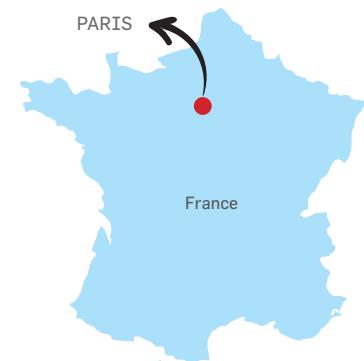




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PARIS

The city of lights, love, fashion and artistic renaissance, Paris wears many hats, each more beguiling than the other. From its boulevards dotted with Parisian cafes, wine bars and iconic monuments, to its fashionable quarters frequented by the crème de la crème of world intelligentsia, Paris is a city one never forgets.



What to see

01



Eiffel Tower



An instantly recognisable symbol of France, the 'Iron Lady' is made of pure wrought iron and has an observation deck at its top level which offers a panoramic view, best enjoyed at sunset.



THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT PARIS

A

Paris is often called the City of Lights because it was among the first major European cities to use gas to light its street lamps and lanterns, back in the 17th century.

02



Louvre



One of the finest art museums worldwide, Louvre has an extensive collection of sculptures, paintings and artworks by legendary artists like Michelangelo, Da Vinci and Eugene Delacroix.

B

Contrary to its name, Pont Neuf (literally: new bridge) that straddles River Seine is actually one of the oldest bridges in Paris and was built using stones.

C

Present-day Paris was originally a Roman city called Lutetia. Julius Caesar, who conquered most of France and brought it under Roman control is said to have chosen the name.



Palace of Versailles

03



The opulent palace with its intricate artistic decor and sprawling royal quarters reflects the 18th century French architectural sensibilities. Visitors must visit the stunning Hall of Mirrors which has 357 mirrors that reflect and magnify the grand gardens.

Arc De Triomphe

04



This historical arch is a war memorial monument that honours the soldiers who fought in the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic wars. It is located at the Western end of the bustling Champs-Élysées Avenue and tourists can climb to the top of the monument.



Boulevard St Germaine

Parisians have an impeccable dressing sense and you can find the source of their inspiration at Boulevard St Germaine with its upscale fashion boutiques that sell chic party wear, cocktail dresses, quirky accessories, trendy jewellery and quality cosmetics.



Where & what to buy

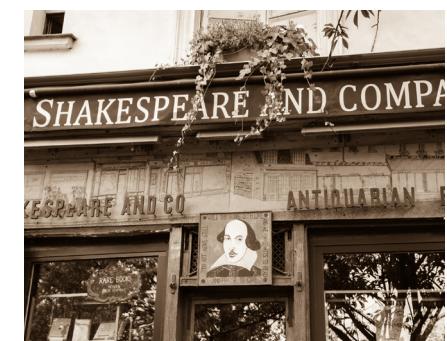


Parisian Fromageries

Paris loves its cheese. There are many independent cheese artisans across the city who create, craft and age unique, aromatic and flavourful cheese in their fromageries. Those looking to taste before they buy can head to high-quality cheese shops like Salon du Fromage Hisada, Beillevaire, Laurent Dubois, Androuet, Chez Virginie and Barthélémy.

Shakespeare and Company

Bibliophiles should head to the most famous bookstore in Paris, Shakespeare and Co. Founded in 1919 by Sylvia Beach, this charming shop tells many tales of celebrated authors like Ezra Pound, Ernest Hemingway and James Joyce who would visit when they were still struggling writers.





Experiences



01

Latin Quarter



Experience Parisian culture at Latin Quarter, situated at the crossroad of Boulevards St Germain and St Michel—a favourite haunt of writers and artists like Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse, James Joyce, F Scott Fitzgerald, Albert Camus, Jean-Paul Sartre, Simone de Beauvoir and Ernest Hemingway.

02

The Seine River Cruise



For a great sightseeing trip, hop on a cruise and float across the idyllic waters of River Seine as the glittering skyline of Paris passes by. Many of these cruises also have an option to book a romantic dinner table, with the beautifully lit up Eiffel Tower as backdrop.

03

Hop On Hop Off Bus



With witty and knowledgeable guides as host, the Ho-Ho buses take tourists across all the hand-picked locales of Paris from Champs Elysses, Louvre, Seine Bridges, Cathedrals, Moulin Rouge. Perfect for those short on time but big on learning everything about the picturesque and historical city.



Eat Right



Also try this...

When in Paris, start your day with buttery croissants and espresso. For lunch try soupe à l'oignon (soup with onion and beef), quiche lorraine (custard and ham cooked inside a pastry) or a croque tartine parisienne (open top ham and cheese sandwich with bechamel sauce). Wrap up your day with a sole meuniere (fish sauteed in butter) or steak tartare with escargots (steak with eggs and snails).

Le Jules Verne



Located on level two of Eiffel Tower, this charming Michelin-star restaurant serves the best of French cuisine. The icing on the cake is of course the panoramic views of Paris that it offers. Advance online reservations are a must.

Le Bete Noire



Le Bete Noire, a cosy eatery with a young vibe in Latin Quarter is renowned for its Mediterranean fare. Try their mezze platters, lentils and legume dishes, and pickled salads with pomegranate and gooseberries.

Chez Francis



Enjoy your brunch with an unmatched view of the Eiffel Tower at Michelin-starred Chez Francis. Try their sauteed shrimps, pasta, creme brulee, apple tart and wash it all down with some nice wine. Reach early so you can sit outside and grab the best table with a view.

Dragons Elysees



A must for seafood lovers, this restaurant offers an enviable selection of Chinese and Thai cuisine and also has a glass floor through which turtles and fish can be seen in an underground aquarium. Try their spicy lamb curry, risotto with truffle and veal piccata.

Le Chalet Des Iles



This restaurant is located in a small green canopied island tucked away inside Paris, ensuring a unique and cosy dining experience away from the chaos of the city. Try their spicy lamb curry, risotto with truffle and veal piccata.