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Welcome to the exciting third edition of The Ultimate Paris Address Book!

I have carefully curated a selection of hidden gems and authentic experiences for you to discover in the beautiful city of Paris. From well-priced hotels to unique eateries, this guide is designed to help you explore popular neighbourhoods in a whole new way.

While this ebook may not replace a traditional guidebook, it offers a fresh perspective on Parisian hotspots that you won't find anywhere else. I have sifted through countless options to bring you the best of the best, ensuring that each recommendation offers a genuine taste of the city without being overrun by tourists. With my expert knowledge and recommendations from seasoned visitors to Paris this guide is your ticket to unlocking the true essence of Paris.

While there are thousands of options to explore, I have handpicked the very best for you to enjoy. So dive in, explore, and make Paris your own with The Ultimate Paris Address Book. Your adventure awaits!

A bientôt!

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NOTE: shops and restaurants close or move, and websites get changed or updated. The content of this book is correct as at February 2024. If you find any of my choices no longer open, addresses changed or websites incorrect, I would love you to contact me on chieffrugalista@frugalfirstclasstravel.com so it can be updated for subsequent editions.

A Guide to the Arrondissements of Paris

Central Paris is divided into 20 arrondissements, or neighbourhoods, each with their own character and personality. Because all arrondissements will have decent local eateries and interesting shops, you will likely be eating and shopping locally at least some of the time. I've therefore focused my attention on the arrondissements that are where you are likely to be staying, or at least visiting as you travel around Paris.

If you need assistance on where to stay in Paris [my Paris Arrondissement Guide](#) will help you decide which neighbourhood will suit you best.

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First arrondissement

Stay:

Le Meurice *228 rue de Rivoli, 75001*

<https://dorchestercollection.com/paris/le-meurice>

Phillipe Starck interiors in a fabulous location overlooking the Tuileries. Very expensive, so for most people the excellent afternoon tea (bookings required), and one of the best, but most expensive hot chocolates in Paris will be the best way to experience Le Meurice.

Hotel Brighton *218 rue de Rivoli 75001*

<https://www.paris-hotel-brighton.com/>

Highly recommended by savvy members of the France Travel Planning Facebook group, this hotel is in a luxury location, and while still expensive, is 4 star luxury at a more affordable price than the surrounding competition.

Ritz Paris *15 Place Vendome 75001*

<https://www.ritzparis.com>

Don't be put off by the name and décor. It's not snobby or uptight, although, yes, it is eye wateringly expensive.... For a more affordable Ritz experience try their patisserie Le Comptoir at nearby 38 rue Cambon, a bowl of French fries on the Terrace or a drink in the Hemingway Bar.

The Castille *33-37 rue Cambon 75001*

<https://collezione.starhotels.com/en/our-hotels/castille-paris/>

Stylishly perfect for those essential shopping trips to Chanel's flagship store just a few doors down.

Hotel Costes *239-241 rue Saint-Honore 75001*

<https://www.hotelcostes.com/en>

Intimidatingly cool favorite of the fashion set. Extravagant design with a terrace, pool and spa. The hotel is made up of three houses, each designed by a different interior designer.

The Regina *2 Place des Pyramides, 75001*

<https://regina-hotel.com>

Stylish and an Instagrammer free zone, fabulous views of the Eiffel Tower from their suites.

Hotel Madame Reve *rue du Louvre 75001*

<https://madamereve.com/en/>

In a neighbourhood dominated by very traditional hotels and upmarket chain offerings Madame Reve stands out for its modern 5 star luxury. And its rooftop terrace with a stunning view of Notre Dame.

Dandy Hotel *86 rue Saint-Denis 75001*

<https://www.dandyhotelparis.com/>

I love the look of this hotel as it seems to marry both contemporary and traditional well. Add in its own brasserie and a spa, as well as the unbeatable central location and this is a winner.

Le Relais du Louvre *19 rue des Prêtres-Saint-Germain-l'Auxerrois 75001*

<https://www.relaisdulouvre.com/>

This little 21 room charmer reminds me more of the sort of place you find in the fifth or sixth – but of course it's more central than that. If it is within your budget, this is an excellent choice for first time visitors. There are also a number of options that are suitable for families or friends travelling together which is not common in this part of Paris.

Eat & Drink:

Angelina *226 rue de Rivoli 75001*

<https://www.angelina-paris.fr/en/home>

The mother of all French tea shops, lines for afternoon tea are legendary. For a crowd beating experience, book breakfast instead. The hot chocolate, *l'Africain*, is a must try, as is a little something to take home for later. Other branches throughout Paris.

Le Bar de l'Entreacte *47 rue de Montpensier 75001*

The oldest bar in Paris (1614).

Café Marly *Musee du Louvre 93 rue de Rivoli 75001*

<https://cafe-marly.com/en/>

Under the arcades of the Richelieu wing. Open for breakfast or just for drinks as well as Lunch/dinner. Traditional French food and yes, it is the café seen in the second series of *Emily in Paris*.

La Corte *320 rue Saint-Honoré 75001*

https://www.facebook.com/La-Corte-161213917239127/?ref=py_c

Yes, it's Italian, but the location is perfect and everything is good.

Cibus *5 rue Molière 75001*

Tel: +33 1 42 61 50 19. No website

With only six tables, you must book for this restaurant. Italian, organic and the menu changes daily as you would expect.

Wild & The Moon *19 Place du Marche Saint Honoré 75001*

<http://wildandthemoon.fr>

Also in the 3rd and 11th arrondissements this chain of slow food cafés also feature great drinks menus.

Café de l'Epoque *2 rue de Boulois 75001*

<https://cafedelepogue.fr/en>

Light and bright, but traditional menu and service, this is the ideal spot all the French classics on one menu. From a simple French salad, croque Monsieur or a duck confit, this is a great local spot to tempt all but the fussiest eaters.

Kong *1 rue du Pont neuf 75001*

https://www.kong.fr/_en#brestaurant

Very fashionable French-Japanese fusion food in a glorious covered rooftop setting. Also Sunday brunch, a bar and a club.

Da Rosa 7 rue Rouget-de-Lisle/19bis rue du Mont Thabor 75001
<https://www.darosa.fr/>

An épicerie come café come lounge, complete with red velvet armchairs. Mediterranean cuisine. From a simple plate of parma ham to a club sandwich. Good lunch option if you are in the neighbourhood. (Also, at 62 rue de Seine in the 6th

Aki Boulanger 16 rue Sainte Anne 75001
<https://akiparis.fr/>

A franco-japanese bakery and café featuring cakes, pastries, breads, bento boxes and nigiri to both eat in or take away. Their cakes feature both Japanese and French style and flavour.

Granite 6 rue Bailleul 75001
<https://granite.paris>

Modern, luxe French cuisine brought to you by a young protégé of 3 Michelin star chef Anne-Sophie Pic. As you would expect, Granite is not a budget option, but if you are looking for splurge meal, their fixed price menus look a genuine bargain for an establishment of this pedigree and potential.

La Poule au Pot 9 rue Vauvilliers 75001
<https://xn--jeanfranoispiège-jpb.com/la-poule-au-pot>

La Poule au Pot is what most people imagine when they think of a Paris restaurant – classic bistrot fare and a quaint building. Come here for classics such as snails, frogs legs and onion soup, as well as their house special Charolais beef fillet. Now part of the Jean-François Piège empire, this restaurant closes over summer, so do check their website for exact closure details.

1 Place Vendome 1 place Vendome 75001
<http://vendome.parishotelinn.com/en/>

Inside the Vendome Hotel. Cocktail bar and restaurant. Previously voted the best bar in the world by Forbes Magazine. Fabulous outlook over Place Vendome.

See :

Rue Chanoinesse, Ile de la Cité.

Definitely one of the prettiest streets in Paris, dating back to the Middle Ages, with some buildings dating back to the early 16th century. Keep an eye out for Au Vieux Paris d'Arcole, a café whose building dates back to 1512.

Musée de la Mode et du Textile rue de Rivoli 75001

<https://www.fashionandtextilemuseums.com/musee-de-la-mode-et-du-textile/>

The western wing of the Louvre is home to this less well known but no less interesting museum. A must see for lovers of historical fashion, decorative arts and design. (website link not included because it is insecure).

Shop :

La Petite Robe Noir/Didier Ludot 24 Galerie Montpensier, Jardin du Palais Royal 75001

<https://en.parisinfo.com/shopping-paris/73551/Didier-Ludot>

Vintage couture, including some very old pieces. High end, with prices to match

Phillippe Conticini 27 place Dauphine 75001

<https://philippeconticini.fr/>

With bakeries throughout central Paris, Phillippe Conticini is famous for his giant croissants. While these need to be ordered in advance, you can pop into any of his outlets and buy excellent quality viennoiseries. I can personally recommend the Paris Brest – it's a classic and light as a feather.

Stouls 36 rue du Mont-Thabor 75001

<https://stouls.paris/>

Designer leather and suede in modern styles (think leather t-shirts). And best of all they can be machine washed apparently.

La Samaritaine *19 rue de la Monnaie 75001*

<https://www.dfs.com/en/samaritaine/>

This iconic Parisian department store has reopened after many years of renovation. Now achingly hip and stocking over 600 brands, its interiors are also very instaworthy.

Librairie Bernard Gaugain *13 Galerie Véro Dodat 75001*

+33 (01) 45 08 96 89 (no website)

Small but perfectly formed, this tiny bookshop specialises in art books and monographs.

Galerie du Passage *20-26 Galerie Vérot Dodat 75001*

<https://www.galeriedupassage.com/>

This gallery features a range of exhibitions of both well known and up and coming 20th and 21st century artists, ceramicists, sculptors and furniture makers.

Styl'Honore *1 rue du Marche-Saint Honore 75001*

A great range of pens, and one of the only places in Paris to purchase a handcut quill pen. They also stock a large range of Japanese inks in every colour imaginable.

Librairie Galignani *224 rue de Rivoli 75001*

<https://www.galignani.fr/>

Not as famous with English speakers as Shakespeare & Co, but this is the oldest bookshop stocking English titles in Europe (dating to 1801). Art and fashion books a specialty, but also an excellent range of English language magazines and novels (including children's books).

E Dehillerin *18 rue Coquillière 75001*

<https://www.edehillerin.fr/en/>

Since 1820. If this kitchenware shop doesn't sell it, it probably doesn't exist. This shop is literally an Aladdin's cave for cooks of all proficiency.

Olympia Le Tan *Passage des Deux Pavillons, 5 rue des Petits Champs*
<https://olympialetan.com/>

Accessories shop that is a favourite of in the know Paris Fashionistas. Olympia Le Tan specialises in turning literary and movie motifs into colourful, embroidered handbags. Very Instaworthy exteriors.

Maître parfumeur et Gantier *5 rue des Capucines 75001*
<https://www.maitre-parfumeur-et-gantier.com/en/>

An option for those looking for a boutique parfumeur. Specialising in musky and woody scents you can choose from perfumes, scented candles, diffusers and gift sets.

Rue Saint-Honoré neighbourhood – home to all the big names, as well as some hidden gems and future classics. If your favorite designer brand isn't listed here, don't despair – it will be in the Saint- Honoré neighbourhood somewhere.

Christian Louboutin *17 & 19 rue Jean-Jacques Rousseau*
https://eu.christianlouboutin.com/fr_fr/

Classic heels with those red soles, but also flats, sandals and sneakers.

Astier de Villatte *173 rue Saint Honore*
<https://www.astierdevillatte.com/en/>

Tableware in designs to suit every taste – both classic and modern. They also stock candles, cologne, and incense burners.

Fifi Chachnil *231 rue Saint-Honore*
<https://fifichachnil.paris/en/homepage/>

For sexy lingerie that is never trashy. A gorgeous boudoir of a shop.

Chanel *31 rue Cambon*

<https://www.chanel.com/fr/>

Chanel needs no introduction and while there are other stores in Paris, the original rue Cambon flagship store is still the best one to visit. Venture in and buy a lipstick or nail polish to see how the other half live, on a (relative) budget.

Fauré Le Page *21 rue Cambon*

<https://int.faurelepage.com/>

Fauré Le Page is a luxury leathersgoods brand that is popular with shoppers looking for French leathersgoods that are more discrete than the more well known brands. All the popular shapes and styles are there in the Fauré Le Page unique style.

Schiaparelli *21 place Vendome*

<https://www.schiaparelli.com/en>

Couture and ready to wear, plus accessories, leather goods, silk scarves and jewellery. Chanel's rival of the twentieth century re-imagined for the modern woman.

Beauty :

Ritz Club Paris *17 Place Vendome 75001*

<https://www.ritzparis.com/hotel/paris/ritz-club-spa>

A super luxe experience. If you book a spa treatment you have access to the swimming pool and gym for the day.

Markets:

Marché aux Fleurs et aux Oiseaux (Flower and Bird market) *Place Louis Lépine, Ile de la Cité 75001*

Monday to Saturday for flowers. The birds are unfortunately gone from this little market, but the flowers are truly lovely. This market is convenient to Notre Dame and Ste Chapelle, and is pretty as a picture. Open Tuesday to Sunday 10am to 6pm, but individual shop hours do vary.

Louvre des Antiquaires *2 Place Palais Royale 75001*

https://www.facebook.com/LouvreDesAntiquaires/?locale=fr_FR

More of an antique shopping centre than a true market, this antique market is a genuinely upmarket experience, rather than a or flea market. brocante

Village Saint-Honoré *91 rue Saint-Honoré 75001*

Tuesday to Sunday 10am to 6pm some shops may close at lunchtime.

Small antique village of only 10 shops complete with a pleasant little tearoom.

Saint-Honoré Place du Marché Saint-Honoré

Wednesday 3 to 8pm Saturday 7am to 3pm

Small open air market convenient for those with self catering accommodation in the area.

Second Arrondissement

Stay:

La Maison Favart *5 rue de Marivaux 75002*

www.lamaisonfavart.com

Boutique hotel in the land of luxury, close to the Grands Magasins on Boulevard Haussmann.

Edgar *31 rue d'Alexandrie 75002*

www.edgarparis.com

Vintage décor, with a warm welcome in a perfect location. Features a terrace restaurant

The Hoxton *30-32 Rue du Sentier 75002*

<https://thehoxton.com/paris/>

Modern luxury at a good price in an up and coming neighbourhood.

Hotel des Grands Boulevards *17 boulevard Poissonnière 75002*

<https://www.grandsboulevardshotel.com/>

Located in a grand mansion, set back from the street, even the single rooms here boast half tester beds. Some rooms also offer balconies.

Eat & Drink:

Le Distrait *26 rue de la Lune 75002*

<https://ledistrait.fr>

Truffle croque monsieur – this is all you need to know.

Boulangerie Terroirs d'Avenir *3 rue du Nil 75002*

<https://www.terroirs-avenir.fr/>

With a butcherie, grocers and fishmonger in addition to their bakery, the team at Terroirs d'Avenir operate most of the shops on rue du Nil that the Frenchie group doesn't. Their bakery showcases rare, ancient wheat varieties they buy directly from the farm gate.

Frenchie *5 rue du Nil 75002*

<https://www.frenchie-ruedunil.com/en/home/>

One of the hottest tables in Paris – book well in advance for laid-back ambience, and cheery Michelin starred cuisine using impeccable seasonal French produce. If getting a table proves too difficult, try Frenchie To Go at 9 rue du Nil or their wine bar (also serving small plates) across the road from the main restaurant.

Bottles *57 rue Sainte Anne 75002*

<http://bottles-paris.com/?lang=en>

The owner is from Lyon and this is reflected in both the wine and food choices on offer. Eat in or take away a stunning range of Burgundy, Beaujolais or Rhône wines with simple plats to accompany them.

Circonstances *174 rue Montmartre 75002*

www.circonstances.fr

With head chef and front of house staff formerly with Guy Savoy, you know this place is a winner. Reasonably priced for the quality and pedigree.

L'Escargot Montorgueil *38 rue Montorgueil 75002*

<https://escargotmontorgueil.com/>

Since 1832. Proust and Picasso ate there, and you can too. Yes, it's touristy, and snails are the stars of the show, served with any number of sauces, but there are plenty of other traditional choices. This is also the place for frogs' legs and onion soup if you are having trouble finding them elsewhere.

Fou de Pâtisserie *45 rue Montorgueil 75002*

<https://www.foudepatisserieboutique.fr/>

More a department store of all the big names in French sweet treats than a simple store, this is where you come to try the best of French pastries, chocolates, and ice cream. Perfect if you can't decide, or where you just want to try it all! See their website for their other Paris addresses.

Stohrer *51 rue Montorgueil 75002*

<https://stohrer.fr/>

Officially the oldest pâtisserie in Paris, if snails and frogs' legs at L'Escargot don't tempt then a traditional rum baba (they make three different kinds) surely will. Sweet and savoury, and also very Instaworthy.

Au Rocher du Cancale *78 rue Montorgueil 75002*

<https://www.instagram.com/aurocherdecancale/>

Since 1848. Last remnant of the rue Montorgueil oyster market, so these are a specialty here.

Racines *8 passage des Panoramas 75002*

<https://racinesparis.com/>

Despite its very French name and very Parisian location, Racines is Italian. Open for lunch and dinner 7 days a week, the menu errs towards the south and wears its current Michelin star with pride.

Redd *28 rue Saveur 75002*

<https://reddparis.com/>

Tiny little shoe box of a wine bar with simple charcuterie. Also in the Oberkampf area of the eleventh.

Brasserie Dubillot *222 rue Saint Denis 75002*

<https://nouvellegardegroupe.com/brasserie-dubillot/infos>

Pretty as a picture both inside and outside, this brasserie is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The menu is small and quite traditional and is very well priced.

Gallopin *40 rue Notre-Dames des Victoires 75002*

<https://gallopin.com/>

Since 1876 Gallopin has been cranking out traditional brasserie favourites in what must be one of the prettiest dining rooms in Paris. Worthy of a "special dinner" without totally breaking the budget.

French Paradox *57 passage des Panoramas 75002*

<https://www.frenchparadox.paris/>

This bar/restaurant specialises in two French favourites – duck and Champagne. As expected, the wine list is very Champagne heavy, but does feature a generous quantity of other options for those who prefer. Menu is fixed price and they also do brunch on Sundays.

Le Petit Vendôme *8 Rue des Capucines 75002*

<https://uniiti.com/shop/le-petit-vendome>

Casual eatery with red check table clothes, but come here for the made to order baguette sandwiches to go. A good option before or after a visit to the Opéra Garnier or an afternoon's shopping on boulevard Haussman.

Momzi *1 Rue Cherubini 75002*

No phone, no website

With an pastry chef from a Michelin star restaurant and flavours to die for, cult donut shop Momzi is the one of latest “must queue” places in Paris. The menu features a small range of signature flavours along with seasonal treats.

See:

Galerie Vivienne *Passage du Grand Cerf 75002*

Classic Parisian shopping and eating

Passage du Caire *2 place du Caire 75002*

Lined with fashion ateliers

Passage du Grand Cerf *145 rue Saint Denis and 8 rue Dussoubs*

Near rue Montorgueil

Shopping:

Amin Kader *1 rue de la Paix 75002*

<https://aminkader.fr>

A luxury clothing and accessories designer, but the real reason to visit this boutique is to marvel at the Renaissance chapel style interior that is nothing short of extraordinary.

Repetto *22 rue de la Paix 75002*

<https://www.repetto.com/en/>

THE place in Paris for classic French ballet flats in a bewildering range of colours and materials. Oh, yes, and they also sell ballet shoes, tutus etc for your inner ballerina. If a ballet flat is not for your feet, they also sell mary janes, and court shoes in the ballet flat style.

Not Shy: Cashmere Market Outlet *18 rue du Mail 75002*

www.notshy.fr

Because canny French women don't pay full price for cashmere. A mixture of basic, classic styles livened up with on trend looks each season.

Opulence Luxury & Vintage *107 Rue Réaumur 75002*

<https://www.opulencevintage.com/>

This fab store is a treasure trove of vintage high end couture and ready to wear featuring all the big names. Clothing, leathersgoods, costume and fine jewellery it's all here. A must visit for lovers of luxury fashion. Also in the 4th arrondissement.

Librairie Jousseume *45-47 Galerie Vivienne 75002*

One of the original tenants of the historic Galerie Vivienne this venerable bookseller stocks a wide range of antiquarian and new editions as well as cards and other inexpensive offerings.

Legrand Filles & Fils *1 rue de la Banque 75002*

www.caves-legrand.com

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A second arrondissement staple since 1880 this épicerie/wine shop is the quintessential Paris store. They also offer wine appreciation courses for those staying in Paris a little longer.

Le Village Joué Club *3/5 boulevard des Italiens 75002*

<https://www.joueclub.fr/magasin/village-joueclub-paris.html>

This is the biggest toy shop in Paris and it offers toys for children of all ages – birth up to adult. Stocking a range of French and global brands.

Librairie Gourmande *92-96 rue Montmartre 75002*

<https://www.librairiegourmande.fr/>

Librairie Gourmande specializes exclusively in all things culinary, from cookbooks to history books to posters explaining France's many types of cheese, with a selection of English language books, too. A perfect gift for a food-interested friend is one of the dozens of slim 10 Façons de Préparer books that are arranged in a rainbow display at the front of the store. Each beautifully designed paper book focuses on one ingredient or cooking and 10 methods of preparation.

Beauty:

O’Kari Hammam & Spa *22 rue Doussoubs 75002*

<https://www.o-kari.com/en>

For women only, packages range from €69 to €340 and combine a traditional hammam with the best of spa and wellness services. They also offer a bachelorette party package.

Third arrondissement

Stay:

Hotel du Petit Moulin *29-31 rue du Poitou 75003*

<https://hotelpetitmoulinparis.com>

On the site of a boulangerie and before that a mill. Designed by Christian Lacroix, Sweetie Darling. Rooms are individually decorated as you would expect. Handy to the Enfants Rouge market.

Villa Beaumarchais *5 rue des Arquebusiers 75003*

<https://www.villa-beaumarchais.com/en/>

With good sized rooms for the location, I was thrilled to come across this little gem and its traditional French styled décor and light and airy public areas. An excellent price for a 4 star hotel in this part of the city. Book early to avoid disappointment as this place is VERY popular.

Hotel Sookie *2 Bis Rue Commines 75003*

<https://www.hotelsookie.com/en/>

Hotel Sookie offers 31 cozy and elegant rooms decorated in a modern, restful style. Breakfast is served in their own little coffee shop which is open for all day dining till 6pm. A great find in the quieter northern Marais.

Assia et Nathalie *16 rue du Parc Royal 75003*

<https://assiaetnathalie.com/>

B&bs are thin on the ground in Paris, and it's even more unusual to find one in such a great central location. Enter Assia et Nathalie. With queen sized beds and a charming courtyard it's an excellent alternative to a traditional hotel. And it's located in the quieter northern part of the Marais.

Eat & Drink :

Chez Nenesse *17 rue de Saintonge 75003*

Tel: 33 (1) 42 78 46 49 (no website)

Traditional French restaurant – check tablecloths and tiled floor included.

Les Chouettes *32 rue de Picardie 75003*

<https://www.leschouettes.paris/>

Large space with floor to ceiling windows and stunning tiles. Sit outside on the terrace on sunny days (if you can get a seat). Frequently changing menu but do order the Paris-Brest pastry if it is available.

Le Café des Musées *49 rue de Turenne 75003*

<https://www.lecafedesmusees.fr>

A traditional Parisian bistrot that I discovered on a food tour. Unbeatable *boeuf bourguignon* and an excellent wine list to accompany it. Worth booking a table for.

Robert & Louise *64 rue Vieille du Temple 75003*

<https://www.robertetlouise.com/en/>

Since 1958 Robert & Louise have fired up the wood burning open fire and delivered up hearty serves of grilled and oven roasted meats with goose fat potatoes. Join the happy throngs at the shared tables and enjoy.

L'Absinthe Café *54 rue de Turbigo 75003*

+33 1 48 87 79 30

L'Absinthe Cafe is a good spot for a relatively cheap shot of absinthe. Enjoy it served traditionally at the bar, but this place is very popular, so do make sure you get there early.

Derrière Resto *69 rue des Gravilliers 75003*

<https://www.derriere-resto.com/>

A restaurant with a sense of humour in the quieter and slightly more conservative part of the Marais. Modern menu and brunch on Sundays and public holidays.

Le Progrès *1 rue de Bretagne 75003*

<https://www.leprogresmarais.fr/>

With its terrace and classic French brasserie menu this is about as Parisian as it gets.

See:

Marché des Enfants Rouge *39 rue de Bretagne 75003*

Tuesday to Thursday 9am to 2pm and 4pm to 8pm Friday & Saturday 9am to 8pm Sunday 8.30am to 2pm

The oldest covered market site in Paris, although the market itself is not original. 50 stalls of food, plus a couple of eateries and a café – the nearby community garden is well worth a peak even if it is locked. And there is an adorable little park across the road to have a picnic with any purchases you make.

Passage Molière *161 rue Saint Martin 75003*

Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature *62 rue des Archives 75003*

<https://chassenature.org>

In two gloriously restored hotels, this pretty as a picture museum focuses on art relating to animals. Paintings, tapestries and sculptures feature as well as taxidermy. A good one for children.

Hotel de Soubise *60 rue de Francs-Bourgeois 75003*

<http://www.archives-nationales.culture.gouv.fr/en/web/guest/hotels-de-soubise-et-de-rohan>

The French national archives in a gorgeous Versailles style mansion. Some of France's most important documents are on display here – including Marie Antoinette's last letter.

Square du Temple *Cnr rue du Temple and rue Réaumur 75003*

Named after the keep the Knight's Templar built on this site, it was turned into this pretty square in the nineteenth century. Excellent spot in the Marais to let your kids have a run or enjoy a picnic in a less crowded location than the better known Place du Vosges.

Musée Cognacq-Jay *8 rue Elzévir 75003*

<https://www.museecognacqjay.paris.fr/en>

The Cognacq-Jay museum gathers artworks from the 18th-century acquired between 1900 and 1927 by Ernest Cognacq, founder of the Samaritaine department store, and his wife Marie-Louise Jay. Focussing on 18th century art and collectibles this is a true hidden gem for lovers of the French 18th century style. And even better – it's free to view the permanent collection.

Shop :

La Maison du Pastel *20 rue Rambuteau 75003*

<https://lamaisondupastel.com>

Selling 1200 shades of Pastel crayons since 1906

Merci *111 Boulevard Beaumarchais 75003*

<https://merci-merci.com/>

Fashion and design in one of the most desirable stores in Paris.

Maison Plisson *93 blvd Beaumarchais 75003*

<https://lamaisonplisson.com>

Part grocery store, part wine cellar, part bakery and part café. And yes, they do home deliveries.

Buly *45 rue de Saintonge 75003*

<https://buly1803.com>

An historic French beauty brand gets a new lease of life. Worth buying for the packaging alone. Also at 6 rue Bonaparte in the sixth.

Frenchtrotters *128 rue Vieille-du-Temple 75003*

<https://frenchtrotters.fr>

Featuring their own designs, plus up and coming labels, this is the type of independent fashion boutique they do so well in the Marais

Marilyn Feltz *28 rue Charlot 75003*

<https://www.marilynfeltz.com/en/>

Marilyn & her husband Alexis describe her designs as ready-to-wear couture, and it's hard to argue with that. This is the place to shop for vintage inspired designs in luxurious fabrics at a fraction of the price of the big Parisian fashion houses. And, of course, everything is made in France (in very French – read small, sizes).

Monsieur *53 rue Charlot 75003*

<https://monsieur-paris.com>

Chic and minimalist jewellery atelier. Check out the delicate Zoe ring in yellow, white or pink gold.

Pep's *Passage de l'Ancre 223 rue Saint-Martin 75003*

The place for umbrellas, parasols and walking canes. And, yes, they do repairs, and custom orders as well. No website.

Jacques Genin *133 rue de Turenne 75003*

<https://jacquesgenin.fr/>

Fourth arrondissement

Stay :

Hotel Caron de Beaumarchais *12 rue Vieille du Temple 75004*

<https://carondebeaumarchais.com>

Like an 18th century private townhouse, but in the hip Marais district. Small rooms, as you would expect in the Marais. Reasonable rates for the location and quality of the hotel.

Hôtel de la Bretonnerie *22 rue Sainte Croix de la Bretonnerie 75004*

<https://www.hotelparismaraisbretonnerie.com/m/en/>

Cosy and traditional with stone walls, exposed beams, but with all modcons, this 3 star has everything you need to feel right at home. Rooms are a good size for this area of Paris.

Le Ferdinand *3 rue Ferdinand Duval 75004*

<https://leferdinand.com/>

Small but perfectly formed (it has just 8 serviced apartments) this is a little jewel of a place a stone's throw from the Place de Vosges. Breakfast is served on its rear terrace.

Eat & Drink:

Improbable *3-5 rue des Guillemites 75004*

<https://facebook.com/LimprobableCafe>

Soup & sandwiches make a great lunch spot.

Chez Julien *1 rue du Pont Louis-Philippe 75004*

<https://www.chezjulien.paris/en/home>

Old boulangerie, now a pretty restaurant with charming outdoor terrace. The menu is a bit pedestrian for the price but the atmosphere on a sunny day is great.

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Isami *4 quai d'Orléans 75004*

Tel: +33 (0)1 40 46 06 97 No website

The Japanese restaurant that Japanese tourists queue for. Arguably the best sushi in Paris.

Le Petit Célestin *12 quai des Célestins 75004*

<https://www.lepetitcelestin.fr/en/>

Possibly the most French of French restaurants in Paris. Overlooking the Seine, red and white check tablecloths, and authentic bistro food.

Café Saint-Regis *6 rue Jean du Bellay 75004*

<http://cafesaintregisparis.com/en>

Possibly the most perfect French brasserie. Friendly and traditional.

Pozzetto *16 rue Vieille du Temple & 39 rue du Roi de Sicile 75004*

<https://www.facebook.com/PozzettoParis/>

For those who can't live without their gelato and who prefer Italian coffee to French.

Café Louis Philippe *66 Quai de l'Hotel de ville 75004*

<https://www.facebook.com/Cafe-Louis-Philippe-454552698056770/>

Traditional French café/restaurant in an excellent quai side location. Serves very traditional dishes such as frogs' legs and snails for the brave, but also other less controversial traditional choices. Close to Chez Julien and in my opinion, a better choice.

Chez Marianne *2 Rue des Hospitalières Saint-Gervais 75004*

<https://www.chezmarianne.fr/>

While the tourists are queuing for miles to buy a falafel around the corner at L'As du Falafel, locals and canny visitors prefer the eat in or takeaway options at Chez Marianne. This is also a good spot to stock up on Kosher and Middle Eastern groceries to enjoy on a picnic or home in your apartment.

La Belle Hortense *31 rue Vieille du Temple 75004*

<https://www.facebook.com/labellehortenseParis/>

Part wine bar part bookshop with a very traditional zinc bar. Great option for those who don't like to drink alone.

Bistrot des Tournelles *4 rue des Tournelles 75004*

<https://www.bistrotdestournelles.com/en/>

A very traditional French bistro with a very traditional menu – idiosyncratic English translations just add to the charm here.

Restaurant Bonnie *10 Rue Agrippa d'Aubigné 75004*

<https://bonnie-restaurant.com/en/>

On the 16th floor of the Tour Morland, Bonnie is one to add to your list if you are looking for dining options with an Eiffel Tower view. A modern bar and restaurant, cuisine is modern French with an American accent. Seafood features heavily, although the carnivores will find something to tempt too. In the bar, don't miss the selection of retro 60s and 70s cocktails.

La Glacerie *13 rue du Temple 75004*

<https://www.laglacierie.fr/>

On a busy shopping street, this is the perfect stop for a pick me up ice cream. And the owner is a Maitre Ouvrier de France (Master Artisan of France) the country's highest culinary honor.

Pitzman *8 rue Pavée 75004*

<https://www.alloj.com/fr/restaurant-cacher/pitzman/carte.html>

If the queues for L'As de Falafel are too long this is a great alternative. Also a good spot for a casual meal for those who keep Kosher.

Le Loir dans la Théière *3 rue de Rosiers 75004*

<http://leloirdanslatheiere.com/>

Taking its cue from Alice in Wonderland this lovely little tea shop/restaurant is popular and Instaworthy. They also do brunch on Saturdays and Sundays. Open 9.00am -7.30pm and no reservations.

Le Peloton 17 Rue du Pont Louis-Philippe 75004

<https://www.lepelotoncafe.cc/en>

This little café serves Australian style coffee which is somewhat of a rarity in Paris, so yes, you can order a proper cappuccino (which is even more of a rarity in Paris). And they also hire bikes and offer cycling tours. A good spot for a light breakfast if you are in the Marais area at breakfast time, or can't go past your long black or flat white at any time of the day.

JaJa 3 rue Sainte-Croix de la Bretonnerie 75004

<http://jaja-resto.com/>

Dining at JaJa is a bit like dining in a lush garden or conservatory. A small well chosen menu for the grown ups, and this is one of the few restaurants in the neighbourhood that advertises its children's menu on its website.

Le Perchoir 33 rue de la Verrerie 75004

<https://leperchoir.fr/>

On top of the BHV department store this bar offers one of the best views of central Paris. Simple but stylish menu.

Bofinger 5-7 rue de la Bastille 75004

<https://www.bofingerparis.com/en/>

Bofinger is one of those gorgeous, very traditional French brasseries that features seafood platters very heavily. If seafood is not your thing, this is also the place to eat Alsatian food in Paris.

Au Bougnat 26 rue Chanoinesse 75004

<https://aubougnat.com/>

Eateries that are not tourist traps close to Notre Dame can be a bit thin on the ground, but Au Bougnat stands out for all the right reasons. In a cozy dining room complete with exposed beams, the chalkboard menu features a range of modernized bistro specialties as well as the classic staples. The seasonal lunch time *menu fixe* offers excellent value for money.

Benoit 20 rue Saint-Martin 75004
<https://www.benoit-paris.com/en/>

Part of the Alain Ducasse empire, and with a Michelin star to boot, Benoit is very Parisian. Weekday lunch *formules* are excellent value here or enjoy *à la carte* for dinner seven days a week. Menus change seasonally.

Shop:

Village Saint-Paul 3 rue Charlemagne 75004
www.levillagesaintpaul.com

Tuesday to Sunday 9am to noon and 2pm to 6pm

Some shops may open at different hours. Approximately 30 shops offering mainly *brocante* and flea market options. A good choice if you don't want to venture all the way to Saint Ouen or Vanves.

Baudoyer Place Baudoyer 75004

Wednesday 3 to 8pm Saturday 7am to 3pm. Traditional market held in front of the town hall. Organic breads, meat, fish, fruit & vegetables as well as traditional ready-to-eat market staples such as paella and roast chickens.

Cire Trudon 11 rue Sainte-Croix de la Bretonnerie 75004
https://trudon.com/eu_en/our-stores/

Luxury candles and scented accessories.

Sur Le Fil de Paris 2 rue de l'Ave Maria 75004
Tel: +33 1 71 20 41 46

A jewel of a bookshop selling both modern and antiquarian choices. Specialises in books and maps about Paris, so this is the place to come if you are looking for a special souvenir or gift.

La Cave Saint-Paul 8 rue Saint Paul 75004
<http://www.lacavesaintpaul.com/>

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A wine shop that specialises in featuring small, less well known producers from the famous wine regions. Includes organic makers and a range of locally produced spirits.

Les Trois Chocolats *45 rue Saint Paul 75004*

<http://les3chocolats.paris/>

A Japanese owned chocolatier and pastry shop featuring the best French techniques with the best of Japanese flavours. Think ginger, yuzu and matcha.

Pharmacie de la Mairie *Cnr rue des Archives & rue de la Verrerie 75004*

<https://pharmacie-mairie-paris.com/>

Smaller than the category killer City Pharma, but far less crowded and a good range of French cosmetic brands. Helpful staff and highly browsable, Pharmacie de la Mairie also rents wheelchairs, walkers and mobility scooters. And they are open till 8pm seven days a week.

Uniqlo *39 rue des Francs-Bourgeois 75004*

www.uniqlo.com

Yes, I know they are Japanese and global, but this shop is lovely. And if you go to the French stores, you can buy Inès de la Fressange's collections for a fraction of the price in her own boutique in rue de Grenelle. Also in the ninth arrondissement just off boulevard Haussmann.

La Botte Gardiane *25 rue de Bourg-Tibourg 75004*

<https://labottegardiane.com>

For traditional *Camargais* cowboy boots, and they also sell South of France style leather sandals.

Bird on the Wire *2 rue de Lesdiguières 75004*

<https://botw.fr>

The place in the Marais for grown up gifts. Think fun gadgets, costume jewellery and pretty cosmetic cases.

Edwart Chocolatier *17 Vieille du Temple 75004*

<https://edwart.fr/>

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Branches also in the first and seventeenth arrondissements. Traditional but also more modern flavour choices utilising pepper, curry and other exotic tastes.

Une Glace à Paris *15 rue saint Croix de la Bretonnerie 75004*
<https://uneglaceaparis.fr/web/>

Winners of both a “*Meilleur Ouvrier de France Glacier*” (Best Ice Cream Maker in France) and “*Champion du Monde de Pâtisserie*” (World Pastry Champion), the creators of Une Glace à Paris clearly know their ice cream. Mixing sweet and spicy flavors inspired from ingredients around the globe choices are creative and interesting.

Pourchet *13 place de Vosges 75004*
<https://www.pourchet.com/en/>

Maison Pourchet’s flagship shop is located under the arcades of Place des Vosges in the heart of the Marais. Family owned and run since 1903 Pourchet sells perfect French leather goods that won’t break the bank, or require queuing for an hour. Cross body bags in a myriad of colours and classy leather totes are the “must buys” here, but they also sell travel goods, belts and small leather goods for both men and women.

Diwali *52 Rue Saint-Louis en l’Île 75004*
<https://www.diwali-paris.com/en/the-shops/>

Diwali offers a range of Indian, North African and Central American style scarves and pashminas that are pretty and stylish. They also have two stores in the sixth arrondissement.

Kiloshop le Marais *69-71 Rue de la Verrerie 75004*
<https://www.kilo-shop.com/>

There are quite a few Kiloshops in Paris but this one is well located for most visitors. The clue to this thrift shop is in the name – you pay by weight not by piece. Vintage Levi jeans are a particularly good buy here.

See:

Hotel de Sens *1 rue du Figuier 75004*

<https://www.paris.fr/equipements/bibliotheque-forney-18>

This building was started in 1475 and is one of the few remaining medieval structures still standing in Paris. Featuring atmospheric turrets and archways, it is now home to the Bibliothèque Forney a public library specialising in decorative arts, costume, the art and craft professions and techniques. While the library is open to the general public you do need a Paris Library Card to access the collection.

Fifth arrondissement

Stay:

Hotel des Grande Ecoles *75 rue Cardinal Lemoine 75005*

<https://en.hoteldesgrandesecoles.com/>

The website says the Hotel des Grandes Ecoles is like a country house in Paris, and I think they just be right. While some rooms are small, this hotel has the added advantage of car parking and pretty gardens. Well priced for the amenities and location, this place is worth considering if your idea of a visit to Paris is French country charm. Family rooms accommodating four occupants also available. This hotel is popular with members of the France Travel Planning Facebook group.

Hotel Minerve *13 rue des Ecoles 75005*

<https://www.parishotelminerve.com/en/services-paris-hotel-minerve>

We all need to know about a hotel like the Hotel Minerve. Well located, charming, authentic public areas, and tidy, no fuss rooms. This well priced 3 star hotel is perfect for those looking for a clean and tidy place to lay their heads at a good price, that isn't an anonymous chain hotel.

Familia Hotel *11 rue des Ecoles 75005*

<https://www.familiahotel.com/en/>

A simple 2 star offering with neat interiors. Some rooms have Notre Dame views or balconies – almost unheard of at this price point.

Porte-Royal-Hotel *8 boulevard de Port-Royal 75005*

<https://www.portroyalhotel.fr/>

I'm always on the lookout for quality budget hotel options, so when this one was recommended in the Facebook group I was thrilled to add it to this book. Clean, tidy and well located, this is a good option for travellers looking for somewhere comfortable to lay their heads without spending a fortune.

Hotel Cluny Square *21 Boulevard Saint-Michel 75005*

<https://www.cluny-paris-hotel.com/>

This is the sort of Paris 3 star hotel everyone needs to know about. Pretty, atmospheric and well located. And they will throw in your breakfast for free if you book direct on their website. And even better, some rooms have truly delightful outlooks. A real find.

Serotel Lutèce *2 rue Berthollet 75005*

<https://www.hotellutece.com/>

In the heart of the Latin Quarter, this hotel welcomes you into its cosy and warm decor, where history and modernity come together to offer you a calm, intimate and comfortable space. This charming hotel is surrounded by notable sights such as la Sorbonne, le Jardin du Luxembourg and la place du Panthéon. You can also book a family suite of two side by side rooms.

Eat & Drink :

Chez René *14 blvd Saint-Germain 75005*

Tel: 33 (0)1 43 54 30 23 (no website)

Authentic French dining with a delightful outdoor terrace. Recommended for visitors after that *vraiment français* dining experience.

La Maison d'Isabelle *47ter Boulevard Saint-Germain 75005*

Tel: +33 (1) 43 54 04 14 (no website)

Winner of the best croissants in Paris 2018. Affordable luxury for around a Euro each.

Grande Mosquée de Paris *1 rue Daubenton 75005*

Café open 9-midnight. In a pleasant courtyard setting this is an oasis. You can also visit the mosque (ladies must cover heads, and both men and women should dress respectfully if you choose to visit the Mosque itself).

Odette *77 rue Galande 75005*

<https://www.odette-paris.com/en/content/6-la-maison-odette>

For choux crèmes - the of the moment Paris food treat (yes, macarons are officially old hat). Eat in the tiny café or take away.

Collège des Bernardins *20 rue de Poissy 75005*

<https://www.collegedesbernardins.fr/>

This Cistercian College offers the best value fixed price lunch menus in a gorgeous light and bright setting. If you are visiting this part of Paris and are around at lunch time this is a unique option. Closes at 6pm unfortunately.

Bistroy Les Papilles *30 rue Gay-Lussac, 75005*

<http://www.lespapillesparis.fr/#about-1-1>

It may look like a traditional Parisian bistro but this is anything but. A modern épicerie, come wineshop come restaurant, with elegant modern food. And the best part? Choose your wine from the shelves with no restaurant mark up and just €7 per bottle corkage.

Baieta *5 rue de Pontoise 75005*

<https://www.restaurant-baieta-paris.fr/en>

Chef Julia was the youngest female chef in France to receive a coveted Michelin star. Featuring light and bright Mediterranean cuisine and wines this restaurant offers fixed price Michelin star menus that represent good value for money.

Hugo & Co *48 rue Monge 75005*

<https://www.tomygousset.com/hugo-and-co/>

Fixed price menu featuring modern French style dishes. A small but well chosen wine list. A great option for those wanting more than steak frites without spending a fortune.

Maison de Verlaine *39 Rue Descartes 75005*
+33 6 28 54 60 79 (no website)

Both the famous French poet Paul Verlaine and Ernest Hemingway lived here at different times. In keeping with its history, the interiors of this cosy restaurant are very traditional

See :

Musée National d'Histoire Naturelle *Jardin des Plantes 57 rue Cuvier 75005*
<https://mnhn.fr>

This is a tremendous outing for children who love natural science. The restored nineteenth century building and exhibits are quite fascinating, but might be a little too much for very young or very sensitive children. Make your visit even better by taking the Batobus, which will drop you right at the Jardin des Plantes.

Shop:

Diptyque *34 Boulevard Saint-Germain 75005*
https://www.diptyqueparis.com/en_eu/

Available widely around the world, but who can beat shopping for these very French fragrances and candles in the flagship Paris store? Excellent for gifts and souvenirs. Also in the Saint Honoré neighbourhood.

Breiz-Norway *33 rue Gay-Lussac 75005*
Tel: +33 (1) 43 29 47 82 (no website)

If you are after an authentic Breton striped sailor's top as a souvenir of your trip to France this is the best place in Paris to buy it.

Dubois *20 rue Soufflot 75005*
Tel: 33 (1) 44 41 67 50 (no website)

Specialising in fine art supplies since 1861, this shop is perfect for finding that special notebook or pen. And yes, they sell adult colouring books too.

Shakespeare & Co *37 rue de la Bucherie 75005*
<https://shakespeareandcompany.com>

Almost everyone who plans a visit to Paris knows Shakespeare & Co, so it's hardly a secret, but did you know they sell a range of branded merchandise that make excellent souvenirs and gifts?

Thalie 223 rue Saint-Jacques 75005
Tel: +33 (1) 43 54 41 00 (no website)

French florists are special, and this one is no exception. Whether it's a simple posy for your hotel room, a fancy arrangement for a special purpose, this is the place.

Aux Merveilleux de Fred *2 rue Monge 75005*
www.auxmerveilleux.com

With a very limited range, this is the place for a special occasion cake on the Left Bank. The Merveilleux with meringue, whipped cream and bitter chocolate is the star of the show.

Gelati d'Alberto *45 Rue Mouffetard 75005*

There's a good chance your gelato will be served by Alberto himself in this ice cream shop in the fun rue Mouffetard. With unique flavors like rose, violet, and mojito, the daily homemade gelato blooms out of the cone (or cup) for both a photogenic and delicious experience.

Beauty:

Hammam de la Mosquée de Paris *enter from 39 rue Geoffroy-Saint-Hilaire 75005*
<https://www.la-mosquee.com/le-hammam/>

Part of the Grande Mosquée complex. Women Wed-Sat

Sixth arrondissement

Stay:

L'Hotel *13 rues des Beaux-Arts 75006*

<https://l-hotel.com>

The memory of Oscar Wilde (who died here) and its private Piscine and Hamman make for a dramatic but terribly expensive experience.

Hotel des Marronniers *21 rue Jacob 75006*

<https://www.hoteldesmarronniers.com/en/>

Budget friendly in an expensive neighbourhood, hidden in a pretty courtyard. If you loved exposed beams, this is the place.

Hotel d'Angleterre *44 rue Jacob 75006*

<https://www.hotel-dangleterre.com/>

This hotel is charming, with individualized decor and is a good price for the location and amenities. I love that you can book some rooms by the individual room number. Hemingway stayed here – request room 14. Pretty courtyard patio for breakfast or drinks.

Hotel Dame des Arts *4 rue Danton 75006*

<https://www.hrs.com/en/hotel/hotel-dame-des-arts/a-448242/>

This used to be a Holiday Inn. It has a rooftop terrace with unbeatable views to the Eiffel Tower (and you can book a table there via reception if you are not a resident).

Hotel Recamier *3 Place Saint-Sulpice 75006*

<https://en.hotelrecamier.com/>

Boutique hotel right on the steps of the well known shopping street , rue de Rennes.

Hotel Dauphine Saint Germain *36 rue Dauphine 75006*

<https://dauphine-st-germain.com>

A great cheapie in an expensive neighbourhood. Perfect location near rue de Buci. Small rooms.

Hotel d'Aubusson *33 rue Dauphine 75006*

<https://www.hoteldaubusson.com>

Intimate boutique 5 star luxury on the Left Bank. Their Café Laurent is highly recommended.

Hotel au Manoir *153 boulevard Saint-Germain 75006*

<https://www.hotelaumanoir.com/en/>

28 rooms of classic 4 star French styling in the heart of Saint-Germain – Brasserie Lipp is your next door neighbour. Rooms are quite big for hotels in this location.

Hotel de l'Abbaye *10 rue Cassette 75006*

<https://www.hotelabbayeparis.com/en>

Located in the heart of St Germain de Près, this former abbey and home of Benedictine nuns is now a charming hotel. From snug doubles to the ultimate Paris duplex this hotel ticks all the boxes.

Grand Hotel de l'Univers *6 rue Grégoire de Tours 75006*

<https://hotel-paris-univers.com/>

This traditional 3 star classic Parisian hotel comes highly recommended by a respected member of my Facebook group who is an experienced visitor to Paris. Rooms in this part of Paris are often on the small side and they are no different here, but the service, ambience and convenience to recommended restaurants also featured in this book, makes this hotel an absolute winner.

Hotel Le Saint-Gregoire *43 rue de l'Abbé Grégoire 75006*

<https://saintgregoire.com/en/>

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Another recommendation from a respected member of the Facebook group who is a frequent visitor to Paris, Le Saint Gregoire offers 4 star comfort in this popular part of Paris. Small rooms are indeed small, as would be expected in this location, but the amenities of this hotel and its winning location make up for that.

Eat & Drink:

Le Cherche Midi *22 rue du Cherche-Midi 75006*
<https://lecherchemidi.fr>

Family style Italian for those who find themselves on the Left Bank in dire need of a pasta fix.

Café Trama *83 rue du Cherche-Midi 75006*
Tel : +33 (0)1 45 48 33 71 No website

A classic French bistro serving good quality traditional French bistro cuisine. Children are very welcome here.

Ralph's *173 Boulevard Saint-Germain 75006*
<https://www.ralphlauren.fr/en/global/ralphs-paris>

American classics in Paris. A fave during Paris Fashion Week, because, yes, Ralph is the Lauren kind.

La Vénus Noire *25 rue de l'Hirondelle 75006*
Tel: +33 6 32 91 48 48 (no website)

They say this bar dates back to 1290 and that Baudelaire and Rimbaud drank there. I don't know if any of that is true, but it does have a rustic, old world, almost cave like look.

La Tarte Tropézienne *3 rue de Montfaucon 75006*
www.latartetropézienne.fr

The iconic South of France cake is now available in Paris.

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Café de Flore *172 Boulevard Saint-Germain 75006*

Tel: +33 1 45 48 55 26

Much beloved of Instagrammers and tourists, this Instaworthy café is still worth the effort. If you are in the market for a different souvenir they sell their branded china and glassware, although it is definitely not a bargain. If you choose to sit outside do be careful of your possessions.

Brasserie Lipp *151 Boulevard Saint-Germain 75006*

<https://www.brasserielipp.fr/en/>

Despite its street address, this classic Paris brasserie is almost directly opposite Café de Flore. Boasting a traditional Art Nouveau brasserie interior (complete with tiles on the walls) this is the place to try less commonly offered choices such as *andouillettes* (tripe sausages), veal kidneys or sole Meunière as well as more popular brasserie fare.

Le Relais Odeon *132 boulevard Saint Germain 75006*

<https://www.lerelaisodeon.com/>

A classic, family owned Parisian brasserie, with excellent terrace and more intimate interiors than many. Classic brasserie fare along more modern options. Open from 7am till late.

La Palette *43 rue de Seine 75006*

<https://www.lapalette.fr/>

Popular with the younger set, all the action is outside. If you want to be guaranteed a table arrive before 5pm. Authentic Paris experience. Cocktails and brunch as well as light meals and share plates.

Le Bon Saint Pourçain *10bis rue Servandoni 75006*

Tel: +33 1 42 01 78 24 No website

Very Parisian following its recent make over. Try the dark chocolate mousse if it is on the menu.

Aux Prés *27 rue du Dragon 75006*

www.restaurantauxpres.com

Vintage chic with an innovative, casual menu courtesy of rock star French chef Cyril Lignac. While not a bargain, this is a good way to experience Cyril's cuisine at a reasonable price. The menu is small and very meat based, so not one for the vegetarians. Prime rib lovers will not know what to order with three different options available.

Luisa Maria *12 rue Monsieur-le-Prince 75006*

Tel: +33 (0)1 43 29 62 49 No website

Some say the best pizzeria in Paris. Always busy. There is a second location at rue Marie-et-Louise in the tenth. (enter from 1 rue de l'Eperon)

Allard *41 rue Saint-André-des-Arts 75006*

<https://www.restaurant-allard.fr/en/>

An authentic Paris bistro with Alain Ducasse now in charge. The place for updated classics.

Un Dimanche à Paris *4-8 cour du Commerce Saint André 75006*

<https://www.un-dimanche-a-paris.com/restaurant-tea-room/?lang=en>

Spread across three shops, you can dine, buy pastries or chocolate (but why not both?) or attend a cooking workshop. (Note, this place is currently closed, but keep an eye on their website for updates before you visit).

Le Procope *13 rue de l'Ancienne-Comedie 75006*

<https://www.procope.com/>

Founded in 1686 its clientele reads like a who's who of French history – even down to Robespierre and Napoleon. Does it trade on its history and reputation rather than its food? Of course, but it's still always busy.

La Jacobine *59-61 rue Saint André des Arts 75006*

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/La-Jacobine/165085470188754>

In a neighbourhood full of the big name historic eateries, La Jacobine stands out as a charming, bijou *salon de thé* and restaurant. Traditional French menu.

L'Épicerie Oliver Piton *23 rues des Saints-Pères 75006*

Tel : +33 1 49 27 97 49 (no website)

Open daily till mid night. This is an upmarket takeaway that sells all sorts of ready made meals. Perfect to take for a picnic or back to your apartment after a hard day's sightseeing or shopping.

Maison Francart *30 rue Dauphine 75006*

<https://www.maisonfrancart.com/>

If you are staying in an apartment in the sixth arrondissement Maison Francart is exactly the *traiteur* you need to know about. Six days a week they bring a menu of pre-prepared dishes to take home and enjoy. Also a perfect spot to pick up the necessities for an amazing picnic.

L'Heure Gourmande *22 passage Dauphine 75006*

<https://www.facebook.com/heuregourmandeparis/>

Excellent tea salon located in a highly photogenic laneway. Perfect spot for a quiet rest after a morning's shopping.

Marsan par Hélène Darroze *4 Rue d'Assas 75006*

<https://www.marsanhelenedarroze.com/>

Hélène Darroze holds 3 Michelin stars for her London outpost, and here in Paris it's all about home. Even the name of the restaurant pays homage to her home town further south. Menu is fixed price and expensive, so for the best value for money, book in for lunch on Friday or Saturday.

La Closerie des Lilas *171 boulevard du Montparnasse 75006*

<https://www.closeriedeslilas.fr/en/>

With a restaurant, bar and brasserie, there's something for everyone. Menus are similar in the restaurant and brasserie, featuring seafood platters as well as French classics – brasserie dishes are just a little simpler and cheaper. A bit like dining in a conservatory – this place is very pretty and very Insta-popular.

Le Comptoir de la Terre *3 Carrefour de l'Odéon 75006*

<https://camdeborde.com/en/restaurants/avant-comptoir-de-la-terre>

Owner Yves Camdeborde runs a number of eateries. This one in the sixth features food inspired by la terre (the land). Its next door neighbour features seafood. A third in Paris at the Marché Saint Germain, also in the sixth serves both. The model is the same: small share plates of fresh, imaginative food with a good wine list and no reservations. Worth queuing for.

Bouillon Racine *3 rue Racine 75006*

<https://bouillonracine.fr/>

Bouillons (traditional working men's eateries) are having a real resurgence in Paris. While most of them remain cheap and cheerful, Bouillon Racine breaks the mould by offering a very modern take on French bouillon and brasserie classics. Interiors remain classically art nouveau but updated for the twenty-first century.

La Citrouille *10 rue Grégoire du Tours 75006*

<https://www.restaurantlacitrouille.fr/en/>

La Citrouille is the sort of local place that both visitors and residents of Paris love. It's traditional, reliable and not overly expensive. And it's open every day. This is the place to come for traditional French *bistrot* fare, including an entire menu section given over to *tartares*. Even if *tartare* is not your fave, the menu here is so extensive you would be hard to please if you couldn't find anything to tempt.

Brasserie des Arts *28 rue Saint-André des Arts 75006*

<https://www.brasserie-des-arts.com/>

A classic menu in a classic Art Nouveau inspired brasserie, Brasserie des Arts offers all day 7 day a week dining with excellent value *formules* (set menu) at lunchtime. While this is an old street, Brasserie des Arts has a modern feel with seasonal produce inspired brasserie cooking.

Polidor 41 rue Monsieur le Prince 75006
<https://www.polidor.com/en/home>

A traditional French bistro dating to 1845. Movie lovers will remember Polidor in the Woody Allen film *Midnight in Paris*. This is the place to come for excellent *boeuf bourguignon* and other bistro staples such as *escargots* and *steak-frites*. Daily specials are highly regarded here. Service can be a little slow, so sit back and savour the history.

See:

Cour de Rohan Enter from 128 boulevard Saint-Germain or rue Saint Andre des Arts

Usually open on Wednesdays. Three courtyards that are a secret part of Paris.

Maison Gainsbourg 5 bis rue Verneuil 75006
<https://www.maisongainsbourg.fr/en>

The graffiti on the wall is just the start – inside is the house where the famous French singer lived from 1969 until his death in 1991. Lovingly opened by his daughter Charlotte this is a time capsule of a life lived large in a very French way.

Rue Visconti

This street is home to six of the original street number plaques in Paris. Did you know street number plaques located near a bell must be 8cm x 12cm and must be visible from 5metres away? No, neither did I.

Shop:

The San Francisco Book Company *17 rue Monsieur le Prince 75006*

<https://sfparis.com>

Second hand English book shop.

Milk on the Rocks *7 rue de Mezières 75006*

www.milkontherocks.net (Temporarily closed at the time of publication)

Innovative prints and quality fabrics make this children's wear boutique a winner.

Le Petit Prince *8 rue Grégoire de Tours 75006*

<https://www.thelittleprince.com/>

This charming shop is the official place for merchandise of the French children's classic story, The Little Prince. With books, stuffed toys, bookmarks, stationery and numerous other options, there's something for your favourite little people here, regardless of your budget.

Aurélie Bidermann *55 bis rue des Saints-Pères 75006*

www.aureliebidermann.com

Iconic French costume jewellery. The Do Brazil line featuring metallic chains and cotton threads are copied all over the world – but these are the originals.

Isabel Marant *1 rue Jacob 75006*

<https://www.isabelmarant.com/fr/boutiques/europe/france/isabel-marant-paris-jacob/>

The label much beloved of French "It girls" has become increasingly expensive over the years. Try the diffusion Etoile line for more cost effective (but still small sized) French girl style. Multiple stores around Paris and in the Paris department stores, but the rue Jacob store is still the flagship.

Le Petit Souk *17 rue Vavin 75006*

www.lepetitsouk.fr

Newborn clothes and giftwear, that are fun without being twee or obvious.

Soeur *88 rue Bonaparte 75006*

www.soeur.fr

For the cutest clothes for teenagers and young adults if money is no object.

City Pharma *26 rue du Four 75006*

<https://pharmacie-citypharma.fr/fr/>

The long queues will show you this pharmacy is not a secret for neither locals nor visitors, but it stocks the single biggest range of French beauty brands in Paris. If you are staying in the neighbourhood they also offer the usual French pharmacy services and if you know what you want to purchase, you can skip the line by ordering on line and doing click & collect.

Maison Bremond 1830 *8 Cour de Commerce Saint André 75006*

<https://www.mb-1830.com/en/>

No time for a trip to Provence? No problems with this gorgeous historic boutique. The place for small batch olive oils, vinegars, truffles, teas, and sweet treats. Perfect gifts and souvenirs for foodies.

Grim'Art *59 rue Saint André des Arts 75006*

<https://www.grimartparis.com/>

The Saint Anne area of the Marais might be well known for amazing stationery, but connoisseurs will still head to the sixth for Grim'Art. Handmade leather bound journals and albums are just the start.

Patrick Roger *2/4 place Saint-Sulpice 75006*

<https://www.patrickroger.com/en>

Master chocolatier with multiple branches across Paris. This is (expensive) chocolate as art.

Marin Montagut *48 rue Madame 75006*

<https://www.marinmontagut.com/>

In the first edition of this book, I lamented having found this shop and then not having the chance to visit. Fast forward to this edition, and I can report it is well worth the wait. This is a superb option for a special souvenir you won't find elsewhere in Paris. A must visit for lovers of the Left Bank and quirky homewares. Just near the Jardin de Luxembourg, which also features heavily in the designs.

Petite Mendigote *74 rue de Cherche-Midi 75006*

<https://petitemendigote.com/>

Also in rue de Dragon in the sixth, plus additional shops in the 10th, 16th and 17th arrondissement, Petite Mendigote is a brand that designs and sells quality French style clothing and accessories. Cross body and shoulder bags are particularly good value here and they also sell a select range of second hand options.

Chatelles *94 rue du Bac 75006*

<https://www.mychatelles.com/en/>

Chatelles is the place to come for classic moccasins, indoor slippers and outside slipper style flats for both men and women. And the best part? You can customise your choice with all sorts of embellishments including monograms and blingy choices too.

Markets:

Foire Saint-Sulpice *Main entrance opposite 78 rue Bonaparte 75006*

<https://www.foire-saint-sulpice.fr/>

Located in Place Saint-Sulpice this annual antique fair brings together some of the best and most reputable dealers. This is a mixed fair with furniture, decorative items, books & maps, jewellery and fashion. Check the website for the next fair dates.

Marché biologique Raspail *Boulevard Raspail*

Sun 9-3 this street market is all organic. Excellent browsing on a Sunday stroll or to stock up for your apartment.

Seventh arrondissement

Stay:

Hotel Duquesne Eiffel *23 av Duquesne 75007*

www.hotel-duquesne-eiffel-paris.com

Fab views of the Eiffel Tower from many rooms. Excellent last minute rates.

Hotel Muguet *11 rue Chevert 75007*

<https://hotelparismuguet.com/en/>

A long time favourite of the Rick Steves set, as well as savvy French visitors to the capital, this is my Left Bank go to hotel. Well maintained and still family owned and operated by Catherine and her daughter. Some bathrooms can be tight and book well in advance for an Eiffel Tower view room.

Le Cinq Codet *5 rue Louis Codet 75007*

www.le5codet.com

Near the popular rue Cler. Big loft style rooms in a modern style. Located in a traditional residential neighbourhood between the Eiffel Tower and the Invalides.

Le Bellechasse St Germain *8 rue de Bellechasse 75007*

<https://www.lebellechasse.com>

Featuring the small rooms typical of this part of Paris, this riotously decorated hotel sets itself apart by offering interconnecting rooms, making it an excellent choice for families looking for something typically Parisian. This hotel also offers free smartphones with internet and free Europe and US phone calls.

Hotel Montalembert *3 rue Montalembert 75007*

<https://www.hotelmontalembert-paris.com/>

This was the first 5 star hotel on the Left Bank, dating back to the 1920s. Lovers of Nancy Mitford will recall it features in *The Pursuit of Love*. And if you need any more reason to book, Atelier, part of the Joel Robuchon restaurant empire is literally next door.

Eat & Drink:

Café Basile *34 rue de Grenelle 75007*

<https://lebasile.fr/en>

Student café like 60s rock n roll Paris. Good budget option but do book for dinner. This café is located very close to the sixth arrondissement so is a suitable local option for those staying in the sixth.

Le Bac à Glaces *109 rue du Bac 75007*

<https://www.bacaglaces.com/en/home>

Natural handmade ice-creams and sorbets since 1955. Everything is seasonal, so while your favourite fruit flavours may not be available, you can be assured that everything is fresh. And if you can't decide on what to have, never fear, they also offer a "tasting palette" of 6 different flavours. Also a *salon de thé*.

Le Récamier *4 Juliette Récamier 75007*

<https://lerecamier.com/page-daccueil.html>

While offering a classic French bistrot menu, soufflés are definitely the stars of the show here. Whether you want your soufflé sweet or savoury this is a great place to indulge.

Le Jardin de Mademoiselle *69 bis, rue Saint Dominique 75007*

<https://lejardindemademoiselle.com/>

Where locals and canny visitors choose to take their afternoon tea away from the big hotels. Feminine and pretty as a picture they also have a little shop and offer brunch on Saturdays.

Brasserie Thoumieux 79 rue Saint-Dominique 75007

<https://brasseriethoumieux.fr/en/>

Once a *bouillon* and featuring traditional Parisian brasserie interiors, this brasserie serves a modern style of food and an excellent brunch offering on a Sunday. Seasonal menu is a specialty here.

Bar du Central 99 rue Saint-Dominique 75007

<https://www.facebook.com/barducentral/>

On popular rue Saint-Dominique come to Bar du Central for quality croque monsieur (and madame), charcuterie and other simple meals. A good alternative for those staying near rue Cler.

La Fontaine de Mars 129 rue Saint Dominique 75007

<https://www.fontaine-de-mars.com/>

The Obamas ate here, and it's near the very touristy Champs de Mars, but don't let that put you off. This is charming and authentic, even down to the red check table cloths and the happy regular locals who come here for high quality French fare such as duck confit, cassoulet and coq au vin.

Il Sorrentino 4 rue de Monttessuy 75007

<https://ilsorrentino.fr/>

The owners and chef are Italian. Pizzas are highly recommended here. (Their Capriccio Sorrentino at number 26 does take away pizza and pastas you can enjoy at home).

Au Bon Accueil 14 rue de Monttessuy 75007

<https://www.aubonaccueilparis.com/>

The name of this restaurant means a warm welcome, and this is what you will receive in this formal restaurant. Located near the Eiffel Tower, it is unusual for the area – it's a popular place for the locals.

La Blanche Hermine 5 rue de Pondichéry 75007

Local crêpe restaurant with good prices. Not open for dinner Monday-Thursday.

Firmin le Barbier *20 Rue de Monttessuy 75007*

Phone: +33 1 45 51 21 55

It's often hard to recommend restaurants near the Eiffel Tower – over priced tourist traps are unfortunately the terms that often come to mind. But enter the tranquille Firmin le Barbier where classic French dishes are given a twist of Thai flavours.

Martine Lambert *39 rue Cler 75007*

<https://martine-lambert.com/en/homepage/>

A tiny gelato boutique that often serves from the street at busier times of the year. Small serves, but the flavours are so great you don't need a huge amount. They also sell containers to take back to your apartment.

L'Auberge Bressane *16 ave de la Motte-Picquet 75007*

<https://www.auberge-bressane.com/en/>

Just near the Invalides, this traditional French eatery is a perfect option for those who are weary of the offerings on rue Cler. Traditional French cookery with a Burgundy accent. Soufflés feature heavily for dessert.

Miss Marple *16 av de la Motte-Picquet 75007*

<https://www.facebook.com/missmarple.paris/>

Just near rue Cler, this is a lovely option for breakfast, lunch or indulgent afternoon tea. They also do brunch. Yes, the address is the same as the L'Auberge above.

Le Grand Bistro Breteuil *3 place de Breteuil 75007*

<https://www.facebook.com/LeGrandBistro/>

Near the Invalides this place offers delightful Eiffel Tower views. The terrace is extremely popular in summer.

Villa Verdi *42 av de Suffren 75007*

<https://www.villaverdi.fr/en/>

Another local Italian option in the seventh. Its terrace is highly recommended for its Eiffel Tower views.

Le Vauban *7 place Vauban 75007*

<https://fr.restaurantguru.com/Le-Vauban-Paris>

As seen in the third series of Emily in Paris. Come for the delightful outdoor terrace and stay for the good value French food and local vibe.

Au Petit Tonneau *20 rue Surcouf 75007*

<https://www.aupetittonneau.fr/>

Old style French comfort food in a cool, calm interior, if you are looking for traditional cooking do try this one.

Café de L'Alma *5 av Rapp 75007*

<https://www.cafe-de-l-alma.com/en/>

This is a hot table and has the advantage of being open on Sundays. Managed by the owners of La Fontaine de Mars.

Arnaud Nicolas *46 av de la Bourdonnais 75007*

<http://arnaudnicolas.paris/en/>

Owned by a highly awarded charcuterie specialist this is unashamedly a place for meat eaters. Classic French dining.

Bistrot Belhara *23 rue Duvivier 75007*

<https://bistrotbelhara.com/>

If the places on rue Cler don't inspire you, this is where to go. Seasonal Basque-inspired menu.

Les Ombres *27 quai Branly 75007*

<https://www.lesombres-restaurant.com/en/>

Located on the top of the Musée Quai Branly, this is a top notch place for a special evening with views of the Eiffel Tower. Book well in advance.

L'Ami Jean *27 rue Malar 75007*

<https://www.lamijean.fr/>

I couldn't believe I missed this gem of a place in the first edition of this book. Excellent for single diners with its big shared table, this is not the place for a quiet romantic evening, but the Basque menu and atmosphere are terrific.

Pottoka *4 rue de l'Exposition 75007*

<https://pottoka.fr/> (Temporarily closed at the time of publication)

The chef was trained by the famous Christian Constant, but this tiny little place is surprisingly affordable for the quality. Bookings essential.

Philippe Excoffier *18 rue de l'Exposition 75007*

Tel: +33 1 45 51 78 08

M. Excoffier used to be the head chef at the American Embassy. Now he serves up refined modern French food to appreciative locals and in the know visitors. Soufflés (savoury and sweet) are popular here.

Bistrot de Paris *33 rue de Lille 75007*

<https://www.paris-bistro.com/choisir/paris7/bistrot-de-paris>

Tradition oozes from every pore this classic *art nouveau* French bistro. *Andouillettes* (not often seen everywhere these days) as well as more popular option such as duck confit and beef bourguignon feature but vegetarians should not despair as there is always at least one meat free option on the main course (entrée) menu. The profiteroles come recommended

Shop:

Annick Goutal *16 rue de Bellechasse 75007*

<https://www.goutalparis.com/en>

Boutique parfumeur. There are multiple stores for this iconic French brand, with the prettiest bottles out there, but this one near the Musée d'Orsay is convenient for many visitors to Paris.

Le Bon Marché *24 rue de Sevres 75007*
<https://www.24s.com/fr-fr/le-bon-marche>

Their Grand Epicerie (foodhall) is one of the best places to browse a high end Paris food shop without interruption. I find the service in the main store a bit hit and miss, but the stationery and bed linen departments are truly excellent for both range and quality. They also stock a range of branded merchandise in both the Grand Epicerie and main store for very individual gifts or souvenirs.

Debauve & Gallais *30 rue des Saints-Pères 75007*
<https://debauve-et-gallais.fr/en/>

Stunning shop and pretty packaging make this historic chocolate maker a winner. The Company dates to 1817. In addition to chocolates they also stock a range of teas in equally impressive packages. The Marie Antoinette pastilles are the classic choice here.

Stone Paris *60 rue des Saints-Pères 75007*
www.stoneparis.com

Jewellery store specializing in discrete, elegant designs – at a price.

Maison Ryst-Dupeyron *79 rue du Bac 75007*

Tel : +33 1 45 48 80 93 no website for the shop, but this is the website for the parent company: <http://maisonrystdupeyron.com/en/index.php>

Dating to the early 1900s, this is probably the best place in Paris to buy Armagnac. The same company is also a wine merchant specialising in Bordeaux.

Des Gâteaux et du Pain *89 rue du Bac 75007*
<https://www.desgateauxetdupain.com/>

Luxury cakes and pastries that are strikingly beautiful. A bewildering range of breads all made from organic French grains. Also in the fifteenth arrondissement on boulevard Pasteur.

Simone *1 rue de Saint-Simon 75007*

www.simoneruesaintsimon.com

For clothing labels you won't find anywhere else, and styles that flatter. A hidden gem.

Inès de la Fressange *24 rue de Grenelle 75007*

www.inesdelafressange.fr

Inès says she sells everything from toothbrushes to handbags. And her own fashion designs. While I'm not sure about selling everything, there is a range of fairly eclectic items from notebooks, to perfume, shoes and scarves. Perfumes, notebooks and Inès' own books make good souvenirs, but if her clothes strike a chord, try her Uniqlo collaboration for similar designs at a budget price.

Nicolai Parfums *80 rue de Grenelle 75007*

<https://pnicolai.com/en/>

When you are a descendent of the Guerlain dynasty, it's no wonder you have a hit on your hand with your perfumes, body care and home fragrances. And with 7 stores in central Paris there's no excuse to miss out on Patricia de Nicolai and her son's creations.

Lastre Sans Apostrophe *188 rue de Grenelle 75007*

<https://lastre-sans-apostrophe.business.site/>

To describe this traiteur specialising in pâté en croûte (pastry with a meat filling) as a pie shop is a bit like saying Versailles is just a big house. While they do sell other products, it's the pâté en croûte that's the definite star of the show. If you have an apartment or want to buy something for a very fancy picnic, this is a must visit. Closed Sun-Tues.

Conservatoire des Hémisphères *96 rue du Bac 75007*

<https://hemispheresparis.com/>

Artisan teas and infusions, featuring single origin leaves from around the world as well as unique flavours. If you want to pick up a special tea as a souvenir or gift, this is where you want to buy it. They also sell a small range of tea cups and saucers, pots and tea caddies.

Foucher 134 rue du Bac 75007
<https://www.chocolat-foucher.com/>

This is the place for chocolates, *pâtes de fruits* (fruit jelly confectionery), chocolate truffles and *marrons glacés* (candied chestnuts) as well as a small range of single origin chocolate blocks. Also on ave de L'Opera in the second arrondissement.

Epicerie Fine Rive Gauche 8 rue du Champs de Mars 75007
<https://www.facebook.com/epiceriefinerivegauche/>

This shop won the best gourmet in Paris in 2017. Stock up here for gourmet food choices to enjoy in your Paris apartment, on a picnic or as foodie inspired souvenirs and gifts.

Marie-Anne Cantin 12 rue du Champs de Mars 75007
<https://www.cantin.fr/>

This specialist cheesemonger has been the official supplier to the Presidents of France (well to the Elysée Palace anyway) for many years and still ages their cheeses in their own onsite cellar. They also have a range they sell at Monoprix.

Pralus 44 rue Cler 75007
<https://www.chocolats-pralus.com/>

A master *chocolatier* and *patissier* open since 1948, their signature treat is the Praluline™ a brioche with pink almond praline created in 1955.

Cornerluxe 45 av Bosquet 75007
<https://www.cornerluxe.com/en/>

Luxury consignment store selling all the top brands – at a price. Definitely not a thrift store, this is the place for a second hand Chanel jacket, a fancy watch or a vintage Hermès scarf. Opening hours are limited, so do the check the website before visiting. Also in the fourteenth and sixteenth arrondissements.

Renaissance Vintage Fashion *14 rue de Beaune 75007*

<https://renaissance75007.com/>

A jewel of a vintage store with a small but perfectly formed range of goods. Limited opening hours so check before you head there.

La Belle Vie Sans Gluten *8 rue Augereau 75007*

<https://www.facebook.com/labelleviesansglutenClementineOliver/>

Gluten free pastries and breads. The owner's father and grandfather are both powerhouses of French cooking, so you know it will be good.

Hugo & Victor *40 boulevard Raspail 75007*

<https://hugovictor.com/content/13-la-maison>

On the border of the sixth arrondissement this is a treasure trove for those with a sweet tooth. In addition to artisan chocolates, this is the perfect place to buy a special dessert if you are staying in an apartment.

Sadaharu Aoki *103 rue Saint-Dominique 75007*

<http://www.sadaharuaki.com/boutique/paris-en.html>

Exquisite Japanese inspired French pastries. Much loved by locals. Also in the 5th and 6th.

Grégory Renard *120 rue Saint-Dominique 75007*

<https://www.facebook.com/cacaoetmacarons7/>

Come here for the Eiffel Tower chocolate sculptures (great to take home as gifts), but stay for the macarons and other treats.

Jean-Paul Hévin *23 bis av de la Motte-Picquet 75007*

<https://www.jeanpaulhevin.com/en/>

J-P Hévin is a household name in France and there are multiple locations where you can buy his chocolate creations, including the very special *Grands Crus* selection.

Eighth arrondissement

Stay:

Le Royal Monceau Raffles *37 Ave Hoche 75008*

<https://www.raffles.com/paris/>

A fave for Paris Fashion Week.

La Maison Champs-Élysées *8 rue Jean Goujon 75008*

<https://lamaisonchampselysees.com>

For those who prefer a minimalist place to stay which is quite unusual for this usually quite traditional neighbourhood.

New Hotel Roblin *6 rue Chauveau Lagarde 75008*

<https://www.new-hotel.com/en/hotels-paris/roblin>

For fans of the French design company Flamant this elegantly decorated hotel will fit the bill. Their rates are good for a 4 star hotel in this part of Paris.

Hotel Le Belleval *16 rue de la Pépinière 75008*

<https://www.belleval-hotel-paris.com/>

Light and bright, this pretty little hotel is an absolute bargain for such a terribly expensive neighbourhood. And they offer rooms with King beds and a gym (both a rarity in Paris).

Hotel Vernet *25 rue Vernet 75008*

www.hotelvernet-paris.fr

Classic hotel in a Belle Epoque townhouse, complete with sweeping spiral staircase and classic wrought iron elevator. Truly Parisian.

La Réserve *42 avenue Gabriel 75008*

<https://www.lareserve-paris.com/en>

With everything (think rue Saint Honoré, ave Montaigne, the Champs Élysées) at your doorstep, this five star hotel and spa even has its own 2 Michelin star restaurant. So gorgeous, you may never want to leave.

Hotel Jardins du Faubourg *9 Rue d'Aguesseau 75008*

<https://www.jardinsdufaubourg.com/en/>

Elegant 5 star boutique hotel in a traditional Haussmann mansion creates a typically French luxury experience. Located in a quiet street convenient to high end shopping and sites. And there's a Shiseido spa and swimming pool onsite.

Eat & Drink:

Le Foyer de la Madeleine *Place de la Madeleine 75008*

<https://foyerdelamadeleine.fr>

Mon-Fri lunch only. Not for profit cheap lunches.

1728 *8 rue d'Anjou 75008*

www.restaurant-1728.com

In the Hotel Mazin La Fayette, gorgeously restored décor with excellent food.

Café Jacquemart-André *158 Boulevard Haussmann 75008*

<https://musee-jacquemart-andre.com> (Temporarily closed at the time of publication)

Lunch and afternoon tea in the museum's fancy dining space. Also has an enjoyable terrace. Book, even if you are visiting the Museum.

Mollard Brasserie & Restaurant *115 rue Saint-Lazare 75008*

<http://www.mollard.fr/?lang=en>

Since 1895 with a luxuriously classic interior and menu to match. All the classics are here. The fixed price menus are the most cost effective options.

Le Restaurant Monsieur Dior *30 ave Montaigne 75008*

https://www.dior.com/en_au/fashion/news-fashion-shows/folder-news-and-events/30-montaigne-restaurant

The worlds of haute couture fashion and elegant dining combine at the newly renovated Dior headquarters. The chef draws inspiration from the house's history. Menus from €50. There is also a pâtisserie for those whose budget runs more to ready to wear rather than *haute couture*.

See:

Musée Jacquemart André *158 boulevard Haussmann 75008*

<https://musee-jacquemart-andre.com> (Temporarily closed at the time of publication)

The home of a nineteenth Parisian couple with no children, who gifted this home and its contents as a museum after their death. A fascinating view into how the wealthy lived in Paris. Small and not overwhelming it's a pleasant way to pass the time. (It's highly recommended café is listed separately).

Musée Nissim de Camondo *63 rue Monceau 75008*

<https://madparis.fr/Musee-Nissim-de-Camondo-125>

Another decorative arts and domestic museum that is also pretty as a picture. Also recommended for those who love decorative arts and smaller, more intimate museums.

Hotel de la Marine *2 place de la Concorde 75008*

<https://www.hotel-de-la-marine.paris/en>

Front and centre on the Place de la Concorde this lovingly restored building once stored royal furniture before becoming the home of the French navy. You can tour the apartments, formal and ceremonial rooms and eat at the excellent café.

Jardin de la Nouvelle France *Corner ave Franklin Roosevelt and Cours de la Reine*

This hidden gem of a garden was created by Marie de Medici. Tucked in behind the Grand Palais, it's a little oasis in an otherwise very busy part of Paris.

Parc Monceau 35 boulevard Courcelles 75008

This traditional French park is a perfect Right Bank spot to linger longer away from the tourists in the Tuileries and Luxembourg gardens. An excellent spot to take your children with a cheap ball and let them have a run around and a play.

Shop :

Village Royale (Cité Berryer) 25 rue Royale 75008

<http://www.villageroyal.com/?lang=en>

Old market, now fancy courtyard of expensive shops. Instaworthy.

These flag ship stores are all so well known you don't need me to tell you about them. Unless you go early, expect to queue out the front as entry is strictly controlled for security reasons. If you don't want to shop, most of them have excellent window displays, perfect for a little lèche vitrines (window shopping). Many also have other, often less busy, boutiques on the Left Bank or in department stores.

Dior 30 ave Montaigne

Givenchy 36 ave Montaigne

Céline 53 ave Montaigne

Balmain 44 rue Francois 1er

Lanvin 15 & 22 rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré

Hermès 24 rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré

Comme des Garçons 54 rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré

Guerlain 68 ave des Champs-Élysées

Sephora 72 ave des Champs-Élysées

Lacoste 93-95 ave des Champs-Élysées

Louis Vuitton 101 Ave des Champs-Élysées

Cartier 154 Ave des Champs-Élysées

Other shops in the eighth:

Margaret Howell 6 place de la Madeleine 75008
<https://margarethowell.fr>

Classic, chic androgynous clothes. No bargain prices.

Philippine Janssens 93 rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honoré 75008
<https://www.facebook.com/boutiquephilippinejanssens/>

The place to order custom made women's trousers in Paris. By appointment only.

Roger Vivier 29 rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honoré 75008
<https://rogervivier.com>

Flagship store of the iconic French shoe brand. Downstairs has modern seasonal styles, while upstairs pays homage to the classic belle du jour shoe in every possible colour and style variation.

Herboristerie de la Place de Clichy 87 rue d'Amsterdam 75008
<https://herboristerie-de-la-place-clichy.business.site/>

This very traditional herbalist says it's the oldest one in Paris. I don't know if that's true or not, but the shop interiors and its exterior façade definitely both look the part. Stocking herbal teas as well as traditional herbal remedies, this little shop is a destination in its own right. Note: in keeping with very traditional French shops, this one closes for lunch from 1-2pm.

Laulère 14-16 rue du Faubourg Saint Honoré Courtyard 75008
<https://www.laulhere-france.com/en/>

Yes, you can buy a beret in a market or souvenir shop for a few euros, but this is THE place to buy a proper, good quality traditional French beret. Since 1840 Laulère have made berets in both modern and traditional colours and styles.

Une Robe Un Soir *45 rue de Courcelles 75008*

https://1robepour1soir.com/fr_FR/

Need formal wear for that special occasion in Paris? Une Robe Un Soir rents evening and formal wear for both men and women, as well as fancy accessories. They also have a second hand store. Their showroom is open 7 days a week and appointments can be made on line.

Beauty:

Dior Institut au Plaza Athénée *25 ave Montaigne 75008*

<https://www.dorchestercollection.com/en/paris/hotel-plaza-athenee/spa/>

Yes, it may be eye wateringly expensive, but if you want an unforgettable experience and money is no object, a treatment at the Dior Institut in the stunning Plaza Athénée may be just the thing to add to your to do list.

Ninth arrondissement

Stay:

Maison Souquet *10 rue de Bruxelles 75009*

<https://maisonsouquet.com>

Like a nineteenth century private club this newly renovated hotel oozes velvety luxury. This is one of the new style of hotels in the ninth bringing life back into a previously tired (and in places tacky) area. Excellent bar and a spa complete your experience.

Hotel Chopin *46 Passage Jouffroy 75009*

<https://hotelchopin-paris-opera.com/en/>

Chopin and his love, George Sand, lived in the ninth arrondissement and this hotel named after the composer is very romantic. Open since 1846 it is located within the Passage Jouffroy and has no street facing rooms so quiet (they say) is guaranteed. Reasonably priced for an increasingly desirable neighbourhood. There are members in the Facebook group who won't stay anywhere else.

Hotel Rochechouart *55 boulevard de Rochechouart 75009*

<https://www.hotelrochechouart.com/>

With an art deco façade dating to 1929 and an elegant, simple interior this hotel at the bottom of the Montmartre hill is one of the reasons why the ninth arrondissement is definitely on the up. Add in a popular restaurant and oh so trendy roof terrace bar (with the best view of Sacré Coeur) and you might never want to leave.

Hotel Pigalle *9 rue Frochot 75009*

<https://lepigalle.paris/en>

If the lush velvets and chintz of most French hotels is not your thing the Hotel Pigalle brings a bit of rock n roll sensibility to tempt you - think vintage furniture and rock n roll posters and you get the vibe. In a neighbourhood with loads of trendy bars and eateries, they also have one onsite.

Eat & Drink :

Bouillon Chartier *4 rue du Faubourg Montmartre 75009*

www.bouillon-chartier.com/en

Art Nouveau interior, waiters in long white aprons who write the orders on the white paper table cloth. It doesn't get much more French, or traditional, than this.

La Maison Mère *4 rue de Navarin 75009*

<https://www.maisonmere.co/>

American style comfort food classics, such as burgers, bagels and cheesecake.

Les Vinaigriers *42 rue des Vinaigriers 75009*

www.lesvinaigriers.fr

A bit of *la France profonde* in the middle of hipster heaven, Les Vinaigriers brings all the atmosphere of a country inn complete with a seasonal menu.

Frenchie Pigalle *29 rue Victor Massé 75009*

<https://frenchie-pigalle.com>

Outpost of the second arrondissement Frenchie empire – serves breakfast and dinner.

La Guinguette d'Angèle *7 rue Cadet 75009*

<https://laguinguettedangele.com/>

Not a traditional *guinguette*, but this is where to eat vegetarian and gluten free in this part of Paris. Eat in or take away. Also in the second arrondissement.

Le Royal Cadet *11 rue Cadet 75009*

<https://royalcadet.fr/>

In an area full of fashionable cafés and bars Le Royal Cadet remains stubbornly traditional. Come for the well priced traditional bistro food and drink, and stay for the friendly waitstaff.

Le Bon George *45 rue Saint-Georges 75009*

<https://www.lebongeorges.paris/en/bistro-parisien-english/>

Instaworthy corner bistrot that is also worth eating at. Excellent wine list.

Le Valentin *30 Passage Jouffroy 75009*

<https://www.epicery.com/epiceries/le-valentin>

The perfect spot for breakfast, lunch or a snack if you are touring the passages.

Le Potager de Charlotte *12 Rue Louise-Émilie de la Tour d'Auvergne 75009*

<https://www.lepotagerdecharlotte.fr/en>

Showcasing French, local and organic produce Le Potager produces plant based gourmet menus for dining in and for take away. As you would expect, menus are seasonal. Bookings recommended.

Les Raviolis de Chez Moi *25 rue de Trévisse 75009*

<https://www.facebook.com/raviolisdechezmoi/>

If you are tired of eating French food every day this unassuming little Asian dumpling restaurant might be just the thing. Light, bright and fresh dim sum is the order of the day here.

L'Evadé *23 rue Clauzel 75009*

<https://www.levade.fr/en/>

L'Evadé might have a very traditional interior, but its menu features traditional French cuisine with a very modern twist. A small but perfectly formed menu features just three entrées (appetizers), three mains (entrées) and three desserts, but when there's a chocolate soufflé made with 70% Valrhona chocolate for dessert who cares? Excellent wine list and good value fixed menus.

See:

These covered arcades make a fun wet weather activity.

Passage Verdeau, Passage Jouffroy, Passage des Panoramas

Edouard VII Square

Musée de la Vie Romantique 16 rue Chaptal 75009

<https://museevieromantique.paris.fr>

The permanent exhibition of this charming small museum is free. Located in a nineteenth century *hotel particulier* it celebrates the life of writer George Sand. The courtyard café is an ideal spot for morning or afternoon tea whether you are visiting the museum or not.

Shop:

Causses 55 rue Notre-Dame-de-Lorette 75009

<https://www.causses.org/>

An *épicerie* and grocers. Also do take away light meals such as soups and sandwiches.

Pain d'Epices 29 Passage Jouffroy 75009

<https://www.paindepices.fr/>

Traditional new and vintage French toys. Dating from 1972 this charming, nostalgic toy shop is a national institution.

Le Bonheur des Dames 8 passage Verdeau 75009

<https://www.bonheurdesdames.com/>

Featuring the designs of Cécile Vessière and founded in 1979, this family run shop is packed to rafters with cross stitch, embroidery kits and instruction books to die for. The walls are covered in completed works in case you are lacking in inspiration, or just not sure what choose.

A la Mère de Famille 35 rue de Montmartre 75009

<https://www.lameredefamille.com/>

An historic chocolate shop dating to the eighteenth century. This particular shop is unchanged since 1860 and is classified as an historical monument. The very traditional packaging of their selections makes their chocolate a wonderful souvenir or gift choice. Instaworthy.

Tenth arrondissement

Stay :

Hotel Providence Paris *90 rue René Boulanger 75010*

<https://hotelprovidenceparis.com>

Hip and happening velvet, the rooms of this hotel feature classic French style with a modern, luxe twist. The restaurant offers a terrace garden and dining from early morning till late.

Hotel Paradis *41 rue des Petites Ecuries 75010*

<https://hotelparadisparis.com>

Good value in a largely residential area. Excellent choice for early trains from the Gare du Nord or Gare de l'Est in an area short of quality options. Fantastic staff and nearby eating options make this a real winner.

Le Grand Quartier *15 rue de Nancy 75010*

<https://www.legrandquartier.com>

Comfortable, modern hotel close by Canal St Martin. This hotel is a good option if you are looking for something more modern near the Marais. Complete with a mini mart, exercise areas and a roof top terrace as well as inter connecting rooms for families, this hotels ticks a lot of boxes.

Hotel des Deux Gares *2 rue des Deux Gares 75010*

<https://hoteldeuxgares.com/>

Located, as the name would suggest, between the Gare du Nord and the Gare de l'Est, this brightly decorated hotel is an excellent value with rooms starting at just €100. Their next door café is an award winner.

Eat & Drink :

Gros *4 Cour des Petites Ecuries 75010*

<https://www.grosrestaurant.com/en/>

A bistro and wine bar headed by two young chefs who deliver Asian cooking techniques with French ingredients. "Nature on a plate" is how they describe it, and who can argue?

Bouillon Julien *16 rue du Faubourg Saint Denis 75010*

<https://www.bouillon-julien.com/>

A classic French *bouillon* dating to 1906, this is a step back in time. The restaurant website describes it as one of the most beautiful restaurants in Paris, and with its light, classic art nouveau interiors, it's hard to argue. Classic, homely French food at unbeatable prices. Book for dinner as it's popular with locals and visitors alike.

Le 52 *52 rue du Faubourg Saint Denis 75010*

<https://www.faubourgstdenis.com/pages/le-52-faubourg-saint-denis>

No phone, no bookings and an owner who is ex-Hotel Costes – even by the trendy 10th arrondissement standards, this place oozes trendiness. The place in Paris for Sancerre wine and a menu to match. The fresh and bright menu changes weekly.

Capri Bazar *83 rue du Faubourg Saint Denis 75010*

<https://www.facebook.com/CapriBazar/>

If you are looking for Italian take away in the 10th, this is the place. Just don't expect pizza and pasta. This traiteur sells Italian ingredients that show the breadth of Italian culinary tradition as well as ready made dishes to go.

Bodhi Vegan *23 Av. Claude Vellefaux 75010*

<https://www.bodhivegan.fr/?lang=en>

If Asian style vegan cuisine is more your taste, Bodhi Vegan is the place to try. Featuring Vietnamese flavours and style try pho soups, noodles, pancakes as well as decadent desserts in both the European and Asian style.

Mâche *61 rue de Chabrol 75010*

<https://mache.restaurant/#menu>

This is the sort of place the 10th arrondissement does so well – light, bright, modern French cuisine served in a light, bright, modern setting. If you want to see what modern French cooking is all about without spending a bomb it's places like Mâche you need to try. Good lunch and dinner fixed price menus available.

See :

Rue Legouve

Rue Sainte-Marthe on Place Sainte-Marthe

Cour Damoye just off Place de la Bastille A charming, narrow street like Paris does so well. Not as pretty as rue Cremieux but nowhere near as busy with influencers either. Sshhh, don't tell anyone

Shop :

Centre Commercial *2 rue de Marseille & 22 rue Yves-Toudic 75010* ((the latter for children's wear)

www.centrecommercial.cc

Cool, trendsetting options for men, women and children. But you wouldn't expect anything else in the 10th arrondissement would you?

La Trésorerie *11 rue du Château-d'Eau 75010*

www.latresorerie.fr

Literally a treasure trove of homewares and household needs. Not sexy stuff, but everything they stock is gorgeous.

Broc'Martel *12 rue Martel 75010*

www.brocmartel.com

You don't need to go all the way to the Saint Ouen flea market to get your *brocante* fix. Think 50's furniture, industrial and loft style goods.

Annabel Winship *24 rue des Vinaigriers 75010*

<https://annabelwinship-shop.com/en/>

Rock n roll meets ladylike boots and shoes like you've never seen. I can't believe I didn't know about this treasure till now. A must visit for shoe-aholics.

L'Atelier *20 rue Lucien Sampaix 75010*

<https://latelierparis.fr/>

I wasn't sure exactly how to categorise L'Atelier because it is a workshop that offers lessons to make your own tote bags, handbags and small leather goods. They also offer special classes for children. The only problem is I'm not sure if they offer classes in English, but either way, what an amazing, unique souvenir.

Thanx God I'm a VIP *12 rue de Lancry 75010*

<https://www.thanxgod.com/v3/>

As the name of this thrift shop indicates, they specialise in higher-end brands, like YSL, Dior, but at reasonable prices. You'll find an impressive array of pre-owned high-end clothing, shoes, and accessories.

Sain Boulangerie *15 Rue Marie et Louise 75010*

<https://www.sain-boulangerie.com/>

Organic artisan bakery using historic grains and techniques. Amazing looking gourmet sandwiches make an excellent lunch option if you are in the neighbourhood. Grab one and head to the nearby Canal St Martin for the quintessential tenth arrondissement experience.

Du Pain et des Idées *34 rue Yves Toudic 75010*

<http://dupainetdesidees.com/>

The late Anthony Bourdain declared this his favourite Paris bakery and it does look amazing. Traditional French baking made with organic ingredients. Closed weekends.

Market:

Marché Saint-Quentin *85B boulevard de Magenta 75010*

The largest covered market open to the public in Paris. Flowers, fruit and veg plus meat and *charcuterie*. There is also a seating area if you buy something to eat in the market. Open: Tue-Sat 8.00am to 8.00pm and Sun 8.30am to 1.30pm

Eleventh arrondissement

Stay:

Hotel Fabric *31 rue de la Folie Mericourt 75011*

www.hotelfabric.com

Former textile factory in Oberkampf with fabrics by the legendary Pierre Frey.

Eat & Drink:

Le Bistrot Paul Bert *18 rue Paul Bert 75011*

Tel: +33 (0)1 43 72 24 01 (No website)

Authentic French bistrot complete with zinc counter and tiled floors.

Café de l'Industrie *16 rue Saint-Sabin 75011*

<https://cafedelindustrieparis.fr>

1920s style Parisian bistro, that is very worthy of becoming your “local” if you are staying in the neighbourhood.

Buffet *8 rue de la Main d'Or 75011*

<https://www.restaurantbuffet.fr/en/> (Temporarily closed at the time of publication)

Well priced modern French bistro featuring share plates as well as more traditional eating. Organic ingredients.

La Patisserie Cyril Lignac *24 rue Paul Bert 75011*

<https://www.gourmand-croquant.com/gb/>

Pastries, chocolates, breads and chocolates courtesy of France's favourite celebrity chef. There are three boutiques in central Paris, but not all products are available at every boutique – consult the website for details.

Chez Paul *13 rue de Charonne 75011*

<https://chezpaul.com/en/>

Cranking out traditional French bistro food accompanied by an excellent wine list since 1900. Popular, so bookings recommended. Set menus from €18.

Septime *80 rue de Charonne 75011*

<https://septime-charonne.fr/en/>

Septime is so hot they only accept bookings three weeks in advance – be on line at 10am Paris time for the release of tables three weeks before you want to book. If you can snag a table you will be rewarded with a 5 course (lunch) or 7 course (dinner) tasting menu of modern French food. Wine pairings are a given.

Chambelland *14 rue Ternaux 75011*

<https://www.chambelland.com/en/>

Because organic gluten free bread and pastry doesn't have to mean boring. Sweet or savoury, take your pick. You can also buy flours and mixes to make your own.

Le Bistrot du Peintre *116 av Ledru Rollin 75011*

<http://bistrotdupeintre.com/en>

Art Nouveau interior with a wonderful wooden staircase and a quirky building. A good choice for lunch or an early dinner after a visit to the Ateliers des Lumières.

Le Pure Café *14 rue Jean-Macé 75011*

<https://www.facebook.com/lepurecafeparis/about>

Traditional wooden French bar. Perfect for an aperitif before dinner. Featured in the film Before Sunset.

Folderol *10 rue du Grand-Prieuré 75011*

<https://folderol.com>

Ice cream and wine? Why not? Artisan ice cream in interesting flavour combos + an impressive wine list = an unbeatable destination. Open Wednesday to Sunday mid afternoon till late.

Clown Bar *114 rue Amelot 75011*

<https://www.clown-bar-paris.fr/>

Don't be fooled by the name of this establishment. It is very much a bistro rather than a bar, complete with traditional curved zinc bar and a very fancy ceiling. Both the food and wine are natural and responsibly sourced.

Tapisserie *65 rue de Charonne 75011*

<https://tapisserie-patisserie.fr>

Artisan cafe and patisserie that bakes its glorious creations on site with organic stone ground flours, and sustainably sourced local seasonal ingredients.

Aux Bon Crus *54 rue Godefroy Cavaignac 75011*

<http://www.auxbonscrus.fr/>

Recommended by well known American in Paris David Lebovitz Aux Bons Crus is where you come for a reliable meal of classic French fare without spending a fortune.

Chardenoux *1 rue Jules Vallès 75011*

<https://restaurantlechardenoux.com/en/>

Part of the Cyril Lignac empire this bistrot will delight with its traditional Belle Epoque interior (down to the zinc bar) and small imaginative menu. And afterwards, the Lignac patisserie is just around the corner.

Alluma *151 rue Saint-Maur 75011*

<https://alluma-paris.com/>

Modern Mediterranean cuisine – perfect for a before or after visit to the Ateliers des Lumières. The 4 course lunch menu is just €25.

Le Rigadon *10 rue des Trois-Bornes 75011*

<https://www.lerigodon.fr/en/>

Featuring produce from small Norman farms, Le Rigadon prides itself on organic, sustainable, and ethical menus where carbon footprint, independent producers and animal welfare are at the heart of the restaurant. You can even read about their producers on their website. This restaurant is a real gem, with very well priced fixed price lunch menus and Sunday brunch. And if you like the food, they also have a small boutique – perfect for a special souvenir.

See:

Musée Edith Piaf *5 rue Crespin du Gast 75011*

<https://www.parisinfo.com/musee-monument-paris/71402/Musee-Edith-Piaf>

This is a tiny museum in a tiny apartment. Make appointments in advance.

Atelier des Lumières *38 rue Saint Maur 75011*

<https://www.atelier-lumieres.com/>

Digital art installations in an old factory that have to be seen to be believed. Excellent for families (but check the content if you are sensitive to paintings of nudes) shows change annually.

Shop:

Les Fleurs *6 passage Josset 75011*

Quirky wares for everyone, including children. A very pretty shop that is also very Instaworthy. This is the sort of shop Paris does very well. Second boutique at 5 rue Trousseau also in the eleventh.

Antoinette Poisson *12 rue Saint-Sabin 75011*

<https://www.antoINETTEPOISSON.com/en/>

Named after Madame de Pompadour, this courtyard based atelier and boutique is home to 18th century inspired wallpapers, printed linens, perfumes, stationery, and decorative handmade objects. This an excellent choice for a special souvenir.

Moulin Roty *22 boulevard des Filles du Calvaire 75011*

<https://www.moulinroty.com/en/>

Gorgeous, very French plush toys. If you need to buy a special gift for the little people in your life this is the place.

ZXSBN6DD3VZBGSY *64 Rue Alexandre Dumas 75011*

<https://www.unique-app.com/en/places/zxsbn6dd3vzbgsy>

Step inside this thrift store, and you'll be greeted by quirky decor and an array of unique clothes. This gem of a store specializes in brand-name clothing that appears as good as new. But that's not all – here's the real insider tip: at the time of writing everything costs 1.50 euros on Wednesdays, and 0.95 euros on Thursdays.

La Glace Alain Ducasse *38 Rue de la Roquette 75011*

<https://www.lechocolat-alainducasse.com/fr/laglace-alainducasse>

La Glace Alain Ducasse is a pure frugal first class travel choice. Not all of us can afford to eat at his restaurants (Michelin starred or not), but we can all enjoy a scoop of his ice cream can't we? And as you would expect, the same attention to detail with texture, flavour and quality ingredients are the signatures here.

Le Chocolat Alain Ducasse *40 rue de la Roquette 75011*

<https://www.lechocolat-alainducasse.com/en>

Chocolate is the latest frontier for the Alain Ducasse empire. A gorgeous, industrial shop with sublimely graphic, modern chocolate designs really set this chocolate shop apart. And you can also buy chocolate bars.

Passages:

L'Homme *26 rue de Charonne 75011*

Twelfth arrondissement

Eat & Drink :

Rosa Bonheur de la Porte Jaune Porte Jaune 75012

<https://rosabonheur.fr>

If you aren't familiar with French *guingettes* (pronounced gan-get) here is the place to experience casual open air eating, drinking and music in the traditional French style. The latest outpost of the Rosa Bonheur group.

Laho 5-9 Rue Van Gogh 75012

<https://www.laho-rooftop.fr/>

Close to the Gare de Lyon, this rooftop restaurant and bar is one of the best places in the city to enjoy a Paris sunset. Check the website before turning up as some nights are given over well known DJs with a pricy cover charge.

Le Square Trousseau 1 rue Antoine Vollon 75012

<https://squaretrousseau.com/>

Charming Belle Epoque brasserie off the tourist trail. For aficionados of French cinema, this brasserie has featured in a number of French films over the years.

See :

La promenade Plantée access via stairs at corner of rue de Lyon & ave Daumesnil 75012

Elevated gardens planted on an old viaduct.

Le Temple Romantique Ile de Reuilly Lac Daumesnil 75012

Sunset here is the thing to do. Instaworthy.

Rue Crémieux – I'm in two minds about recommending this one, because it is just too popular for its own good, and has been abused terribly by some "influencers" who think doing yoga on the front door steps of private homes is appropriate. But it is a very pretty residential street. Just be respectful when you visit. Please.

Shop:

Marché Beauvau *Place d'Aligré 75012*

<https://www.paris.fr/equipements/marche-decouvert-beauvau-marche-d-aligre-5481>

Excellent local market. Open most mornings.

Le Four *101 ave Daumesnil 75012*

<http://www.leviaducdesarts.com/fr/mobile/jmw-studio-549.html>

This is now the only glass blowing studio in central Paris apparently. A good place for a special souvenir.

Confiture Parisienne *17 ave Daumesnil 75012*

Tel: +33 1 44 68 28 81

A jam factory and shop creating small batch jams in both traditional and unusual flavour combinations. No additives or preservatives and using traditional artisanale techniques. Their gift boxes make a lovely gift or souvenir.

Passages :

Cour du Bel Air around 56 rue du Faubourg Saint-Antoine 75012

Passage du Chantier 66 rue du Faubourg Saint Antoine 75012

Thirteenth arrondissement

Sleep:

Hotel Henriette *9 rue des Gobelins 75013*

<https://hotelhenriette.com>

Good for a girly or romantic weekend, in a village area that is an option for those looking to stay away from more touristed areas.

OFF Hotel *86 Quai d'Austerlitz 75013*

<https://offparisseine.com>

If ever there was a reason to stay in the thirteenth arrondissement, this is it. Definitely the most unique hotel in Paris, moored at the foot of the Austerlitz station, OFF is the first hotel and bar on water in Paris. And there's a plunge pool as well....

Eat & Drink :

Chez Gladines *30 rue des cinq Diamants 75013*

<https://chezgladines-butteauxcailles.fr/en>

Basque cuisine. Not worth a detour to the thirteenth, but there are 5 locations throughout Paris, so find the one that suits you best.

Pâtisserie de Saison *65 avenue d'Ivry 75013*

https://www.facebook.com/patisseriedesaison/?locale=fr_FR

This family owned and operated pâtisserie celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. Gorgeous Vietnamese-French fusion pastries and cakes, featuring both sweet and savoury options.

Fourteenth arrondissement

Markets :

Marche aux Puces de Vanves *ave Marc Sangnier & ave Georges*

Lafenestre 75014

<https://pucesdevanves.com/>

Smaller, cheaper and easier to get to than the famous Saint-Ouen. Great for easy to take home old linens, cutlery, silverware, fabrics, Limoges china and paintings.

Eat & drink:

Iconic cafés on boulevard Montparnasse :

While the heyday of Montparnasse literary and fashionable society may have passed, several iconic cafés continue the traditional Paris café on boulevard Montparnasse. Check out each one, and find the one that suits you best.

Le Select *99 boulevard Montparnasse 75014*

<https://www.leselectmontparnasse.fr/en/>

La Coupole *102 boulevard Montparnasse 75014*

<https://www.lacoupole-paris.com/>

La Rotonde *105 boulevard Montparnasse 75014*

<https://larotonde-montparnasse.fr/>

Le Dôme *108 boulevard Montparnasse 75014*

<https://www.restaurant-ledome.com>

Crêperie La Belle Ronde *19 Rue Daguerre 75014*

<https://www.labelleronde.com/en/accueil-en/>

A well priced cheery crêperie that is perfectly located for lunch when visiting the catacombs.

Au P'tit Zinc *2 rue des Plantes 75014*

<https://lemainebar.wordpress.com/english/>

The fourteenth is a largely residential neighbourhood and Au P'tit Zinc is the sort of place the locals eat. Classic art nouveau brasserie with authentic food at an affordable price and a warm welcome.

See :

Rue de Thermopyles

A quiet country lane in central Paris with greenery and quaint building facades. But shhhhh, don't tell anyone about it.....

Fondation Cartier *261 boulevard Raspail 75014*

<https://www.fondationcartier.com/en>

Paris has so many museums with world class art – but most of it is older. So what do you do if your taste is more contemporary? The Fondation Cartier specialises in contemporary art in its thoroughly modern glass fronted building. The site also features a charming garden. There are family guided tours for just €12 on a Sunday morning (but I have not confirmed if these are available in English).

Fifteenth arrondissement

Stay :

Yooma Eiffel *51 quai de Grenelle 75015*

<https://yooma-eiffel.com/en/>

I was thrilled to come across Yooma Eiffel because it really is the unicorn of French hotels – great prices and rooms to accommodate up to six, yes, six people. And just 1km from the Eiffel Tower.

Les Jardins de Mademoiselle *15 rue Mademoiselle 75015*

<https://www.hoteljardinsdemademoiselle.com/>

Located in an area few tourists venture, this hotel is a great option for taking in local Parisian life. The hotel is built around its several gardens: a French-style garden inspired by Chateaux of Versailles and Villandry, a third-floor Japanese garden and a rooftop garden inspired by the Majorelle Garden in Marrakech. And there's spa with a heated pool with a waterfall, a hot tub, hammam and gym. Probably the closest thing to a resort in central Paris.

Eat & Drink:

Villa M *Boulevard Pasteur 75015*

<https://en.hotelvillam-paris15.com/>

Enjoy a laidback garden vibe at this bar while enjoying views of the Invalides and the Eiffel Tower. Located on the roof of a hotel designed by Philippe Starck.....

Le Cassenoix *56 rue de la Fédération 75015*

<https://www.le-cassenoix.fr/en/>

2 Michelin Stars and a 3 course menu for €39. And it's not too far from the Eiffel Tower. Menu changes regularly according to what is in season, and what is inspiring the chef-patron.

Café du Commerce *51 Rue du Commerce 75015*

<https://www.lecafeducommerce.com/>

Historical building, with excellent service. This place has the reputation for being the best dining option in the fifteenth. If you watch the excellent French Connections show on France 24 you will recognise this restaurant as the location for many episodes.

Shop :

Boulangerie Comptoir Gana *212 rue de la Convention 75015*

<https://www.gana.fr/>

This is a neighbourhood boulangerie and patisserie that offers excellent quality. And it there's not a queue of tourists to be seen – yet. Very Instaworthy building too. There are multiple Gana bakeries throughout Paris – all off the tourist path, with this one definitely the most photogenic.

Laurent Duchêne *238 rue de la Convention 75015*

<https://www.laurentduchene.com/>

Laurent Duchêne is an official master craftsman baker, recognised by the French government – the highest honor that can be bestowed on a craftsman. His chocolate croissants also have praline in the centre. You're welcome.

Laurent Dubois *2 rue de Lourmel 75015*

<https://fromageslaurentdubois.fr/fr/>

Cheese emporium and who wouldn't love that?

See:

Clos des Morillons *2 place Jacques Marette 75015*

The Montmartre vineyard is not the only one in central Paris. This vineyard was only built in 1983 but it re-establishes a centuries old tradition of vineyards in the neighbourhood. You buy one of the 1200 bottles of organic pinot noir at the annual charity auction. A good option for something else to do in the neighbourhood if you visit the Vanves flea market.

Sixteenth arrondissement

Stay :

Saint James Paris *5 Place du Chancelier Adenauer 75116*

www.saint-james-paris.com

Flamboyantly grand 19th century chateau near Arc de Triomphe. Guerlain Spa on site. Modern 5 star luxury that comes at a price.

Le Dokhan's Trocadero *117 rue Lauriston 75016*

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/partx-le-dokhans-paris-arc-de-triomphe-a-tribute-portfolio-hotel/overview/>

Don't be confused there are other hotels with the name Le Dokhan's, but if you can afford it stay in this one. Home to the well known and historic Bar Le Dokhan's, Paris' first champagne bar.

Hotel Keppler *10 rue Keppler 75016*

<https://www.keppler.fr/>

Surprisingly well priced for such an expensive area. Excellent views of the Eiffel Tower from upper floor suites.

Hotel Elysées Union *44 rue de l'Amiral Hamelin 75116*

<https://elysees-paris-hotel.com/en/>

Just across from the Eiffel Tower this 3 star hotel features triple and quad rooms (the latter not being common in Paris). Decent price for what is an expensive location.

Best Western Hotel au Trocadero *3 Avenue Raymond Poincaré 75116*

<https://www.hotelautrocadero.com/>

It never occurred to me to recommend a Best Western Hotel in Paris until a member of the France Travel Planning Facebook group stayed at this one. Well located for the Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triomphe, rooms look to be a good size and offer a mixture of showers and bathtubs.

Eat & Drink :

Bar Le Dokhan's *117 rue Lauriston 75016*

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/partx-le-dokhans-paris-arc-de-trionphe-a-tribute-portfolio-hotel/overview/>

Paris' first Champagne bar. Located in the Le Dokhan's Hotel. With a dizzying choice of 240 Champagnes, featuring both big name and boutique makers you will be spoilt for choice. For those who can't decide, a tasting menu of three different champagnes is available. A small, but well planned bar menu is also available.

L'Oiseau Blanc *19 av Kléber 75116*

Tel: +33 1 58 12 67 30

One to add to the list if you are looking for something special with a view. This Michelin starred rooftop fine dining restaurant is located at the Peninsula Hotel. It's very expensive but is an excellent option to celebrate a special occasion.

Hugo Desnoyer *28 rue du Docteur Blanche 75016*

Ph : +33 1 46 47 82 99

It may seem odd to recommend a butcher's shop but hear me out. Not only is this the Rolls Royce of butcher's shops if you want to pick something up for dinner in your apartment, but they also offer a *table d'hôtes* lunch. A perfect spot to stop for lunch after your visit to the Marmottan Museum, which is literally a hop, skip and a jump away. Also in the 14th.

Café Lucy Musée de l'Homme *17 place de Trocadéro 75016*

<https://www.museedelhomme.fr/fr/cafe-restaurant>

Yes, you can visit the museum, but the real reason to recommend this establishment is the café. Café Lucy at the Musée de l'Homme comes with one the absolute best views of the Eiffel Tower in Paris. If it wasn't a café in a museum no one could afford to eat here, but happily we can all enjoy a million Euro view for the price of a coffee and cake. No museum ticket required.

Le Galliera *15 avenue Pierre 1er de Serbie 75116*
<https://le-galliera-restaurant-paris.eatbu.com/?lang=en>

A favorite of the local ladies who lunch, enjoy excellent salads and well priced brasserie faves. Don't worry if there's nothing to tempt you on the dessert menu – a pastry shop owned by rockstar chef Cyril Lignac is right next door.

Bô-Zinc *59 ave Mozart 75016*
<https://www.instagram.com/bozinccafe/>

This brasserie comes complete with a traditional zinc bar. Duck is the order of the day in this affordable place in a quiet corner of the sixteenth.

Le Paris 16 *18 des Belle Feuilles 75016*
<https://www.paris16-restaurant.com/en/>

Unashamedly local, this place describes its food as “Parisienne” in style – think *pâté en croute*, steak and profiteroles. For a fun evening, eat dinner here, then wander down to the nearby Trocadero to watch the Eiffel Tower light up for one of the best free shows in Paris.

See :

Musée Yves Saint Laurent *5 ave Marceau 75116*
<https://museeyslparis.com/en/museum>

This museum based in the famous designer's former couture house alternates between retrospective displays and thematic exhibitions, so there's always something new to see. A must see for lovers of French fashion.

Jardin des Serres d'Auteuil *3 av de la Porte d'Auteuil 75116*

18th century gardens with greenhouses and tropical birds. One of the greenhouses has tables for a picnic apparently.

Maison de Balzac *47 rue Raynouard 75016*

<https://maisondebalzac.paris.fr>

This charming house in the Passy area of the sixteenth was home to the French writer, Honoré de Balzac between 1840 and 1847. While the house itself dates back to the Middle Ages, its exterior is more nineteenth century in style and is quite reminiscent of Monet's house in Giverny. Entry to the garden is free.

Shop :

Marché avenue du President Wilson *ave President Wilson 75116*

<https://www.parismarkets.net/PresWilson.html>

This market is also known as the Marché de Pont de L'Alma and is close by the Bateaux Mouches dock and not too far from the northern parts of the seventh arrondissement. It makes a good alternative if the rue Cler market is a bit too touristy for your liking. A very authentic and high quality French food market.

Seventeenth arrondissement

Stay:

Hotel Tilsitt Etoile *23 rue Brey 75017*
<https://www.tilsitt.com/en/>

Quality 3 star hotels anywhere near the Arc de Triomphe are very thin on the ground, so I was thrilled to have this gem recommended to me. In the quality Ternes neighbourhood this hotel was restored in 2014, and offers rooms with terraces and the unicorn of rooms in Paris – quad options suitable for families. Rooms are plainly decorated, but are of a good size and there's the luxury touch of L'Occitane toiletries in the bathroom. Recommended for families.

Eat & Drink :

Institut Vatel *122 rue Nollet 75017*
<https://www.restaurantvotel.fr/fr/paris/restaurant>

The Institut Vatel is a renowned hospitality and tourism school. Its restaurant welcomes you for lunch and dinner to enjoy gourmet French food prepared and served by the Institut's students at an excellent price. A range of menus are available, and the wine list is good. Worth the metro ride.

Prima *103 rue des dames 75017*
<https://www.prima-paris.fr/en/>

Even the locals of the upmarket seventeenth arrondissement love pizza, but of course, it needs to be a gourmet pizza. So enter Prima. With a menu of traditional toppings as well as seasonal and gourmet offerings this is pizza for everyone. Prices match the location, so not a cheap and cheerful option.

Vive 62 avenue des Ternes 75017
<https://www.vive-restaurant.com/>

Vive is a sophisticated seafood brasserie with a modern art deco inspired interior. Like most seafood brasseries in Paris, this one offers a range of oysters and seafood platters as well as an inventive menu of other temptations. And they are open for brunch on Sundays. Worth travelling for.

Shop:

La Boutique des Pruneaux 30 rue Poncelet 75017
<https://laboutique.roucadil.com/en/content/6-nos-boutiques>

As the name would suggest, prunes are the star of the show here, but this little gem of a shop also stocks a range of foods from southwest France – think cassoulet, walnut products, foie gras and wine. Perfect if you don't have time for a trip to the Dordogne this visit.

Maison Divay 4 rue Bayen 75017
<https://www.instagram.com/maisondivay/?hl=en>

Epicerie and traiteur that is a gastronomic treasure. They also make their own charcuterie.

Brutus 99 rue des Dames 75017
<https://www.brutus-creperies.com/concept-creperie>

Not all crêperies in Paris are traditional Norman affairs. Brutus takes the traditional galette and cider and turns the idea on its head with its modern take on the Normandy classics. Craft cider and cider cocktails and modern galettes and crêpes make for a fun, modern experience. Also in the 14th.

Eighteenth arrondissement

Stay :

Hotel Particulier Montmartre *23 ave Junot, Pavillon D 75018*

<https://www.hotelparticulier.com/hotel.html>

For such a popular area of Paris, there are surprisingly few hotels. With only 5 suites, staying at the Hotel Particulier Montmartre is like staying in a private home. This is a real splurge that is an excellent alternative to the grand 5 star hotels in the first and eighth arrondissements. Very popular so book well in advance.

Chez Bertrand *12 rue Gustave Rouanet 75018*

<https://www.chezbertrand.com/en/unusual-bed-and-breakfast-apartment-paris/>

B&Bs are very unusual in Paris, and Chez Bertrand is an unusual Paris B&B. With three different offerings, Chez Bertrand is a bit like sleeping in a cartoon. This is a good option for groups, as pricing is per apartment rather than per person.

Monsieur Aristide *3 rue Aristide Bruant 75018*

<https://www.monsieuraristide.com/>

The Monsieur Aristide promises a journey into the bohemian spirit of Montmartre and the Belle Époque. Add in an atmospheric café/restaurant and rooms from €199, this is four star luxury you can afford.

Eat & Drink :

L'Abattoir Vegetal *61 rue Ramey 75018*

<https://www.abattoirvegetal.com/>

This is the place to come for vegan versions of classic café cuisine. Think chickpea sausage hotdogs, bean burgers and aubergine caviar.

Soul Kitchen *33 rue Lamarck 75018*

<https://www.facebook.com/soulkitchenparis>

Vegetarian café tucked in behind Sacre Coeur. Friendly staff, shabby chic décor, plus delicious pastries and good coffee.

Hardware Societé *10 Rue Lamarck 75018*

<https://hardwaresociete.com/>

The Paris outpost of the iconic Melbourne, Australia brunch café. Guaranteed to contain “no eggs on toast”. Regardless of whether you prefer sweet or savoury, come with an appetite.

Bar à Bulles *4 Cité Véron 75018*

<https://www.lamachinedumoulinrouge.com/le-bar-a-bulles>

Tucked in behind the Moulin Rouge and featuring a large terrace, this fashionable bar is one of the fun, funky bars Montmartre is becoming known for. Bookings recommended.

Ma Biche *12 rue Véron 75018*

<https://www.mabichemonloup.com/>

Generous serves and excellent for meat eaters, most of their ingredients are sourced directly from the grower.

Chez Ammad *18 rue Véron 75018*

Tel : 33 (0)1 46 06 40 99 (no website)

If Bar à Bulles is the fun and funky modern Montmartre bar, Chez Ammad in the Grand Hotel de Clermont is its traditional cousin. Complete with a traditional zinc bar that once hosted Edith Piaf it is atmospheric and well priced.

Le Vrai Paris *33 Rue des Abbesses 75018*

<http://levraiparis-bistrot.com/#accueil>

This very Instaworthy café is open 7am to 2am and serves a pleasing mixture of traditional and modern takes on French bistro style food.

Le Sanglier Bleu *102 Boulevard de Clichy 75018*

<https://lesanglierbleu.com/en>

Good quality restaurants can be tricky to find in the very tourist oriented Montmartre, but Le Sanglier Bleu stands out for all the right reasons. Featuring fresh, seasonal options, the menu features French style food with a slightly eclectic twist. Popular with locals.

Shop :

Appellation d'Origine *26 rue Lepic 75018*

Tel : 33 (0)1 42 62 94 66 (no website)

This food shop specialises in appellation foods from throughout France, so you know everything is authentic and of the highest quality. Buy something to enjoy in your apartment locally, or take home as a special souvenir or gift. Or maybe just do both?

Atelier Brocante *34 rue Véron 75018*

Tel: +33 6 80 41 30 00 (no website)

Everything from dolls & toys, paintings, postcards and fashion.

Les Petits Points Parisiens *24 rue Véron 75018*

<https://www.lespetitspointspariens.com/>

Yes, you can buy knitting and crochet yarn at home, but where else can you buy hand dyed cashmere (from the French Alps of course) or mohair from Pyrenees goats? They also stock a small range of English language knitting patterns.

By Flowers *86 rue des Martyrs 75018*

<https://www.facebook.com/people/BY-FLOWERS/100071677398170/>

Imagine stepping into a vintage clothing store time capsule that takes you straight to the Swinging Sixties — welcome to By Flowers in the fashionable rue des Martyrs. Whether your taste runs to Austin Powers or Catherine Deneuve and Jean-Paul Belmondo, definitely get your groove on here.

See :

Musée de Montmartre *12-14 rue Cortot 75018*

<https://museedemontmartre.fr>

This museum is an absolute gem and is less crowded than you might imagine. The photos of cancan dancers from the nineteenth century are poignant reminders of the humble origins of what is now a tourist staple. Follow the sloping path past the beehives to see the Clos Montmartre vineyard and linger over a coffee or lunch in the courtyard café.

Moulin de la Galette *83 rue Lepic 75018*

<https://www.moulindelegaletteparis.com/>

The garish Moulin Rouge is not the only mill in the Montmartre area. Instaworthy, but also decent food.

Marché de la Butte *56 rue des Trois Freres 75018*

Featured in the movie Amelie.

Café des Deux Moulins *15 rue Lepic 75018*

<https://cafedesdeuxmoulins.fr>

The café where Amelie worked.

La Maison Rose *2 rue de l'Abreuvoir 75018*

Very clichéd on Instagram where it's been posted so many times and the food is apparently a bit ordinary. But a photo is a staple for most visitors to Montmartre.

Impasse Marie Blanche – gothic mansion at the end of the road

Villa Leandre - pretty cottages in the English rather than French style. Absolutely charming.

Markets :

Marché Barbes *boulevard de la Chapelle 75018*

A North African market that is like a visit to a souk. Both stallholders and shoppers are a little shy here, so keep your camera away. Wednesday morning and Saturday.

Marché Dejean *rue Dejean 75018*

Tues-Sat West African market

Nineteenth arrondissement

Eat :

Le Cadoret 1 Rue Pradier 75019

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Le-cadoret/100063629498336/>

Classic French fare at a great value price. This is the place for *île flottante*, *crème caramel* and an excellent steak frites with Bearnaise sauce. There are plenty of local restaurants like this in Paris, so this one is not worth the trip all the way to the nineteenth, but for a great morning out, head to Buttes Chaumont in the morning and then finish up with lunch here – just near by. Beer drinkers will love the craft beers and the wine list features some more specialised appellations such as Jura.

Shop :

Atelier Daniel Perret 48 rue de la Villette 75019

<https://www.facebook.com/atelierdanielperret/>

Why would I recommend an upholsterer in a visitor guide? Because this little atelier sells cushions in designer fabrics at great prices, that's why. And you can also buy designer furnishing fabrics by the metre. And Daniel speaks English. Need I go on?

See :

Parc La Villette 211 ave Jean Jaurès 75019

<https://lavillette.com/>

The Parc La Villette is the third largest park in Paris. Check out their website for exhibitions and events, including an outdoor cinema featuring both French and English language choices in July and August.

Parc Buttes Chaumont Place Armand-Carrel 75019

<https://www.paris.fr/equipements/parc-des-buttes-chaumont-1757>

This park is truly charming, although quite hilly. It was built on the site of an old quarry, and some remnants of that remain to make a park like no other in Paris. There are plenty of eateries on site and in the surrounding streets, and on Sundays there may be a *vide grenier* (garage sale) in the surrounding streets.

Twentieth arrondissement

Stay:

Le Mama Shelter *109 rue de Bagnolet 75020*

<https://mamashelter.com/paris>

Hip, and cheap (well by Paris standards) this is the original Paris Mama Shelter hotel. For most visitors their outposts in the fifteenth or La Défense are more convenient. Breakfast on a Sunday morning is a hot ticket for locals.

Shop:

Pastel Candy *12 rue Mounet Sully 75020*

<https://www.pastelcandy.fr/>

You will literally be like a kid in a candy store at Pastel Candy. Whether you call them lollies, sweeties or candy this is the place to come for your sugar fix. And if you have a birthday to celebrate while you are in Paris, they have a unique range of *bonbons gâteaux* to tempt.

See:

Père Lachaise Cemetery *rue de Repos 75020*

<https://www.paris.fr/equipements/cimetiere-du-pere-lachaise-4080>

Go for the graves of the famous if you must, but stay for the quiet atmosphere, wonderful architecture and the history of one of the most famous cemeteries in the world. Not at all maudlin, not at all sad. An excellent way to pass a Sunday morning or public holiday in Paris.

Charming Shopping Streets in central Paris

These streets are not necessarily the most famous shopping streets in Paris, but to my mind they combine the perfect mix of individual boutiques, excellent artisan food stores, cafes and restaurants, sometimes a street market, and always a great local vibe. Yes, some are very popular with visitors, but they still retain an authentic local charm worth exploring.

First arrondissement:

Rue Montorgueil

Rue Saint Honoré neighbourhood (extends up into the eighth)

Rue Sainte Anne

Second arrondissement:

Rue du Nil

Third arrondissement:

Rue Vieille du Temple

Rue Charlot

Fourth arrondissement:

Rue Saint Paul

Fifth arrondissement:

Rue Moufflard

Sixth arrondissement:

Cour du Commerce Saint Andre

Rue Dauphine

Rue de Rennes

Seventh arrondissement :

Rue Cler

Rue du Bac

Rue du Buci

Ninth arrondissement :

Rue Cadet

Rue des Martyrs

Tenth arrondissement :

Rue Sainte Marthe

Faubourg Saint Denis

Canal St Martin between rue de Marseille and rue Beaurepaire

Eleventh arrondissement :

Faubourg Saint Antoine

Rue Paul Bert

Rue Oberkampf

Rue de Charonne

Twelfth arrondissement :

Le Viaduc des Arts (avenue Daumesnil at the Bastille end)

Fourteenth arrondissement :

Rue Daguerre

Seventeenth arrondissement :

Rue Poncelet

Eighteenth arrondissement :

Rue Veron

Rue Lamarck

Nineteenth arrondissement :

Rue de la Villette

Village Jourdain

Twentieth arrondissement :

Rue Saint Blaise

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