

Paris



As the carriage of the Ferris wheel rises into the twilight sky, Paris emerges with a panorama of unforgettable scenes. The Tuileries Gardens give way to the majestic Louvre with its iconic glass pyramid and regal wings, the historic residence of France's rulers. Finally, the Eiffel Tower peeks over the treetops, exposing its full sparkling grandeur as the carriage reaches the Ferris wheel's highest point. From here, the very center of one of the most fabled destinations on Earth, the City of Light stretches out beyond the Champs Élysées, the glistening Seine, the lively Marais, to Montmartre, where in the shadows of Sacre Coeur, joie de vivre fills every cobbled square.

Memorable Experiences

City Gazing

Ride the escalator to the top of the Centre Pompidou and revel at the view.

Right Bank Romance

Enjoy an aperitif at Café Marly and watch lovers rendezvous by the Louvre.

Sunset Walks

Stroll up the steps of Sacre Coeur at sunset when Paris dons a rose hue.

Impressionist Dining

Marvel at the art in the Musee d'Orsay, then dine in its grand restaurant.

Distinctive Details

Saint Germain des Prés hums with a rare effervescence. Historic locales like "Café de Flore" or "Les Deux Magots" provide the perfect place to enjoy a cafe au lait, and experience true Parisian flavor.

Starwood Preferred Guest Recommends


Place des Vosges


A peaceful oasis in the heart of bustling le Marais, Place des Vosges charms with neatly pruned hedges and graceful fountains. The grassy square and surrounding townhouses were built by Henri IV, and inaugurated in 1612 for the wedding of Louis XIII.

Destination Information

Country France
Province Paris
Elevation Between 40 and 90 meters
Population 2 million/11 million with suburb
Language French

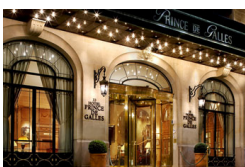
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Area Code: 33

 **Charles De Gaulle (CDG) Paris – Orly (ORY)**

 **Transportation:**
Car, Taxi, Train, Metro, Bicycle

 **Euro**

Nearby Luxury Collection Hotels and Resorts



Hotel Prince de Galles – Paris Champs Elysees

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Culture

Modern designs meld with classical masterworks in a city of exceptional museums.

Family



Musée Rodin

Ebony statues perch solidly upon stark white boxes within an elegant Louis XVI style interior. Meander from one exquisite masterpiece to the next and pause to admire the magnificent views of manicured gardens surrounding this 18th century château. Since 1919 the former Hotel Biron has housed a museum devoted to the works of Auguste Rodin. Here, in the early 20th century, the artist lived, worked, and collected pieces from friends like Monet, Renoir, and Van Gogh which are now on display among Rodin's own vast oeuvre.

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Highly Recommended



La Fondation Cartier

Lush foliage perceived through crystal clear walls mingles amongst outstanding works of contemporary art that lie within. A stunning glass structure designed by Jean Nouvel, La Fondation Cartier is dedicated to promoting a robust artistic environment. Artists work with the space, inviting the building's architectural details and the natural elements from outside to merge with their creations. Over one thousand works comprise the foundation's collection. Highlights include Wim Delvoye's "Caterpillar," Jean-Pierre Raynaud's "La Voliere," and Liza Lou's "Backyard."

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Palais de Tokyo

Concrete walls surround the vast, industrial space, like an airplane hangar near the breezy banks of the Seine. The structure, extraordinarily spacious, allows for artworks of an immense scale, but the 5,000 square-meter Palais de Tokyo has no permanent collection. Instead, it is forever evolving, inviting contemporary innovators to build magical, inspiring creations in an ongoing series of exhibitions that stay open until midnight. After exploring conceptual sculptures and interactive installations, visitors can enjoy refreshment in the museum's whimsical café.

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Shopping

On these stylish streets, haute couture reigns supreme.

Acclaimed



L'Eclaireur

A small, unassuming bell provides entrance to a cool, concrete space where the dark tones of tanned leather and brass belt buckles set a mood of mystery. Bold, architectural structures display surrealist clothing such as a pair of grey, slouchy shoes called "Elephant Boots." A secret "cabinet of curiosities" is unlocked by a private code. Within the small chamber a wooden mermaid reclines among glass globes, animal skins drape across tables lined in leather, carved birds line up upon an antique chest, and on the walls hang paintings of skulls.

Address: Place des Victoires, 10 Rue Herold
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Shops & Boutiques



Les Salons de Palais Royal Shiseido

A spiral staircase descends into a den of lavender light beyond bright gardens of superbly trimmed lime trees and comely rose bushes. Fragrances like "Iris Silver Mist," and "Fleurs d'Oranger," lure an exclusive clientele into Les Salons de Palais Royal Shiseido. Once inside the gracefully decadent interior, heady scents like candied cedar, incense, and oak intoxicate. Serge Lutens has been creating distinct fragrances for Shiseido since the boutique opened in 1991. Each holiday season he designs an elegant perfume bottle, limited to just thirty editions.

Address: 142, Galerie de Valois, 25 rue de Valois, Jardins du Palais Royal
Phone: (33) (1) 49 27 09 09



Colette

Two blue circles denote the entrance to this dynamic glass-walled store. Pop music greets guests inside the stylish white space filled with Kiehl's products, art books, hi-tech gadgets, and bright plastic robots. At Colette, art blends with street style; emerging designers pair with established stalwarts. On the second floor mannequins outfitted in Comme des Garçons, Viktor and Rolf, and Junya Watanabe stand among racks of exquisite couture creations. Since 1997, Colette has been re-inventing the concept of retail, with the spirit of spontaneity.

Address: 213, rue Saint-Honoré
Phone: (33) (1) 55 35 33 90



Cuisine

Parisian chefs are undisputed as the world's most exquisite culinary masters.

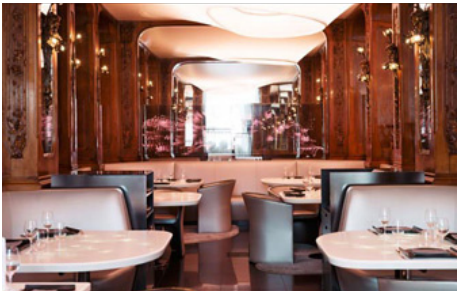
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L'Arpege

Sweet onions, baby carrots, and ruby red beets, plucked from chef Alain Passard's Anjou garden, mingle with fragrant slices of Parmesan and black pepper. Braised lobster and roasted pigeon take their places on the menu, but vegetables are the highlight of the acclaimed chef's craft. Guests spend a most memorable evening seated on plush burnt orange chairs, around simply adorned tables, in the tastefully appointed dining room. Violin sculptures and candle-lit wine glasses are the only objects that might distract from the exquisitely presented dishes of Passard's renowned tasting menu.

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Senderens

Smiling nymphs bloom from the ornate stems of Art Nouveau wall sconces, flanked by lilies of light. In 2005, chef Alain Senderens closed the historic Lucas Carton restaurant, and refreshed the majestic space with a new, less formal approach. Beyond the extraordinary marble façade, modern chairs embrace diners within their soft curves, while outlines of ornate rococo picture frames emerge from behind a filmy white curtain. The new combination of contemporary and traditional creates an apt backdrop for sumptuous dishes of filets de rouget and tartare de veau.

Address: 9, Place de la Madeleine
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Pierre Gagnaire

With a graceful dip of the wrist, the sauce is drizzled, then, a violet blossom placed just so to create culinary art on white china at Pierre Gagnaire's renowned restaurant. In this gourmand's paradise, vibrancy flows, erupting from the freshness of a seasonal menu, and the creative flair of a talented staff. As guests savor an assortment of amuse-bouches including soy glazed eel served with miniature gingerbread cookies or green papaya and turnip velouté, the essence of each ingredient is unleashed, culminating in a bouquet of complimentary flavors.

Address: 6, rue Balzac
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Local Specialty



Les Caves Taillevent

Foil of silver, gold, hunter green, and brilliant crimson encircle slim glass necks. Attractive labels beckon with images of magnificent chateaus, or simple, irresistible logos such as Taillevent's own whimsical sketch of a wine bottle. Around the corner from the renowned restaurant Taillevent, Les Caves Taillevent is situated on the ground and cellar floors of a historical building. On offer are thousands of wines, from the celebrated French vineyards of Burgundy and Bordeaux, as well as notable artisanal wines from as far as Australia and South Africa.

Address: 199 rue du Faubourg St-Honoré
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Noteworthy

Distinctive shops and tantalizing treats lure travelers to elite spaces.

Local Specialty



Mariage Frères

Delicate aromas of jasmine and sencha waft through the warm room as teas steep. Like an apothecary, dark wooden shelves are lined with regal black tins, each one bearing the cream colored crest of the Mariage Frères tea company. With over five hundred varieties on offer, The Mariage family has been developing the notion of “The French Art of Tea,” since the seventeenth century, and their three Paris locations are widely regarded as the most outstanding places in the city to sit and savor an exceptional cup, prepared to perfection.

Address: 30, rue du Bourg-Tibourg

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Pierre Hermé

White truffles, shaved, and mixed with Piemonte hazelnut create a most decadent macaroon, while rose petal cream, raspberries and litchi nuts fill a cake called Ispahan, named after a fragrant Damask rose. Extraordinary confections like these lie like colorful gems within a sophisticated glass case at Pierre Hermé’s “Jewelry Shop” in St Germain des Prés. Pastry connoisseurs line up each day to make their way into the petite boutique paneled in gleaming lilac where they select the city’s most sumptuous tarts, éclairs, and dazzling macaroons.

Address: 72, rue Bonaparte

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Shops & Boutiques



JC de Castelbajac Concept Store

Black and white images of Farrah Fawcett, Elton John, and other pop icons who wore the Marquis de Castelbajac’s fashions in the 1970s adorn the stark walls of this stimulating clothing and furniture shop. Big, downy teddy bears wear camouflage coats that match the upholstery of angular couches and Louis XVI chairs. The colorful aesthetic of an Andy Warhol print mixed with a rock and roll vibe defines the space’s interior with its jet black drum set positioned to the side of a massive copper “x” sprawled across the floor.

Address: 10, Rue Vauvilliers

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