



City Guide

PARIS

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It is the genius of Paris that means it lives up to so many of its own clichés. Romantic, sophisticated, bohemian, glamorous, artistic, seductive, Paris is diverse and generous enough to satisfy them all. No other city has been the subject of so many wistful ballads and dreamy pinings.

Half the world seems to think their lives would be immeasurably enriched if only they lived in a cramped studio, five flights up with a view of the Eiffel Tower. And half the world is probably right. Paris may be famous for its wealth of art treasures, but the greatest work of art is the city itself.



ACCOMMODATION

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PLAZA ATHÉNÉE

25 AVENUE MONTAIGNE, 75008 PARIS

Located on the haute couture avenue Montaigne, the Plaza Athénée exemplifies the luxury expected of Parisian palace hotels seen in its quality service and sumptuous décor. Guests also have access to exclusive spa treatments at the iconic Dior Institut.

LE BRISTOL

112 RUE DU FAUBOURG SAINT-HONORÉ, 75008 PARIS

On the prestigious Rue Faubourg Saint-Honoré, amongst a plethora of luxury boutiques, Le Bristol stands in a class of its own. In addition to stunning décor and attentive service the hotel also has a three-Michelin star restaurant, beautifully-manicured gardens, and sensational views from the top-floor swimming pool.

RITZ PARIS

15 PLACE VENDÔME, 75001 PARIS

Overlooking the Place Vendôme, the iconic and charming Ritz Paris embodies 19th century French grandeur and class. The hotel boasts great service, as well as exceptional restaurants and bars, five luxury boutiques, a swimming pool and a signature Chanel spa.

THE PENINSULA PARIS

19 AVENUE KLÉBER, 75116 PARIS

The Peninsula Paris, which opened in 2014, is legendary for its exceptional standard of service. This elegant hotel, set in a carefully restored 19th century building, and situated right by the iconic Arc de Triomphe, is unrivalled in terms of luxury and comfort.

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL GEORGE V

31 AVENUE GEORGE V, 75008 PARIS

The Four Seasons Hotel George V is often named the best hotel in the world. Top-end luxury combines with authentic charm and exceptional service. The hotel is also renown for its splendid flower displays and world-class restaurants.

LE ROYAL MONCEAU, RAFFLES PARIS

37 AVENUE HOCHÉ, 75008 PARIS

Le Royal Monceau has a far more artistic and creative atmosphere than any other palace hotel in Paris. This trendy hotel, which is just steps away from the Arc de Triomphe, was designed by French designer Philippe Starck in a 1920s style. The hotel also has its own private cinema, where you can enjoy screenings accompanied by Pierre Hermé's signature caramelised popcorn.

LE MEURICE

228 RUE DE RIVOLI, 75001 PARIS

Opposite the Tuileries gardens, Le Meurice boasts some of the greatest suites in Paris. The opulent and luxurious interior complements the equally grand 18th century building. The hotel is also home to two-Michelin star restaurant, Restaurant le Meurice Alain Ducasse.

SHANGRI-LA HOTEL PARIS

10 AVENUE D'IÉNA, 75116 PARIS

In the former mansion of Prince Roland Bonaparte, the Shangri-La Paris offers breathtaking views of the Eiffel Tower and the Seine. The hotel also has some of the largest hotel rooms in Paris, two restaurants with Michelin stars, and a luxurious spa.

MANDARIN ORIENTAL PARIS

251 RUE SAINT-HONORÉ, 75001 PARIS

Nestled among the luxury boutiques of Rue Saint-Honoré, the Mandarin Oriental promises its guests peace of mind and relaxation. Renowned for meticulous service, the hotel is equipped with a beautiful spa, magnificent suites and exceptional restaurants.

PARK HYATT PARIS - VENDÔME

5 RUE DE LA PAIX, 75002 PARIS

The Park Hyatt Paris-Vendôme is a modern hotel on the prestigious Rue de la Paix. The hotel was designed as a twist on French classicism and is equipped with five restaurants, a gym, hair and nail salons, a business centre, and a spa offering 24-hour in-room treatments.

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RESTAURANTS

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ALAIN DUCASSE AU PLAZA ATHÉNÉE

25 AVENUE MONTAIGNE, 75008 PARIS

Within the prestigious Plaza Athénée Hotel, Alain Ducasse's restaurant focuses on all things natural. Chef Romain Meder has created an exquisite modern, healthy, and environmentally friendly menu served in a luxurious dining room.

ARPÈGE

84 RUE DE VARENNE, 75007 PARIS

Arpège has maintained its three Michelin stars for over 20 years. A stalwart on the fine-dining scene, chef-owner Alain Passard uses all organic produce, sourced from his own vegetable gardens, creating dishes that are nothing short of perfection. Focusing on simplicity and sustainability, there's equally no compromise on flavour or presentation.

L'AMBROISIE

9 PLACE DES VOSGES, 75004 PARIS

L'Ambroisie epitomises classic French fine dining, located within the cloisters of the Place des Vosges in the heart of the Marais district. The traditional grandeur of this restaurant is reflected in its 18th century décor and the culinary journey is complemented by an impressive all-French wine list.

LE CINQ

31 AVENUE GEORGE V, 75008 PARIS

In the renowned Four Seasons Hotel George V – the perfect setting for a true experience of fine dining – Le Cinq has been awarded three Michelin stars for its exquisite food and lavish setting. Chef Christian Le Squer's menu is a modern take on traditional French gastronomy.

PIERRE GAGNAIRE

6 RUE BALZAC, 75008 PARIS

Chef Pierre Gagnaire's ethos, 'facing tomorrow, but respectful of yesterday', has resulted in the iconic fusion-style of cooking that dominates his restaurant in the luxury Hotel Balzac. Gagnaire's innovative and enjoyable dishes have inspired wide critical acclaim.

EPICURE AU BRISTOL

112 RUE DU FAUBOURG SAINT-HONORÉ, 75008 PARIS

Epicure is the three-Michelin star restaurant led by renowned chef Eric Fréchon at Le Bristol. 2019 marks Fréchon's 20th anniversary at the acclaimed palace hotel, and 10 years of Epicure's three-star status within the prestigious Michelin Guide.

LE PAVILLON LEDOYEN

8 AVENUE DUTUIT, 75008 PARIS

Chef Yannick Alléno's restaurant, with its lavish 18th century décor and charming setting, was awarded its third Michelin star in 2015. Today, Alléno continues to take a unique approach to modern cuisine and is renowned for his originality, seen in exquisite flavours and delicious sauces.

GUY SAVOY

11 QUAI DE CONTI, 75006 PARIS

Overlooking the Seine, Guy Savoy moved to its current location in the Hôtel de la Monnaie in 2015. The restaurant occupies six dining rooms, with modern art on the walls throughout. Savoy reinterprets classic dishes, aiming to excite with innovative flavours and textures.

LE PRÉ CATELAN

ROUTE DE LA GRANDE CASCADE, BOIS DE BOULOGNE, 75016 PARIS

Chef Frédéric Anton's creative cuisine, which displays a dedication to local produce and the revival of traditional recipes, gained Le Pré Catelan its third Michelin star in 2007. The décor combines modern elegance and classic grandeur at the heart of the Bois de Boulogne.

ASTRANCE

4 RUE BEETHOVEN, 75016 PARIS

Astrance takes its diners on a creative culinary journey, through multi-course tasting menus, which evolve with the changing seasons. Chef Pascal Barbot integrates Asian flair into his take on French cuisine, and the restaurant's modest décor only enhances the sense of mystery surrounding the menu.



NIGHTLIFE

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L'ARC

12 RUE DE PRESBOURG, 75016 PARIS

L'Arc is one of the trendiest night clubs in Paris. Hip-hop and neon lights are juxtaposed by the iconic backdrop of the Arc de Triomphe. Dine upstairs at Le Victoria 1836 before moving to the summer terrace, where champagne and VIPs are in no short supply.

SILENCIO

142 RUE MONTMARTRE, 75002 PARIS

Founded in 2011 by David Lynch, Silencio is a members' club, dedicated to recreating the atmosphere and appeal of a 1920s Parisian salon, where artistic minds gather to share ideas. From midnight, Lynch's ornate gold-plated bunker transforms into a stylish nightclub, open to the public.

RASPOUTINE

58 RUE DE BASSANO, 75008 PARIS

This trendy, Russian-themed night club, renowned for its decadent interior, attracts a young and affluent clientele. An electro-pop soundtrack, overseen by some of the best DJs in Paris, contributes to Raspoutine's status as one of the city's chicest nightclubs.

CASTEL

15 RUE PRINCESSE, 75006 PARIS

First opened in 1962 as a private members' club, Castel has since become a stylish lounge bar, also open to non-members. Below the main level's restaurant and bar, an underground dance floor draws in a sophisticated crowd of locals and celebrities alike.

LE GERMAIN

25 RUE DE BUCI, 75006 PARIS

Next to the Le Germain restaurant, a secret black door gives way to the MK2 Germain Paradisio cinema, which is transformed into a bar and nightclub every Friday and Saturday evening. Relatively new on the Parisian night-life scene, this quirky location is certainly worth a visit.

LE MONTANA

28 RUE SAINT-BENOÎT, 75006 PARIS

Le Montana is arguably the most fashionable and exclusive club in Paris. The vintage and elegant atmosphere attracts many VIPs and celebrities, and the club's stylish dance floor is located underground, in a vaulted cellar.

LE MATIGNON

3 AVENUE MATIGNON, 75008 PARIS

Le Matignon markets itself as both 'restaurant and playground'; below the restaurant is the hedonistic haven that is Club Matignon. The lavish décor and glamorous atmosphere draw in a sophisticated crowd, who can be found here six nights a week; Club Matignon is closed on Sundays.

LA MANO

10 RUE PAPILLON 75009 PARIS

La Mano opened in 2015, and this intimate nightclub has since stolen Café le Baron's crown as the place to be for the boho-chic twenty-somethings of Paris. With no table service, guests come here for the Latin music, the electric atmosphere and a night of dancing.

EXPERIMENTAL COCKTAIL CLUB

37 RUE SAINT-SAUVEUR, 75002 PARIS

The Experimental Cocktail Club the Experimental Cocktail Club was the first in a new wave of New York-style cocktail bars to open in Paris. The bar is small and inviting, with a speakeasy vibe. The friendly bar staff serve exceptional cocktails and are constantly reinventing the classics.



RETAIL

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LE TRIANGLE D'OR

EIGHTH ARRONDISSEMENT: AVENUE MONTAIGNE / AVENUE GEORGE V /
RUE FRANÇOIS 1ER / AVENUE DES CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES

The so-called Golden Triangle, which lies between Avenue Montaigne, The Champs-Élysées and Avenue George V, is a renowned shopping haven populated by prestigious labels. The Golden Triangle also boasts a range of ready-to-wear brands; however, the main attraction is undoubtedly the area's many luxury fashion houses.

FAUBOURG SAINT-HONORÉ – VENDÔME

EIGHTH AND FIRST ARRONDISSEMENT: RUE SAINT-HONORÉ / PLACE
VENDÔME / RUE DE LA PAIX

Faubourg Saint-Honoré is one of the most luxurious shopping streets in Paris, home to high-fashion boutiques including the Hermès flagship store. The street spans from the eighth arrondissement and continues past Place Vendôme and Rue de la Paix, where yet more luxury jewellers and haute couture designer shops are found.

OPÉRA - MADELEINE

EIGHTH AND NINTH ARRONDISSEMENT: PLACE DE LA MADELEINE /
BOULEVARD DES CAPUCINES / PLACE DE L'OPÉRA /
BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN

This area is best known as home to the famous Galeries Lafayette and Printemps department stores on Boulevard Haussmann. Here you can also admire the iconic architecture of the Palais Garnier and the impressive Église de la Madeleine, while enjoying some of the shops and charming cafés.

SAINT-GERMAIN-DES-PRÉS

SIXTH AND SEVENTH ARRONDISSEMENT: BOULEVARD SAINT GERMAIN /
RUE DU FOUR / RUE DE SÈVRES

There is something for everyone in this area, where a mix of ready-to-wear and luxury fashion brands can be found. Enjoy a visit to the famous Le Bon Marché department store or explore the eclectic range of shops, while admiring Saint-Germain's beautiful avenues and impressive architecture.

LE MARAIS

THIRD AND FOURTH ARRONDISSEMENT: RUE DES ARCHIVES / RUE DES
FRANC-BOURGEOIS / RUE VIEILLE DU TEMPLE

Le Marais is one of the oldest and most stunning areas of Paris, with many exquisite mansions and picturesque squares and gardens to explore. The area has become a trendy shopping hub, home to edgy designer shops, as well as high-street brands, concept stores and eclectic vintage shops.

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AVENUE MONTAIGNE

75008 PARIS, FRANCE

Dedicated solely to luxury brands, and focused on haute couture, Avenue Montaigne is truly the high-fashion avenue of Paris. The street stretches from the Champs-Élysées roundabout to Place d'Alma and is home to multiple flagship stores. The luxury Plaza Athénée Hotel is also found here, cementing its status as the most luxurious street in Paris.

AVENUE DES CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES

75008 PARIS, FRANCE

Arguably the most famous avenue in the world, the Avenue des Champs-Élysées runs from Place de la Concorde to the Arc de Triomphe. As well as being home to museums, nightclubs, restaurants, bars, and cafés, the Champs-Élysées is one of Paris' main shopping hubs. The beautiful wide pavements are lined with shops, ranging from affordable brands to luxury boutiques.

PLACE VENDÔME

75001 PARIS, FRANCE

Place Vendôme is a beautiful neoclassical square in Paris' first arrondissement, which is steeped in history. Today, the square is a showcase of luxury goods, in particular, luxury jewellers, and is home to Chaumet, Van Cleef & Arpels and Chanel jewellery boutiques, just to name a few. The illustrious Ritz Hotel and the Ministry of Justice are also found here.

RUE DE LA PAIX

75002 PARIS, FRANCE

Rue de la Paix runs between Place Vendôme and the Palais Garnier opera house. This street continues the trend set in Place Vendôme, with luxury jewellery boutiques occupying a large proportion of the retail space. The street has been celebrated as home to major luxury jewellers for centuries – for example, the Cartier store first opened its doors at number 13 in 1899.

RUE FAUBOURG SAINT-HONORÉ

75008 PARIS, FRANCE

Rue Saint-Honoré, of which Faubourg Saint-Honoré is an extension, is regarded as ‘the Mecca of luxury and haute couture’. For the best retail therapy Paris has to offer, begin at the corner of Avenue Matignon and continue past a plethora of upscale boutiques, including Hermès, Chanel, and Balenciaga.

PRINTEMPS HAUSSMANN

64 BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN, 75009 PARIS

An amazing selection of luxury brands can be found here. Explore the latest trends, admire the artistic window displays, or even enjoy a personal shopping experience. Take in the grandeur of this historical building from the brasserie or the panoramic terrace.

GALERIES LAFAYETTE

40 BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN, 75009 PARIS

Galleries Lafayette opened in 1893 as a small haberdashery. Now the Paris department store occupies three buildings, and stocks over 3,500 brands. The iconic dome and range of both luxury and affordable goods have made Galleries Lafayette a top tourist attraction in Paris.

LE BON MARCHÉ

24 RUE DE SÈVRES, 75007 PARIS

Le Bon Marché is the oldest department store in Paris and all the big names in the world of luxury goods are represented here. This is the place to discover an impressive range of luxury fashion, food and furniture. Plus the Rose Bakery on the second floor provides a perfect spot for a piece of cake.

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CULTURE

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LE LOUVRE

PLACE DU CARROUSEL, 75001 PARIS

With a collection of 35,000 historical objects and works of art, including Leonardo Da Vinci's Mona Lisa, the Louvre is one of the world's largest and most celebrated museums. The museum is also open for nighttime visits on Wednesdays and Fridays.

MUSÉE D'ORSAY

1 RUE DE LA LÉGION D'HONNEUR, 75007 PARIS

Degas, Monet and Van Gogh are just some of the distinguished artists whose works can be found in this restored railway station. The Musée d'Orsay is dedicated to displaying art dating from between 1848 to 1914, with a focus on Impressionism.

MUSÉE RODIN

77 RUE DE VARENNE, 75007 PARIS

Opened in 1919, the Musée Rodin Museum is dedicated to Auguste Rodin, a noted French sculptor. While the main focus is on Rodin's works of art, the artist's personal collection includes paintings by Van Gogh, Renoir and Monet, among others.

MUSÉE NATIONAL PICASSO-PARIS

5 RUE DE THORIGNY, 75003 PARIS

In the Marais district of Paris, the Musée National Picasso is dedicated to the work of Pablo Picasso, one of the most influential artists of the 20th century. Visitors can enjoy Picasso's personal collection, including over 5,000 of his own works of art.

CENTRE POMPIDOU

PLACE GEORGES-POMPIDOU, 75004 PARIS

The Centre Pompidou is Europe's largest museum of modern art. Over 50,000 works from 5,000 celebrated artists are exhibited here. The building was designed in a high-tech architectural style and has an upper-floor restaurant, with stunning views across Paris.

QUAI BRANLY

37 QUAI BRANLY, 75007 PARIS

Dedicated to works of art from Africa, Asia, Oceania and the Americas, Quai Branly is the newest major museum in Paris. The museum houses a superb collection of indigenous art, as well as a beautiful and unique public garden, right by the Eiffel Tower.

MUSÉE GUIMET

6 PLACE D'IEÑA, 75116 PARIS

Over 50,000 Asian works of art spanning across thousands of years are housed here, making it the largest museum of Asian art in Europe. The contemporary style of the museum complements this unique exploration of Asian art and culture.

MUSÉE DE L'ORANGERIE

JARDIN DES TUILERIES, 75001 PARIS

In the Tuileries Gardens, the Musée de l'Orangerie houses many masterpieces of modern art. The museum is the permanent home to eight iconic murals from Monet's celebrated Water Lilies series, as well as other Impressionist and Post-Impressionist works of art.

FONDATION LOUIS VUITTON

8 AVENUE DU MAHATMA GANDHI, 75116 PARIS

Created by the LVMH group in 2006, with the aim to promote art and support contemporary artistic creations for a wide French and international audience, this beautiful new institution astounds visitors by exhibiting and showcasing works from the 20th and 21st centuries in a unique space.

GRAND PALAIS

3 AVENUE DU GÉNÉRAL EISENHOWER, 75008 PARIS

The Grand Palais is an iconic monument in Paris. It was built for the Universal Exhibition in 1900. Today it hosts important events such as the Saut Hermès and FIAC. Furthermore, it hosts several temporary art exhibitions within the Galeries Nationales.



WELLNESS

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DIOR INSTITUT AU PLAZA ATHÉNÉE

25 AVENUE MONTAIGNE, 75008 PARIS

Inside the Plaza Athénée lies the Dior Institut, the self-styled ‘haute couture spa for the body, mind and soul’. Come here to take advantage of one of its five treatment rooms – including one double suite – as well as manicure and pedicure services, a steam room, full gym, and personal training services.

LE SPA AT PARK HYATT PARIS-VENDÔME

5 RUE DE LA PAIX, 75002 PARIS

The sombre gold and onyx tones of this beautifully appointed spa – inside the Park Hyatt hotel – complement its focus on massage, facial and salon treatments. Le Spa is partnered with La Mer skincare.

SENSE, A ROSEWOOD SPA

10 PLACE DE LA CONCORDE, 75008 PARIS

Situated inside the Hôtel de Crillon, focuses on offering natural luxurious treatments and therapies, bringing together hard science and natural wellness techniques.

LA RÉSERVE

42 AVENUE GABRIEL, 75008 PARIS

This luxury day spa and hotel focuses on relaxation and rejuvenation. Centred around its 16-metre pool, the spa has a hammam, a fitness centre, treatments for men and women, and offers Nescens-Swiss anti-ageing products.

THE SPA AT THE MANDARIN ORIENTAL

251 RUE SAINT-HONORÉ, 75001 PARIS

There’s an East Asian feel to this spacious spa, inside the world-renowned hotel chain. Guests slip off their shoes and have their therapies overseen by a dedicated professional. There are plenty of couples’ suites here too, which come with private vitality pools.

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Electricity

The standard electrical voltage in Paris is 230 V.
The electrical outlets take a two-pronged plug.