



PARIS

TOP SIGHTS, AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

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Welcome to Paris

Paris' seemingly timeless monument-lined boulevards, magnificent museums, classical bistros and chic boutiques are being enhanced by a new wave of multimedia galleries, cocktail bars, design shops and tech start-ups.

The French capital is awash with landmarks – the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe and Notre Dame among them – along with a trove of specialist museums and galleries. Creamy-stone, grey-metal-roofed apartment buildings, lamp-lit bridges and geometrically laid-out formal parks are equally integral to the city's fabric.

Contrary to its magnificently preserved cityscapes, however, *la Ville Lumière* (the City of Light; a moniker Paris acquired due to its leading role in the Age of Enlightenment) has never stood still, but has constantly evolved, spearheading industrial, artistic, scientific and architectural endeavours. This innovative spirit continues today, with pioneering green transport initiatives and dazzling new architectural projects that include skyscraping towers along the periphery and re-energised urban spaces, many as part of the city's ambitious Grand Paris (Greater Paris) expansion. Creativity is evident everywhere, from neobistro kitchens and cutting-edge bars to fashion ateliers and vibrant street art, plus a new digital art museum in a former foundry and the 1920s former railway depot housing Station F, the world's largest start-up hub.

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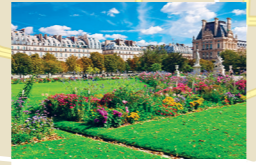
St-Germain & Les Invalides
Literature lovers and fashionistas flock to this fabled cafe- and boutique-filled Left Bank neighbourhood. (Map p246)



Montmartre & Northern Paris
Montmartre's enchanting hilly streets adjoin the red-light Pigalle district, home to the Moulin Rouge. (Map p249)



Champs-Élysées & Grands Boulevards
Paris' grandest avenue, with art nouveau department stores and a 19th-century opera house. (Map p246)



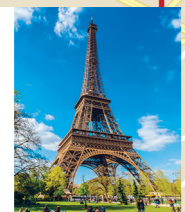
Basilique du Sacré-Cœur



Louvre & Les Halles
Market streets fan out around the mighty Louvre and the cutting-edge Centre Pompidou. (Map p250)



Le Marais, Ménilmontant & Belleville
Hip boutiques, bars and restaurants, and a celebrity-filled cemetery. (Map p254)



Eiffel Tower & Western Paris
Stately boulevards flank the city's signature spire and major museums. (Map p246)

The Islands
Notre Dame dominates the larger Île de la Cité, while little Île St-Louis is graced with elegant buildings. (Map p254)

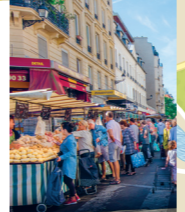


Montparnasse & Southern Paris
Brasseries from the mid-20th-century and re-energised backstreets buzz with local life. (Map p246)



Latin Quarter
Home to beautiful botanic gardens and packed with vibrant student haunts. (Map p252)

Bastille & Eastern Paris
The Parisians' Paris, with fabulous markets, intimate gourmet bistros and lively drinking and dancing venues. (Map p254)



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Paris

Art fairs, music festivals, open-air cinema and epicurean events are just some of the highlights of Paris' calendar in 2019, with many more in the works: check www.parisinfo.com for updates.

Clockwise from above: Bastille Day parade (p12); Paris Plages (p12); French Open (p10)



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★ Top Festivals & Events

Paris Plages, July (p12)

Bastille Day, July (p12)

Paris Cocktail Week, January (p6)

French Open, May (p10)

Nuit Blanche, October (p15)



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This Year in Paris

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January

The frosty first month of the year isn't the most festive in Paris, but cocktails – as well as the winter soldes (sales) – brighten the mood.

✿ Epiphany 6 Jan

On this Christian feast day (aka Three Kings' Day), patisseries bake frangipane-filled puff-pastry *galettes des rois* (kings' cakes), which conceal a *fève* (small trinket). Whoever finds the *fève* is crowned 'king' for the day and wears the cardboard crown that comes with the cake.

✿ Louis XVI Commemorative Mass 20 Jan

On the Sunday closest to 21 January, royalists and right-wingers attend a mass at the Chapelle Expiatoire (www.monuments-nationaux.fr) marking the execution by guillotine of King Louis XVI in 1793.

🍷 Paris Cocktail Week Late Jan

Each of the 75-plus cocktail bars all over the city that take part in Paris Cocktail Week (<https://pariscocktailweek.fr>) creates two signature cocktails for the

❄️ Outdoor Ice Skating

Each winter, ice-skating rinks pop up all over the city, including in some truly picturesque spots, such as beneath or within the Eiffel Tower. Skating is usually free but you'll need to pay for skate hire. Venues and dates change annually.



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event. There are also workshops, guest bartenders, masterclasses and food pairings. Sign up for a free pass for cut-price cocktails.

Top: *Galette des rois* (kings' cake) for Epiphany;
Bottom: Ice skating outside the Hôtel de Ville