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Welcome to Paris

Named for its leading role in the Age of Enlightenment, *la ville lumière* (the City of Light) is famed for its monument-lined boulevards, treasure-packed museums, classic bistros and *haute couture* (high fashion) houses. Today they're enhanced by a new wave of multimedia galleries, design shops and tech start-ups that are reasserting Paris' position as a visionary global city.





Notre Dame (p136)

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Top Sights

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Eiffel Tower

Quintessentially Paris. **p38**

Musée Rodin

Museum with a sculpture-studded garden. **p40**

Arc de Triomphe

A monument to past glories. **p54**



Louvre

The mother of all museums. **p68**



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Sacré-Cœur

Sacré-Cœur's dove-white domes crown Montmartre. **p94**



Centre Pompidou

Europe's largest collection of modern art. **p112**

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Notre Dame

French Gothic masterpiece.
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Jardin du Luxembourg

Playground of Paris. **p178**



Musée d'Orsay

Art in an upcycled train station. **p176**