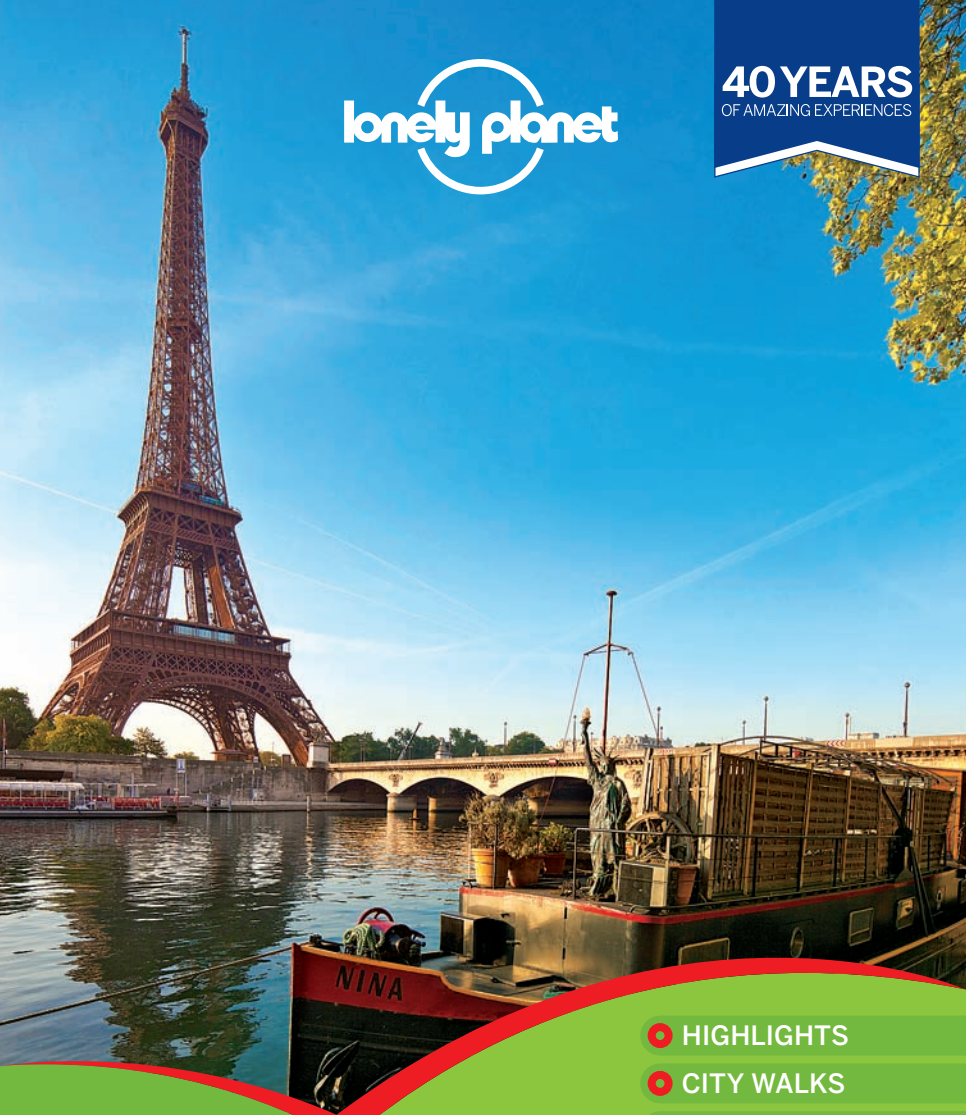




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Home to the city's signature spire and La Défense's forest of skyscrapers.

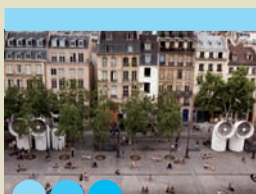
Don't Miss Eiffel Tower



Champs-Élysées & Grands Boulevards p63

Paris' grandest avenue, department stores and the palatial opera house.

Don't Miss Arc de Triomphe



Louvre & Les Halles p85

The world's mightiest museum, market streets and the capital's cutting-edge cultural centre showcasing modern and contemporary art.

Don't Miss The Louvre, Centre Pompidou



Montmartre & Northern Paris p119

The Paris of myth and films, Montmartre's hilly streets adjoin the red-light district Pigalle, home to the Moulin Rouge.

Don't Miss Sacré-Cœur



Le Marais & Bastille p139

Hip boutiques, bars and restaurants, mansion-housed museums and a celebrity-filled cemetery.

Don't Miss Cimetière du Père Lachaise



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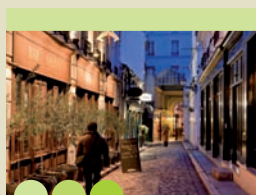
Paris' landmark cathedral dominates the larger Île de la Cité, while little Île St-Louis is graced with elegant buildings.

Don't Miss Notre Dame



Latin Quarter p191

The hub of academic life, filled with lively student haunts and institutions, and featuring Paris' beautiful botanic gardens.



St Germain, Les Invalides & Montparnasse p211

Literature lovers and fashionistas flock to this mythological Left Bank neighbourhood.

Don't Miss Musée d'Orsay, Jardin du Luxembourg

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Welcome to Paris

France's romanticised capital seduces every moment of the year. Whether you're here in the springtime, the autumn, the winter (when it drizzles) or the summer (when it sizzles!), Paris' cache of artistic treasures, chic fashion sense, exquisite cuisine and majestic monuments captivate locals and visitors alike.

No matter the season, Paris has a timeless familiarity. The Eiffel Tower's wrought-iron spire, the Arc de Triomphe standing sentinel above Paris' most glamorous avenue, the Champs-Élysées, the gargoyled Notre Dame cathedral and the art nouveau cafes spilling onto wicker-chair-lined terraces are indelibly etched in the minds of anyone who's visited the city – and in the imaginations of anyone who hasn't.

Paris' cuisine (the French word for 'kitchen') is renowned. From cosy neighbourhood bistros to triple-Michelin-starred temples of gastronomy, you'll find every establishment prides itself on exquisite preparation and presentation of quality produce, invariably served with wine. Enticing patisseries, *boulangeries* (bakeries), *fromageries* (cheese shops) and colourful street markets are perfect for packing a picnic to take to the city's parks and gardens.

Fashion shopping is this stylish city's forte. Paris remains at the forefront of international fashion trends, and browsing designer boutiques and flagship *haute couture* houses is a quintessential part of any visit. You'll also find uberhip concept stores and resplendent art nouveau department stores, along with a trove of vintage shops, flea markets, atmospheric bookshops, adorable children's wear, art and antique dealers, and, of course, gourmet food and wine shops galore.

Paris is one of the great art repositories of the world. In addition to big hitting museums including the world's largest, the Louvre, there are scores of smaller museums housing collections of every imaginable genre – tangible reminders of the city's illustrious artistic legacy, which endures to this day.

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