142 86 82 82

Internet: www.carredesfeuillants.fr

Email: carredesfeuillants@orange.fr

Epicure



Hailed as one of the best restaurants in Paris, Epicure offers an unique dining experience. Head Chef Eric Frechon concocts masterpiece

French dishes using unusual combinations of exquisite ingredients, producing such meals as smoked oysters with a duck and green tea bullion.

Photo: ytyoung / Shutterstock.com

Address: 112 rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 9, 13: "Miromesnil"

Opening hours: Daily 7am-10:30am, 12pm-2pm and 7pm-10pm

Phone: +33 1 53 43 43 40

Internet: www.lebristolparis.com/eng/gastronomy/epicure

Email: epicure@lebristolparis.com

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.

Photo: mashe/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Rue du Pont-Neuf, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 7: "Pont Neuf"

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 12:15pm-4pm and 7pm-11:45pm,

Fri-Sat 12pm-4pm and 7pm-1am

Phone: +33 140 39 09 00

Internet: www.kong.fr

Email: contact@kong.fr

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 Alcazar's huge chill-out area.

Photo: andreacastro / Shutterstock.com

Address: 62 Rue Mazarine, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 4, 10: "Odéon"

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 12pm-2am

Phone: +33 153 10 19 99

Internet: www.alcazar.fr/en

Email: contact@alcazar.fr

Pierre Gagnaire



Pierre Gagnaire is located near the Champs-Élysées and is one of the city's most solid and appealing restaurants, ranked among the world's top 50.

Expect to pay up for the lunch and dinner menu and make sure you make a reservation well in advance.

Photo: Luiz Rocha / Shutterstock.com

Address: 6 Rue Balzac, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 1: "Georges V"

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 12pm-1:30pm and 7:30-9:30pm

Phone: +33 1 58 36 12 50

Internet: www.pierre-gagnaire.com

Allard



There are still local neighbourhood restaurants that serve excellent food all over Paris. One of them is Allard, in the 6th

Arrondissement, over on the left bank of the Seine. It is a traditional 1930's bistro, with many regulars from the same era. Try the foie gras, frog legs and other typical French dishes that put this place on the culinary map.

Photo: marco mayer / Shutterstock.com

Address: 41 Rue St-André des Arts, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 4: "Saint-Michel", "Odéon"

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-2pm and 7pm-10pm

Phone: +33 1 58 00 23 42

Internet: www.restaurant-allard.fr

Email: restaurant.allard@alain-ducasse.com

Goumard



Goumard 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.

Photo: Magdanatka/Shutterstock.com

Address: 9 Rue Duphot, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 12: "Madeleine". Metro line 1, 8, 12: "Concorde"

Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-12:30am

Phone: +33 142 60 36 07

Internet: www.goumard.com

Email: contact@goumard.com

Brasserie Balzar



The Brasserie Balzar is yet another traditional eatery with a nice atmosphere and a traditional menu. Located in the lively Quartier

Latin since 1898, many of the city's famous authors have been regulars here, a true seal of approval.

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Address: 49 Rue des Ecoles, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 10: "Cluny-La Sorbonne"

Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-11pm, Sun until 10:30pm

Phone: +33 1 43 54 13 67

Internet: www.brasseriebalzar.com

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.

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Address: 32 rue de Berri, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 9: "Saint-Philippe-du-Roule".

Metro line 1: "George V"

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-2pm and 7pm-11pm

Phone: +33 1 45 63 91 56

Internet: www.restaurant-annapurna.com

Email: contact@restaurant-annapurna.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.

Photo: hlphoto / Shutterstock.com

Address: 117 Rue Monge, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 7: "Censier Daubenton"

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 12pm-2:30pm and 7pm-11pm

Phone: +33 1 43 37 85 10

Internet: www.fountiagadir.fr

Email: contact@fountiagadir.fr

L'As du Fallafel



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 Fallafel. This little

restaurant claims to have the "best falafel in the world," and many agree. Expect delicious falafel accompanied by yummy hummus and tasty vegetables, to go or to stay.

Photo: gkrphoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: 34 Rue des Rosiers, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 1: "St. Paul"

Opening hours: Mon-Thu, Sun 12pm-12am, Fri 12pm-4pm, Sat 6pm-12am

Phone: +33 1 48 87 63 60

Zo



Zo is a cosy restaurant that 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 ranging from sushi and pizza to steak and pasta.

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Address: 13 rue Montalivet, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 10, 13: "Miromesnil". Metro line 1, 13: "Champs-Élysées-Clemenceau". Metro line 8, 12, 14: "Madeleine"

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 12pm-2:30pm and 7:30pm-11:30pm, Sat 8pm-12am

Phone: +33 142 65 18 18

Email: info@restaurantzo.com

Pizzeria Mancini



This quaint little Italian restaurant tucked away in Montmartre offers great Neapolitan cuisine at very affordable prices. Pasta, gnocchi and pizza with

homemade sauce prepared from scratch in a no-nonsense setting, it is perfect for quick bite on your visit to this historic district.

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Address: 20 rue Bachelet, Paris
 Public Transport: Metro line 4: "Chateau Rouge". Metro line 12: "Lamarck-Caulaincourt", "Jules Joffrin"
 Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12pm-2:30pm and 7pm-11pm
 Phone: +33 1 42 23 40 07
 Internet: www.pizzeriamancini.fr

Passage 53



Don't let this place's understated location and tone fool you. This is exclusive dining, with a price tag to match. But if you are looking for a unique dining experience (and can afford it), Passage 53 offers a meal you won't soon forget. A Paris-based Japanese chef with two Michelin stars, Shinichi Sato's set menus will make your mouth water.

Photo: Maksim Toome / Shutterstock.com
 Address: 53 Passage des Panoramas, Paris
 Public Transport: Metro line 8, 9: "Grands Boulevards", "Richelieu-Drouot"
 Opening hours: Tue-Sat 12pm-1pm and 8pm-9pm
 Phone: +33 1 42 33 04 35
 Internet: www.passage53.com

Roomies



Hamburgers might not be the first thing that comes to mind when thinking about Paris dining, but Roomies gives you the chance to customize your own burger with fresh and high-quality ingredients. The friendly staff will gladly guide you through the process in good English. At just a 10 minute walk from Notre Dame, it is well worth a visit.

Photo: NatashaPhoto / Shutterstock.com
 Address: 14 Rue du Cygne, Paris
 Public Transport: Metro line 4: "Étienne Marcel"

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 12pm-2:30pm and 7:30pm-10:30pm, Sat 12pm-10:30pm, Sun 12pm-4pm
 Phone: +33 1 42 60 30 11
 Email: contact@the-roomies.fr

Rouge Bis



Rouge Bis is renowned for its friendly and welcoming staff, and its location, just across from the Moulin Rouge, makes an ideal place to catch a bite before a show. You can sample some local dishes or have something lighter, like a pre-cabaret sandwich or salad.

Photo: B and E Dudzinsky / Shutterstock.com
 Address: 7 Place Blanche, Paris
 Public Transport: Metro line 12: "Blanche"
 Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-2am
 Phone: +33 1 40 16 45 36

Yam'Tcha



A favourite among local foodies, Yam'Tcha's head Chef Adeline Grattard creates dishes that mix French tradition with Asian flare, resulting in combinations like scallops with peppers and black soya. In keeping with the mixed feeling of the place, for refreshments you can choose from a variety of Asian teas or French wines.

Photo: Endla / Shutterstock.com
 Address: 4 rue Sauval, Paris
 Public Transport: Metro line 1: "Louvre-Rivoli". Metro line 4: "Les Halles"
 Opening hours: Wed-Sat 11:30am-10pm
 Phone: +33 1 40 26 06 06
 Internet: www.yamtcha.com
 Email: boutique@yamtcha.com

La Maison de Verlaine



La Maison de Verlaine is located in the Latin Quarter and is one of the best deals around. A traditional French 3-course meal can be as

little as €20. The waiters are very attentive, funny and are more than willing to guide you through the menu. The duck salad and home-made chocolate mousse come very highly recommended. It is possible to get a table without a reservation, but to be on the safe side it is recommended that you call ahead.

Photo: StockPhotosLV / Shutterstock.com

Address: 39 Rue Descartes, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 10: "Cardinal Lemoine". Metro line 7: "Censier-Daubenton"

Opening hours: Fri-Tue 12pm-2:30pm and 7pm-10:30pm, Thu 7pm-10:30pm

Phone: +33 1 43 26 39 15

Internet: www.lamaisondeverlaine.com

Email: maison-de-verlaine@wanadoo.fr

CAFES



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Fresh baguettes and croissants with a strong espresso in the morning, aromatic teas or pastis in the afternoon, a local vintage with friends in the evening, it's never the wrong time to visit a Paris cafe. They are a quintessential part of the Parisian experience and the perfect vantage point from which to engage in a lazy afternoon of

people watching. The wide variety of drinks and the occasional live music round off the cafe experience to perfection.

KB Coffee Roasters



A speciality coffee pioneers in Paris, KB offers their own roasted coffee and it is all served in a cosy ambiance.

Everything you eat here is freshly handmade by the team in house. 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.

Photo: @puxanphoto

Address: 53 avenue Trudaine, Paris

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:45am-6:30pm, Sat-Sun 9am-6:30pm

Phone: +33 1 56 92 12 41

Internet: www.kbcafeshop.com

Email: contact@kbcafeshop.com

Café de Flore



This famous literary cafe in Saint-Germain-des-Prés boasts some very illustrious names among its former clientele, including Simone de

Beauvoir, Albert Camus and Jean-Paul Sartre. Getting a table among all the tourists might be a challenge, but with the Café de Flore's history and status in popular culture, it definitely warrants a visit.

Photo: GooDween123/Shutterstock.com

Address: 172 Boulevard Saint-Germain, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 4: "Métro Saint Germain des Près"

Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-1:30am

Phone: +33 1 45 48 55 26

Internet: cafedeflore.fr

Le Select



Another famous literary cafe (and former hangout of Ernest Hemingway, Pablo Picasso and Henry Miller), Le Select remains true to the spirit it has

had since 1925, despite its popularity among tourists and the high prices to match. It is still a favourite among locals and always displays an authentic Parisian charm.

Photo: IAKOBCHUK VIACHESLAV / Shutterstock.com

Address: 99 Boulevard du Montparnasse, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 4: "Vavin"

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 7am-2am, Fri-Sat 7am-3am

Phone: +33 1 45 48 38 24

Internet: www.leaselectmontparnasse.fr

Aux Folies



Aux Folies is a traditional Paris cafe that has fully embraced the city's multi-cultural present. Once the home of Edith Piaf and Maurice

Chevalier, the district of Belleville now mixes Chinese and North African influences, reflecting the effect immigrant cultures have had on the city and its culture.

Photo: Gorodisskij/Shutterstock.com

Address: 8 Rue de Belleville, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 2, 11: "Belleville"

Opening hours: Daily 7am-2am

Phone: +33 1 46 36 65 98

Internet: www.aux-folies-belleville.fr

Café Charbon



Quiet and laid-back by day, and a trendy center for nightlife after dark, Rue Oberkampf hosts several cafes that like Café Charbon transform into chic bars at night. Originally a dance hall built around 1900, this spacious cafe attracts a hip urban crowd.

Photo: iravgustin / Shutterstock.com

Address: 109 Rue Oberkampf, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 3: "Parmentier"

Opening hours: Sun-Wed 8am-2am, Thu 8am-4am, Fri-Sat 8am-5am

Phone: +33 1 43 57 55 13

Internet: www.lecafecharbon.fr

Café de la Paix



For a taste of sophistication, check out Café de la Paix, located next to, and designed by the same architect as, the Opera Garnier. As part of Le Grand Hotel, you can enjoy the luxurious interiors or relax on the terrace to indulge in some people watching.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5 Place de l'Opéra, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 3, 7, 8: "Opéra"

Opening hours: Daily 7am-11:30pm

Phone: +33 1 40 07 36 36

Internet: www.cafedelapaix.fr

Email: reservation@cafedelapaix.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.

Photo: Jen / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: 94 Rue du Temple, Paris

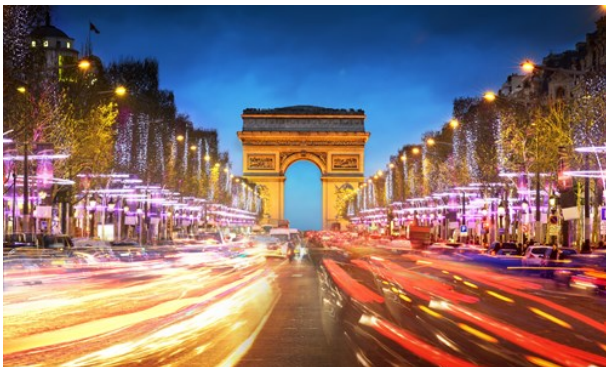
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-6:30pm, Sat-Sun 10am-6:30pm

Phone: +33 1 44 610 928

Internet: www.stradacafe.fr

Email: stradacafe@hotmail.fr

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Paris' nightlife is intense and very diverse, offering options to satisfy all tastes. From high-tech dance clubs to mellow jazz haunts, there is always something to fit your mood. Trendy and popular bars abound, serving high-quality drinks with a good mix of people and music, and it is not uncommon to find live DJs. For a unique dose of vibrant local entertainment, you can't beat Paris' famous cabaret venues.

Favela Chic Paris



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

Photo: IAKOBCHUK VIACHESLAV/Shutterstock.com

Address: 18 Rue du Faubourg du Temple, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 3, 5, 8, 9, 11: "République"

Opening hours: Tue-Wed 7:30pm-2am, Thu 7:30pm-3am,

Fri-Sat 7:30pm-4am

Phone: +33 140 21 38 14

Internet: www.favelachic.com

Email: presseprod@favelachic.com

La Perle



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

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 78 Rue Vieille du Temple, Paris

Opening hours: Daily 6:30am-2am

Phone: +33 1 42 72 69 93

Internet: www.cafelaperle.com

Email: contact@cafelaperle.com

Buddha Bar



This temple-like establishment is still very popular for its ambience at the cocktail bar. Top DJ's deliver mood-setting tunes and the globally famous venue has spawned franchises all over the world.

Photo: Nykonchuk Oleksii / Shutterstock.com

Address: 8 Rue Boissy d'Anglais, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 1, 8, 12: "Concorde"

Opening hours: Daily 6pm-2am

Phone: +33 1 53 05 90 00

Internet: www.buddha-bar.com

Email: buddhabar@buddhabar.com

Silencio



Open only to members before midnight, this is certainly one of the strangest places for a night out in Paris. Cinema eccentric David Lynch has designed a place that falls somewhere between a bar, a nightclub and an art club, largely inspired by his on-screen endeavours, from Mulholland Drive to Twin Peaks. There is a private cinema, a smoking room and a set for live performances.

Photo: Minerva Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 142 rue Montmartre, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 3: "Bourse"

Opening hours: Tue-Thu 6pm-4am, Fri-Sat 6pm-6am

Phone: +33 6 67 69 94 01

Internet: www.silencio-club.com

Email: contact@silencio-club.com

More Info: Members only before midnight

Le Scherkhan



At Le Scherkhan you can enjoy a good meal and linger in a cosy atmosphere. In the evening this place is bustling with laughing people sipping cocktails and sampling one or two tapas.

Photo: naito8/Shutterstock.com

Address: 66 rue d'Hauteville, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 7: "Poissonnière"

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-2am, Sat 6:30pm-2am

Phone: +33 1 48 01 07 28

Le Nouveau Casino



This is a famous venue that keeps the party going until dawn, both in the bar downstairs and in the medium-size dance hall upstairs. But Le Nouveau Casino is most renowned as a great venue for small concerts, and that is where it really shines.

Photo: glazok90 / Shutterstock.com

Address: 109 Rue Oberkampf, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 3: "Parmentier"

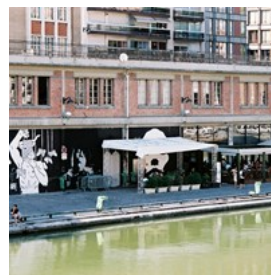
Opening hours: Wed-Sat 7pm-5am

Phone: +33 1 43 57 57 40

Internet: www.nouveaucasino.net

Email: contact@nouveaucasino.fr

Point Ephémère



Point Ephémère is a dynamic artistic center that puts together a rich program of expos, concerts and performances in a huge space that also includes a bar and restaurant. It

is located along the trendy Canal Saint-Martin, an area colonized by young creative workers, seduced by its lazy charm.

Photo: Laurent GUEDON / Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: 200 Quai de Valmy, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 2, 5, 7bis: "Jaurès"

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12pm-2am, Sun 12pm-9pm

Phone: +33 1 40 34 02 48

Internet: www.pointphemere.org

Email: info@pointphemere.org

Le Queen



A famous gay nightclub in the past, Le Queen now offers something for everyone. The original artistic director was David Guetta, and it

remains a stronghold for some famous resident DJs such as Paul Van Dyk, also featuring regular guest DJs from around the globe.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: 22 Rue Quentin Bauchart, Paris

Opening hours: Daily 11:30pm-6am

Phone: +33 153 89 08 90

Internet: www.queen.fr

Email: jonas@queen.fr

Rex Club



This renowned electro club has drawn crowds since the mid-1980's. It is home to a terrific sound system with top international acts. Expect

long lines at the doors, especially for Friday night events.

Photo: Daxiao Productions / Shutterstock.com

Address: 5 Boulevard Poissonnière, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 8, 9: "Bonne Nouvelle"

Opening hours: Wed-Sat 11:45pm-7am

Phone: +33 1 42 21 34 80

Internet: www.rexclub.com

Email: infos@rexclub.com

Truskel



At Celtic microclub Truskel you can dance every night to the beats of indie pop, punk rock and electro pop.

Regularly hosting indie concerts, and located right in the heart of the city, it is the perfect place for a slightly alternative night out.

Photo: Africa Studio / Shutterstock.com

Address: 12 rue Feydeau, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 3: "Bourse". Metro line 8, 9: "Grands Boulevards"

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 7pm-5am

Phone: +33 140 26 59 97

Internet: www.truskel.com

Email: truskel@truskel.com

Cantada II



If you are into something a bit different, you can check out Cantada II for some punk and metal.

This quirky and kind of creepy bar offers several beers and spirits, but the specialty is absinthe, of which you can choose from over 50 varieties.

Photo: Nomad_Soul/Shutterstock.com

Address: 13 rue Moret, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 2: "Couronnes", "Ménilmontant"

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 6pm-1:30am, Fri-Sat 6pm-5am

Phone: +33 148 05 96 89

Internet: www.cantada.net

Email: contact@cantada.net

Le Duplex



Right next to l'Arc de Triomphe, Le Duplex offers a nightclub and restaurant, as well as pool tables and bowling spread over its 3 storeys.

It offers various types of events, but be prepared to wait. Sometimes the queue is still going strong at 3am.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2Bis Avenue Foch, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 1, 2, 6, RER A: "Charles de Gaulle-Étoile"

Opening hours: Daily 11:30pm-6am

Phone: +33 1 45 00 45 00

Internet: www.leduplex.com

Galway Irish Pub Paris



Every city has one, and Paris is no exception. Irish Pubs offer the same familiar and friendly atmosphere all over the world. This place also

offers sports events viewings and great food and drinks.

Photo: Brent Hofacker / Shutterstock.com

Address: 13 Quai des Grands Augustins, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 4, RER C: "Saint-Michel"

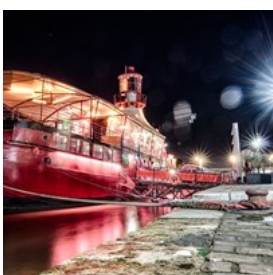
Opening hours: Mon, Wed, Thu 11am-2am. Tue, Fri

11am-5am. Sat 12pm-5am. Sun 12pm-2am.

Phone: +33 1 43 29 64 50

Email: galway.paris@gmail.com

Batofar



This long-lived nightclub offers a musical variety you would be hard-pressed to find elsewhere, featuring hip hop, techno, rock and

much more. Its location "on" the Seine river (literally) boasts an unmatched view, as well.

Photo: Christoph Bauer / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: 11 quai François Mauriac, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 14, RER C: "Bibliothèque François Mitterrand"

Opening hours: Mon-Tue 6pm-12am, Wed-Sat 6pm-7am, Sun 12pm-12am

Phone: +33 1 53 60 37 85

Internet: www.batofar.fr

Email: promo@batofar.fr

VIP Room



VIP Room is exactly as glamorous and exclusive as it sounds. It is where celebrities go to mingle and to be seen. If you have ever wondered what

Studio 54 would be like with a Parisian flare, this is it.

Photo: Kondor83/Shutterstock.com

Address: 188 bis Rue de Rivoli, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 1, 7: "Palais Royal-Musée du Louvre"

Opening hours: Wed 11pm-6:30am, Thu-Sat 11pm-6am

Phone: +33 1 58 36 46 00

Internet: www.viproom.fr

Le Chacha



Le Chacha is like a private club without the membership requirement. You can wind through the snazzy Art Deco interior or hide in one of the

many alcoves, or indeed enjoy some fresh air on the terrace, and if you stick around long enough, you can witness the dining room transform into a dance hall after midnight.

Photo: d13/Shutterstock.com

Address: 47 rue Berger, Paris
Public Transport: Metro line 1: "Louvre-Rivoli". Metro line 4:
"Les Halles"
Opening hours: Wed-Sat 8pm-6am
Phone: +33 140 13 12 12
Internet: www.chachaclub.fr
Email: chacha@chachaclub.fr

Barrio Latino



This club, located near the Bastille, is a great place if you want to have a few drinks and dance, but also want to end the night at a decent hour.

Barrio Latino draws a very mixed crowd with its warm ambiance, and it closes at just 2 or 3am, allowing you to get to bed and make the best of the following day.

Photo: [bogdanhoda/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/user/bogdanhoda)
Address: 46 Rue du Faubourg Saint-Antoine, Paris
Public Transport: Metro line 1, 5, 8: "Bastille". Metro line 8:
"Ledru Rollin"
Opening hours: Sun-Thu 12pm-2am, Fri 12pm-2:30am, Sat
12pm-3am
Phone: +33 1 55 78 84 75
Internet: www.barrio-latino.com
Email: barriolatino@buddhabar.com

Le Social Club



This electro venue features some of the best international and French DJ's. You can expect to listen to everything from disco to techno and the beats invite you to dance the night away.

Photo: [sad444/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/user/sad444)
Address: 142 rue Montmartre, Paris
Public Transport: Metro line 3: "Bourse"
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 11pm-6am
Phone: +33 1 49 25 81 75
Internet: www.parissocialclub.com

Email: contact@parissocialclub.com

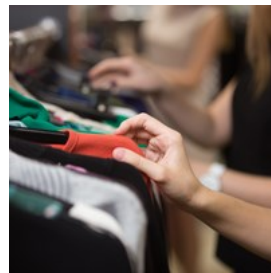
SHOPPING



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Shopping in Paris is synonymous with famous designers and luxurious brands (the names Louis Vuitton and Christian Dior come to mind). But you will also find more affordable options to match your budget in the huge department stores or many popular neighbourhood markets. Take your pick of fashion, food, books or souvenirs.

La Vallée Village



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

selection of the leading French and international luxury fashion and lifestyle brands in 115 outlet boutiques.

Photo: [fizkes / Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/user/fizkes)
Address: 3 Cours de La Garonne, Serris
Opening hours: Fri-Tue 10am-8pm, Wed-Thu 10am-8:30pm
Phone: +33 1 60 423 500
Internet: www.chicoutletshopping.com

Les Grands Boulevards (Hausmann)



This is one of the city's most popular shopping areas, home to prestigious department stores such as Printemps and Galeries Lafayette.

They are remarkable as much for the wide range of items sold as for their Art Nouveau architecture. You will find a world of ready-to-wear, with appealing boutiques and affordable brands. A good place to start is with a walk from the beautiful Opéra Palais Garnier down to the stores on Boulevard Hausmann.

Photo: Kamil Macniak/Shutterstock.com

Les Halles and Marais



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, Le Marais carries many handicraft and antique shops and is always a safe bet to find some unique artifacts.

Photo: shamu.ch / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Les Halles, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 4: "Les Halles". RER A, B, D: "Châtelet-Les Halles"

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-8pm

Phone: +33 1 44 76 96 56

Internet: www.forumdeshalles.com

Along the Seine



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.

Photo: Ekaterina Pokrovsky/Shutterstock.com

Marché aux Puces de Clignancourt



This world-renowned flea market in the North part of Paris attracts over 70,000 Parisians every weekend. Here you can find terrific bargains on

everything from vintage clothing to antique furniture.

Photo: AnastasiaNess / Shutterstock.com

Address: Porte de Clignancourt, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 4: "Porte de Clignancourt", "Simplon"

Opening hours: Sat-Mon 7am-7:30pm

Galeries Lafayette



Paris' most spectacular department store is famous for its unique stained-glass dome. It hosts the most prestigious designer and

cosmetics labels, as well as the largest European space entirely devoted to men's fashion. It is also home to huge toy, jewellery, house ware and delicatessen departments.

Photo: Vladislav Gurfinkel/Shutterstock.com

Address: 40 Boulevard Hausmann, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 7, 9: "Chaussée d'Antin-La Fayette"

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9:30am-8:30pm, Sun 11am-7pm

Phone: +33 1 42 82 34 56

Internet: www.galerieslafayette.com

Champs-Élysées

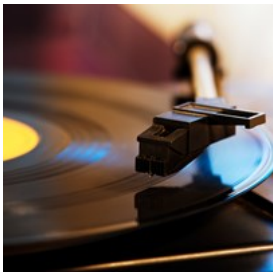


This tourist strip is lined with fast food chains, banks, airline offices, cinemas and malls, such as the futuristic Drugstore Publicis near

l'Arc de Triomphe, or Galerie Marchande des Champs-Élysées near Georges V. 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 highlights.

Photo: Ekaterina Pokrovsky/Shutterstock.com

Souffle Continu



This is a place for music lovers. This record store keeps up with all the new releases, but also has a vast and eclectic collection of older gems,

from jazz to metal and everything in between, perfect for allowing yourself to get lost in discovery for an afternoon.

Photo: Ferenc Cegledi/Shutterstock.com

Address: 22 rue Gerbier, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 2: "Philippe Auguste"

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12pm-8pm

Phone: +33 1 40 24 17 21

Internet: www.soufflecontinu.com

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.

Photo: Valikdjan/Shutterstock.com

Address: 99 Rue de Rivoli, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 1, 7: "Palais Royal-Musée du Louvre"

Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-11pm

Phone: +33 143 16 47 10

Internet: www.carrouseldulouvre.com

Artazart



Combining Paris' love of books with its passion for design, Artazart is a palace of coffee-table tomes, with everything from fashion and photography to illustrations and children's books. The small art gallery section also showcases works by local talents.

Photo: luminaimages / shutterstock.com

Address: 83 quai de Valmy, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 5: "Jacques Bonsergent"

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10:30am-7:30pm, Sat 11am-7:30pm, Sun 1pm-7:30pm

Phone: +33 1 40 40 24 01

Internet: www.artazart.com

Email: info@artazart.com

Le Bon Marché



Founded in 1852, Le Bon Marché was the first ever department store.

Tradition and prestige accompany this prominent retail

establishment, the top destination for fashion and style. Designer apparel for men and women, cosmetics, and house ware comprise the major departments, and there is now also an impressive food hall.

Photo: milanzeremski/Shutterstock.com

Address: 22 Rue de Sèvres, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 10, 12: "Sèvres Babylone"

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 11am-8pm

Phone: +33 1 44 39 80 00

Internet: www.lebonmarche.com

Area Surrounding Place Vendôme



Right off Rivoli is the beautiful Place Vendôme, where 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 goods out of baroque windows. Women will particularly like Colette, 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, the oldest and best known boutique in Paris selling top quality ties and shirts.

Photo: Hugh Millward / Flickr (image cropped)

L'ABC du Parfum



L'ABC du Parfum is exactly what it sounds like. Here you can learn about the basics of fragrances, participate in a workshop and go on a perfume tour. You can even take home a perfume of your own creation.

Photo: www.BillionPhotos.com/Shutterstock.com

Address: 7 Rue Vineuse, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 6: "Passy"

Phone: +33 6 43 64 16 55

Internet: en.abcduparfum.fr

Email: marina.jung@abcduparfum.fr

Wine by One



This wine bar has fully embraced the digital age by introducing touchscreens and data cards to the wine tasting and shopping experience.

The huge variety of vintages is on display behind the self-service cabinets, organized by robustness, allowing you to hone in on the exact bottle you are after, with the help, of course, of the friendly staff.

Photo: kamnuan/Shutterstock.com

Address: 9 rue des Capucines, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 1, 9: "Franklin D. Roosevelt"

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12pm-11pm, Sun 3pm-11pm

Phone: +33 1 42 60 85 76

Internet: www.winebyone.com

Email: vendome@winebyone.com

Album



The kings of comics in Paris, Album carries everything from American DC and Marvel comics and popular Japanese manga to the much beloved French BD, as well as all sorts of geek-chic merchandise. Book signings are also held, and it is not uncommon to find collectibles and limited edition items.

Photo: maoyunping/Shutterstock.com

Address: 67 boulevard Saint-Germain, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 10: "Cluny-La Sorbonne"

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 12pm-7pm

Phone: +33 1 53 10 00 60

Internet: www.album.fr

Causses



Offering quality seasonal produce, hams and cheeses, along with preserves, breads and other delights, Causses might be the city's best "alimentation generale". It is also affiliated with Esprit Cuisine, where you can be taught to cook delicious meals with the ingredients you have just bought.

Photo: Iakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com

Address: 55 rue Notre-Dame de la Lorette, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 2: "Pigalle". Metro line 12:

"Pigalle", "Saint-Georges"

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-9:30pm

Phone: +33 1 53 16 10 10

Internet: www.causses.org

Email: contact@causses.org

GoldyMama



Paris is a goldmine for vintage clothing, but if you can only hit one spot, make it GoldyMama. This small boutique is packed with well-preserved items from yesteryear, making it the perfect place to shop for the 1950's skirts and suits, or indeed, the wacky 1970's shirts you have always wanted. If you are looking for truly unique gifts, look no further.

Photo: ChiccoDodiFC/Shutterstock.com

Address: 99 Rue Orfila, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 3bis: "Pelleport"

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 11am-7:30pm

Phone: +33 1 40 30 08 00

Internet: www.goldymama.com

Balouga



Paris' obsession with design extends to children's items. Balouga is filled with elegant yet playful furniture, toys, books and decorations for kids up to 12 years old. The place is full of charm, and mixes contemporary aesthetic taste with vintage touches, making its wares quite special indeed.

Photo: Photographee.eu/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 rue Notre Dame de Nazareth, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 3: "Temple". Metro line 3, 5, 8, 9, 11: "République"

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 12.30pm-7pm, Sat 2pm-7pm

Phone: +33 1 42 74 01 49

Internet: www.balouga.com

Email: info@balouga.com

Le Sept Cinq



On display at Sept Cinq you will only find the work of locally-based designers, working with local materials. Although specialising in

accessories and knick-knacks such as jewelry, bags, candles and notebooks, the boutique also regularly hosts book-signings and exhibitions, and there is a cosy cafe in which to take a break from browsing.

Photo: pan_kung/Shutterstock.com

Address: 26 Rue Berger, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 12: "Saint-George"

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11:30am-7:30pm, Sun 11am-7pm

Phone: +33 9 83 00 44 01

Internet: www.sept-cinq.com

Email: contact@sept-cinq.com

La Fausse Boutique



This concept store showcases young, exclusively French brands, placing a great deal of importance on originality. Clothes,

fashion accessories, ready-to-wear and decorations line the walls of this shop/office, where designer-entrepreneurs work and cooperate with one another on everything from product design to business plan. Another location is open every day in Marais.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com

Address: 19, rue des Ecouffles, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 2, 12: "Pigalle". Metro line 2: "Blanche"

Opening hours: Wed-Mon 12pm-7pm

Phone: +33 1 73 74 90 78

Internet: www.lafausseboutique.com

Email: jackymarge@gmail.com

Jimmy Fairly



The one-stop eye-wear shop for hipsters throughout France (with locations in Paris, Lyon, Toulouse and Lille), Jimmy Fairly has a

wonderful "buy one, give one" programme, whereby upon purchasing one of their retro models, they will donate a brand new pair to someone in need.

Photo: Jacques PALUT / Shutterstock.com

Address: 64 rue Vieille du Temple, Paris

Public Transport: Metro line 1: "Saint-Paul"

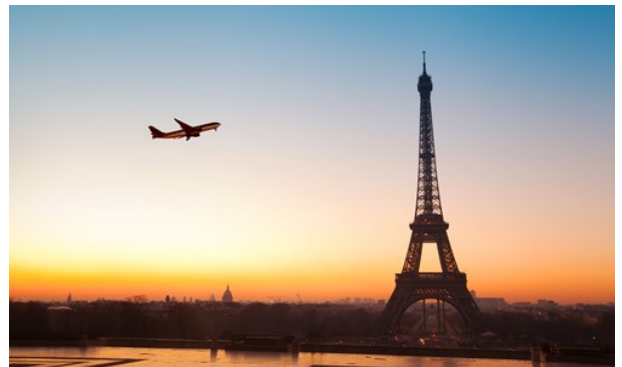
Opening hours: Tue-Fri 10am-7pm, Sat 10am-7:30pm, Sun 12:30pm-7pm

Phone: +33 1 79 72 60 20

Internet: www.jimmyfairly.com

Email: wecare@jimmyfairly.com

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Passport/Visa



France can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and

most countries in America. If you are unsure

whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

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Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport



Paris is served by two major airports. Most international flights arrive at Roissy Charles de Gaulle (CDG), 30 kilometres from the city

centre. Orly is 18 kilometres from the city centre. A third airport, Paris Beauvais, is mainly served by low cost airlines.

Roissybus offers a direct bus from the airport terminals every 15 minutes and arrives at the city centre (Opéra) after a 45-60 minute journey.

One of the cheapest and fastest options (30 minutes) is the underground RER B to Gare du Nord running every 10-15 minutes, from where you can connect 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. A taxi from the airport to the city centre takes around 30-40 minutes and should cost €45-50.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport, Paris

Public Transport: RER B: "Aéroport CDG 1", "Aéroport CDG 2 TGV"

Phone: +33 1 70 36 39 50

Internet: www.easycdg.com

Paris Orly Airport



Paris Orly Airport is located 18 kilometres from the city centre. From Orly, the automatic metro Orlyval takes you to RER B Antony station

from 6am to 11pm. The journey takes about half an hour. The other cheaper option are the airport shuttle buses going to RER C Pont de Rungis station. As for buses, the Orly bus takes you straight to Opéra station. The bus takes 20 to 30 minutes.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Paris Orly Airport, Paris

Phone: +33 1 70 36 39 50

Internet: www.aeroportsdeparis.fr

Paris Beauvais Airport



Paris Beauvais, is mainly served by low cost airlines. A shuttle service is organized between the terminals and Paris-Porte Maillot. The journey takes

about 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Paris Beauvais Airport, Paris

Phone: +33 8 92 68 20 66

Internet: www.aeroportbeauvais.com

Best Time to Visit



As one of the most visited cities in the world, it is safe to say that there is never really a bad time to go. The weather is best in summer, but crowds are

by far the biggest. Autumn is also highly recommended for its still pleasant weather, smaller crowds and stunning foliage.

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Public Transport



The city's local transport system is cheap and efficient. The bus, underground (metro) and commuter train system (RER) are divided into

five zones. 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.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair
Phone: +33 8 92 69 32 46
Internet: www.ratp.fr

Batobus



Batobus is a boat service through the heart of Paris, with stops at eight key locations along the river Seine. It functions as a hop-on-hop-off

service, and tickets are sold for one day, two days or one year.

Internet: www.batobus.com

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.

Taxis Bleus
+33 1 49 36 10 10
www.taxis-bleus.com

Alpha Taxis
+33 1 45 85 85 85
www.alphataxis.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.

Main Post Office:

Photo: Andy Fuchs
Address: 52 rue du Louvre, Paris
Phone: +33 1 40 28 20 00
Internet: www.laposte.fr

Pharmacy



Pharmacies are either open late or around the clock. Pharmacie Les Champs Elysées:

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: 84 Avenue des Champs Elysées, Paris
Opening hours: 24/7
Phone: +33 1 45 62 02 41
Internet: www.pharmaciedeschampselysees75.pharminfo.fr/

+33 8 92 68 30 00

Electricity



230 V 50 Hz Plug types C
and E

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Telephone



Country code: +33 Area
code: 1

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Population

2.3 million

Currency

Euro (EUR) €1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

General opening hours in Paris are Mon-Sat 9am-7pm. Smaller shops may close between midday and 2pm or on Mondays. On Sundays and public holidays shops are closed. Department stores have one late-night opening day, called "nocturne", during which shops are open until 9pm. Supermarket times may differ depending on the neighbourhood.

Newspapers

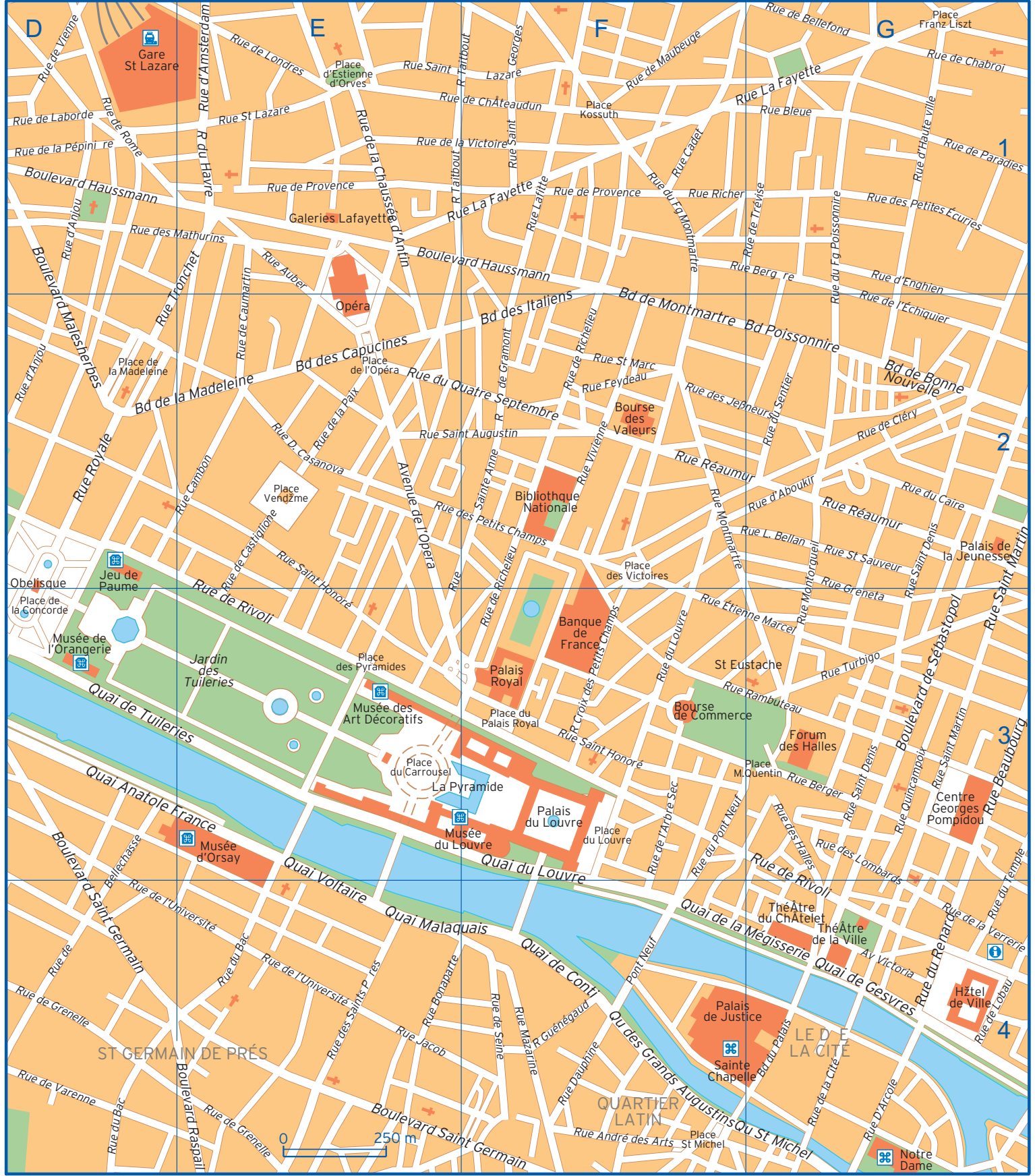
Le Monde
Le Figaro
Pariscope
L'Officiel des Spectacles

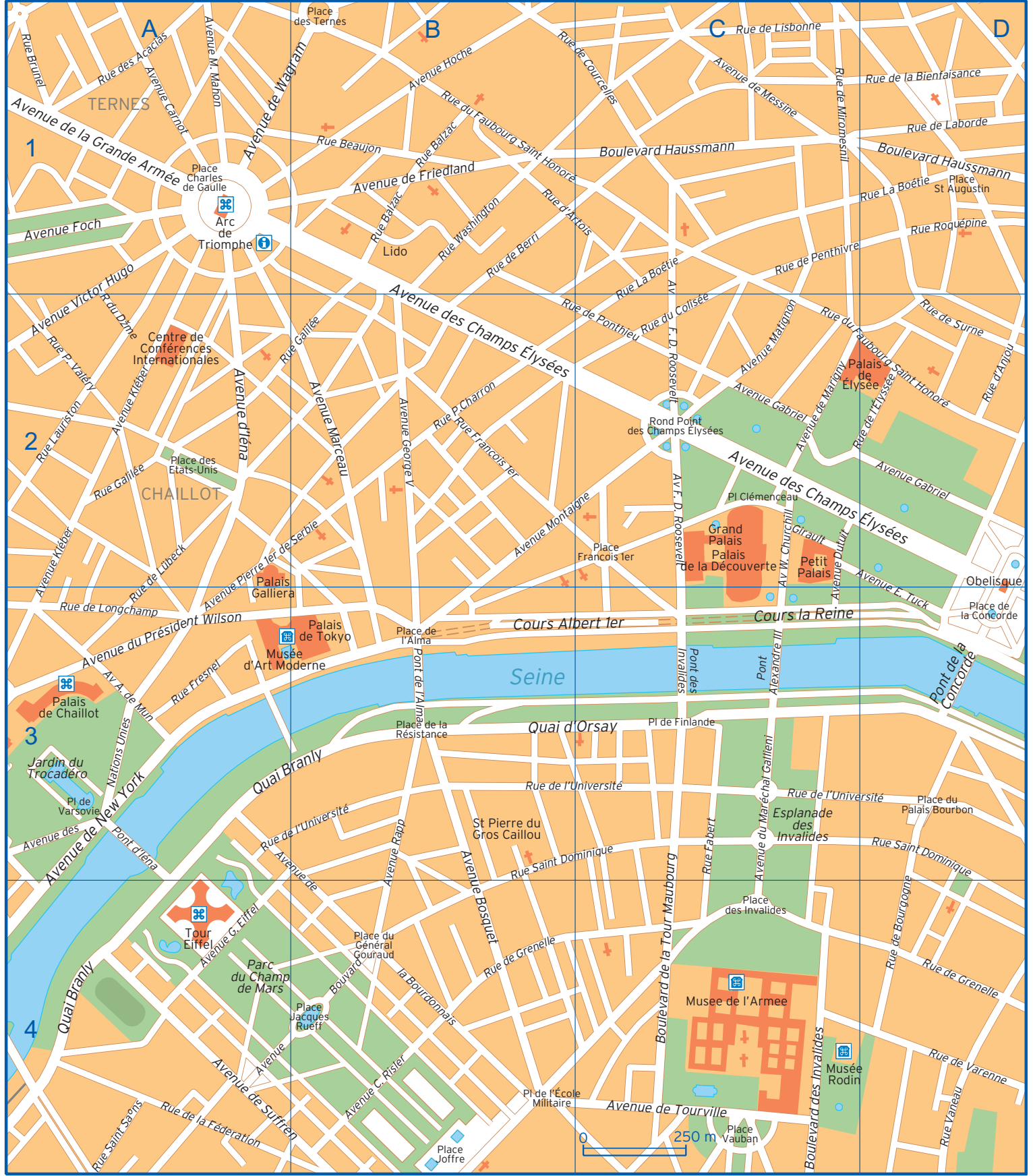
Emergency numbers

Emergency: 112 / 15
Police: 17
Fire Brigade: 18

Tourist information

Tourist Information Office
25 rue des Pyramides, Paris





Map of Paris, France, showing major streets and landmarks. The map is divided into four quadrants by a grid labeled A-D horizontally and 1-4 vertically.

Streets and Avenues: Avenue de la Grande Armée, Avenue Foch, Avenue Victor Hugo, Avenue de Friedland, Avenue des Champs Élysées, Avenue Gabriel, Avenue de la Concorde, Avenue de la République, Avenue de la Liberté, Avenue de la Trémoille, Avenue de la Bourdonnais, Avenue de Tourville, Avenue de Suffren, Avenue de la Fédération, Avenue de la République, Avenue de la Liberté, Avenue de la Trémoille, Avenue de la Bourdonnais, Avenue de Tourville, Avenue de Suffren, Avenue de la Fédération.

Landmarks and Buildings: Arc de Triomphe, Centre de Conférences Internationales, Palais de Chaillot, Palais de Tokyo, Musée d'Art Moderne, Grand Palais, Palais de la Découverte, Petit Palais, Tour Eiffel, Parc du Champ de Mars, Musée de l'Armée, Musée Rodin, Obélisque.

Water Bodies: Seine, Canal de la Concorde.

Other Features: Place de l'Alma, Place de la Résistance, Place de la Concorde, Place de la Vierge, Place de la République, Place de la Liberté, Place de la Trémoille, Place de la Bourdonnais, Place de la Tourville, Place de la Suffren, Place de la Fédération.

Scale: 0 to 250 m.

		Boulevard Haussmann	C1 D1 E1 F1	Quai des Grands Augustins	F4
Avenue A. de Mun	A3	Boulevard Malesherbes	D1 D2	Quai du Louvre	F3 F4
Avenue Bosquet	B3 B4	Boulevard Poissonnière	F2 G2	Quai d'Orsay	B3 C3
Avenue Bouvard	A4 B4	Boulevard Raspail	E4	Quai Malaquais	E4 F4
Avenue C. Risler	B4	Boulevard Saint Germain	D3 D4 E4 F4	Quai Staint Michel	F4 G4
Avenue Carnot	A1	Cours Albert 1er	B3 C3	Quai Voltaire	E3 E4
Avenue Ch. Girault	C2	Cours la Reine	C3 D3	Rond Point des Champs Élysées	C2
Avenue de Friedland	B1	Place Charles de Gaulle	A1	Rue André des Arts	F4
Avenue de la Bourdonnais	A3 B4	Place Clémenceau	C2	Rue Auber	E1
Avenue de la Grande Armée	A1	Place de Finlande	C3	Rue Balzac	B1
Avenue de l'Opera	E2	Place de la Concorde	D3	Rue Beaubourg	G3
Avenue de Marigny	C2	Place de la Madeleine	D2	Rue Beaujon	B1
Avenue de Messine	C1	Place de la Résistance	B3	Rue Berger	G3
Avenue de New York	A3 A4	Place de l'Alma	B3	Rue Bergère	F1 G1
Avenue de Suffren	A4 B4	Place de l'Opéra	E2	Rue Bleue	G1
Avenue de Tourville	C4	Place de l'École Militaire	B4 C4	Rue Bonaparte	E4
Avenue de Wagram	A1 B1	Place de Varsovie	A3	Rue Brunel	A1
Avenue des Champs Élysées	B1 C2 D2	Place des Etats-Unis	A2	Rue Cadet	F1
Avenue des Nations Unies	A3	Place des Invalides	C4	Rue Cambon	E2
Avenue du Maréchal Gallieni	C3 C4	Place des Pyramides	E3	Rue Croix des Petits Champs	F3
Avenue du Président Wilson	A3	Place des Ternes	B1	Rue D. Casanova	E2
Avenue Dutuit	C2 C3	Place des Victoires	F2	Rue Dauphine	F4
Avenue d'Iéna	A2	Place du Carrousel	E3	Rue de Bellechasse	D3 D4
Avenue E. Tuck	C2 D3	Place du Général Gouraud	B4	Rue de Bellefond	G1
Avenue Foch	A1	Place du Louvre	F3	Rue de Berri	B1
Avenue Franklin D. Roosevelt	C1 C2	Place du Palais Bourbon	D3	Rue de Bourgogne	D3 D4
Avenue G. Eiffel	A4	Place du Palais Royale	F3	Rue de Castiglione	E2 E3
Avenue Gabriel	C2 D2	Place d'Estienne d'Orves	E1	Rue de Caumartin	E1 E2
Avenue George V	B2	Place Francois 1er	C2	Rue de Chabroi	G1
Avenue Hoche	B1	Place Franz Liszt	G1	Rue de Châteaudun	E1 F1
Avenue Kléber	A2 A3	Place Jacques Rueff	B4	Rue de Cléry	G2
Avenue M. Mahon	A1	Place Joffre	B4	Rue de Courcelles	B1 C1
Avenue Marceau	B2	Place Kossuth	F1	Rue de Gramont	F2
Avenue Matignon	C2	Place M.Quentin	G3	Rue de Grenelle	B4 D4 E4
Avenue Montaigne	B2 C2	Place Saint Augustin	D1	Rue de la Bienfaisance	D1
Avenue Pierre 1er de Serbie	A3 B2	Place Saint Michel	F4	Rue de la Chaussée d'Antin	E1
Avenue Rapp	B3 B4	Place Vauban	C4	Rue de la Cité	G4
Avenue Victor Hugo	A1 A2	Place Vendôme	E2	Rue de la Fédération	A4
Avenue Victoria	G4	Pont Alexandre III	C3	Rue de la Paix	E2
Avenue Winston Churchill	C2 C3	Pont de la Concorde	D3	Rue de la Pépinière	D1
Boulevard des Capucines	E2	Pont de l'Alma	B3	Rue de la Verrerie	G4
Boulevard de Bonne Nouvelle	G2	Pont des Invalides	C3	Rue de la Victoire	E1 F1
Boulevard de la Madeleine	D2 E2	Pont d'Iéna	A3	Rue de Laborde	D1
Boulevard de la Tour Maubourg	C3 C4	Pont Neuf	F4	Rue de Lisbonne	C1
Boulevard de Montmartre	F2	Quai Anatole France	D3 E3	Rue de Lobau	G4
Boulevard de Sébastopol	G3	Quai Branly	A3 A4 B3	Rue de Londres	E1
Boulevard des Invalides	C4	Quai de Conti	F4	Rue de Longchamp	A3
Boulevard des Italiens	F2	Quai de Gesvres	G4	Rue de Lübeck	A2 A3
Boulevard du Palais	G4	Quai de Tuileries	D3 E3	Rue de l'Arbre Sec	F3

Rue de l'Université	A3 B3 C3 D3 E4	Rue du Fg Montmartre	F1	Rue Montorgueil	G2 G3
Rue de l'Échiquier	G2	Rue du Fg Poissonnière	G1 G2	Rue P. Valéry	A2
Rue de l'Élysée	D2	Rue du Havre	E1	Rue P.Charron	B2
Rue de Maubeuge	F1	Rue du Louvre	F3	Rue Quincampoix	G3
Rue de Miromesnil	C1	Rue du Pont Neuf	F3	Rue Rambuteau	F3 G3
Rue de Paradies	G1	Rue du Quatre Septembre	E2 F2	Rue Richer	F1 G1
Rue de Penthièvre	C1 D1	Rue du Renard	G4	Rue Roquépine	D1
Rue de Ponthieu	B2 C2	Rue du Sentier	G2	Rue Royale	D2
Rue de Provence	E1 F1	Rue du Temple	G3 G4	Rue Réaumur	F2 G2
Rue de Richelieu	F2 F3	Rue d'Amsterdam	E1	Rue Saint Augustin	E2 F2
Rue de Rivoli	E2 E3 G3 G4	Rue D'Arcole	G4	Rue Saint Denis	G2 G3
Rue de Rome	D1	Rue d'Artois	B1 C1	Rue Saint Dominique	B3 C3 D3
Rue de Seine	F4	Rue d'Enghien	G1 G2	Rue Saint Georges	F1
Rue de Trévise	G1	Rue d'Haute ville	G1	Rue Saint Honoré	E2 E3 F3
Rue de Varenne	D4	Rue Fabert	C3	Rue Saint Lazare	E1 F1
Rue de Vienne	D1	Rue Feydeau	F2	Rue Saint Martin	G2 G3
Rue des Acacias	A1	Rue Francois 1er	B2	Rue Saint Sauveur	G2
Rue des Halles	G3	Rue Fresnel	A3	Rue Saint Saëns	A4
Rue des Jeûneurs	F2 G2	Rue Galilée	A2 B2	Rue Sainte Anne	E3 F2
Rue des Lombards	G3 G4	Rue Greneta	G2 G3	Rue St Marc	F2
Rue des Mathurins	D1 E1	Rue Guénégaud	F4	Rue Taitbout	E1 F1
Rue des Petites Écuries	G1	Rue Jacob	E4	Rue Tronchet	D2 E1
Rue des Petits Champs	E2 F2	Rue L. Bellan	F2 G2	Rue Turbigo	G3
Rue des Saints Pères	E4	Rue La Boétie	C1 C2 D1	Rue Vaneau	D4
Rue du Bac	D4 E4	Rue La Fayette	E1 F1 G1	Rue Vivienne	F2
Rue du Caire	G2	Rue Lafitte	F1	Rue Washington	B1
Rue du Colisée	C2	Rue Lauriston	A2	Rue Étienne Marcel	F3 G3
Rue du Dôme	A2	Rue Montmartre	F2		