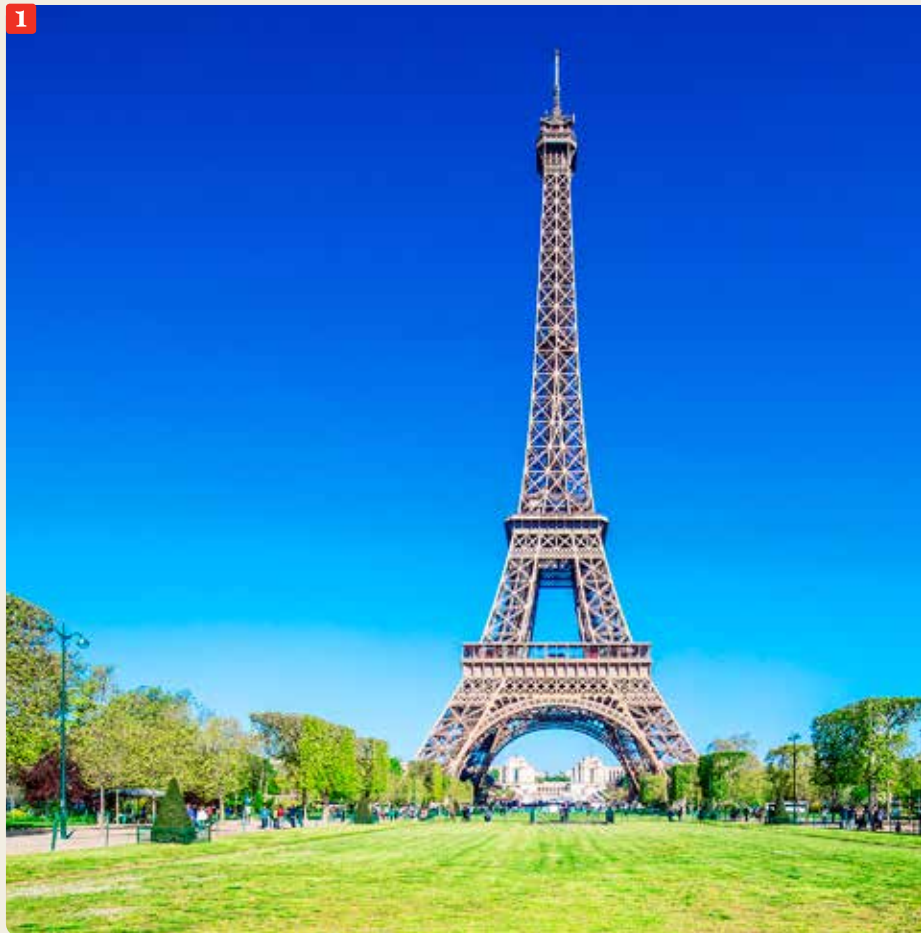


Paris' Top 16

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Eiffel Tower (p82)

1 No one could imagine Paris today without its signature spire. But Gustave Eiffel only constructed this graceful tower – then the world's tallest, at 320m – as a temporary exhibit for the 1889 Exposition Universelle. Luckily, its popularity assured its survival beyond the World Fair and its elegant art nouveau webbed-metal design has become the defining fixture of the city's skyline. Head here at dusk for the best day and night views of the glittering city, and toast making it to the top at the sparkling Champagne bar.

📍 Eiffel Tower & Western Paris

Arc de Triomphe (p94)

2 If anything rivals the Eiffel Tower as the symbol of Paris, it's this magnificent 1836-built monument to Napoléon's 1805 victory at Austerlitz, which he commissioned the following year. The intricately sculpted triumphal arch stands sentinel in the centre of the Étoile (star) roundabout – just be sure to use the pedestrian tunnels below ground to reach it! Some of the best vistas in Paris radiate from the top, including swooping views along the luxury-shop-lined Champs-Élysées, Paris' most glamorous avenue, now car-free on the first Sunday of every month.

📍 Champs-Élysées & Grands Boulevards



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