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Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it

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Our selection of the city’s best places to eat, drink and experience:

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These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

- ☑ Telephone Numbers
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Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:

**Bar Hemingway**

Legend has it that Hemingway himself, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during Prohibition. It’s now a showpiece of the nearby five-star Hotel de Paris. Dress code is smart, dress shoes only. Reservations required. Exercise restraint when ordering in order to leave room for a luxurious dessert. 16 Pl de Vénitien, 1er. 400 m from Place Vendôme, 1er; the Ritz’s showpiece is a stone throw away. 6.30pm-2am.

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Welcome to Venice

‘Ooooooeeeee!’ Gondoliers call out in narrow canals. With the world’s highest density of Unesco-protected masterpieces, Venice will earn gasps from you too. Once you’ve seen palaces built on water, partied in costume like Casanova and eaten chorus lines of red-footed lagoon scallops, you’ll greet every canal bend with anticipation.
Basilica di San Marco (p24)
East meets West in this architectural treasure.