Discover the city’s famous districts in an original way with the new concept for guided tours offered by Visites Spectacles, created by an historian and presented by actors. Two luxury hotels, Le Renaissance Paris Hôtel Le Parc Trocadéro**** and La Maison Champs-Élysées****, reopen after renovation and refurbishment, and the avenue des Champs-Élysées welcomes the first Abercrombie & Fitch store in France.

**Culture //**

**DISCOVERING PEOPLE IN A DIFFERENT WAY WITH VISITES SPECTACLES**

The agency Visites Spectacles offers a different way of seeing districts of the capital, through interactive and historic guided walks.

A pioneer in visits by an agency, L’Esprit de Montmartre is for the third year offering unusual guided tours that reveal major and minor secrets about the Butte. Devised by a history teacher, this tour is led by a troupe of actors, magicians, acrobats and singers. It begins in Place du Calvaire with a group photo taken by the guide Jean-Jacques de la Tour; the photo reveals an unknown woman ... The group then set out with their guide in search of the mysterious “Belle Gabrielle”, and learns about the history of Montmartre. Along the way, they come across characters from the belle époque: a street urchin, the painter Modigliani busy working, Valentin le Désossé, Luigi the dandy pickpocket and conjurer, and even a circus acrobat Medrano. They all have something interesting to say about the mysterious stranger, which gradually leads to the solving of the investigation which ends with a song. Fun and informative, this interactive show tour is the pretext to mention, amongst others, the martyr of Saint-Denis in the 3rd century, Marcel Aymé and his Passe-muraille, sculpted by Jean Marais, the Bateau-Lavoir, the Lapin Agile, but also Picasso, Braque and Utrillo.

In the same spirit of outdoor theatre, L’Énigme des Passages Couverts offers trails through the heart of the grand boulevards, exploring the covered passages des Princes, des Panoramas, Jouffroy and Verdeau in an original way. The same guide, Jean-Jacques de la Tour, tells participants that he is preparing a thesis on a certain Nathaniel de Cantaussel: this man was assassinated in the Passage Jouffroy in 1870 and the crime had never been solved. During his research, Jean-Jacques de la Tour has found elements that throw new light on these events, and of course, all this incriminating evidence comes from shops in the passages visited! This show tour involves encounters with four characters who have all been witnesses to the affair. The troubling circumstances surrounding this crime leads to an investigation and participants take an active part in following this mystery trail to find out the truth!

This season, two new show visits appear in the catalogue of Visites Spectacles: L’Espion de Saint-Germain, available from May onwards is a trail based on literature and jazz, that explores the Saint-Germain-des-Prés district of the 1950s through a spy story. At the beginning of June, L’Alchimiste de Notre-Dame will take participants in search of Nicolas Flamel and an exploration of the heart of the île de la Cité and the île Saint-Louis, in a medieval atmosphere.

Each show visit lasts 1hr30 and is accompanied in French or English, on prior reservation, at the weekend.

**Show Visits: L’Esprit de Montmartre and L’Énigme des passages couverts**

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www.esprit-de-montmartre.com
www.enigme-passages-couverts.com
ACCOMMODATION //
LE RENAISSANCE PARIS HÔTEL LE PARC TROCADÉRO***** , AN EXCEPTIONAL GARDEN HOTEL

A haven of peace situated a few minutes from Trocadéro, the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de triomphe, the Champs-Elysées and the Palais des congrès de Paris, the hotel reflects the atmosphere of classic Paris, full of history, elegance and refinement. It comprises four buildings laid out around a 1,200 m² terrace with trees: in the 1850s, the building at the end of the garden, now named “Résidence”, was first a convent, then a stable. A pulley used for hoisting bales of hay is still visible on the facade. Built in 1912, the main building soon became a favoured residence for Paris’s elite, and the other two buildings housed the workshops of Baguès, the famous craftsman in wrought iron.

Today, the property of the Westmont group, Le Renaissance Paris Hôtel Le Parc Trocadéro writes a new page in its history, after complete renovation. Offering 122 guest rooms, a gastronomic restaurant “Le Relais du Parc”, a bar, five reception rooms and a fitness room, the hotel is unique in Paris with its vast terrace planted with trees. The interior garden was a source of inspiration for the new interior decoration of the establishment, which also highlights the rich history of the place, combined with an avant-garde style. The elegant and sophisticated style is conveyed through soft colours of white, grey and brownish grey, set off by mahogany and touches of gold. The juxtaposition of classic French style and contemporary style and the fine redesigning of the garden offer a new authentic experience for clients and give real identity to the hotel.

RENAISSANCE PARIS HÔTEL LE PARC TROCADÉRO*****
55-57 avenue Raymond Poincaré, Paris 16th
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www.renaissanceleparctrocadero.com

LA MAISON CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES**** GETS A NEW INTERIOR DECOR BY MARTIN MARGIELA

La Maison des Centraïens and the Maison Champs-Élysées, the hotel which is housed in La Maison des Centraïens have commissioned French architect Danièle Damon and the Belgian fashion house Martin Margiela with the project of redesigning and redecorating all the reception areas in this new venue as well as 17 new suites and bedrooms.

Situated in a prestigious historic building, the reception rooms of La Maison des Centraïens, and the hotel, La Maison Champs-Élysées, a future ***** hotel with 57 guest rooms, are located at the crossroads of the rond-point des Champs-Élysées, the Grand Palais and avenue Montaigne. After a first interior decor project for the “Elle Décoration” suite at the Palais de Chaillot in 2009, the conception of this new hotel is the biggest and most challenging project yet for the Maison Martin Margiela. ‘For this project, Maison Martin Margiela creates a theatrical world where the real and the unreal seem to mix. The interior is like a succession of stage sets with a combination of references to create an atypical atmosphere where past and present contrast harmoniously’, states the fashion house.

‘We’re going to give new types of living areas to clients looking for different experiences. With the help of Maison Martin Margiela, we are going to establish a new type of hospitality that is luxurious but also relaxed, and in which minimalist design is informed by an incredible sense of detail, in the heart of a district rich in prestigious French couture houses’, adds Bernadette Chevallier, president of Exclusive Hotels, who is delighted at this opening.

The Maison Champs-Élysées features 57 guest rooms and suites, a restaurant, a bar and a cigar bar, as well as a tranquil and secluded garden terrace.

LA MAISON CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES****
8 rue Jean Goujon, Paris 8th
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GASTRONOMY //

LE GRAND B., OPEN KITCHEN

The new restaurant of the Frères Blanc group, situated in the Opéra district, lets clients follow the preparation of their meal thanks to the kitchen opening onto the dining room. The chefs and their team provide a gourmet spectacle as they prepare a la plancha and spit-roasted fare; the latter is the focus of the restaurant and offers meat cooked à la carte and slowly to retain the tenderness of the meat. The menu at the Grand B. is traditional with fresh products and a preference for seasonal produce. Vegetable fans will appreciate the vitamin-full juices mint-cucumber, orange-water melon, the grated celery and carrot de Créances and soups of the day, like cream of courgette. Traditional bistro and brasserie dishes are plentiful with smoked herrings, roast beef or free-range spit-roasted chicken. A touch of originality comes with the cheese course – the camembert wrapped in filo pastry is cooked a la plancha. The dessert menu proposes roasted fruit, apple tart, crème brûlée and ice-cream. With a resolutely Parisian atmosphere, Le Grand B. is a new eatery to look out for on the grands boulevards.

LE GRAND B.
24 boulevard des Italiens, Paris 9th
Tel +33 (0) 1 55 33 10 00
www.legrandb.com

HISTOIRE DES SENS, A BESPOKE CATERER

After having gained a solid experience at great establishments like Potel et Chabot, the Racing Club de France or the Intercontinental, among others, the chef Pierrick Jousseaume went on to specialize in events catering as the manager of the banqueting service at the Palais Maillot. He has now gone solo and has just created Histoire des Sens, a special events catering company.

With a chef, sous-chef and commis chef, the company offers bespoke services in the 14th arrondissement. Its originality lies in that it only uses fresh, quality, seasonal products, and retains the classic foundations of French cooking, while using new cooking methods, vacuum-packed steaming, nitrogen or cookal (cooking oil to ignite). This caterer advises professionals and private individuals in the planning, conception, carrying out and management of events, from a breakfast to a gala dinner as well as conferences, product launches and seminars. Before each event, the client is invited to try a selection of dishes at a test lunch and choose from delicious dishes such as risotto and young shoots, wok-cooked scallops with fresh herbs, or foie gras and artichokes accompanied by crisps, vegetables and hazelnut bread.

HISTOIRE DES SENS
Tel +33 (0) 1 45 26 04 30
www.hds-traiteur.com

YACHTS DE PARIS LAUNCHES EPICUREAN MINI CRUISES

These mini cruises for leisure and business clientele are suited to groups that want to discover the capital and benefit from highly-personalized services. These daytime cruises lasting 45 minutes or 1hr15 reflect the values of Yachts de Paris, with boats of character, personalized service and real gastronomy.

For each group, of a minimum of 20 people, the cruise offers an array of renowned gastronomic products. For the 45 minute cruise: “breakfast”, “champagne”, “tea and macaroons”; for the 1hr15 cruise: “cheese and wine”, “wine and foie gras”, “cognac and chocolate”. An indulgently luxurious, serene and gourmet way of discovering the capital’s riverbanks.

The 45 minute cruises take place in the morning and depart from quai Henri IV, with a tour of the islands and return to quayside, and with two departure times, 8am or 9am. The 1hr15 cruises take place in the afternoon and go as far as the Eiffel Tower and depart either at 3.15pm or 4.45pm.
SHOPPING //
ABERCROMBIE & FITCH ARRIVE ON THE CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES

The famous American ready-to-wear brand will open its first French boutique on May 19th on the Champs-Élysées. Now, you don’t have to cross the Atlantic or the Channel to buy A&F branded t-shirts, shirts or jeans. Abercrombie & Fitch has had the honour of dressing the greatest names in the history of the United States including such personalities as Theodore Roosevelt John F. Kennedy, Amelia Earhart and Ernest Hemingway. Less classic now, its collections of clothing and accessories are hugely popular with young people throughout the world, for their chic and relaxed style, but also for the special atmosphere in each of the brand’s stores. The Paris store replicates the same identity as that which has made the brand successful: doors in wrought iron open onto a world and atmosphere that awake the senses; the air is filled with the perfume “Fierce”, one of the brand’s emblematic signatures. The store buzzes with the sound of upbeat music and as in New York, Milan or Tokyo, clients are welcomed by a line of wonderful models. They are part of the legend of Abercrombie & Fitch and clients are asked if they would like to be photographed with one, a great reminder of a visit to the store.

ABERCROMBIE & FITCH
23 avenue des Champs-Élysées, Paris 8th
www.abercrombie.com

MADAME À PARIS INAUGURATES ITS FIRST BOUTIQUE

The fruit of the imagination of two French stylists who met while working in the workshops of Vanessa Bruno, the brand Madame à Paris has opened its first boutique in the Saint-Honoré district. Previously these collections of clothes and accessories, inspired by the elegance of Parisian women of the 1920s and 1950s, with elegant details like embroidery work, were sold at the Bon Marché, Colette or L’Éclaireur. The boutique is furnished like a Parisian apartment, with parquet flooring, a large library with a dressing area, lounge area … with the brand’s collections presented in a delicate decor of ivory, pale rose and gold.

MADAME À PARIS
4 rue du 29 Juillet, Paris 1st
www.madameaparis.com

KICKERS OPENS IN SAINT-GERMAIN DES-PRÉS

The French shoe brand with its red and green circles opens another store (160 m²) on the capital’s Left Bank. Situated at the heart of the 6th arrondissement, this fourth Parisian boutique boasts an exceptional sales point. It features the entire men’s, women’s and children’s collection, as well as a new collection of clothes for 2-16 year-olds. This new store like the first hallmarks of the brand – authenticity, freedom, youth, creativity and modernity – offers a delightful setting for discovering the collections. Light parquet flooring, white walls and touches of bright colours give it a vibrant and cheerful atmosphere for its lively mix of clientele.

KICKERS
46-48 rue du Four, Paris 6th
Tel +33 (0) 1 45 48 12 56
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STOP PRESS //
Sephora is opening a store in place de la Madeleine.

SEPHORA
Place de la Madeleine, Paris 8th
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COMING SOON //
Culture
- Partial closure for the re-organization of the impressionist galleries at the Musée d’Orsay, by Jean-Michel Wilmotte (from December 2009)
- Redevelopment work at the Palais de Tokyo by architects Lacaton and Vassal to create 10,000 m² of space devoted to contemporary art (2010-2012)
- Renovation of the Monnaie de Paris by Philippe Prost with the opening of shops and creation of a 500 m² zen garden, and a cafe and gourmet restaurant by Guy Savoy (2011)
- Renovation work at the Musée de l’Air et de l’espace (June 2011-2014)
- Launch of the Louvre online reservation system (September 2011)
- Closure of the Musée de l’Institut du monde arabe for redevelopment work. Part of the collections will remain on show until June 2011 (full reopening 2nd half of 2011)
- Opening of the new areas at the Grand Palais, including the Alexandre-III rotunda, the Salon d’honneur and a 700 m² exhibition gallery (spring 2012)
- Reopening of the Musée Galliera after renovation (spring 2012)
- Opening of the Fondation Jérôme-Seydoux-Pathé for cinema, built by Italian Renzo Piano at 73 avenue des Gobelins (spring 2012)
- Reopening of the Musée de l’Homme after renovation (2012)
- Reopening of the Musée Picasso after renovation (2012)
- Opening of the new Islamic Arts department in the Cour Visconti at the Louvre after covering of the courtyard by architects Mario Bellini and Rudy Ricciotti. 13,000 works will be on show in 4,600 m² of new spaces (2012)
- Reorganization of the Grand Palais with the incorporation of the Galeries nationales and the creation of a shop, a cafe and a bookshop (2012-2017)
- Opening after renovation and extension of the old cinema Le Louxor in the 10th arrondissement (2013)
- Opening of the Louis-Vuitton foundation for contemporary art (September 2013)
- Creation of a 250-seat theatre under the Carreau du Temple (November 2013)
- Creation of a Paris Philharmonic concert hall by architect Jean Nouvel in the park of La Villette (end 2013)
- Reopening of the Musée Ernest-Hébert (date not specified)
Urbanism

- Transformation of the district Les Halles (2010-2014)
- Renovation of the Gare de Lyon with the creation of a 4,400 m² glass roof for businesses, working rooms and waiting areas (2010-2012)
- Opening to the public of the garden of the Archives nationales in the Marais (June 2011)
- Conversion of the former Arts déco Mutualité theatre into a business and congress centre by Jean-Michel Wilmotte (September 2011)
- Opening of the Cité de la mode with a concept store (800 m²), three restaurants and a picnic area, a nightclub and events spaces (September 2011)
- Launch of the self-service electric car hire service Autolib’ with 3,000 vehicles in 1,000 stations in and around Paris (30 September 2011)
- Opening of Cinélilas, a cinematographic complex with park in the east of Paris (end 2011)
- Construction of the Phare tower at La Défense – a 349-metre-high tower block with panoramic restaurant by American architect Thom Mayne (2011-2016)
- 10,000 m² extension of the André-Citroën park and installation of fountains, refreshment areas and merry-go-rounds (2011-2012)
- Extension of the tramway to the east of Paris, from Porte de Vitry to Porte de la Chapelle (2012), then as far as Porte d’Asnières (2017)
- Creation of 12 hectares of green space and sports facilities at the Hippodrome d’Auteuil (2012)
- Creation of green areas and pedestrian areas on the Seine riverbanks and opening of a floating swimming pool in front of the Parc André-Citroën (September 2012)
- Extension of Line 4 of the Métro to the south of Paris at Montrouge (end 2012)
- Redevelopment of north-east Paris, between Porte de la Chapelle and Porte de la Villette, creation of the Évangile station on RER line E, green spaces, a university campus, businesses and services (2012-2016)
- Extension and modernization of the Hippodrome de Longchamp (2013)
- Expansion of the Parc Clichy-Batignolles – Martin-Luther-King (2013)
- Re-design of the Beaugrenelle district (September 2013)
- Redevelopment of the Champ-de-Mars (2014)
- The re-design of the Île Seguin by Jean Nouvel, with a centre for music, a centre for contemporary art, art galleries, guinguettes (outdoor cafes) with dancing and a 4-hectare garden (2015)
- Construction at the Porte de Versailles of the 180-m high Triangle tower block with panoramic lift, panoramic viewpoint, panoramic restaurant and cafe and park of 8,000 m² (2016)
- Construction at La Défense of the two 323 metre-high Hermitage towers, with function room, auditorium, contemporary art gallery, shops, hôtel **** with 210 rooms, conference centre and restaurants (2016)

Leisure

- Extension and modernization of the Roland-Garros tennis stadium, with a project for a 15,000-seater centre court with mobile roof, to host the French internationals, the Masters Series and the Fed Cup (2013)
- Renovation of the Molitor swimming pool, a gem of art deco from 1929 and creation of a 98-bedroom **** hotel, with two restaurants and a balneotherapy centre (end 2013)
- Creation by Italian architect Renzo Piano of a 14-room multiplex cinema with 2,800 seats in the future Claude-Bernard neighborhood of the 19th arrondissement (end 2013)
- Reopening after renovation work of all the Parc zoologique de Paris in the Bois de Vincennes with 1,000 animals, 130 species, separated into 6 “biozones” including a 2,000 m² aviary and a 100 m long greenhouse (2014)
- Opening at the Cité des Sciences of a 16-room digital complex with restaurants and shops (date to be defined)

Accommodation

- A year’s closure of the Prince de Galles**** hotel, bar and restaurant for full renovation and creation of a new site and fitness space (from February 2011)
- Closure of the hotel Marignan Champs Élysées**** for full renovation (April 2011-2012)
- Closure of Passy Home** before closure and request for **** classification (15 June 2011-June 2012)
- Extension works of the Plaza Athénée***** in 5,500 m² of annexed buildings, with closure of the hotel (2011-2013)
• Transformation of the former La Samaritaine department store into a luxury hotel, Le Cheval blanc, with some 100 rooms overlooking the Seine, a conference centre and shops (2011-2013)
• Renovation and modernization of the Bois de Boulogne camping site with the installation of caravans and cottages, and extension of 410 tent pitches (2011-12)
• Opening of a hotel Mandarin Oriental, with 150 guest rooms at 247 rue Saint-Honoré in the 1st arrondissement, labelled High Quality Environmental standard (summer 2011)
• Opening of a 23-bed hotel, “Jules et Jim”, at 11 rue des Gravilliers in the Centre Pompidou district (summer 2011)
• Opening of the hôtel O, previously hôtel des Victoires**, decorated by Ora ïto, 19 rue Herold in the 2nd arrondissement (summer 2011)
• Opening of Crayon, previously hôtel Louvre Forum**, 25 rue du Bouloi in the 1st arrondissement (summer 2011)
• Opening of the hotel Marcel, a small 35-bedroom hotel opposite the Gare de l'Est, *** classification requested *** (September 2011)
• Opening of the Hôtel W Paris Opéra by the Starwood group in the district of the Grands Magasins (December 2011)
• Opening of a charming 23-bed hotel in the former Grand Contrôle mansion house, a building designed by Jules Hardouin-Mansart in 1684 and belonging to the national Versailles estate (end of 2011)
• Opening of a Hilton Garden Inn by the Hilton group and of a Hampton by Hilton at Paris – Charles de Gaulle airport (2013)
• Opening of a Radisson Blu at La Défense, **** category requested (2013)
• Transformation of the Kléber International conference centre into a 200-bed palace by the chain Peninsula Hotels (2013)
• Opening of a youth hostel in France, with 320 beds, rue Pajol in the 18th arrondissement (end 2013)
• Opening of a hôtel **** with 343 rooms at La Défense (2014)
• Opening of a hotel with 500 to 600 rooms as well as a long-stay transfer centre with accommodation at Paris – Charles de Gaulle airport (end 2014)
• Opening of a small luxury hotel by Gérard Depardieu with seven guest rooms at 95 rue du Cherche-Midi in the 6th arrondissement (date not specified)

Gastronomy
• A year’s closure of the Café de l’Homme at Trocadéro (February 2011-summer 2012)
• Opening of an organic themed restaurant overlooking a vegetable garden in the park of La Villette, created by architects Gilles & Boissier (2011)
• Opening of a first Poilâne bakery on the Right Bank, in the upper Marais, at 38 rue Debelleyme (2011)
• Opening of two restaurants at L’Orée du Bois, Porte Maillot, a former pavilion in the Bois de Boulogne renovated by the architect Jean-Michel Wilmotte (2011)
• Opening of a restaurant with conference rooms in the Ledoux rotunda by the side of the La Villette canal basin (summer 2011)
• Closure of the Ciel de Paris at the top of Montparnasse tower for full renovation (15 July 2011-January 2012)
• Opening of a restaurant at La Bourse by Marc Veyrat (September 2011)
• Opening of the Phantom de l’Opéra, restaurant at the Opéra Garnier (autumn 2011)

Shops
• Opening of a boutique Tsé & Tsé at 7 rue Saint Roch (18 May 2011)
• Opening of a APC boutique at 23 rue Royale (spring 2011)
• Opening of the first Abercrombie & Fitch store in France at 23 avenue des Champs-Élysées (19 May 2011)
• Opening of a new concept Marks and Spencer at 100 Champs-Élysées (autumn 2011)
• Opening of a Banana Republic boutique at the Champs-Élysées roundabout (September 2011)
**Green Paris.** Paris is Europe’s most wooded capital with 485,000 trees, more than 400 parks and gardens and two large woods, the Bois de Boulogne and the Bois de Vincennes, on either side of it. These wonderful green areas are great places to discover, and offer activities for all ages.

**Having Lunch, Dinner or a Drink in the Garden**

Many of Paris’s parks have a restaurant where you can enjoy lunch or dinner in a unique green setting, far from the noise of the city. At Parc Montsouris, one of the loveliest parks in Paris, the Pavillon Montsouris was built in 1889 and fully restored in 2002. In the heart of the park, it opens all year and offers authentic market-sourced cooking in a colonial atmosphere, with a large glass roof, open in fine weather. At Buttes-Chaumont, the superb park extends over some 24 hectares and has two restaurants with a terrace overlooking the park: Rosa Bonheur, a guinguette-restaurant housed in an enchanting Napoléon III pavilion offers Mediterranean cooking; the Pavillon du Lac, also in a pavilion, offers a menu with traditional French cooking. To the west of Paris, in the Bois de Boulogne, Le Pré Catelan proposes haute gastronomie, under the aegis of three-starred chef Frédéric Anton, in an elegant Napoléon III pavilion with listed interior decor or on its shady terrace. In the Jardin d’Acclimatation, two restaurants, in a leafy setting, Le Pavillon des Oiseaux and La Terrasse du Jardin offer a welcome pause during a day out with the family. The first establishment offers family and gourmet cooking on a terrace lined with bamboos, and the second offers simple and rapid bistro fare at tables on a lovely lawn. Paris’s parks and gardens also have charming cafes for having a drink and enjoying the lovely green surroundings and birdsong. In the Tuileries gardens, two establishments offer a welcome pause: the Café Diane and the Café Renard have a large terrace with a view of the Eiffel Tower and a nearby water feature, and serve light snacks. In the Parc Montsouris, La Bonbonnière is a small and delightful refreshments kiosk by the lakeside that also serves crêpes. In the Luxembourg gardens, the small shady terrace of La Buvette des Marionnettes is a perfect place to relax and enjoy a coffee or a cold drink, in the shade of the century-old trees.

→ **Café Diane**  
Jardin des Tuileries, Paris 1st  
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→ **Café Renard**  
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→ **La Bonbonnière**  
Parc Montsouris, Paris 14th

→ **La Buvette des Marionnettes**  
Jardin du Luxembourg, Paris 6th  
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→ **La Terrasse du Jardin**  
Bois de Boulogne Jardin d’Acclimatation, Paris 16th  
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→ **Le Pavillon du Lac**  
Parc des Buttes Chaumont, Paris 19th  
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In the kingdom of Paris’s worker bees

We hardly notice them and yet, bees are an integral part of life in the capital. These tiny insects work away at gathering pollen from flowers in the many green areas of the capital and produce honey in hives in numerous places in Paris. Some hives are accessible to the public, like those on the roofs of the Palais Garnier opera house or Grand Palais, but the majority of parks and gardens have areas where, with the flowering season, the public can observe the bees' constant activity. Some hives offer pedagogical visits throughout the year, like the one at the Parc Georges Brasses, which once a year organizes the Honey Festival (beginning of October) and sells the honey collected. Since 1872, the hive-school at the Luxembourg Gardens has been training beekeepers and also organizes its Honey Festival (end of September), and, from spring to autumn, you can see its bees taking a drink at their fountain in the middle of the hives. In the Parc Kellermann, the bees are housed in six transparent hives, specially designed for observation; Parc Monceau has two hives, and the Jardin partagé de l’Aqueduc has an apiary with ten or so hives. Two apiaries are housed in the woods on the edges of Paris, one at the Parc Floral, in the Bois de Vincennes, and the second in the Jardin d’Acclimatation. The location and the times and conditions for visiting hives in Paris are available from the Société Centrale d’Apiculture.
FOR CHILDREN, PUPPET SHOWS AND PONY RIDES
The youngest of visitors will love Paris's parks and gardens with their delightful children's play areas. They can also see a Guignol or puppet show and other shows for children aged from around 1 to 8. The oldest puppets in Paris have been on the Champs-Élysées since ... 1818! Many generations of Parisians and visitors have sat in the rows of this little theatre to watch these characters from Neapolitan farce, Polichinelle, Guignol and especially the policeman. Les Marionnettes du parc Montsouris puppet show is held in a covered room with chairs for children and flip-down seats for adults. The Parc des Buttes Chaumont has two establishments, the Guignol de Paris and the Théâtre Guignol Anatole. Les Marionnettes de Paris is housed on the edge of the Bois de Vincennes, and nearby, there are Les Marionnettes du parc Floral and the Théâtre Astral, both situated in the Parc Floral. As for the Théâtre de Guignol at the Jardin d'Acclimatation, it can house up to 300 spectators.
Older children will enjoy the pony rides which are available in several of Paris's parks and gardens, under the supervision of adult guides. These rides are for children aged 5 to 12 and take place Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday and during school holidays, and you don't need to book in advance. Parents will find ponys in the Bois de Vincennes, near to the Lac Daumesnil landing stage and at the Lac de Saint-Mandé, in the Bois de Boulogne, near to the Lac Inférieur and, in Paris, at the parks Monceau, Montsouris, Georges Brassens, des Buttes-Chaumont, the Luxembourg gardens and the Jardin d’Acclimatation.

GUIGNOL DE PARIS
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LES MARIONNETTES DE PARIS
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LES MARIONNETTES DU PARC FLORAL DE PARIS
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LES MARIONNETTES DU PARC MONTSOURIS
Entrance: corner of avenue Reille and rue Gazan, Paris 14th
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http://guignol14.skyrock.com

PONY RIDES
www.animaponey.com

THÉÂTRE ASTRAL
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Music naturally: festivals and concerts in Paris’s parks and gardens

Parisian parks and gardens are the ideal place to watch a concert outdoors as soon as the good weather arrives. Every year, some 200 free concerts are given in bandstands, where all types of music are played: classic, jazz, brass band, pop, rock, etc. Concerts in these bandstands are advertised on posters on billboards in the vicinity and in the brochure Musique Côté jardins. Some festivals are also organized in parks and gardens: Classique au Vert, devoted this year to American music, and the Paris Jazz Festival, both at the Parc Floral de Paris during the summer. Each year, the Solistes aux Serres d’Auteuil gathers renowned international classical music artists in an exceptional setting as does the Musicales de Bagatelle.

Stay connected in the park

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Information on concerts in Parisian parks and gardens
www.parisinfo.fr

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Golf. A stylish sport for all ages, whatever your shape or physical condition. The Paris region offers many delightful courses to choose from, open to all. And you can even hone your swing in the city.

Playing golf in and around Paris

Golfing in Paris is now possible, with the opening of Golf-Me, on the terrace of the Hôtel Fouquet's Barrière****. A simulator carries out an exact analysis of the trajectory and rotation of the ball, and the swing of the player via 170 captors and high-tech 3D graphics. This simulator enables players to practice their swing, approach shots and drives and putting and reproduces the topography of the terrain, the weather and wind factor at 150 of the world's most prestigious courses, such as Saint Andrews or Pebble Beach. Golf-me is open 7/7 and equipment is provided; it can host 50 people and be privatized on request. The Ritz***** offers hotel guests and golfing fans a 6-hole putting green and the opportunity to improve their swing and technique in its 1,000 m² garden. Private lessons are also available on request from a professional and equipment can be hired onsite.

Non-residents can take out an all-in-one package including hire of clubs, balls, and access to the green. Finally the Bois de Boulogne golf course has just moved from Auteuil to the centre of the Longchamp racecourse; it is still the only golf course in Paris. And, although it opens, daily, it is closed on race days.

Around Paris, there are numerous golf courses within a radius of 5 to 60 km of the capital. To the West, right in the middle of the Saint-Cloud race track, the Paris Country Club golf course has the biggest practice area in Europe with 200 practice booths. The Rueil-Malmaison golf course is situated right next to the chateau and its bucolic course is laid out on the bank of the Seine. The Haras de Jardy golf course, at Vaucresson, is a few minutes from the Porte d'Auteuil and reputed for its excellent practice facilities. Also at Vaucresson, the golf facilities at the Stade Français Haras Lupin feature a 9-hole course and a practice area with 50 booths, including 25 covered ones. The Île Fleurie golf course is a haven of tranquillity and greenery in an exceptional setting on the Île des Impressionnistes. Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines has two golf courses, the Golf National, which each summer hosts the French Open, and a Blue Green located in the midst of a huge outdoor activity centre. The Cergy Golf Club, near to the Cergy-Pontoise outdoor activity centre, has a fine hilly course that is more technically demanding than it looks. At Croissy-sur-Seine, La Grenouillère golf course has a fine course laid out by the meandering Seine. Near to Saint-Germain-en-Laye, the Fourqueux golf course offers perfect tranquillity right in the midst of the forest of Marly and has many water features. On a plateau overlooking the Seine, the Blue Green de Guerville offers a slightly hilly course accessible to players of all levels. The Maisons-Laffitte golf course is situated in the verdant setting of the race course and is open to non-members.

To the East, the Rosny-sous-Bois golf course offers a fine course, less than 5 km from Paris. The Parc du Tremblay golf course is one of the first compact urban courses in France and is set in 73 hectares or parkland with trees. At Livry-Gargan, La Poudrière golf course has 9 holes and offers introductory sessions throughout the year. The Clément Ader golf course, ‘the Irish golf course in Paris’ is situated in the middle of the forest of Gretz and has many water features. The Bussy-Guermantes golf course offers two courses, a 9-hole and an 18-hole and offers players the possibility of reserving their tee-off times online, via its website. The Disneyland Resort Paris golf course, near to the large theme park has 37 holes, open all year. The Torcy golf course situated at the regional outdoor activity centre of Vaires-Torcy extends over 47 hectares and has been designed like a Scottish links course.

To the north, the Saint-Ouen-l’Aumône compact urban golf course lies next to a listed natural site and offers a 9-hole course, practice area and practice green. The Domont-Montmorency golf course has a fine course ideally landscaped in the middle of a wood of chestnut trees, whose foliage is a wonderful sight in autumn. The Chantilly
golf course, situated in a wonderful setting in Chantilly forest is a beautifully maintained and historic course, with an international reputation (this golf course is reserved for members only at weekends).

To the South, at the regional outdoor activity centre of Bois-le-Roi there is occasional access to the golf course for non-members as well as private and group lessons. The Fontainebleau golf course, designed by Tom Simpson in 1909 and recognized as one of the finest courses in France, reflects the natural features of the region with rocks, heather, broom and bunkers.

CERGY GOLF CLUB
18 holes
2 allée de l’Obstacle d’Eau, 95 Vauréal
Tel +33 (0) 1 34 21 03 48
www.golfdecergy.com

GOLF BLUE GREEN DE GUERVILLE
18 holes, par 72, 5,858 m
La Plagne, 78 Guerville
Tel +33 (0) 1 30 92 45 45
www.bluegreen.com

GOLF BLUE GREEN DE SAINT-QUENTIN
2 x 18 holes, par 70 / 72, 6,203 m / 5,638 m and 9-hole compact
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GOLF DU BOIS DE BOULOGNE
80 practice booths
Hippodrome de Longchamp, Paris 16th
Tel +33 (0) 1 44 30 70 00
www.golfduboisdeboislogne.fr

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9 holes
UCPA rue de Tourmesy, 77 Bois-le-Roi
Tel +33 (0) 1 64 81 33 03
www.ucpa-boisleroi.com

GOLF DE BUSSY-GUERMANTES
18 holes, par 72 and 9 holes, par 72
Promenade des Golfeurs, 77 Bussy Saint-Georges
Tel +33 (0) 1 64 66 00 00
www.golfbussyguermantes.com

GOLF DE CHANTILLY
2 x 18 holes, par 71 / 73
Allée de la Ménagerie, 60 Chantilly
Tel +33 (0) 03 44 57 04 43
www.golfdechantilly.com

GOLF CLÉMENT ADER – THE IRISH GOLF IN PARIS
18 holes
Domaine Château Perreire, 77 Gretz
Tel +33 (0) 1 64 07 34 10
www.golfclmentader.com
GOLF COMPACT URBAIN DE SAINT OUEN L’AUMÔNE
9 holes – 675 m
Allée de l’Abbaye de Maubuisson, 95 Saint Ouen l’Aumône
Tel +33 (0) 1 34 40 07 87
www.golfsaintouenaumone.com

GOLF COUNTRY CLUB DE FOURQUEUX
3 x 9 holes, 3,078 m / 2,780 m / 2,637 m
36 rue de Saint Nom, 78 Fourqueux
Tel +33 (0) 1 34 51 41 47
www.golfdefourqueux.com

GOLF DISNEYLAND RESORT PARIS
3 x 9 holes, par 36
Allée de la Mare Houleuse, 77 Magny le Hongre
Tel +33 (0) 1 60 45 68 90
http://idf-divertissement.disneylandparis.fr/

GOLF DE DOMONT MONTMORENCY
18 holes, par 71, 5,876 m
Route de Montmorency, 95 Domont
Tel +33 (0) 1 39 91 07 50
www.golfdedomont.com

GOLF DE FONTAINEBLEAU
18 holes, par 72
Route d’Orléans, 77 Fontainebleau
Tel +33 (0) 1 64 22 22 84
www.golfdefontainebleau.org

GOLF DE LA GRENOUILÈRE
9 holes, par 27, 1,281 m
Île de la Grenouillère, 78 Croissy sur Seine
Tel +33 (0) 1 30 82 55 85

GOLF DU HARAS DE JARDY
9 holes, 1,560 m
Boulevard de Jardy, 92 Vaucresson
Tel +33 (0) 1 47 01 35 80
www.jardygolf.com

GOLF DE L’ÎLE FLEURIE
9 holes, par 28, 1,480 m
Île des Impressionnistes, 78 Carrières sur Seine
Tel +33 (0) 1 39 52 61 61
www.golf-ilefleurie.com

GOLF DE MAISONS-LAFFITTE
6 holes
1 avenue de la Pelouse, 78 Maisons Lafitte
Tel +33 (0) 1 39 62 37 92
www.golfml.com

GOLF-ME
Simulator
Le Fouquet’s Barrière****
46 avenue George V, Paris 8th
Tel +33 (0) 6 84 83 52 00
www.golf-me.fr
GOLF NATIONAL
2 x 18 holes, par 72 and 9 holes, par 36
2 avenue du Golf, 78 Guyancourt
Tel +33 (o) 1 30 43 36 00
www.golf-national.com

GOLF DU PARC DU TREMBLAY
9 holes compact, par 27, 928 m and pitch-and-putt 6 holes
33 avenue Jack Gourevitch, 94 Champigny sur Marne
Tel +33 (o) 1 48 83 36 00

GOLF DU PARIS COUNTRY CLUB
9 holes, par 35
1 rue du Camp Canadien, 92 Saint Cloud
Tel +33 (o) 1 47 71 39 22
www.pariscountryclub.com

GOLF DE LA POUDRERIE
9 holes compact, par 28
Allée Paul Vieille, 93 Livry Gargan
Tel +33 (o) 1 41 52 19 30
http://poudrerie.ucpa.com

GOLF DE ROSNY SOUS BOIS
9 holes, par 32, 2,014 m
12 rue Raspail, 93 Rosny sous Bois
Tel +33 (o) 1 48 94 01 81

GOLF DE RUEIL-MALMAISON
9 holes, par 32, 2,014 m
25 boulevard Marcel Poutrot, 92 Rueil-Malmaison
Tel +33 (o) 1 47 49 64 67
www.formule-golf.com

GOLF DU STADE FRANÇAIS HARAS LUPIN
9 holes
129 avenue de la Celle Saint Cloud, 92 Vaucresson
Tel +33 (o) 1 47 01 15 04
www.stadefrancais.com/golf

GOLF DE TORCY
9 holes and 3-hole training course
Route de Lagny, 77 Torcy
Tel +33 (o) 1 60 20 02 04
http://vaires-torcy.ucpa.com

PUTTING GREEN OF THE RITZ PARIS*****
15 place Vendôme, Paris 1st
Tel +33 (o) 1 43 16 30 30
www.ritzparis.com

Accommodation
Amateur golfers and experienced golfers will enjoy taking a golfing break in an establishment close to a golf course or in one offering golfing packages.
The tourism residence Helzéar, in the Faubourg Saint-Honoré district, offers beautiful, fully-equipped apartments with upscale services, like dry cleaning, daily housework and delivery of meals by a caterer. On request, the concierge can organize a day’s golf close to Paris with transfer included. The hotel Pont Royal****, right in the heart...
of Saint-Germain-des-Prés, offers a golfing package comprising 3 nights’ accommodation, breakfasts and a day’s golf, with transfers, loan of equipment on request and help from a private teacher. The Quality Hotel Golf***, at Rosny-sous-Bois lies on the edge of the golf course, thus enabling hotel guests to play just a few metres from where they are staying. Close to the airport, the Marriott Paris-Charles de Gaulle**** has a fitness centre and is also close to the Bellefontaine golf course.

Right in the heart of the forest of Chantilly, the Dolce Chantilly**** is situated next to a wonderful private golf course attached to the hotel and offers special golfing packages, as well as free introductory sessions for beginners. The Château de Villiers-le-Mahieu**** is a magnificent 13th-century building, wonderfully restored and converted into a luxury hotel and has a practice course. At Crécy-la-Chapelle, the Domaine de la Brie is a hotel residence around two 18-hole golf courses. The Novotel Sénart Golf de Greenparc*** is situated on a golf course and all the guest rooms have a private balcony overlooking the course. The Novotel Saint Quentin Golf National*** is situated on the edge of the golf course, where the French Open is played each year, and benefits from the wonderful setting of this prestigious course. The Inter-Hotel Amarys Guyancourt** is also situated close to the Golf National.

At Dourdan, the Inter-Hotel Hostellerie Blanche de Castille, close to a superb forest is just some ten or so kilometres away from two golf courses, Rochefort and Forges les Bains. Close to Marne la Vallée, the Best Western Abbaye du Golf*** was once a 12th century abbey and is ideally situated on the edge of the 100-hectare Réveillon golf course.
Organizing golf-themed events

The incoming agency Phileas France, a specialist in the organization of stays, programmes and circuits in France, organizes incentive events at golf courses in the Paris region. These bespoke tours combine accommodation, transfer, reservation for the golf course chosen and eventual equipment hire. They can also be combined with other activities, like treatments at a spa or gastronomic meals at good restaurants close to the golf course.

Phileas France
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www.phileasfrance.fr
Paris with terraces and gardens. Rightly considered as one of the most beautiful cities in the world, Paris can be discovered in many different ways. For an original alternative, take advantage of its amazing architectural richness or discover the tranquillity of its gardens at venues with panoramic views or shady terraces.

Venues for private hire //

Numerous buildings offer an exceptional view over the rooftops of Paris and leave a lasting memory in the mind of the beholder. Other private-hire venues provide a green and leafy setting with views of their park or gardens. The Salle Gustave Eiffel, on the first floor of the Eiffel Tower, has a panoramic view of the capital, and can host all types of events due to its high level of technical equipment. At the top of the Montparnasse tower block, the Espace 56 situated at a height of 196 metres, is the highest panoramic room in Europe; recently renovated, it can host up to 300 people for a cocktail reception and offers a 360° view of the capital. The tower’s lift is the quickest in Europe and reaches the 56th floor in only 36 seconds. In the Saint-Lazare district, the Espace La Rochefooucauld boasts spacious luminous rooms that overlook gardens and terraces with a fine view over neighbouring rooftops. On the Champs-Élysées, the Maison du Danemark has a loft (150 m²) on the 7th floor with a large balcony offering a wonderful view of Paris. Close by, the Centre d’Affaires CCSF has a huge terrace on the 9th floor that can be privatized for cocktail receptions and evening functions, and which offers a superb view of the capital. Facing the Eiffel tower, the Cité de l’architecture et du patrimoine offers two 8th-floor terraces with an amazing view of Paris, the Davioud function room and the ELLE Décoration suite. The contemporary space Cyclone le Studio, 400 m² on two levels, is located in a landscaped garden and offers terraces looking onto the lush green setting. On the edge of Paris on the île des Minimes in the Bois de Vincennes, the Chalet de la Porte Jaune is a former hunting lodge, surrounded by a park planted with trees and flowers. The rooms and terraces hosting up to 2,500 people for a cocktail reception overlook the park. On the western edge of the capital and the Bois de Boulogne, the Pavillon Dauphine has wonderful salons and verdant terraces and can host up to 1,500 people for a cocktail reception, in the heart of a superb park. Les Salons du Pré Catelan can host up to 1,400 people for a cocktail reception inside and on its terraces that open out onto wonderful gardens planted with trees.

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39 avenue Pierre 1er de Serbie, Paris 8th
Tel +33 (0) 1 44 43 05 15
www.ccsf.fr

CHALET DE LA PORTE JAUNE
Avenue de Nogent, Paris 12th
Tel +33 (0) 1 43 28 80 11
www.chaletportejaune.com

CITÉ DE L’ARCHITECTURE ET DU PATRIMOINE
1 place du Trocadéro et du 11 Novembre, Paris 16th
Tel +33 (0) 1 58 51 52 00
www.citechaillot.fr

CYCLONE LE STUDIO
16-18 rue Vulpian, Paris 13th
Tel +33 (0) 1 45 35 75 75
www.cyclonel estudio.com
Accommodation //

In the west of Paris above, the Palais des Congrès, the 33-floor Concorde La Fayette**** offers some of the most spectacular views of the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe and Montmartre from its 950-bedrooms. The hotel has some 4,000 m² of conference rooms for up to 4,000 people for a cocktail reception. On the 33rd floor, its panoramic bar offers a stunning view over the capital and its surroundings. On the Left Bank, a few steps from the Seine and the Eiffel Tower, the Pullman Paris Tour Eiffel**** has 460 guest rooms with a view of the famous tower or of the classical architecture of Haussmann buildings. Near to the Montparnasse train station, the Pullman Paris Montparnasse**** is one of Europe’s largest conference hotels and its 953 guest rooms offer exceptional views of the Latin Quarter and the whole of Paris. Close to Place de la Concorde and the Louvre museum, Le Meurice****, housed in an 18th-century building, is one of the finest palaces in the capital. Its guest rooms, on 7 floors, overlook the Tuileries gardens, and, on the last floor, the Belle Étoile boasts a terrace with a 360° view of Paris. The latest Parisian palace to open, the Shangri-La Hotel Paris, close to Trocadéro, offers exceptional views of the Eiffel Tower and the Seine from its enormous guest rooms. The hotel has 850 m² of spaces devoted to the organization of events.

Concorde La Fayette****
3 place du Général Koenig, Paris 17th
Tel +33 (0) 1 40 68 50 68

Le Meurice*****
228 rue de Rivoli, Paris 1st
Tel +33 (0) 1 44 58 10 10
www.lemeurice.com
Gastronomy //

Having lunch or dinner with a wonderful view of the capital or in the delightful verdant setting of a garden is one of the advantages of a restaurant with a view of Paris. The 58 Tour Eiffel, on the 1st floor of the Eiffel Tower provides a wonderful setting and view of Paris and the impression that you are dining in the sky. Near to the Palais Garnier opera house, La Terrasse, the restaurant situated on the roof of Galeries Lafayette, can be privatized on request (summer only) and offers a panorama of the whole of Paris.

Nearby, Déli-Cieux, a small restaurant situated on the terrace of Printemps Haussmann, also offers a lovely view of Paris. The Café Carlu, housed in the Cité de l'Architecture et du Patrimoine at Trocadéro, has a superb view of the Eiffel Tower through its large bay windows or from its terrace.

The Georges, restaurant, on the 6th floor of the Centre Pompidou offers one of the most panoramic views of Paris from its large bay windows or terrace. On the fifth floor of the Quai-Branly museum, the restaurant Les Ombres, decorated by Jean Nouvel, opens its sun terrace to make the most of the wonderful view of the Eiffel Tower and the Seine. At the top of the Champs-Élysées, the large dining room of the restaurant L'Arc offers a panoramic view of the Arc de Triomphe, through its large windows. At Montmartre, in the district's only ****hotel, the restaurant Diapason at the Terrass Hotel**** opens its rooftop terrace in fine weather with its view of the capital.

The Jardin du Petit Palais offers a warm and contemporary decor opening onto a charming interior garden and has a lovely terrace. Near to the Champs-Élysées, the Casa Luca is an Italian restaurant, whose huge terrace overlooks the Arc de Triomphe. To the east of the capital, at the Vincennes racecourse, you can have lunch or dinner at the two panoramic restaurants Le Sulky and Le Prestige, while watching a horse race.

La Maison Blanche offers charm and tranquillity, far from the noise of the city. It has an open roof in fine weather and wonderful views of the Eiffel tower all year round through the bay windows of the restaurant.
DÉLI-CIEUX
Printemps Haussmann
64 boulevard Haussmann, Paris 9th
Tel +33 (0) 1 42 82 62 76
www.printemps.com

GEORGES
Centre Pompidou
Place Georges Pompidou, Paris 4th
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www.centrepompidou.fr

L’ARC
12 rue de Presbourg, Paris 16th
Tel +33 (0) 1 45 00 78 70
www.larc-paris.com

LA MAISON BLANCHE
15 avenue Montaigne, Paris 8th
Tel +33 (0) 1 47 23 55 99
www.lamaison-blanche.fr

LE DIAPASON
Terrass Hotel
12 rue Joseph de Maistre, Paris 18th
Tel +33 (0) 1 44 92 34 00
www.terrass-hotel.com

LE JARDIN DU PETIT PALAIS
1 avenue Dutuit, Paris 8th
Tel +33 (0) 1 40 07 11 41
http://petitpalais.paris.fr/fr/votre-visite/cafe-restaurant

LE PRESTIGE
LE SULKY
Hippodrome de Vincennes
2 route de la Ferme, Paris 12th
Tel +33 (0) 1 46 99 34 29
www.restaurant-hippodrome.com

LES OMBRES
Musée du Quai-Branly
27 quai Branly, Paris 7th
Tel +33 (0) 1 47 53 68 00
www.lesombres-restaurant.com

LA TERRASSE
Galeries Lafayette
40 boulevard Haussmann, Paris 9th
Tel +33 (0) 1 42 82 30 25
www.galerieslafayette.com

Outdoor outings //
Some companies organize outdoor fun activities and events for making the most of the French capital during a business stay. Paris Bike Tour offers bespoke bicycle tours in Paris, with multilingual guides as well as bike hire for groups. Paris à vélo c’est sympa also organizes day or night bicycle tours of around 3 hours for groups to discover tranquil areas of Paris, quiet backwaters and unusual monuments. Mobilboard offers Segway tours of the city, an original, electricity powered way of getting around. Finally, Nautiques Événements organizes
seminars and receptions on the water, with cruises on the Seine around Parisian museums and on Parisian canals, as well as regattas in the Paris region.

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Denis Baupin, Deputy Mayor of Paris for Sustainable Development, the Environment and the Climate Plan, shows us his Paris and describes major future projects for Paris, to make it an ever more welcoming city.

For the last ten years or so, thanks to your initiatives on traffic flow, the face of the capital has changed. An increase in the number of bus lanes, one-way systems in certain areas, pedestrian zones ... How would you sum up improvements in the daily life of Parisians and visitors to the capital?

D. B.: In view of major stakes like climate change, the exhaustion of fossil fuels and air pollution, the new travel and transport policy of 2001 was a welcome change. A new distribution of the public space in favour of environmentally-friendly travel, the increase and diversification of public transport ... these were our priorities. This policy has given concrete results: -25% in car traffic, +17% in group transport, +150% in bicycle journeys but also a drop of 32% in pollution and 9% in greenhouse gas emissions. The reduction in car traffic is also a powerful way of fighting against noise, cited as the biggest nuisance by citizens. In conjunction with this transport policy, there is the redevelopment of public spaces (broadening of pavements, planting of vegetation, street furniture). In short, in many districts, there has been a significant improvement in local surroundings.

Alongside this work on the city, we have introduced special events like Paris-Plages in summer, or ‘Paris respire’ each Sunday. This initiative enables Parisians and tourists to have access to places such as the Seine riverbanks the canal Saint-Martin and Montmartre hill, which are car-free for a certain time, and therefore experience life in the city in a different way.

In terms of public transport and, more generally travel and traffic in Paris, what are the major projects between now and 2020?

D. B.: The initiatives undertaken since March 2008 have the same aim and are part of the objectives of the Paris Travel and Transport Plan voted in 2007. There is for example the extension of tramway T3 to Porte de la Chapelle in 2012, some 200 km of new bike paths, the renovation of certain large squares like the Place de la République and Place de Clichy, or the project to convert a part of the riverside expressways for the benefit of Parisians.

The success of Vélib’ has been proven, and their presence is an added bonus for French and foreign tourists staying in Paris. What else is there on the horizon for the short and mid-term?

D. B.: With 75 million users since it was introduced in July 2007, Vélib’ is in fact an incredible success. Not counting the fact that this self-service bicycle hire system has led to a large increase in the use of bicycles in Paris. Vélib’ has changed our perception of the city: a shared more livable city. Vélib’ has also totally changed our perception of the bicycle in the collective imagination. Considered until then as old-fashioned and basic, it has become modern, a symbol of freedom and urban good living. During my travels abroad, I am always surprised by the reaction to Vélib’ and to see to what extent it contributes to the influence of Paris. The scheme has just been extended to areas just outside Paris. Today, the priority has to be an increase in the quality of the service (adaptation of rates, information on the state of stations, etc.) and on the development of cycle paths.
Paris is one of the most wooded capitals in Europe, with some 400 parks and gardens and 485,000 trees. What initiatives are being planned to increase the presence of nature in the capital?

D. B.: It is true that Paris has a rich natural heritage and this is largely due to the two woods. But Paris is also one of the densest and most 'mineral' cities in Europe. The municipality is committed to creating 62 additional hectares of green areas for the public between 2001 and 2014, and 33.7 hectares have already been opened since 2001. In addition to the improvement of the urban landscape and the approbation of Parisians, vegetation is an important lever for biodiversity and for limiting the impact of climate change in the city: in fact, it refreshes the air during heat waves and helps to reduce atmospheric pollution and carbon dioxide.

What are the major outlines of the Climate Plan for Paris?

D. B.: As the Climate Plan was unanimously adopted by the Council of Paris in 2007, the City of Paris has a global strategy and now has a vast action plan, along with clear objectives in many domains: getting around, habitat, urban planning, management of resources and waste, food, etc. We are committed to reducing our greenhouse emissions by 75% in 2050. We are therefore acting to make the city more environmentally-friendly. There are a huge number of projects underway: there is of course the construction of apartments and new equipment and facilities low in energy consumption, careful management of water, the creation of parks and gardens, and sustainable management of waste. This is the case notably in the north-west of the capital, in Clichy-Batignolles. And in particular, there is a huge amount of work being done on already existing facilities, etc. The latest example to date: Paris, the City of Light has just had the whole of its lighting system reviewed to enable it to reduce its total energy consumption by 30% in 2020.

On the subject of renewable energies, our objective is to have 200,000 m² of photovoltaic solar panels in 2014, and we are also counting on geothermal power (a well able to fuel 14,000 apartments has just been drilled in the north-east of Paris) on biomass, the anaerobic fermentation of waste, recovery of heat from waste water, etc. The reduction of our carbon footprint is not the only objective. We are also acting with the knowledge that fossil fuels are inevitably becoming rarer. We need to make sure that Paris is stronger, and now is the time to start identifying where we are vulnerable and to set out a long-term strategy to reduce this vulnerability. Let's take the case of tourism: Paris is the world's number one tourist destination, welcoming 28 million visitors per year and generating 140,000 directly related jobs. Of course, we have to limit the environmental impact linked to this sector. This is a policy that is currently being elaborated with the help of the Paris Convention and Visitors Bureau to develop an innovative offer that puts the emphasis on: the use of public transport, biodiversity, the reinforcement of anti-pollution standards for tourism coaches within the framework of an annual Pass for access to dedicated coach parks, etc. But we also need to anticipate a rise in the cost of fossil fuels and the repercussion on the cost for tourism, and to work on everything that will make this sector less dependent on air traffic: favour longer stays, encourage the use of train travel for inter-European journeys and have a promotion policy for clients who are close by. This is a long hard job but indispensable!

We have just created the Parisian Climate Agency, which has a wide variety of partners: energy engineers, construction professionals, public transport companies (RATP, SNCF). This agency is principally designed to be the unique body for information and assistance for anyone (individuals, professionals), who wishes to undertake initiatives to fight against climate change. This will also be a place for reflecting on and defining what the city will be like post-oil and for working out long term strategies. Tourism professionals are welcome!

What is your favourite district and your favourite park or garden in Paris?

D. B.: As a representative of the 20th arrondissement, I feel at ease in this global-city. The 20th is cosmopolitan, popular and modern. I like its tradition of social innovation and invention of cooperative movements, which is also a source of inspiration to respond to the challenges for social solidarity in the 21st century. I particularly recommend the districts of Ménilmontant, Belleville and Père Lachaise, which are rich in their social and cultural diversity, their numerous historic sites, and their strong civic and community presence. There are all kinds of bistros and restaurants here. The arrondissement also has some lovely gardens, like the Jardin naturel (Natural Garden) in the Réunion district or the first shared roof garden in Paris, on rue des Haies. I also like the Parc de Belleville, situated on a small hill with a wonderful view of Paris. This garden is a green lung in the district popular with children and adults. At the top of the park, you can visit the Maison de l’air, which raises Parisians’
awareness of air quality and pollution in the city, and discover the two wind turbines on its roof. Finally, I would suggest that all visitors to Paris should have a walk around the Père Lachaise cemetery, the biggest in the capital and an unusual gateway to the history of our city: from Oscar Wilde, Jean-Baptiste Clément ... to Édith Piaf; it is another way of telling the story of those who loved Paris so much that they wanted to stay here forever ...

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