Seine-Side Meander

The world’s most romantic city has no shortage of beguiling spots, but the Seine and its surrounds are Paris at its most seductive. Descend the steps along the quays wherever possible to stroll along the water’s edge.

**Start** Place de la Concorde  
**Distance** 7km  
**Duration** 3 hours

1. After taking in the panorama at place de la Concorde, stroll through the Jardin des Tuileries.

2. Walk through the Jardin de l’Oratoire to the **Cour Carrée** and exit at the Jardin de l’Infante.

3. Take the steps to **Square du Vert Galant**, before ascending to place du Pont Neuf and place Dauphine.

4. Curl up with a volume of poetry in the magical **Shakespeare & Company** bookshop.

5. Cross to Île St-Louis and share an ice cream from **glacier** (ice-cream maker) **Berthillon**.

6. Wander among late-20th-century unfenced sculptures at the **Musée de la Sculpture en Plein Air** (Open-Air Sculpture Museum).

7. End your romantic meander at the tranquil **Jardin des Plantes** (Open 7.30am-8pm early Apr–mid-Sep, shorter hours rest of year). Cruise back along the Seine by Batobus.

**Classic Photo:** Enjoy fountain views in this elegant 28-hectare garden.