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‘Nightlife in Paris is dynamic, diverse, and ever-changing, and that’s why it is always drawing travellers from all over the world to come and experience the City of Light. Conviviality and parties are a Parisian way of life. From cafes to innovative clubs, from legendary cabarets to gardens that are open throughout the night, Paris has something for everyone to enjoy in an ever-growing diversely cultural milieu. Paris City Hall helps the city’s nightlife scene to find new event spaces, such as basements and the city’s former ‘petite ceinture’ railway line, to continue to promote nightlife that is varied, open-spirited, and benevolent.’

Frédéric Hocquard, Deputy Mayor of Paris, in charge of Nightlife and Cultural Economy

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This file on Festive Paris: Night & Day aims to show you just what a great place to party Paris is in the 21st century.

2018 is a year full of challenges for partying in Paris. Parisian nightlife is ever-changing. It is being reinvented and shaken up by new projects for night owls and party people. Nightlife is now more than ever for those in the know. The night has become multi-faceted, itinerant, and scattered, partly due to land constraints. Many capital cities have lost their music venues to residential developments. As Paris is resistant to 'giga clubs', partying is developing beyond the city's ring road and being enjoyed by people in the Greater Paris area. All the arts are combined. The most offbeat places attract thousands of party goers crazy about style, life and the pleasure of getting together with others.

In 2017, Paris recorded an increase in tourist numbers, both domestic and international. Its festive scene is an integral part of the city's cultural appeal. According to figures published in June 2017 by the Tourism Research Department at the Paris Convention and Visitors Bureau, 84.6% of respondents considered Paris to be a festive city. Nonetheless, 'entertainment' as a theme was a concern for 17.7% of the panel. This is therefore a lever to attract even more visitors, by proudly highlighting the new 'Parisian Party Scene'.

However, it is difficult to quantify the impact that the party scene has on the city's appeal. Looking at studies that have been done over the years, it is clear that party life in Paris is not just about nightclubs and cabarets. Rather, it is a part of everything else the city offers to tourists: culture, gastronomy, art, sport, etc.

Party life is a trigger for new ways to conceive, develop and think about the urban space in a broad sense, and to enjoy the capital. If all of Paris is a party, it's because the party is now taking over new urban spaces in the city in a big way. The people that run these events, entertainment contractors, collectives, booking agents, and individuals (whether agents or not) who rent out all sorts of spaces, including sometimes waste ground, are known here as SDF ('without a fixed venue' in French). These cultural and touristic figures could also be considered as promoters.

We can see a very busy scene with many brands reinventing themselves and moving, or reinventing themselves, to better break into the party market after their change.

NEWS, HIGHLIGHTS AND CHALLENGES

- Gaming clubs are coming back to Paris to replace Gaming Circles. At least three of these new establishments have been announced for 2018 by the Partouche, Tranchant, and Rainaut groups, as well as the Cercle du Clichy. The Barrière group (a leader in French casinos) has reportedly filed an application for 104 Avenue des Champs Elysées (L'Aviation Club de France). But for slot machines, roulette wheels, and a real casino atmosphere, the place to go to is the Casino d'Enghien Les Bains.
- For LGBTQI people, 2018 is an important year for the promotion of Paris as a destination. Paris is staging the 10th Gay Games from 4 to 12 August 2018, a high-profile event that will host 15,000 participants. Paris will test its attractiveness against destinations with a more festive or more summery image and hopes to prove to LGBTQI people around the world that Paris knows how to party. Not forgetting the Marche des Fiertés on Saturday 30 June, preceded by a fortnight of pride-related cultural programming.

➤ Trends

Parisian nightlife is becoming more and more itinerant and geographically scattered, a logical trend given that there are some 12 million inhabitants in the Île de France region, of which 2 million are in Paris itself. There are practical and economic reasons for encouraging young people to party happily in hangars.

But there is also a sociological phenomenon: evening events and parties are becoming more and more 'coded', while wanting to get away from traditional modes of communication and instead exploiting the communication by word-of-mouth.

There has been a multiplication of temporary events of different sizes:

- An increase in summer music festivals
- More terraces and temporary establishments
- A phenomenon of squats and 'free parties' in the inner suburbs and even in Paris itself.

Music festivals, current music, hip hop, and electro all compete openly, ignoring practices that until recently were between professionals. Thus, Liveness launched Paris Summer Jam to directly compete with Rock En Seine, now run by Mathieu Pigasse (Banque Lazard, Les Inrocks, Le Monde) and AEG, creator of Lollapalooza.

There are numerous 'ephemeral' spaces, some much larger than others. Hangar parties have been popular with young people. We can also talk about 'alter clubbing', to use the term of MPK (former journalist at *Bonbon Nuit*). The Parisian scene can now hold its own with London, Berlin, Brussels, Barcelona, and Amsterdam.

Summer is the hottest season, with a flowering of rooftop terrace venues and riverside terraces along the Seine. Some are open all night, much to the dismay of residents.

In terms of big events, after the success of Nuit Blanche, there are many themed nights such as debate night or solidarity night. The Marche des Fiertés and Techno Parade, somewhat lacking in resources, take place in June and in September and attract some 300,000 participants respectively.

More than ever, partying is not just confined to night time, hence the change of title of the press file from 'Paris Night' to 'Festive Paris, Night & Day'. We have split up the file into four key moments connected to the sun's trajectory:

- Morning: when the sun comes up;
- Afternoon: when the sun is at its zenith;
- Evening: when the sun goes down;
- Night: when the moon comes out to play.

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EVENING

There are some 9,000 bars in Paris, and the range available to visitors is enormous. A substantial number of neighbourhood bars has been renewed with many going upscale. The addresses of places

to go to vary with the season; in general, the Right Bank becomes the place to be in the summer for those who love novelty and green spaces, and there are plenty of places for an ‘apero’ and nights out with friends around the Seine, which has become a favourite spot again and which also has some notable clubs.

➤ The ‘apero’

Meeting up with friends for a drink is an essential part of French lifestyle and culture. Paris, the world’s food capital, also has thousands of places to get together and relax over a drink - from the traditional glass of red wine at a typically French place to speakeasies with an international flavour. Two of the most popular new trends are bistronomy and natural wine. Bistronomy (a contraction of ‘bistro’ and ‘gastronomy’) places have a laid-back vibe. They take on a festive feel during food-centred initiatives such as Bistronomie Club, Fooding, Les Bonnes Heures and Fête de la Gastronomie, and traditional events such as the uncorking of the first Beaujolais Nouveau bottles on the third Thursday in November, or Valentine’s Day.

Le Bar du Marché - new

One of the well-placed terraces in Saint-Germain from where you can see everything and where you can be sure you will be seen. Very ‘cheeky Parisian’.

75 Rue de Seine - Paris 6th

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bar-du-March%C3%A9/111678278891474>

Le Barboteur

This boat cum bar sails gently along the Canal de l’Ourcq from the 19th arrondissement to Bobigny. The homemade food, made from fruit and vegetables from a farm just 25 km east of Paris, is mostly comprised of club sandwiches, fried fish, and desserts, not forgetting cocktails!

Open from March to October.

<https://www.facebook.com/canalbarboteur/>

Le Baron Rouge

A proper wine bar complete with a large selection of casks.

1, rue Théophile-Roussel - Paris 12th

<http://lebaronrouge.net>

Café de Flore

Simone de Beauvoir and Jean-Paul Sartre were regulars here, and Juliette Greco could be spotted dancing of an evening. This legendary Saint-Germain-des-Près café even has its own literary prize. Opposite Lipp, its rival on the boulevard, where you can breathe the air breathed by Boris Vian.

172, boulevard Saint-Germain - Paris 6th

<https://www.facebook.com/Cafedefloreofficial>

Les Folies

Housed in a former cabaret, this lively, informal bar boasts a terrace, and decor comprising posters and neon lighting. This place saw Line Renaud early on in her career before it became a punk rock bar in the 1980s.

8, rue de Belleville - Paris 20th

www.aux-folies-belleville.fr

Georges

Ideally located on the rooftop of the Pompidou Centre, the Georges combines a pleasant

atmosphere with a panoramic view. It a great spot for a drink at any time of year, and for dinner à deux or in a group.

Centre Pompidou - Paris 4th

www.restaurantgeorgesparis.com

La Perle

The ‘pearl’ in the crown of the Marais! This former ‘rade’ (French slang for a popular bar) is becoming a popular haunt for fashionistas who like to party with style in this neighbourhood bar. Plus, the music is always great.

78 Rue Vieille du Temple - Paris 3rd

<http://cafelaperle.com/>

Le Piston Pélican

A new venue created by Stéphane Carbone (formerly of Carbone 14), where you can find tartiflette, a great wine list, and a warm musical atmosphere.

15 Rue de Bagnole - Paris 20th

<http://pistonpelican.com/>

Le Rivolux - new

This cafe and rock bar offers simple dishes, draught beers, and a happy hour all in a friendly atmosphere.

16 Rue de Rivoli - Paris 4th

<https://www.facebook.com/Rivolux-254072814724049/>

Le Sélect

Located across the road from the Coupole, the Sélect was a landmark of Montparnasse in its 1920s heyday, and is still one of the most popular bars in the area.

99, boulevard du Montparnasse - Paris 6th

www.leselectmontparnasse.fr

➤ **Mixology**

Mixology is the art of creating the perfect cocktail - a skill deployed by bartenders who are nothing short of alchemists. The ‘science’ of mixology emerged in hotel bars, and began to catch on throughout the city in the late 2000s. It is generally practised in upscale places frequented by people with a sophisticated palate.

Andy Wahloo - new

A party atmosphere, colourful decor, and a cocktail menu on a small street in the 3rd arrondissement that is part of the famous, very fashionable restaurant La Derrière.

69 Rue de Gravilliers - Paris 3rd

<https://www.andywahloo-bar.com/>

Le Ballroom du Beef Club - new

A secret underground bar based on those of the Prohibition, with an unusual entrance through which you can sample some brilliant cocktails in large comfortable armchairs.

58 Rue Jean-Jacques Rousseau - Paris 1st

<http://www.facebook.com/LeBallroomDuBeefClub/>

La Candelaria

A hidden joint in the heart of North Marais. The little canteen in front leads not to a kitchen, but to a stylish clandestine bar done up all in black where you can taste a range of agave-based spirits, just like in Mexico.

52, rue de Saintonge - Paris 3rd

<http://www.quixotic-projects.com/venue/candelaria>

La Commune

The team behind Le Syndicat (see description further in this section) has opened up a branch with a rum-punch focus in Belleville.

80, boulevard de Belleville - Paris 20th

<http://syndicatcocktailclub.com/la-commune>

Experimental Cocktail Club

With a great location in the Montorgueil district, this is one of the best cocktail bars in the city.

37, rue Saint-Sauveur - Paris 2nd

<http://www.experimentalevents.com/paris>

Lavomatic

One of the quirkiest bars in Paris. You go in through a door hidden behind the washing machines in what appears to be a laundromat and make your way up to the bar.

30, rue René-Boulanger - Paris 10th

<http://www.lavomatic.paris>

Mabel - new

A small plush space just a few steps from the Montorgueil district, for fans of rum-based cocktails.

58 rue d'Aboukir - Paris 2nd

<http://www.mabelparis.com/>

Le Moonshiner

A small secret bar hidden behind the cold room of a pizzeria.

5 Rue Sedaine - Paris 11th

<https://www.facebook.com/Moonshiner-390791131035525/>

Prescription Cocktail Club

The bar that put Parisian mixology on the map in 2007 has since opened branches in London and New York.

23, rue Mazarine - Paris 6th

<https://www.facebook.com/Prescription-Cocktail-Club-198121943593>

Le Shake 'n Smash

This little bar is tucked away in North Marais. The virtuoso bartender shakes up some delicious concoctions. One to try: Esquisse N°2.

87, rue de Turbigo - Paris 3rd

<https://shakensmash.com>

Le Syndicat

This cocktail bar's name is the French for 'trade union', and it defines itself 'the Organization for the Defence of French Spirits' - for the menu at this speakeasy with a façade covered in posters and graffiti is composed exclusively of French liquors.

51, rue du Faubourg-Saint-Denis - Paris 10th

<http://syndicatcocktailclub.com/la-commune>

Paris even has a festival and a trade show devoted to mixology:

Paris Cocktails Week in January - <http://pariscocktailweek.fr>

Cocktail Spirit in June - <http://www.cocktailspirits.com>

➤ After-work drinks

The after-work drink is the officegoer's panacea. In Paris, Thursday is the weekday of choice for heading out to socialize with co-workers. Loosen that tie and shrug off that jacket to decompress and maybe even have a dance with a favourite colleague.

Le Pachamama - new

This complex, housed in an imposing building just a stone's throw from Bastille, offers fans of Latin beats and exotic flavours multiple dancefloors on several floors. This space is buzzing with the spirit of South America.

46 Rue de Faubourg-Saint-Antoine - Paris 12th

<https://www.facebook.com/PachamamaParis>

Café Oz Rooftop

Have a beer outside on the banks of the Seine at the famous Australian pub, where you can jump like kangaroos when your favourite football teams score a goal.

Cité de la Mode 34, Quai d'Austerlitz - Paris 13th

<https://fr-fr.facebook.com/cafeozrooftop>

Le Hobo Club

An attractive nightclub only a short distance from the Champs-Élysées.

67, rue Pierre-Charron - Paris 8th

<http://www.lehoboclub.com>

Le Madam

This small, cosy club near the Champs-Élysées hosts intimate music gigs and after-work parties.

128, rue de la Boétie - Paris 8th

<http://lemadam.com>

Le Palais Maillot

Popular with a younger crowd who work in La Défense and Neuilly.

2, place de la Porte-Maillot - Paris 17th

<http://palaismaillot.fr>

Le Perchoir

Established in 2013, the Perchoir rooftop bar has two new branches, on the rooftop of BHV and the Gare de l'Est respectively.

14, rue Crespin-du-Gast - Paris 11th

BHV, 37 rue de la Verrerie - Paris 4th

Gare de l'Est, hall Saint-Martin - Paris 10th

<http://www.leperchoir.tv>

Le Quai

A pretty boat moored along the Seine.
Port de Solferino - Paris 7th
<http://www.restaurantlequai.com>

➤ **Bars with dancing / for pre-club drinks**

Bars where you can party until midnight at any time of year have amped up the Paris nightlife scene. Some bars are micro-clubs, open until four in the morning; they are great places to hear live music by emerging bands without staying up too late.

Le 9B

The 9B has a dance floor in its soundproof basement, where DJs from Paris party collectives spin house, electro and techno tracks.
68, boulevard de la Villette - Paris 19th
<http://www.le9b.com>

Les 4 Éléments

One of the most electro-focused places in Paris, with a line-up of house and techno.
149, rue Amelot - Paris 11th
www.bar4elements.com

Caveau de la Huchette

This is the place for jazz that makes you want to shimmy. A short scene in the movie *La La Land* shows a crowd of elegant dancers in this shrine to live jazz, which dates back to 1946. Housed in a medieval cellar in the Saint-Michel district, the club draws people who come to dance to the sound of be-bop, swing and New Orleans jazz, like in the good old days of the Cotton Club and the Savoy. Open until 4am on weekends.
5, rue de la Huchette - Paris 5th
<http://www.caveaudelahuchette.fr>

La Jaja

This Montorgueil bar, near Les Halles, has the discreet charm of an old bistro in a lively old district, and offers nights with top DJs such as Leslie Barbara Butch.
56 Rue d'Argout - Paris 2nd
www.lajaja.fr

Les Petites Gouttes

A lively and eclectic spot in the 18th arrondissement, hosting live music, DJ events by the trendiest clubbing collectives, performances, wine appreciation classes and a farmers' market.
12, esplanade Nathalie-Sarraute - Paris 18th
<http://www.lespetitesgouttes.com>

Rosa Bonheur sur Seine

The spirit of the guinguette (the open-air restaurants and dance halls that once flourished in Paris) is alive and well, nurtured by an organization called Culture Guinguette. Among its members is this barge moored to the Seine - the only guinguette in Paris proper. The quayside terrace restaurant dishes up Neapolitan pizzas, while the deck of the barge hosts informal parties, and a dance every Wednesday (traditional accordion-based musette, pop-rock and flamenco).

Port des Invalides - Paris 7th
<http://rosabonheur.fr>

Udo Bar

This discreet place on a quiet street in Oberkampf brings together true Hamburg currywurst and electronic music.

4 bis Rue Neuve Popincourt - Paris 11th
<http://www.udobar.com/>

Le Truskel

A haven for devotees of pop and rock (like Mécanique Ondulatoire and Pop'In in the 11th arrondissement), this three-room pub hosts famous names doing live performances and DJ sets.

12, rue Feydeau - Paris 2nd
<http://www.truskel.com>

Zero Zero

This eastern Paris micro-club offers inexpensive cocktails, a cool vibe and witty DJs mixing in the middle of the crowd.

89, rue Amelot - Paris 11th
<https://www.facebook.com/Z%C3%A9ro-Z%C3%A9ro-161969777215832>

➤ LGBT bars

The Marais is dead; long live the Marais! The heart of Paris, and of the city's gay scene, is gradually evolving. From being a need-driven positive space for gay identity and communities, the Marais has morphed into a relaxed neighbourhood like any other, with many gay-friendly businesses. The nightlife scene, too, has undergone a transformation, moving from the Marais proper (Paris 4) into North Marais (Paris 3), and from central Paris arrondissements to more far-flung districts.

3WKafé - new

3W = Women With Women. This lesbian bar is an essential spot for women with karaoke nights and entertainment.

8 Rue des Ecouffles - Paris 3rd
<https://www.facebook.com/3wkafe/>

À la Folie

This guinguette set up in one of the follies at the Parc de la Villette has a big terrace serving a wide range of barbecue and char-grilled cuisine. At weekends, À la Folie turns into a nightclub with edgy programming devised by the manager, formerly the programmer at the Rex.

26, avenue Corentin-Cariou - Paris 19th
<http://alafolie.paris>

Chez Lui - new

A bar-restaurant near Goncourt, a true popular district, with guest DJs who regularly host shows of the drag group Gay Pareae.

67 Rue Saint Maur - Paris 11th
<https://www.facebook.com/Chez-Lui-659428777555045/>

Le Duplex

This is one of the oldest gay bars in the Marais, where the soaring walls on the mezzanine floor regularly display interesting artwork. It attracts a mixed (usually artsy-intellectual) crowd. A smart, uplifting music selection sets this place apart from many others.

25, rue Michel-Le-Comte - Paris 3rd

<https://www.facebook.com/Le-duplex-bar-124166857649715>

Le Labo - new

A super bar in the middle of Rue des Lombards, open from 3pm to 6am every day except Monday. It has competitive prices and unbeatable views of the district. Happy Hour from 3pm to 11pm, a pint is €3.50, a pitcher of the day's cocktail special is €15. Heated terrace, basement club. Straight-friendly, with a bustling atmosphere.

37 Rue des Lombards - Paris 1st

<https://www.facebook.com/teamlabobarclubparis/>

La Mine

A gay cruise and fetish bar.

20, rue du Plâtre - Paris 4th

<http://www.bar-mine.fr>

La Moderne - new

It's the story of Lalla Kowska Régnier, who defended Act Up in the 90s, worked in the PAF, shone in the most underground bar in the Marais and who then opened her own bar. One to look out for.

91 Rue Beaubourg - Paris 3rd

<https://www.facebook.com/barlamoderne/>

La Mutinerie

This inclusive lesbian bar is open to all girls and their friends. It has a billiards table where groups can come together to play.

176, rue Saint-Martin - Paris 3rd

<http://www.lamutinerie.eu>

Open Café

The friendliest and most central bar for a happy hour meet-up.

17, rue des archives - Paris 4th

<https://www.opencafe.fr>

Le Quetzal

A gay mainstay in the Marais, with 1980s metal-inspired decor.

10, rue de la Verrerie - Paris 4th

<https://www.facebook.com/Quetzal-BAR-195263850822790>

Raidd Bar - new

Open every day, this nightclub is known for its sexy shows with 'gogo' dancers, who take showers in front of clients. For this reason, it is often known as the 'Shower Bar' among tourists.

<https://www.facebook.com/RAIDDBARPARIS>

Rosa Bonheur

A guinguette tucked away inside the Parc des Buttes-Chaumont. Rosa Bonheur has mainstream programming except for Thursdays, when it hosts electro DJs and collectives. On Sundays, it becomes a gathering place of choice for the LGBT crowd and their (female) friends.

2, allée de la Cascade - Paris 19th

<http://rosabonheur.fr>

Les Souffleurs

Possibly the trendiest queer bar in Paris, with a cellar where DJs play both electro and mainstream mixes.

7, rue de la Verrerie - Paris 4th

<https://www.facebook.com/Lessouffleurs>

➤ **Where to hear live music**

There are currently 87 places in Paris to listen to music by the latest crop of artistes according to Map, a network of concert venues. From French chanson to African music, from huge stadiums to little-known places, the live music scene is prolific, with bold, quality-driven programming. Paris and the Paris region offer ideal showcases for both big-name artistes on international tours and up-and-coming talent.

Aux Trois Mailletz - new

Restaurant, piano bar, cabaret, and live music venue nestled in a 13th-century medieval cellar in the heart of the Latin Quarter.

56 Rue Galande - Paris 5th

<https://www.auxtroismailletz.com/>

Élysée-Montmartre

Opened in 1807, the Élysée-Montmartre was extensively renovated after a fire in 2011. This remodelled venue inside a structure built by Gustave Eiffel has one of the best concert programmes in the city.

72, boulevard de Rochechouart - Paris 18th

www.elyseemontmartre.com

Espace B

This neighbourhood bar and family-run restaurant doubles as a lively venue for alternative music.

16, rue Barbanègre - Paris 19th

<http://espaceb.net>

Le Flow

A futuristic sight that is walking distance from Pont Alexandre III, this barge offers a terrace in good weather, a restaurant headed by chef Gérard Cagna, a concert room/club, and a bar on its upper deck.

Port des Invalides - Paris 7th

<http://www.flow-paris.com>

La Gare Jazz - new

In a former station on the former 'petite ceinture' railway, there are free jazz concerts every evening, with some of the best French and international musicians and 2,000 km² of garden space. Come on down!

1 Avenue Corentin Cariou - Paris 19th

<https://www.facebook.com/LaGareJazz/>

La Marbrerie

This multidisciplinary space in Montreuil is a 1,500-m² former industry building transformed into a

cultural production and performance (concerts, dance) venue, and a bar and restaurant with a terrace. There are lots of Hispanic- and African-themed nights that follow concerts and other evening programming.

21 Rue Alexis-Lepère - 93100 Montreuil
<http://lamarbrerie.fr>

Le Chinois

This intimate music venue created by the Alimentation Général team in Oberkampf (Paris 11th) hosts rock, punk, and world music concerts, and becomes a club at weekends.

6 Place du Marché - 93100 Montreuil
<https://www.facebook.com/lechinoisdemontreuil>

La Maroquinerie

This is one of a quartet of intimate live music venues in Paris where the programming is always top-quality: you won't be disappointed.

23, rue Boyer - Paris 11th
www.lamaroquinerie.fr

New Morning

A veritable jazz institution where you can also hear the full spectrum of black music, from funk to reggae. The New Morning is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year with concerts by some heavy-duty jazz musicians, like Billy Cobham and John McLaughlin.

7-9, rue des Petites-Écuries - Paris 10th
<http://www.newmorning.com/>

L'Olympia

A legend among Paris concert venues, and possibly the most prestigious one of them all. The atmosphere of the place is a reminder that it has hosted some of the greatest shows in town over the years.

28, boulevard des Capucines - Paris 9th
<http://www.olympiahall.com>

Salle Pleyel

This historic art deco classical concert venue has been refurbished, and re-opened with broader programming encompassing new music and other forms of entertainment.

252, rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honoré - Paris 8th
<https://www.sallepleyel.com>

Supersonic

A concert venue and nightclub, this space with a capacity of 200 is modelled on a New York City loft, and is open every day for night owls and fans of indie music.

9 Rue Biscornet - Paris 12th
www.supersonic-club.fr

➤ Shows & cabarets

French Cancan has delighted visitors to the French capital since the 19th century, and people still come to Paris to get caught up in the magic of high kicks and pretty costumes covered in feathers

and sequins.

Bel Canto

This restaurant offers an unusual combination of opera arias and fine dining: perfect for people who like to be serenaded while they eat.

72, quai de l'Hôtel-de-Ville - Paris 4th

<http://www.lebelcanto.com>

Brasil Tropical

This restaurant underneath the Montparnasse Tower offers a perennial touch of exoticism.

Customers can stay on and dance after dinner.

33, avenue du Maine - Paris 14th

<http://www.brasiltropical.com>

Le Crazy Horse

At the Crazy Horse, customers feel like they're ensconced in a velvet cocoon. The programme changes frequently, with famous names in fashion and dance invited to perform sensual revues.

12, avenue George-V - Paris 8th

<http://www.lecrazyhorseparis.com>

Le Lido

The Parisian cabaret par excellence is currently hosting a fantastic show conceived by the former art director of the world-famous Cirque du Soleil. Not to be missed.

116, avenue des Champs-Élysées - Paris 8th

<http://www.lido.fr>

Chez Michou

A small venue that has gained a larger-than-life reputation in the decades since it first opened in June 1956. Chez Michou puts on the most exuberant drag queen show in Paris. Even the waiters and barmen dress up and perform.

80, rue des Martyrs - Paris 18th

<http://www.michou.com>

Le Moulin Rouge

'Féerie', the current show at this iconic Paris cabaret at the foot of Montmartre hill, puts the spotlight on French cancan. Forty dancers perform high kicks and cartwheels on the huge stage. Pure enchantment!

82, boulevard de Clichy - Paris 18th

<http://www.moulinrouge.fr>

Le Manko - new

In the prestigious Théâtre des Champs-Élysées, this Golden Triangle district establishment is a cocktail bar, a South-American restaurant, a cabaret, and a club.

15 Avenue Montaigne - Paris 8th

<http://www.manko-paris.com>

La Nouvelle Ève

A beautiful venue with 1950s decor. The revue blurs the boundaries between music hall shows and cabaret.

25, rue Pierre-Fontaine - Paris 9th

<http://www.lanouvelleeeveparis.com>

Le Paradis Latin

This cabaret is an old favourite on the Left Bank.
28, rue du Cardinal-Lemoine - Paris 5th
<http://www.paradislain.com>

Madame Arthur

Formerly a brothel, this bar in Montmartre is now a cabaret where performers do live covers of French pop songs, past and present.
75 bis, rue des Martyrs - Paris 18th
<http://www.divandumonde.com/en/>

Pau Brazil

Dancers in colourful feather headdresses swirl amid the tables at this venue showcasing Brazil's exotic appeal and characteristic joie de vivre.
32, rue de Tilsitt - Paris 17th
<http://www.paubrasil.fr>

NIGHTLIFE

There are hundreds of places to party in Paris, with 380 late-closing bars and 200 clubs, according to the Paris Police Prefecture in 2017. This selection takes into account the diversity of what's on offer and a geography that ignores the boundary of the city's ring road. Residents of Greater Paris come to Paris and they are fond of the unexpected in the Paris metropolis.

From 11pm to 7am.

➤ **Electronic music**

Paris has really put itself on the international map when it comes to electronic music, and specifically EDM (electronic dance music, a term coined in the US, covering multiple dance genres). French electronic music is incredibly vibrant: it has produced stars such as Flavien Berger, Laurent Garnier and David Guetta. The nightlife scene is variegated: pop-up raves in warehouses, dancefloors in intimate clubs, festivals and events put on by collectives, and parties in diverse locations by 'no fixed address' promoters.

Le Badaboum

This club in eastern Paris is one of the top spots in the city according to the World's Best Club ranking. Located in the Bastille district, Le Babadoum has a slant towards electronic and house music. It also has excellent acoustics and big-name concerts every week, plus a Secret Room and a cocktail bar.
2 bis, rue des Taillandiers - Paris 11th
<http://www.badaboum.paris>

La Bellevilloise

Always buzzing with a variety of cultural activities, from workshops by grassroots organizations to gypsy jazz brunches, the Bellevilloise extends over several levels, including a basement club playing world music, hip-hop and electro and a rooftop terrace in summer. The Sunday morning jazz brunch is highly recommended.
19-21, rue Moret - Paris 20th
<http://www.labellevilloise.com>

Le Batofar

After nearly 20 years of faithful service, the legendary boat is closing its doors for maintenance works. A reopening date will be announced later this year.

Quai François Mauriac - Paris 13th
<http://www.batofar.fr/>

La Clairière

A summer pop-up (opening dictated by the weather). A vast grassy expanse planted with centenary trees deep inside the Bois de Boulogne, La Clairière is a bucolic night spot.

1, carrefour de Longchamp, Bois de Boulogne - Paris 16th
<https://www.facebook.com/lesnuitsdelaclairiere>

La Machine du Moulin Rouge

The ground floor has French can-can dancers high-kicking. The basement houses one of the top clubs in the French capital, with three rooms and a champagne bar, which gives access to the rooftop.

90, boulevard de Clichy - Paris 18th
www.lamachinedumoulinrouge.com

Le Rex Club

The original electronic music club in Paris - dating to the creation of house - is getting ready to celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2018 with a programme of historic and international artists, documentary and film screenings, and some surprises. For the first time in its history, the club is going beyond its own walls to host events elsewhere under the name Rexist. The first event took place at Paris City Hall. Something to follow with interest.

5, boulevard Poissonnière - Paris 2nd
www.rexclub.com

La Station - Gare des Mines

Becoming a must-visit address for experimental clubbers over two seasons, this laboratory presented by MU Collective is putting on its third season. In the spring, it is reopening the outdoor area for many outdoor events and this year's Festival Garage MU Festival, Metamines, Qui Quembouille Who and Electronic Station ... Inside there are concerts and club nights bringing together the best of the musical scene in a wild party!

29 Avenue de la Porte-d'Aubervilliers - Paris 18th
<http://lastation.paris>

T7 - new

A second-floor club in the Porte de Versailles Parc-Expo, this architecturally futuristic space is adapted to the energy of clubbers eager for low bass and big sound.

32 Rue Marcel Yol - 92170 Vanves
<https://www.facebook.com/T7Paris>

Le Yoyo

An old art deco cinema in the basement of the Palais de Tokyo has been converted into a club with a bare concrete interior, a balcony and two adjoining cinemas. It is very in vogue for big club nights, both LGBT and mainstream.

20, avenue de New-York - Paris 16th
<http://yoyo-paris.com>

Electronic collectives

‘Collective’ has become a buzzword on the Paris clubbing scene. It is used to describe cross-disciplinary artists who band together to be more visible in the face of the ever-growing number of DJs. In fact, they are evening event organizers who coordinate the artistic direction, communication, and sometimes the decor and service in the clubs where they play. In summer, some come to the Paris region and are real show producers.

The more iconic collectives in the Parisian underground are those who have come together to create Socle (see <http://tiny.cc/DPSocle> for more information). Their singularity is in their choice of venue, the theme, and the programming, revealing a certain utopia, a charitable approach and accessible rates without the usual constraints of clubs.

More specialized media: Trax Magazine, a Vandou Paname release on Raje.fr (<https://www.facebook.com/vaudoupaname/>), PWFm (<https://www.pwfm.fr/>), and Rinse (<http://www.rinse.fr/>).

Collectives to watch:

Alter Paname	https://www.facebook.com/alterpaname
Berlinons Paris	https://www.facebook.com/BerlinonsParis
Coco Beach	https://www.facebook.com/cocobeach.party
Deviant Disco	https://www.facebook.com/deviantdiscoparis
Drom	https://www.facebook.com/DROM.ORIGIN
Excuse My French	https://www.facebook.com/ExcuseMyFrenchOfficial
Fée Croquer	https://www.facebook.com/feecroquer
Haïku	https://www.facebook.com/haikuparis
Katapult	https://www.facebook.com/KARAT-RECORDS-197837319573
La Mamie’s	https://www.facebook.com/lamamies
Microclimat	https://www.facebook.com/microclimatparis
Otto10	https://www.facebook.com/otto10events
Phonographe Corp	https://www.facebook.com/Phonographecorp
Pardonnez Nous	http://www.facebook.com/pardonnez.nous/
Panorama Musique Électronique	https://www.facebook.com/PMEpanorama
Sous La Jupe	https://www.facebook.com/sous.la.jupe
Soukmachine	https://www.facebook.com/soukmachines.paris
Technorama	https://www.facebook.com/TechnoramaRecords

➤ Celebrity spots

Paris is the capital of fashion, and the City of Lights attracts many A-listers who like to party during Fashion Week or at any other time of year in clubs where they are guaranteed to see and be seen.

Alcazar

A former cabaret club in Saint-Germain-des-Près, completely designed by Sir Terence Conran (founder of Habitat), in ‘colonial-chic’ decor, offers a gourmet restaurant on the ground floor and the Balcon upstairs with talented friendly and DJs organized by Patrick Vidal, all under the watchful eye of the brilliant Fabrice Gilberdy and Sylvie Phunket.

62 Rue Mazarine - Paris 6th

www.alcazar.fr

Le Germain Club Paradisio

For the past five years this restaurant, with a monumental statue of Xavier Veilhan, has had a

private cinema and an underground club, and hosts unusual and comfortable nights on Thursdays and Saturdays.

25 Rue de Buci - Paris 6th

<https://www.facebook.com/Legermainetclubparadisio>

Hotel Bourbon

A former synagogue, this place has kept the old floor and wood panelling, and the decoration is really sleek, like the appearance of the clients who come all dressed up to listen to the house DJs in the basement club or the ground floor lobby.

39 rue des Petites Ecurie - Paris 10th

<http://hotelbourbon.fr>

La Mano

Lionel Bensemoun of event agency La Clique - the founder of Le Baron, Nüba and Consulat - has opened a new place with a Latin American vibe, where models 'dance and work out.'

10, rue Papillon - Paris 9th

<https://www.facebook.com/lamanoparis>

Le Mathis

This bar was on the trendy circuit in the 1970s. Now renovated, it hosts DJs on club nights, like the Vipères Assassines parties organized by Emmanuel Caurel.

3, rue de Ponthieu - Paris 8th

<http://www.hotelmathis.com/mathis-bar>

Mona Lisa - new

Located opposite the future Bourse de Commerce - Fondation Pinault, decorated with solid copper and thick velvet, and enhanced with precious wood, this place is a kind of dreamlike boudoir that will satisfy modern dandies.

47 Rue Berger - Paris 1st

<http://www.monalisaparis.fr/>

➤ **LGBT clubs**

LGBT nights out in Paris involve club-hopping, and are increasingly centred around 'no fixed address' parties. So visitors need to find out what's on beforehand and sift through a range of clubs to narrow down the weekend party that best suits their tastes.

On weeknights, the two main spots for gay clubbing are Le Dépôt and CUD.

Two notable events in 2018:

Marché des Fiertés Saturday 30 June 2018

<http://www.inter-lgbt.org/marche-des-fiertes/>

Gay Games from 4 to 12 August 2018

Opening Ceremony at the Grand Palais with Offer Nissim, popular Israeli DJ and music producer from Tel Aviv.

<http://www.labigparty.com/fr/138-big-grand-palais.html>

Permanent clubs:

Le Dépôt

A legendary Paris gay club open seven days a week, with a DJ every night and plenty of cruising areas. Two floors, both open at weekends.

10, rue aux Ours - Paris 3rd
www.ledepot-paris.com

Le Gibus - new

Le Gibus Club is located just a stone's throw from Place de la République. It hosts eclectic club nights on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, with Techno, House, R & B, and Pop nights. The club has a mostly gay clientele but is open to all. It also hosts 'Morning After' events on Sunday mornings.

18 Rue de Faubourg-du-Temple - Paris 11th
<http://www.gibus.fr/>

Barbieturix

The leading organizer of lesbian club nights, including the monthly Wet For Me nights at the Machine du Moulin Rouge, is also a cultural touchstone that puts on events in a variety of places.

<http://www.barbieturix.com>

Beardrop

Well-attended dance parties for bears and their fans, held at Yoyo, the basement venue at the Palais de Tokyo.

<http://www.beardrop.com>

BLT

Emmanuel Caurel and Julien Lapierre's Bizarre Love Triangle party, with Patrick Vidal as resident DJ, attracts trendsetters to the legendary Maxim's. The duo is also behind the Ghost club night at Silencio.

<https://www.facebook.com/bizarrelvetriangleparis>

La Culottée

La Culottée is a project that unites electronic music, live bands, and performing arts, and was founded in June 2012, bringing together an open and accepting audience around meticulous musical programming.

<https://www.facebook.com/laCulotteeParis/>

Escualita

Sunday night party at the Folies Pigalle for trans folk and cross-dressers, as well as their friends.

<http://www.escualita.com>

Flash Cocotte

This queer party with great music is one of the highlights of the Paris LGBT scene each month, and a real crowd-puller. Costumes are de rigueur. Party locations: Cabaret Sauvage, Nuits Fauves, *etc.*

<http://www.flashcocotte.com>

Les Follivores

Les Follivores is the top LGBT ball, held in the legendary Bataclan. DJ RV spins a jukebox mix that gets everyone singing along.

<https://www.facebook.com/la.nuit.des.follivores.crazyvoves>

Kill The DJ

This collective brings together the work of the record label that discovered Ivan Smagghe and the now famous Chloé, and that of the organizer of demanding and original evenings, including three by the National Center of the Dance of Pantin.

<https://www.facebook.com/kill-the-dj-49660872694>

La Madame Klaude

Rhinestones, sequins and a cabaret show. This is an exuberant and joyful disco party. Madame Klaude is all about the party spirit and getting to know people who also want a cosier version of the balcony and ball at Alcazar (Paris 6th).

<https://www.facebook.com/lamadameklaude>

SexyGroup

The French capital's sexiest club nights.

www.sexygroup.fr

La Toilette - new

This collective brings together 'turn of the century' programming with Berlin accents in a queer fashion.

<http://www.facebook.com/studio69paris/>

Under

The not-to-miss gay after party for fans of a Barcelona ambiance.

<https://www.fluidparty.com>

MercrediX / VendrediX

MercrediX and VendrediX are gay after-work drinks events on large terraces or in rooftop bars.

<https://www.facebook.com/vendredixmercredix/>

Two LGBT festivals to watch out for:

Jerk Off 10 days in September

Trail with exhibitions, choreography shows, talks and parties.

Several venues.

<http://www.festivaljerkoff.com>

Loud & Proud 4 days in July

Concerts, parties, screenings and encounters with an eclectic bunch of cross-disciplinary artistes from around the world.

Gaîté Lyrique, 3, rue Papin - Paris 3rd

<https://gaitelyrique.net/loud-proud>

➤ **Hip-hop & world**

If bachata, kizomba, R&B or hip-hop are your choice of dance music, read on. When it comes to clubs playing world music, Paris is the capital. New clubs have sprung up in the outer ring of suburbs, and the distance no longer deters either artistes or partygoers.

La Bellevilloise

One Sunday a month, DJ Gilles Peterson mixes international sounds at this venue, which also programmes many other events (both daytime and night-time) around jazz, hip-hop, world music and house.

19-21, rue Boyer - Paris 20th
www.labellevilloise.com

Bizzart

A bar/restaurant/club with soaring ceilings, as in a New York loft. Bizz'Art is a magnet for fans of soul, hosting concerts and club nights by collectives like In Funk We Trust.

167, quai de Valmy - Paris 10th
www.bizzartclub.com
<https://www.facebook.com/InFunkWeTrust>

La Colonie

Kader Attia, the visual artist who created the Café Chéri, runs this multidisciplinary place, where all the colours of the Parisian African, decolonized, and LGBT communities are mixed in an arty atmosphere with performances, debates and of course parties.

<https://www.facebook.com/lacolonieaparis>

Le Djoon

The programming here is reminiscent of a Bronx or London club. Big names in garage (a more soulful version of house) perform in this basement club not far from the Seine. It is the Paris temple of black music genres like house, funk and R&B.

22, boulevard Vincent-Auriol - Paris 13th
<http://www.djoon.com>

Imperio Club

The Imperio is split into two rooms with two ambiances, Latin and mainstream. Dress smart.

10, rue Fernand-Léger - 95480 Pierrelaye
<http://www.imperio-club.fr>

La Java

This iconic Belleville nightclub was a hangout of hep cats and hustlers back in the day. It is still a popular establishment, with idiosyncratic programming: DJ sets (rock, techno, house ...) mixed in with the occasional live music band or stand-up comedy.

105, rue du Faubourg-du-Temple - Paris 10th
<http://www.la-java.fr>

One More

A new bar with DJs playing soul and African music.

44, rue de la Folie-Méricourt - Paris 11th
<https://www.facebook.com/One-More-663436103745012>

Le Palacio & Le Pharaon

The programming at these two clubs in the Paris region is mainly mainstream, but also makes plenty of room for urban music. It is a launchpad for new talent.

42, rue Maurice Gunsbourg - 94200 Ivry-Sur-Seine
<http://www.palacio.fr>
1, route de Meulan - 78250 Tessancourt-sur-Aubette
<http://www.pharaonvillage.com>

Le Sanz

A restaurant, bar and club, the Sanz hosts regular live music nights: Brazilian, jazz and soul.
49, rue du Faubourg-Saint-Antoine - Paris 12th
<http://www.lesanz.com>

Plus:

La Place

The City of Paris has created a dedicated venue for hip-hop. This cultural centre - the only one of its kind in France - is a genuine laboratory where hip-hop artistes can collaborate, create and experiment with new sounds. It is also a one-stop shop for fans of hip-hop music and culture, with a media library, an exhibition, a café and co-working space, and an events programme comprising educational activities and concerts.

Forum des Halles, 10 Passage de la Canopée - Paris 1st
<http://laplace.paris>

➤ **Mainstream clubs**

Paris also has a range of mainstream clubs where you can party to pop hits and the latest chart-toppers in a comfortable and pleasant setting. Partying is a social activity, but some tribes like to make entry a complicated business in order to carry out a selection process. These clubs, on the other hand, are for everybody.

Le Bus Palladium

Serge Gainsbourg mentioned it in one of his songs. This rock-focused club drawing an affluent young crowd hosts concerts by British and American bands, with club nights after. Don't miss the Club Ullmann parties.

6, rue Pierre-Fontaine - Paris 9th
<http://www.lebuspalladium.com>

Le Globo

The historic cradle of French hip-hop dating back to the 'Roger Boîte Funk' party in 1987 is now a mainstream spot. It has become a regular weekend rendezvous for unpretentious dancing to upbeat Latin rhythms.

8, boulevard de Strasbourg - Paris 10th
www.leglobo.fr

Le Loft Metropolis

This super-sized club straddling the southbound motorway can pack in thousands of revellers. Known for launching the electro dance craze known as Tecktonic in the 2000s, the Loft Metropolis is the southern Paris club par excellence.

Rue du Pont-des-Halles, 94150 Rungis
<http://www.loftmetropolis.com>

Le Memphis - new

This friendly club that opened in 1946, managed by the son of the founder, has very plush decoration, and is visible from the Grands Boulevards. General interest entertainment.

3 Impasse Bonne Nouvelle - Paris 10th

Le Pena Festayre

The ambiance of a fiesta in Bayonne, the bullfighting town. No actual bulls are released into this venue, but it has the good-humoured vibe of south-western France.

Parvis de la Cité des Sciences, 32, avenue Corentin-Cariou - Paris 19th

<http://www.pena-festayre.com>

➤ Summer in Paris: Parks and gardens

Opening of nine parks at night from May to September.

Now you can cool off at night after some hectic clubbing in nine public parks and gardens:

Square Louis-XIII (4th)

Jardins des Grands-Explorateurs Marco-Polo and Cavelier-de-la-Salle (6th)

Parc Kellermann (13th)

Parc Montsouris (14th)

Parc André-Citroën (15th)

Pelouses d'Auteuil (16th): night opening only when races are suspended in summer (July-August)

Parc Martin-Luther-King (17th)

Parc des Buttes-Chaumont (19th)

Square Séverine (20th)

Practical info:

<http://www.paris.fr/jardinsnocturnes>

Casinos

Big news: the casinos are coming back in 2018 and will be an additional attraction to the City of Light. They will be called 'Clubs de Jeux' (Gaming clubs) and will have the singularity of not having slot machines. Three have been announced and will open at night: Partouche, Tranchant and Raineau.

Cercle Clichy Montmartre

A fine establishment that opened in 1946 in a former restaurant, with games tables where you can play poker, Texas Hold'Em and blackjack, the Cercle is still in its original condition.

84 Rue de Clichy - Paris 9th

<http://pokerccm.com/>

MORNING

Good news for partygoers who want to keep going after the sun comes up, and people who wake up in the mood to party: Paris hosts plenty of after parties, so you can wind up the night or start off the day in style!

From 7am to noon

➤ After parties

Chez Carmen

The owner of this place turns 68 this year. Her bar, a stalwart of the Paris nightlife scene, is still going strong.

53, rue Vivienne - Paris 2nd

<http://bit.ly/2jx4Nda>

Concrete

Parisian promoter Surpize has irrevocably put its name out there by transposing nightlife into the daytime along the lines of Berlin club Berghain. Lasting from daybreak to the end of the following night, Surpize puts on all-day parties soundtracked by inspired electronic music artistes and resident DJs.

Port de la Rapée - Paris 12th

<http://www.concreteparis.fr>

Jazz y Jazz - new

A meeting place of Saint Ouen market vendors, this Kabyle bar has the advantage of opening continuously on weekends and hosting colourful and electronic nights.

<https://www.facebook.com/JAZZ-Y-JAZZ-142398845952436/>

Le Moka Goncourt

This newcomer to the Belleville district, located not far from Zorba, is fast becoming a favourite stop-off for clubbers heading back from a party in a warehouse or another bar.

75, rue du Faubourg-du-Temple - Paris 10th

<https://www.facebook.com/mokagoncourt>

Les Petits Tonneaux

A convivial and affordable place easily reached by public transport near Place de la République.

17, rue du Faubourg-du-Temple - Paris 11th

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Aux-Petits-Tonneaux/340839235992129>

Rexy

After parties on Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the Les Halles district.

9, rue de la Grande-Truanderie - Paris 1st

AFTERNOON

From midday to sundown, Paris offers a variety of partying options to suit different tastes. In summertime, people head to the riverside stretch known as Berges de Seine, or to industrial wastelands and green spaces in Greater Paris. And of course Paris has great café terraces, including some prestigious venues.

- **For an aperitif - and more, if you're in the mood**

Le 6B

The 6B is a former office building on the banks of a canal, with spaces for work, artistic experimentation and creation. It hosts open-air parties.

6-10, quai de Seine - Saint-Denis 93200

<http://www.le6b.fr>

EP7 - new

In the heart of Paris's left bank, EP7 is a cultural café as well as a multimedia space for the district and is especially available for artists demonstrating the quality and vitality of digital creation.

133 Avenue de France - Paris

<http://ep7.paris/>

Les Grands Voisins

Once a hospital, this venue is now a gathering place for aperitif and yoga lovers, and for visitors staying at Paris's only urban campsite. It hosts a few parties in summertime.

82, boulevard Denfert-Rochereau - Paris 14th

<https://lesgrandsvoisins.org>

Le Hasard Ludique - new

This hybrid cultural space opened in 2017, with a 300-seat theatre, a practical artistic workshop, and a bistro restaurant. The former 'petite ceinture' railway will, from summer 2018, become an unusual open-air terrace, playground, and place for artistic activities.

128 Avenue de Saint-Ouen - Paris 18th

<https://www.lehasardludique.paris/>

Ground Control

This brand, developed by the agency La Lune Rousse, has brought together several restaurants, bars, flea markets and diverse workshops since 2014. Ground Control is part of the Temporary Artistic Sites of SNCF Immobilier.

81-87 Rue du Charolais - Paris 12th

<http://www.groundcontrolparis.com/>

La Javelle

This guinguette-style open-air terrace is a hotspot for cultural exchange. It is a place for people of all ages and from all walks of life to meet and interact.

Port de Javel-Bas - Paris 15th

<http://lajavelle.com>

La Halle Papin

A pop-up for artistic creation and performance on a disused industrial site, run by the Soukmachines collective.

62, rue Denis-Papin - Pantin 93500

<http://www.soukmachines.com/evenements-1-1-1-1>

Mains d'Œuvres

This centre where artists and ordinary people are encouraged to give free rein to their imagination also hosts lively daytime parties with edgy music in all seasons.

1, rue Charles-Garnier - Saint-Ouen

<http://www.mainsdoeuvres.org>

La Recyclerie

This urban farm open all year round is best appreciated in summertime. Get together with friends and have a drink by the chicken run or the vegetable garden at this sustainable canteen.

83, boulevard Ornano - Paris 18th

<http://www.larecyclerie.com>

Solar Sound System - new

This collective focusing on the reduction of environmental impact is using parties as a way of spreading their message. Having worked at Grands Voisins, the collective, also based in Berlin and Tel Aviv, is moving to Montreuil.

<https://solarsoundsystem.org/>

Plus:

Music in kiosks

The city's 34 music kiosks hosted 800-odd performances in 2016. A call for projects will further revitalize these micro showcases, where people enjoy listening to free concerts.

www.paris.fr/kiosques

BC Club Paris

Tania and Thomas get in a selection of chefs to cook up palate-pleasing dishes at their street food extravaganza (with music). Popular with kids and adults alike.

<https://www.facebook.com/BistronomieClub>

Kiosquorama - September

A series of concerts and DJ sets in iconic bandstands across the district, this festival is also offering visits to the neighbourhood with the app 'Diversities'.

<http://kiosquorama.org/>

➤ **Parties for kids**

Children like to party too. Many of the music festivals in Paris make it easy for parents to take the kids along - no need to find babysitters! The 'mini' versions of the festivals are genuinely family-friendly events, with organized games and workshops for kids (learning to play an instrument; recycling toys into something new; VJing, making prototypes in a fab lab, etc.).

Little Sonique - May

Held alongside the Villettesonique underground music festival, Little Sonique has interesting children's activities, like music-making workshops and lessons on how to make your own synthesizer from a DIY kit.

Parc de la Villette, 21, avenue Jean-Jaurès - Paris 19th

<http://www.villetesonique.com/little-villette>

Mini We Love Green - June

This 'mini' event is perfect for people who want to teach their kids things they can do to live sustainably. Several activities are organized: a bazaar, storytelling sessions, a collective fresco, outdoor games and workshops like 'Create your plant', 'Make your own gardener's hat' and 'Build a Native American tepee'.

Bois de Vincennes - Paris 12th

<http://www.welovegreen.fr/espace-kids>

Mini Rock en Seine - August

This mini event is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2017. The programme is tailored to children aged 6 to 10. It features workshops (DJing; computer-aided composition; acoustics), concerts and DJ sets just for kids: no parents allowed!

From 4pm to 10.30pm. Booking is mandatory (via the website).

<http://www.rockenseine.com/inscriptions-mini-rock-en-seine>

All year round:

Association Débrouille

This association organizes workshops on sustainable development and on different art forms.
<http://www.debrouille.com>

Cafézoïde

This 'kids' cultural café' is a creative space for children in the Bassin de la Villette.
92 bis, quai de la Loire - Paris 19th
<http://www.cafezoide.asso.fr>

Little Villette

Recently set up inside the Parc de la Villette, Little Villette is a 1,000 m2 space specially designed for families, hosting workshops, circus acts, film screenings and shows. There are also several outdoor spaces where children can play inside Paris's biggest urban park.
Parc de la Villette, 211, avenue Jean-Jaurès - Paris 19th
<https://lavillette.com/little-villette>

La Place

The Hip Hop Kidz programme includes Kids'n Play & Brunch'n Kids introductory workshops for children. Free admission (prior booking required); there is a charge for brunch.
10 passage de la Canopée - Paris 1st
<http://laplace.paris/programmation/jeune-public>

➤ **Gaming**

Le Nid

A board game bar where you can play more than 800 board games, buy the latest releases, and meet up with friends and colleagues.
227 Rue Saint-Martin - Paris 3rd
<http://lenid-coconludique.com>

Otaku Social Club

This is a bar where fans and developers of video games can be found. It's the ideal place to play, drink, and snack in a community that is passionate about video games.
160 Rue Sant-Denis - Paris 2nd
<http://www.otakusocialclub.com/>

ESCAPE GAMES / PAPER CHASES

Hint Hunt

The first live escape game in Paris.
62, rue Beaubourg - Paris 3rd
<http://hinhunt.fr>

Team Break

Escape games every day, from 10 am to 10pm.
17, rue des Martyrs - Paris 9th
<http://www.team-break.fr>

Victory Escape Game

21 Rue de la Victoire - Paris 9th
www.victoryescapegame.fr

Villette Makerz

Parc de la Villette is diversifying even more with two spaces dedicated to the digital arts and ‘fab lab’.

La Villette - Paris 19th
<http://villemakerz.com/>

➤ **Ballroom dancing**

Ballroom dancing can be enjoyed by people of any age. In Paris, many older people have their favourite places to go dancing, from the traditional bal musette on Place Mouffetard, complete with accordion music, to clubs where dances are organized.

Le Balajo

The Balajo at number 9, Rue de Lappe, has been around since 1935. Even today, it is a popular gathering place for people who enjoy tea dances.

9, rue de Lappe - Paris 11th
www.balajo.fr

Dancing du Memphis

This club with leopard print sofas - one of the oldest venues in Paris - hosts tea dances from 2.30pm to 7pm seven days a week.

3, impasse Bonne-Nouvelle - Paris 10th
<http://www.le-memphis.fr>

Petit Bal Musette

The accordionist Christian Bassoul plays traditional bal musette tunes every Sunday from 11am to 4pm. Free.

Opposite Saint-Médard Church, rue Mouffetard - Paris 5th
<http://www.petitbal.com>

Rainbow Evidanse

This LGBT association organizes ballroom dance classes. Students can then show off their skills at balls held in different locations. The DJs expertly mix different musical genres (salsa, Argentine tango, world music, etc.). The association also produces the historic ‘Carnaval Interlope’ event, dating back to 1922, which is now held on the Rosa Bonheur sur Seine barge.

<http://rainbowevidanse.fr>

Tango - La Boîte à Frissons

This welcoming club with the look of a vintage dance hall hosts a gay and lesbian ball on Friday and Saturday evenings.

13, rue au Maire - Paris 3rd
<http://www.boite-a-frissons.fr>

FESTIVALS

Villette Sonique 23-27 May

This indie rock and electro festival at the Grande Halle de la Villette always has a pristine line-up, including plenty of up-and-coming and underground talent. Concerts in the Grande Halle, free afternoon gigs in the park, a 'Label Village' where indie record labels and stores set up stalls, and club nights are all part of the programme.

Parc et Grande Halle de la Villette - Paris 19th

<http://www.villetesonique.com>

Marvellous Islands 19-20 May

Drawing inspiration from Ibiza, this Paris electro festival offers two days of lakeside partying under a starry sky. The organizers also put on a winter version of the festival, called Big Bang, and a summer brunch.

Plage de Torcy (base de loisirs UCPA), Torcy

www.marvellous-island.fr

Brunch Electronik Paris - May - June - July

It's the European festival for young families who like to dance with their kids on Sunday afternoons to the sound of DJs playing the top club hits. When you are over thirty, with a family and obligations, Brunch is the perfect chance to let your hair down.

Location TBD

<http://paris.brunchelectronik.com/>

We Love Green 2-3 June

This festival combines an eco-friendly ethos with an eclectic mix of rock, pop, hip-hop and electro in the verdant setting of the Bois de Vincennes. There is also a children's play area.

Bois de Vincennes - Paris 12

<http://welovegreen.fr>

Paris Hip-Hop 2-10 June

As usual, Paris's hip-hop fortnight will have a lively programme of concerts, club nights, graffiti art, dance, movies and talks to represent and celebrate the diversity and vitality of the French and international hip-hop scene.

Several venues

<http://paris-hiphop.com>

Download Festival 15-18 June

System of a Down, Linkin Park, Blink 182, Prophets of Rage (a new band that brings together former members of Public Enemy, Cypress Hill and Rage Against the Machine) are some of the headliners at Download, the new festival for rock fans.

B.A 217 - Le Plessis-Pâté/Brétigny-sur-Orge

www.downloadfestival.fr

Paris Jazz Festival June and July

A landmark event for jazz fans in Paris and Île-de-France, the Paris Jazz Festival has a packed and varied programme of concerts and events over eight weekends to suit people of all ages, whatever their jazz predilections.

Parc Floral de Paris - Paris 12

<http://www.parisjazzfestival.fr>

Solidays 22-24 June

This mega festival involves 200 artistes and 100 associations, with 80 concerts performed on 5 different stages over 2 days and 3 nights. The proceeds are used to finance programmes fighting AIDS in various parts of the world. Solidays is the perfect way for music fans to combine solidarity and fun.

Hippodrome de Longchamps - Paris 16
<http://www.solidays.com>

Macki Music Festival 29 June - 1 July

Two collectives, La Mamie's and Cracki Records, have teamed up to produce this soul fest, one of the new crop of Paris festivals.

Paris and Carrières-sur-Seine
<https://www.facebook.com/mackimusicfestival>

The Peacock Society

This festival is resolutely oriented towards clubbing, with sets from international artists.

Parc Floral de Vincennes - Paris 12th
<http://thepeacocksociety.fr/>

Festival Fnac Live July

This festival is a chance to enjoy 30-odd concerts on the square in front of Hôtel de Ville during the summertime Paris Plage event.

Parvis de l'Hôtel de Ville - Paris 4th
<http://www.fnac.com/fnaclive>

Lollapalooza Paris 21-22 July

A host of big-name musicians are scheduled to perform on 4 stages at the inaugural Paris event of this legendary Chicago-born festival. The family-friendly programme includes Lollakids for children, Lollachef for foodies, and Lollagreen, a tie-up with Greenpeace and Sea Shepherd.

Hippodrome de Longchamp - Paris 16th
<https://www.lollaparis.com>

Paris Summer Jam 24 August

New to the Parisian festival landscape, this festival, run by Livenation, is organized to compete with Rock en Seine and has announced performances by Kendrick Lamar, NERD, and IAM!

U Arena - Nanterre
<https://www.livenation.fr>

Festival Rock en Seine 24-26 August

The 15th edition of this Île-de-France festival with a very British slant. A heavyweight line-up is expected on the 4 stages, and there's fun for children too at Mini Rock en Seine.

Domaine de Saint-Cloud (92)
<http://www.rockenseine.com>

Smmmile - Vegan Pop Festival September

Smmmile draws in pop, rock and electro fans with a line-up of quality concerts and DJ sets, the aim being to spark their interest in all things vegan and vegetarian.

Parc de la Villette, Trabendo - Paris 19th
<http://www.smmmilefestival.com>

La Fête de l'Humanité 14-16 September

La Fête de l'Humanité is a hugely popular festival organized every year by the French Communist newspaper *L'Humanité*. It comprises hundreds of stalls set up by associations and trade unions, political debates, and a variety of concerts - rock, pop, hip-hop, reggae and French chanson - attended by more than 600,000 people.

Parc de la Courneuve (93)

<http://fete.humanite.fr>

Pitchfork Music Festival 27-29 October

Since 2011, the French edition of Pitchfork, the alternative US music festival, has taken place every year at the Grande Halle de la Villette. The audience tends to be more international than at many other Paris festivals.

Grande Halle de la Villette - Paris 19th

<http://pitchforkmusicfestival.fr>

Note that some festivals regularly switch dates for a number of reasons: venue-related problems, noise nuisance issues and their ability to attract one or several big-name performers.

MAJOR EVENTS

From urban trails to pop-up shows, Paris has a whole range of super-size festive events.

End of March to end of May - Foire du Trône

A huge fairground festival in eastern Paris.

Pelouse de Reuilly - Paris 12th

<http://www.foiredutrone.com>

19 May - The European Night of Museums

Europe is in the spotlight for this 14th European Night of Museums.

In several museums.

<http://nuitdesmusees.culturecommunication.gouv.fr>

June to August - Fête des Tuileries

Young and old, tourists and locals, can enjoy over 60 attractions over these two months: bumper cars, ghost trains, a shooting gallery, hall of mirrors, merry-go-round, etc.

21 June - La Fête de la Musique

The biggest musical event in France.

<http://fetedelamusique.culturecommunication.gouv.fr>

30 June - Marche des Fiertés LGBT

The Gay Pride parade makes its way across Paris and winds up in style with speeches by celebrities and free concerts by guest artists and DJs.

From noon to 7pm.

<http://www.inter-lgbt.org/marche-des-fiertés>

30 June - 20 August - La Fête des Loges

The Fête des Loges is one of the oldest fairs in France and has taken place each summer since 1652, from the end of June to mid-August, on Esplanade des Loges, an 8-hectare area in the forest of Saint-Germain-en-Laye.

<https://www.fetedesloges.org/>

July - Les Heures Heureuses

Aperitif trail through 250 partner venues. Happy hour is the best time of day!
Several venues in Paris.
<http://lesheuresheureuses.paris.fr>

14 July - Bastille Day

- The firefighters' ball
Several fire stations in Paris.

- City of Paris fireworks display
Champ de Mars / Trocadéro

- FG Garden Party, Juddmonte Grand Prix de Paris
Saint-Cloud racecourse - Paris 16th
<https://billetterie.france-galop.com/fr/fgardenparty>

29 September - Techno Parade

The Techno Parade, the second-biggest musical event in France after the Fête de la Musique, is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2018.
<http://www.technoparade.fr>

October - La Nuit Blanche

This huge event, held on the first Saturday in October, invites Parisians to stroll through the streets of the city to discover art installations in public spaces or in major buildings.
<https://www.paris.fr/nuitblanche>

31 December - New Year's Eve fireworks display on the Champs-Élysées.

NAUGHTY PARIS

The 'gay Paree' depicted in Edouard Manet's painting 'Un bar aux Folies Bergère' reflects the saucy spirit of 19th-century Pigalle and the pretty Parisian women with whom visitors came here to dally. The district's reputation as a place for sexual thrills, fetishism, and libidinous carryings-on has contributed to the image of Paris as a city of sin, with a history marked by characters ranging from the infamous Marquis of Sade to the charming cabaret dancers who fuelled the fantasies of Toulouse-Lautrec and continue to beguile modern-day visitors.

Demonia

This is the best-known club night on the Paris fetish scene. Held once a year, it draws fetish fans from all over Europe.
<http://www.nuitdemonia.com>

Moon City

Paris's best-known swingers' sauna.
34, boulevard de Clichy - Paris 18th
<https://www.mooncity.fr>

The Penthouse Club

A striptease club.
13-15, rue de Berri - Paris 8th

<http://thepenthouseclubparis.com>

Quai 17 - new

With a retro disco appeal, this place in Bassin de la Villette is a must-visit for libertines on a spree. It also hosts musical events.

17 Quai de l'Oise - Paris 19th

<http://www.quai17.net/>

Le Taken

Highly selective swingers' club.

8, rue Regrattier - Paris 4th

<http://www.taken-club.fr>

Le Sexodrome

The largest of the Pigalle sex shops.

23, boulevard de Clichy - Paris 9th

<http://sexodrome.fr>

Le Star City

Sauna devoted to the pursuit of desire.

27, boulevard de Clichy - Paris 9th

<https://www.starcity.fr>

LGBT sex and fetish clubs

IDM Sauna - new

A sauna entirely dedicated to conviviality and themed nights.

4 Rue de Faubourg Montmartre - Paris 9th

<https://www.idm-sauna.com/>

Le Dépôt

This shrine to sex and kinky cruising is open seven days a week, from 2pm to 8am.

10, rue aux Ours - Paris 3rd

www.ledepot-paris.com

Sun City

Europe's biggest gay sauna and fitness club, open every day from midday to 6am.

62, boulevard de Sébastopol - Paris 3rd

www.suncity-paris.fr

Gym Louvre

This is mainly a fitness centre, with a sauna for relaxation.

7, rue du Louvre - Paris 1st

<http://www.gymlouvre.com>

King Sauna

The most convivial and cosy sauna in western Paris.

21, rue Bridaine - Paris 17th

<http://www.kingsauna.fr>

Plus:

Paris Fetish Week

Annual gay fetish event.

<http://www.paris-fetish.com>

CULTURE WITH A FESTIVE TOUCH

Paris is a capital with 130 museums of every description, but it is far from being a fossilized 'museum city'. On the contrary: some of the city's best-known museums have launched festive events and parties to liven things up and attract new visitor categories.

Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte

Don't miss the candlelight tour: it lets you explore the chateau the way you would have back in the days of Louis XIV, when it was built by the king's finance minister Nicolas Fouquet.

Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte - 77950 Maincy

<http://www.vaux-le-vicomte.com/decouvrir/visitez-aux-chandelles>

Palace of Versailles: Masked Balls

The atmosphere is reminiscent of Louis XVI's reign at these two masked balls: on 30 May in the Galerie des glaces, and on 25 June at the Château de Versailles orangery. And then of course there's the spectacular Grandes Eaux Nocturnes fountains show, and shows reliving the history of the chateau.

Place d'Armes - 78000 Versailles

<http://www.aubalmasque.fr/les-soirees-costumees-du-chateau-de-versailles.html>

Cité de l'Immigration: 'Ciao Italia'

Over the summer, the magnificent art deco palace of Porte Durée, a remnant of colonial rule, organizes a 'guinguette' on the parvis, with music in collaboration with Petites Gouttes.

293, avenue Daumesnil - Paris 12th

<http://www.histoire-immigration.fr>

Gaîté Lyrique

This centre for digital art also has a live music venue, featuring concerts by bands on the current music scene. It holds exhibitions and conferences all year round on topics in the news, such as whistleblowers and minorities.

3 bis, rue Papin - Paris 3rd

<https://gaite-lyrique.net>

Magasins Généraux / BETC

A former industrial site alongside the Canal de l'Ourcq at Pantain, the Magasins Généraux is a creative centre that has contributed to the dynamism and emergence of Greater Paris, created on the ground floor of the BETC agency. In the same building the Bellevilloise and Allo Floride will open Dock B, beautiful bar for dancing with a concert space.

1 Rue de l'Ancien Canal - 93500 Pantin

<https://magasinsgeneraux.com/fr/>

Palais de Tokyo

This contemporary art centre is open until midnight every day except Tuesday. Its basement club, Yoyo, has become a hotspot on the Paris nightlife scene.

13, avenue du Président-Wilson - Paris 16th
www.palaisdetokyo.com

Les Siestes Électroniques: 7-28 July

The most curious and academic festival of the French electronic scene, Les Siestes Electroniques de Toulouse schedule performances based around the audio collection of the museum in the garden of the Quai Branly museum, in the summer.

Musée Quai Branly - 37 Quai Branly - Paris 7th
www.quaibrantly.fr/

Les before de Quai Branly

Several evenings a year, les Beforees will show you the cultural vitality of the world's cultures. A unique atmosphere!

Musée Quai Branly - 37 Quai Branly - Paris 7th

<http://www.quaibrantly.fr/fr/expositions-evenements/au-musee/spectacles-fetes-et-evenements/before>

MORE INFORMATION

Where to find out what's on.

In French:

Agenda de la Ville de Paris
<https://quefaire.paris.fr/>

Enlarge Your Paris: le guide indispensable de la Métropole et de la Région
<https://www.enlargeyourparis.fr/>

Guide des Grands Parisiens: guide papier des adresses culturelles du "Grand Paris" réalisé par BETC et Enlarge Your Paris
<https://grandsparisiens.com/>

Heeboo: le magazine déviant de la nuit parisienne
<http://heeboo.fr/>

Paris La Nuit guide qui fait la carte sur Maps des fêtes du week end
<http://parislanuit.fr/>

Starwax Magazine: le guide du funk et hip hop parigot
<http://starwaxmag.com/>

Télérama Sortir
<http://sortir.telerama.fr/#>

Toot Sweet: service de billetterie à tarif réduit et géolocalisé.
<https://tootsweet-app.com/#/homepage>

In English:

Gogo Paris (app): <http://www.gogocityguides.com/paris>

Ten Days in Paris: <http://www.tendaysinparis.com/>

Time Out: <https://www.timeout.com/paris/en>

FESTIVE PARIS NIGHT & DAY