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PARIS WITH A DIFFERENCE

Quirky and full of secrets, historic and artistic, a city of food and fun, Paris is a thousand things all at once, with an endless wealth of unexpected wonders. Whether you want to party or learn to cook, travel by limousine or by hot-air balloon, play at being an urban explorer or relax in the home of a Parisian, you'll find that Paris is a never-ending adventure off the beaten track.

Paris is a continual journey of discovery. However often you visit, there is always some new facet of the French capital to uncover. Entertaining, interactive guided tours explore a wide range of themes, from games and shows to music, with apps and websites devoted to the city's eclectic charms. Unusual and little-known aspects of Paris are even more fascinating when recounted by knowledgeable guides with colourful anecdotes to tell and a list of great places to see. Paris, a multifaceted city, is revealed through design, art, ecology, photo workshops, wine tasting and cinema trails. Explore every little corner of Paris at your leisure: on the water, in the air, underground, on foot or on two or four wheels, and marvel at the myriad facets of this wonderful city.

AMAZING TOURS

Whether you're exploring on your own or in a group, armed with only your smartphone or in the company of a guide familiar with the secret side of the city, you'll find there are always new things to see in Paris.

> Paris unveiled

It is such a pleasure to learn about Paris's rich heritage in the company of a knowledgeable tour guide! The good news is that Paris has numerous expert guides passionate about their subject, who can relate fascinating anecdotes and interesting facts that reveal the hidden side of monuments and give visitors new insights into the capital's buildings and districts.

Guided walks by Robert Pink are moments of complicity, revealing insider information about popular tourist districts. Each of these walks has an interesting theme (contemporary art, chocolate, etc.). Paris Uppertime, with its enthusiasm for French culture and Parisian life, shares its own 'PARIS': 'Patrimoine, Art de vivre, Raffinement, Innovation et Stylisme' (heritage, the French lifestyle, refinement, innovation and style). Les Balades du Renard reveals the secrets of the city's thousand-year walls, the stone buildings perched on its hills, and the towers hidden away in its cul-de-sacs.

Crime and law courts in Paris; wartime Paris: Paris Dédale casts light on these absorbing aspects of the city's history. And food and music fan Guillaume Le Roux of Le Vrai Paris gives you a sampling of a truly authentic Paris you never knew existed.

Turn a corner and you may well stumble upon people in period costumes, gesticulating and swirling, launching into a tirade or a poem. At these performances, actors, magicians, acrobats, street artists and even the opera singer Veronica Antonelli transform Paris into a stage for open-air theatre.

- Did you know? If you take a stroll through Les Halles, you'll come across the real house where Molière was born. The great French playwright was indeed born in the 1st arrondissement - but the house was located at the corner of Rue Saval and Rue Saint-Honoré, not 31 Rue du Pont Neuf. A tripe butcher used to live there. He seized on the growing fame of Jean-Baptiste Poquelin (Molière's real name) to install a bas-relief and bust of the playwright and thereby give his house and shop some cachet.

1 visit 4 you - www.1visit4you.com

A journey in Paris - www.ajourneyinparis.com

Aimer Paris Tours - www.aimerparistours.com

Ahlene Paris - www.ahlene-paris.com

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APGILS - Association de Guides-Interprètes et Conférenciers Professionnels en langues scandinaves (Scandinavian-language tour guides) - www.apgils.com
Art Town - www.artandtown.fr
Association des guides interprètes de langue russe (Russian-speaking tour guides) -
AGILR - www.agilr.org
Americans In Paris - www.theamericansinparis.com
Balwinder Prabhakar - www.guideinparis.me
Les balades du Renard - www.les-balades-du-renard.com
Brüning Ursula - www.fngic.fr/en/adherents/ursula-bruning
Le Bucentaure - www.lebucentaure.com
Calliopée, l'échappée culturelle - <https://www.calliopeevooyages.com/>
Claudia's Secret Paris - claudiassecretparis.fr/
Culture Emoi - culturemoi.jimdo.com
Discover Paris - www.discoverparis.net
Dom in Paris - www.dominparis.com
Echappée belle - www.echappee-belle.com
Fédération nationale des guides interprètes (foreign language-speaking guides) -
www.fngic.fr
Florence Porteseil - www.welcome2paris-guide.fr
French à la carte - www.private-frenchlessons-paris.com
France Tourisme - www.francetourisme.fr
Guidetours - www.ultimateparisguide.com
Un guide à Paris - unguideaparis.com/
Helptourists - help-tourists-in-paris.com/
J & L Paris - www.jl-paris.com
Maison France Voyage - www.maisondelachine.fr/maison-france.html
Mon beau Paris - monbeauparis.com/
Meet The Locals - www.meet-thelocals.com
Nekovisit - www.nekovisit.fr
Mes Sorties Culture - www.messortiesculture.com
Paris Infinito - www.paris-infinito.com
Paris par monts et par vaux - www.parisparmontsetparvaux.com
Paris à l'envers - www.parisalenvers.com
Paris Capitale Historique - paris-capitale-historique.fr
Paris tour guide Oxana - private-guide-paris.com/
Pont des Arts - www.pont-des-arts.com
Paris par Rues Méconnues - www.facebook.com/ParisParRuesMeconnues
Paris pour un jour - www.parispourunjour.fr
Paris Upperside - www.parisupperside.com
Visitas Guiadas em Paris - www.visitasguiadasemparis.com
Paris Marais - www.parismarais.com
Paris Gay Village - www.parisgayvillage.com
Paris Visites - paris-visites.wixsite.com/paris-visites
Paris a Dream - www.paris-a-dream.com
Paris-as you like it - www.paris-asyoulikeit.com
Robert pink - www.robertpink.com
Sandy Paris Tours - sandytours.com/
Steverlynck Véronica - veronica.steverlynck@orange.fr
Tour in Paris - www.tourinparis.fr
Veronica Antonelli - Artiste soliste lyrique - www.veronicaantonelli.com

Tours including shows
Compagnie Clarence - www.compagnie-clarence.fr
Visites spectacles - www.visites-spectacles.com
Le Vrai Paris - www.levraiparis.com

> Paris with the kids

Why not take advantage of a family stay in Paris to offer your children a special tour of the city designed just for them? It can be a fun way to discover museums, monuments and different districts. Kids and adults alike will be enchanted by these tours.

With Delphine Lanvin, the story of Paris is told on a tour of little streets in Montmartre or in the Latin Quarter. Parisphile seeks to make heritage appealing to children over 3 years old, as does ThatLou Treasure Hunt, which organizes orienteering at the Louvre Museum, and Aurore Juvenelle/Dédale Visites Guidées, which presents fun facts about the city. With Sylvie de Soye's famous educational games, the whole family can learn about Paris through numerous anecdotes, and the websites Familin'Paris and Paris Mômes list good ideas and good deals for a Paris visit with the family.

If you want to wow the kids (and the grownups too), then don't hesitate to take the family on a day trip to Disneyland Paris; with the Disneyland Paris Express service, you can use one of the direct shuttles from the city centre straight to the park. A must-see for all theme park fans, with magic and wonder guaranteed!

- Did you know? Hidden within the 2nd and 9th arrondissements are some beautiful covered passages, with names like Passage Jouffroy, Passage Verdeau, Passage des Panoramas, Passage Choiseul and Galerie Vivienne. These arcades lined with shops, art galleries and restaurants take you straight back into 19th-century Paris.

Educational tours

Aurore Juvenelle - www.dedale.org

Art Kids Paris - www.artkidsparis.com

Ballon PanoraMagique - www.panoramagique.com

Disneyland Paris Express- Magic Ways - www.disneylandparis-express.com

Delphine Lanvin - www.lanvinvisites.com

Familin'Paris - www.familinparis.fr

Gin Tonique Tours - www.gin-tonique-tours.fr

Jeux Sylvie de Soye - www.jeux-sylviedesoye.com

Marie-Anne Nicolas guide - <https://sites.google.com/site/guideparischateau>

Parisphile - Tel : +33 (0)1 40 34 71 57

Paris est une scène - www.paris-scene.com

Le petit chercheur d'art - www.lepetitchercheurdart.com

Paris With Art - www.withart.eu

Paris Mômes - www.parismomes.fr

Paris Story - www.paris-story.com

Urban orienteering and treasure hunts

Muses et Musées - www.musesetmusees.com

ThatMuse (Treasure Hunt at the Louvre) - www.thatmuse.com/fr

Aurore Juvenelle - www.dedale.org

Multimedia show

Paris Story - www.paris-story.com

> Paris treasure

Held on the first Saturday in July each year, the great Parisian treasure hunt draws ever-larger numbers of participants. It takes place over the city's 14 arrondissements, all the way to the Porte de Saint-Ouen and the Porte de Saint-Denis. The quirky, bilingual itineraries are accessible to one and all, including people with reduced mobility. Each year, more than 300,000 amateur and experienced sleuths set off with their clues.

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Qui veut pister Paris? offers a mystery-solving activity. Participants are split into teams to play detective in different districts of the city. You can even embark on a mission in the style of the video game *Assassin's Creed Unity*, with a 'Murder at Notre Dame' adventure.

Discover a new side of Paris with Marcopolette and their tuk-tuk rallies, where motorized rickshaw drivers work in teams to solve puzzles all over the city, turning it into one giant playground. With topics ranging from culture to art to sport, the challenges will lead you to some of the city's lesser-known neighbourhoods.

Alternatively, you can download Foxie, a smartphone app combining a treasure hunt and a Paris tour with a set time limit, as in an escape game. The app is free, and it'll take you less than a minute to create a profile so you can download a tour itinerary and solve each riddle to progress to the next location.

Did you know? Founded in the 13th century to educate Cistercian monks and compete with the University of Paris, the Collège des Bernardins (5th arrondissement) is one of the oldest medieval buildings in Paris, and a pearl of Gothic architecture. In May 1871, during the 'bloody week' that marked the final days of the Paris Commune, many Parisians took refuge in its refectory.

Anima - www.anima-agentludique.com

L'Antichambre - www.lantichambre.paris

Les Balades du Renard - www.les-balades-du-renard.com

Chasse aux Trésors de Paris - www.tresorsdeparis.fr

Paris ma Belle (treasure hunts) - www.parismabelle.com

Paris Hors Piste - www.paris-horspiste.com

Les Petits détectives à Versailles - www.lechapeauaplume.fr

Pont des Arts - www.pont-des-arts.com

Rallye révolutionnaire parisien - Tel: +33 (0)6 76 72 13 46

Rallyes tuk-tuk (by Marcopolette) - www.marcopolette.fr

Team Break, the Real Escape Game - www.team-break.fr

Victory Escape Game - www.victoryescapegame.fr

Event agencies using games to encourage communication

Agence Ma Langue au Chat - www.malangueachat.com

Agence Paris Hors Piste - www.paris-horspiste.com

Foxie - www.foxie.fr

> Down memory lane

Who hasn't dreamed of being in the shoes of Amélie from Montmartre, or of the French king Henri IV? Paris is full of encounters with great fictional and non-fictional characters. Whether on foot or by bus, you'll find yourself in the settings of famous films with Ciné Balade. With Lire et Partir, set off on the trail of the nocturnal wanderings of Gerard de Nerval in the district of Les Halles, or of Colette with her cats behind the windows of the Palais Royal.

Paris Walks takes you to Hemingway's Paris. And music lovers can hum along as they retrace the steps of Edith Piaf through Belleville in the company of Les Passeurs d'Histoires. Thierry Le Roi and the Nécro Romantiques take visitors into the Père-Lachaise cemetery. Spread over 44 hectares, with 5,300 trees and 70,000 graves, it is the final resting place of such famous names as Jim Morrison, Oscar Wilde, Honoré de Balzac, Alfred de Musset and Molière.

If you've ever wanted to follow in the footsteps of symbologist Robert Langdon and cryptologist Sophie Neveu from Dan Brown's infamous best-seller *The Da Vinci Code*, then visit the Louvre, the largest museum in France. With over eight million visitors each year, the museum has created a unique experience for art and film fans alike, so you can relive the thrilling mystery all while immersing yourself in some of the museum's most beautiful works.

- Did you know? Marcel Aymé (there is a statue of his 'Man Who Walked Through Walls' by Jean Marais in Montmartre), Marcel Carné and Maurice Utrillo are buried in the Saint-Vincent cemetery (18th arrondissement), which has flower-lined paths and 900-odd tombs, and offers an unusual view of the dome of the Sacré-Cœur basilica.

Literary and historical walks

Lire et partir - lireetpartir.wordpress.com

Montmartre Cinéma et Chansons - www.action-in-montmartre.com

Les Nécro-Romantiques - www.necro-romantiques.com

Arts trails

Ciné-Balade - www.cine-balade.com

Paris Celebrity Tours - www.paris-celebrity-tours.fr

Paris Walks - www.paris-walks.com

Sur le pavé la plume... - www.surlepavelaplume.com

Les Passeurs d'Histoires - www.lespasseursdhistoires.com

Paris on the Way - www.parisontheway.fr/

Parisphile - parisphile@club-internet.fr

Set in Paris - www.setinparis.com

Syndicat d'initiative à Montmartre (visits based on the movie 'Amélie') - www.montmartre-guide.com

A GREEN CITY

Paris boasts a dedication to sustainable tourism, with an emphasis on using recycled materials and reducing carbon footprint. Enjoy a unique and memorable visit exploring community gardens and shared spaces, pedestrian streets, hidden neighbourhoods and lively markets.

> Paris on two wheels

With taxi-bikes, tuk-tuks and other rickshaws at your disposal throughout Paris, you can enjoy an eco-friendly journey, be it a short trip from A to B or a full guided tour of the city.

Hop on a motorized tricycle on Rue Royale or at Notre-Dame to take a carefree tour of some of the city's most picturesque streets, like the Pont des Arts, with its railings covered in thousands of 'love locks', and the Pont Neuf, the oldest bridge in Paris. L'Oeil d'une parisienne offers a range of unique electric scooter routes around the city's must-see spots at a breezy 6 km/h, and with Cooltra you can rent one or two scooters and get tips for how to make the most of your trip to the City of Light.

To explore Paris at your own pace, as free as a bird, there's nothing like a bicycle! You can hire a bike from a rental place, or pick one up through the city's self-service bicycle hire scheme.

With the Vélib' system, renting a bicycle has never been easier. Pick up a bicycle at one station and drop it off at another. This self-service system operates 24/7. It is available for kids too, with P'tit Vélib': 4 models of bikes for children aged from 2 to 8. A bike ride can also be a chance to meet Parisians who share your passion for this clean means of transport. Join the cycle outing through the streets of the city which takes place every Friday evening and the third Sunday of the month (at 10.30am), starting from the Hôtel de Ville (Paris City Hall), or take part in the annual Vélibienne, a 15-km group bike ride. Laid-back riders can opt for an electrically-assisted bicycle.

Numerous companies offer guided bicycle tours in several languages, while cyclists wanting to tour on their own can work out their route using the cycle maps produced by the Paris City Council.

Did you know? There is a strange sort of giant sculpture along Allée du Cercle in the heart of Parc de la Villette (19th arrondissement). Sculpted by the artists Claes Oldenburg and Coosje Van Brugen and known as the Bicyclette Ensevelie, it consists of a partially buried wheel, handlebar, pedal and saddle.

Cyclopolitain - www.visite-insolite-cyclopolitain.com
Cooltra - www.cooltra.com
L'œil d'une parisienne - www.loeilduneparisienne.com
Paris by tutuk - www.paris-by-tuktuk.com
Vélib' - www.velib.paris.fr
Paris Rando Vélo - www.parisrandovelo.com
Holland Bikes - www.hollandbikes.com

Guided bicycle tours

Bike About Tours - www.bikeabouttours.com
Paris Fat Tire Bike Tours - www.fattiretours.com/paris
Paris à Vélo c'est Sympa - www.parisvelosympa.com
Blue Fox Travel - www.bluefox.travel/paris
Paris Bike Tour - www.parisbiketour.net

Draw up your own cycling route

Downloadable map of recommended cycling routes - <http://www.paris.fr/velo>

> **City walks**

Whether you're a novice walker or a hiking pro, all you'll need is some suitable footwear and you'll be ready to go! Every month, La Panamée runs 3-hour themed walks, with exciting narration to help you unravel the history and mystery of Paris. Alternatively, download the Balades Paris Durable app create your own eco-friendly walks and explore the city at your own pace, on your own or with friends. And why not head to Eden Bio, Paris' own green village hidden away in the 20th arrondissement? Designed by eco-architect Edouard François, this amazing housing project has used plant-based and other sustainable materials to create a quaint eco-friendly neighbourhood of houses, artists' studios and workshops and two greenhouse vineyards!

Balades Paris Durable - www.baladesparisdurable.fr
Eden Bio - 21, rue des Vignolles et rue de Terre Neuve 75020 Paris - <http://www.paris-promeneurs.com/Architecture-moderne/Ensemble-de-logements-Eden-Bio>
La Panamée - <https://www.rando-paris.org/panam%C3%A9es/>

> **An eco-friendly stroll**

See the green side of Paris with Ecolo Tours Paris, who run guided tours of the city's environmentally-friendly spots. Spend two hours exploring community vegetable gardens, pedestrian streets and hidden parks throughout the city. Don't miss La Recyclerie at Porte de Clignancourt, a public centre dedicated to sustainability. Discover the urban farm covering 1,000 square metres and enjoy fresh, locally-sourced food prepared by chef Gilles Cherrier in the cafe-canteen. Another place worth visiting is the Pavillion des Canaux, located in the heart of the Bassin de la Villette. Decorated like a quaint and cosy home and open until midnight, the Pavillion advertises itself as a 'coffice' - that is, a cross between a café and an office, a mix of friendly social space and focused workplace. It also boasts a cafe-restaurant where you can enjoy simple, local but still gourmet food.

Finally, pay a visit to one of the organic markets on Boulevard Raspail, Boulevard des Batignolles and at Place Constantin-Brancusi, which are worth experiencing for the atmosphere as much as what's on sale.

- Did you know? The roofs of Paris' biggest attractions and monuments - including the Opéra Garnier, the Hôtel National des Invalides, the Musée d'Orsay, the Ministère de l'Intérieur, the Monnaie de Paris and the Académie Française - house a total of 300 beehives, which produce seven metric tonnes of honey each year. The honey taken from these beehives is produced using flowers that are grown without pesticides and that promote biodiversity within the city, and is sold as 'Le Miel de Paris' ('The Honey of Paris'). Nougat and mead complete the range of artisanal products made from this unique honey.

Architrip - discover the eco-neighbourhood of Clichy-Batignolles:

www.exploreparis.com

Ecolo Tour - www.ecolotour.com

Eden Lodge Paris - luxury eco-lodge- <http://www.edenlodgeparis.net/>

Les Canaux - <https://fr-fr.facebook.com/lescanaux/>

Green City Tour - www.greencitytour.fr

La Recyclerie - www.larecyclerie.com/

Solar Hôtel - leading eco-friendly hotel - www.solarhotel.fr/fr/

Wide trip - www.wide-trip.com/

Organic markets

Sunday organic market - boulevard Raspail, 75006 Paris, between Rue de Cherche-Midi and Rue de Rennes - Sundays 9am-3pm.

Batignolles organic market - 34, boulevard des Batignolles, 75017 Paris - Saturdays 9am-3pm.

Brancusi organic market - Place Constantin-Brancusi, 75014 Paris, at the junction of Rue de l'Ouest and Rue Jules-Guesde - Saturdays 9am-3pm.

ENTERTAINING DIGITAL TOURS

Paris is truly a digital city, boasting a huge range of virtual and augmented reality experiences. With apps and websites on your smartphone, you'll have all the details of Paris' masterpieces at your fingertips.

> An app for every museum

Exploring the rich collections in Paris's museums couldn't be simpler. Practically all of them now have multilingual apps describing their major works.

The Fondation Louis Vuitton's FLV app is definitely one to download to enhance your discovery of the interiors, exteriors, terraces and lake at this amazing contemporary art venue, while the 'Archi Moi' app is educational and fun, encouraging kids to explore the magnificent building designed by the architect Frank Gehry.

The Pompidou Centre app, now stocked with new features, reviews 120 years of contemporary and modern art history. It is an excellent way to find your way around the vast and dazzling collections housed in the iconic building designed by Renzo Piano and Richard Rogers.

Louvre: Ma Visite is the must-have app for visitors to the world's biggest art and antiques museum. The app has 60,000 m² of museum space modelled in 3D help you find your way around, with 600 descriptions of the museum's artworks and historic rooms, and 600 audio commentaries.

The Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle's new Paléo Museum app provides comprehensive information on the museum's fascinating animal fossil specimens.

And, for a complete rundown on the Palais de Tokyo's collections, get the official app from the App Store or Google Play to plan your visit, locate the not-to-miss pieces, get more information about them, and share your picks on Facebook or Twitter.

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- Did you know? The intricate wrought-iron details on the side doors of the Notre Dame Cathedral were made by a metalworker named Biscornet in the 13th century. Overwhelmed by the magnitude of the task, he made a pact with the devil so he could finish the work on time. But on the day of their inauguration, the doors stayed firmly shut. A great deal of holy water had to be splashed on the doors to finally get them to open and save the unfortunate craftsman's soul.

Archi moi - <http://archimoi.fondationlouisvuitton.fr/>
Pompidou Centre - www.centrepompidou.fr/cpv/resource/cgX4oEg/r5XzRny
FLV: the Fondation Louis Vuitton app, available on the App Store and Google Play
Louvre: ma visite - available on the App Store and Google Play
Musée d'Orsay - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/developer?id=Mus%C3%A9e+d%27Orsay&hl=fr>
Grand Palais - <http://www.grandpalais.fr/fr/nos-applications-android>
Quai Branly - <http://www.quaibrantly.fr/fr/medias/medias-tab/app/medias-type/App/medias-action/list/>
Paris Comic Street - <https://itunes.apple.com/fr/app/paris-comic-street/id401857810>
Palais de Tokyo - www.palaisdetokyo.com/en/node/376

> Paris in VR

Paris' artistic scene is taking a whole new turn, with new technology offering a range of exciting and immersive visual experiences. At the Atelier des Lumières, the city's first digital centre, as well as the Gaîté Lyrique and even the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, you can rediscover the museums of Paris by immersing yourself in amazing 3D exhibitions.

To dive even deeper into virtual reality, travel back in time at one of the city's Timescope binocular terminals. This is Paris as you've never seen it before - literally; with 360° panoramas and ambient backing tracks, each terminal offers unique sensory experience. The 'Rives de Seine' terminal lets you see first-hand the history of Paris' riverbanks, classed as world heritage sites by Unesco, while at Place de la Bastille you'll first be transported to 1419, and then to 1789 to watch the storming of the Bastille unfold before your eyes. Be sure to check out the terminal in the 'Instant Paris' space at Charles-de-Gaulle airport, where you can virtually visit various famous spots in the city.

For a truly unique VR experience, you have to try Flyview - put on your goggles and soar over Paris in a virtual jetpack, take in an incredible bird's eye view of the city and become a 'flyviewer'!

Fly view - <https://www.flyview360.com>
History Group Store DMC - www.fastpasstours.com
Atelier des Lumières - <https://www.atelier-lumieres.com/>
Gaîté Lyrique - <https://gaite-lyrique.net/>
Géode VR - <https://www.lageode.fr/>
MK2 VR - <https://mk2vr.com/>
VR exhibit at the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle - <https://www.mnhn.fr/fr/visitez/lieux/cabinet-realite-virtuelle>
Timescope - <https://timescope.com/>
Where to find Timescope terminals -
Place de la Bastille, in the 11th arrondissement
Parc Rives de Seine, in the 4th arrondissement
Charles-de-Gaulle Airport
Galeries Lafayette Rooftop, in the 9ème arrondissement (coming soon)
Grand Paris Express stations (coming soon)

> Planning outings with your smartphone

Smartphone apps are constantly being updated, making it easier than ever to find your way around Paris. There's an app for practically anything you need to do in the city, whether it's going out, sightseeing, checking out what's new (Paris Live), ordering a taxi, test-riding an electric scooter (Cityscoot) or finding the nearest public toilet (Street'WC).

The RATP has a handy app (Visiter Paris en metro). Just type in the name of a Paris monument and the app gives you its location, how to get there using public transport, information about the monument, and tips on other nearby places of interest. If you're pressed for time, you can also download Paris ci la sortie du métro: the app tells you which end of the metro to get on, so you can get off at the spot closest to the connection you want to take and save time.

City mapper is a one-stop-shop for the entire transportation network in Paris and the city's suburbs. With this app, you can use your smartphone to plan your bus, metro or RER trip using real-time data, or check there are free spaces at any Velib' docking station in the city.

The Balades Paris Durable app gives information about biodiversity in Paris parks and gardens, and the specific layout of each one. The City Garden app is perfect for those in search of green spaces: it gives you detailed information about all the parks and gardens in Paris.

And if you want to stay up to date with the latest on the entertainment scene (new places for a night out, concerts, exhibitions, shows, etc.), just download Paris Bouge.

- Did you know? The enigmatic Dame à la licorne (Lady and the Unicorn) is back on display after restoration at the Musée national du Moyen-âge (5th arrondissement). The panels of this famous tapestry featured on the fictional walls of the Gryffindor Common Room in the Harry Potter novels.

Selection of Paris smartphone apps

Transport

Citymapper - available on Apple Store and Google Play

Cityscoot - available on Apple Store and Google Play

Airport - (Paris airports app) - www.parisaeroport.fr/passagers/services/my-airport

RATP - <https://www.ratp.fr/visite-paris/francais/next-stop-paris>

Vélib' - <https://www.velib-metropole.fr/>

Taxis G7 - available on Apple Store and Google Play

Runnin'City - <http://runnin.city>

Paris Webservices

Paris Live - <https://itunes.apple.com/fr/app/paris-live-toute-lactualite/id561646107?mt=8>

Path to Park - available parking app - <https://itunes.apple.com/fr/app/path-to-park/id739095664?mt=8>

Street'WC -

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=streetwc.android.alpha&hl=fr>

Going out

Balades Paris Durable - www.baladesparisdurable.fr/

Bars à Paris - <https://www.thebarcorner.com/>

City Garden - nature in the city - available on Apple Store and Google Play

Foursquare - <https://fr.foursquare.com/download>

Paris bouge - www.parisbouge.com

Paris sans attendre - <https://fr.hurikat.com/>

Sunny Chairs, Terrasse au soleil - places to sit outside -

<https://itunes.apple.com/fr/app/sunnychairs-terrasse-au-soleil/id887383974>

Welcome to Paris - <https://appadvice.com/app/welcome-to-paris-city-guide/1128798382>
Ai Shopping Paris - www.aishoppingparis.com

SECRET AND UNUSUAL PARIS

Interested in exploring the dark side of the City of Lights, approaching the echelons of power and getting an insider's view from real Parisians? Follow the guide!

> Strange Paris

The history of Paris is peppered with jealously guarded enigmas and secrets. The Catacombs, the Paris sewer system, and the Père Lachaise and Montmartre cemeteries give rise to all kinds of fantasies. A tour of these places is the best way to unravel many mysteries. Paris's metro system also holds many surprises: ghost stations, disused lines and obsolete signal systems.

Dark Paris takes you to some of the creepiest sections of the City of Lights, on the trail of vampires, ghosts, serial killers and other dastardly individuals. Les Visites de Théo, invoking plenty of bloodthirsty crimes, will also thrill fans of the morbid.

In the 10th arrondissement, Le Manoir de Paris stages 17 Parisian legends filled with blood and gore in a spooky haunted house.

The Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature is not for the faint-hearted. This strange museum is filled with eerily lifelike stuffed animals. Located in a magnificent private mansion in the Marais, it also displays hunting-related weapons, graphic art, photographs and pottery. The sizeable collection of 5,000 items is further enriched during temporary exhibitions, held all year round.

Tales of crime and punishment, and the chance to step into the shoes of a police officer, are among the attractions at the Musée de la Préfecture de police de Paris, a treasure trove for crime fans: fingerprints, an amazing array of guns and an actual guillotine, plus true-life crime anecdotes.

- Did you know? In the 1830s, Boulevard du Temple, which runs through the 3rd and 11th arrondissements, was known for several years as Boulevard du Crime - not because it was crime-ridden, but because thousands of people flocked here to watch the melodramas enacted in its many theatres and street theatre performances. In all, the Almanach de Spectacles listed more than 151,000 such play-acted crimes: poisonings, immolations, drownings and kidnappings.

Ademas / Métro historique - <http://ademas.assoc.free.fr/balades.htm>
Les Catacombes - www.catacombes.paris.fr
Le Manoir de Paris - <http://www.lemanoirdeparis.fr/>
The Skeleton Key - www.skeletonkey.fr
Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature - www.chassenature.org
Musée des Égouts de Paris - <http://www.parisinfo.com/musee-monument-paris/71499/Musee-des-egouts-de-Paris>
Musée de la Préfecture de police de Paris - www.prefecturedepolice.interieur.gouv.fr/musee
Necro-Romantiques - www.necro-romantiques.com

> Heritage open days

Every third weekend in September, the European Heritage Days open up numerous places that are usually closed to the general public. In addition to works of art and Parisian heritage, you can explore sites relating to industrial or political activity, parks and gardens, archaeological sites, furniture, and literary, river or military heritage.

And, throughout the year, several artists' collectives comprising visual artists, painters, sculptors and photographers organize special days to give the public the opportunity to meet artists amid their art works, as at the Cité Montmartre aux artistes, in Rue Ordener. Arts and crafts specialists like Evanela arrange unique encounters with artisans to see how they craft beautiful items. Alternatively, you can watch arts and crafts professionals at work in a single location like the Viaduc des Arts under the arches of the Coulée verte walking trail. It's an offbeat way to explore this district in Paris, the capital of the arts.

- *Did you know? A flower-lined path, a courtyard leading to a beautiful mansion (the Hôtel Scheffer-Renan) and two artists' workshops make up the enchanting setting of the Musée de la vie romantique, tucked away at 16 Rue Chaptal (9th arrondissement).*

Les ateliers d'artistes de Belleville - <http://ateliers-artistes-belleville.fr/>
 Les ateliers associés du Père-Lachaise - www.apla.fr
 Les ateliers d'artistes - Les Frigos - <http://les-frigos.com/>
 Les ateliers de Paris - www.ateliersdeparis.com
 Les ateliers de Ménilmontant www.ateliersdemenilmontant.org
 European Heritage Days - www.journeesdupatrimoine.culture.fr
 Montmartre aux artistes - <http://montmartre-aux-artistes.org/>
 Le Viaduc des Arts - www.leviaducdesarts.com

> Backstage tours

There's nothing like a glimpse behind the scenes to enhance your appreciation of a show, a film or an art masterpiece. You'll enjoy a backstage tour of the famous Grand Rex cinema or the Théâtre du Châtelet, and of famous sporting venues like Roland-Garros, the Stade de France and Parc des Princes. As of March 2018, Parc des Princes will allow visitors into areas usually reserved for the legendary Paris football club's players - a chance to stroll through the dressing rooms, the edges of the pitch and the exclusive hospitality areas just like a PSG star.

Foodies will relish the tours organized by Meeting the French, revealing the secrets of great Parisian brasseries, chocolatiers and bakers/pâtisseries.

Looking to explore a secret, history-filled corner of the city? L/Oblique takes you into the Cité internationale universitaire de Paris: a collection of student residences, each allocated to a different country, set in a sprawling park.

The grand foyer, the cupola, the terrace: learn about the history of the famous department store on Boulevard Haussmann in the course of a guided tour (in French or English) organized by the Galeries Lafayette.

As well as monuments, more and more companies occasionally open to the public. Visits to companies showcasing the expertise of individuals, and to industrial sites have become highly popular. Most of these visits take place on the outskirts of Paris, in Seine-Saint-Denis and Val-de-Marne.

- *Did you know? Next time you visit the Opéra Garnier, keep going until you come to the Société Générale building at 29 boulevard Haussmann (9th arrondissement). The building, purchased by the bank in 1905, is a fine example of art nouveau architecture, with a spectacular glass cupola adorning the ceiling.*

Cultural - www.cultural.fr (behind the scenes at the Eiffel Tower, the Théâtre de l'Athénée, the Théâtre du Châtelet, etc.)

Le Rex Studio - <http://www.legrandrex.com/mobile/rex-studios.php>

Galeries Lafayette - <http://haussmann.galerieslafayette.com>

Cité Internationale - L/OBLIQUE - www.ciup.fr/

Meeting the French - www.meetingthefrench.com

Opéra Bastille or Opéra Garnier - www.operadeparis.fr/visites

Studio Harcourt - www.studio-harcourt.eu

Parc des Princes - <https://www.psg.fr>

Stade de France - <https://www.stadefrance.com/fr>

Company visits - www.tourisme93.com, www.tourisme-valdemarne.com

> Parisians reveal their secret spots

The Paris of Parisians is to be found away from major tourist sites. To find out where the locals go, browse www.parisinfo.com, or be guided by enthusiastic 'Paris Greeters' volunteers. You can also sign up for tours with Bleu comme une orange and Ça se visite to enjoy privileged moments with local performance artists, craftsmen and tradesmen in the course of a guided visit.

INSIDR lets you hire you a smartphone with unlimited connectivity. The phone is pre-loaded with content to help you discover lots of amazing secret spots in Paris in the course of a self-guided walk. It also gives you access to a community of friendly Parisians with whom you can meet up and go out for a meal.

Some publishing houses also publish specialist insider guides to Paris, with a selection of unusual, little-known addresses.

Parisians' secret spots

Bleu comme une orange - www.bleucommeuneorange.com

Le Bonbon - www.lebonbon.fr

Ça se visite - www.ca-se-visite.fr

Editions Parigramme - www.parigramme.com

Localers - www.localers.com

Merci Alfred - www.mercialfred.com (lifestyle tips for men)

My Little Paris - www.mylittleparis.fr

L'Officiel des Spectacles - www.offi.fr

Paris Bons Plans - www.parisbonsplans.fr

Parisians d'un Jour, Paris Greeters - www.greeters.paris

Time Out - www.timeout.fr

Insidr - www.insidr.paris

THEMED ITINERARIES

Discover some great places or take a private guided tour through the world of Parisian gastronomy, design, art, photography and urban planning. Paris offers many ways for visitors to pursue their special interests. With the help of sites like Exploreparis.com, you'll be able to escape the beaten trail of common tourist attractions and find fresh and quirky activities to develop your Parisian *savoir faire*, such as walks showing off Paris' striking street art, visits to lesser-known and hidden neighbourhoods and meet-ups with locals.

> Paris for foodies

Renowned for its gastronomy, Paris may also be explored through the taste buds – an excellent way to experience the delights of French culture.

Several agencies offer gastronomic guided walking tours such as chocolate tours, visits to the market with Parisians or chefs, visits behind the scenes at a local baker's, cooking courses and urban tours or workshops on the subject of wine, in Paris as well as in famous wine regions. Not to be missed: a visit to the Musée du Vin de Paris, accompanied by a sophisticated dinner in Rue des Eaux.

Tasting Passport invites you to discover the best food businesses in Paris. Armed with your 'passport' and map, you'll set off to taste 12 different products by artisans in four different districts of Paris, who will also recount interesting anecdotes and advise you on the best way to sample their product.

One of the finest Paris cellars for champagne lovers is located in the heart of Saint-Germain-des-Près. Dilettantes boasts a selection of more than 150 rare and authentic champagnes. Most of them are selected from grand cru vineyards, and all are artisan, family-produced champagnes.

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On the corner of Rue Kléber, at the foot of the Arc de Triomphe, you'll find Paris' first travelling gourmet restaurant. Climb aboard this double-decker bus-turned-eatery, sit back and enjoy a contemporary seasonal menu as you tour some of the city's most beautiful and impressive historic sites.

If you'd like to cook the Parisian way, download VizEat, the foodie traveller's favourite app. A few clicks will give you information about any culinary activity in Paris you're interested in, from cookery classes to market tours or good places to dine. The app also lets you connect with Parisians who will be happy to invite you over for a meal, so you can really get an insider's taste of Paris.

- *Did you know? Near the Parc des Buttes-Chaumont, the 230 grapevines on the Bergeyre hill bear enough grapes to produce a dozen bottles of wine. This urban vineyard in the heart of the 20th arrondissement was planted in 1995 by a municipal gardener wanting to experiment with growing grapes in an urban setting.*

Wine related

De Vinis Illustribus - www.devinis.fr
Dilettantes - www.dilettantes.fr (champagne)
Musée du Vin de Paris - www.museeduvinparis.com
Ô Château - www.o-chateau.com
Oenodysee - www.oenodysee.fr
Paris wine day tours - www.wine-day-tours.com
Wine tasting in Paris - www.wine-tasting-in-paris.com
Les Caves du Louvre - www.cavesdulouvre.com
Vino Cado - www.vinocado.fr
Le Vin Qui Parle - www.levinquiparle.fr

Gourmet tours and walks

Meeting the French - www.meetingthefrench.com
A journey in Paris - www.ajourneyinparis.com
1day in Paris - www.1dayinparis.com
La Route des Gourmets - www.laroutedesgourmets.fr
Promenade des sens - www.promenadedessens.fr
Robert Pink - www.robertpink.com
Le Food Trip - <https://www.le-food-trip.com/fr/>
Le Connoisseur - www.le-connoisseur.com/fr
Discover Paris - www.discoverparis.net/
Paris a Dream - www.paris-a-dream.com
L'Atelier des Sens - www.atelier-des-sens.com
Original Food Tours - www.originalfoodtours.com
VizEat-EatWith - <https://fr.eatwith.com>
Tasting Passport - <https://www.le-food-trip.com/fr/>
DEGUST'Emoi - Tel: +33 (0) 810 009 847
Vino Itineris - <https://www.vinoitineris.com/>
Bustronome - www.bustronome.com
3DOOZEN - www.3doozen.net
Claudia's Secret Paris - www.claudiassecretparis.fr

> Paris shopping

Shopaholics will love this unique experience. With the services of a personal shopper, you'll have a wonderful time browsing in new boutiques - and finding that outfit, object or perfume epitomizing Parisian elegance. The agencies follow the fashion codes of the true Parisian woman. And you can even have your very own fragrance made up for you at a creative atelier like Studio des Parfums in the heart of the historic Marais district.

- *Did you know? You can feast your eyes on Paris after giving in to the temptation of a shopping spree. Printemps, the department store on Boulevard Haussmann (9th*

arrondissement) boasts a terrace with a panoramic view: one of the top spots in Paris from which to admire the city spread out beneath you.

Aimer Paris - www.aimerparistours.com
Artoo travel - www.artootravel.com
Dom in Paris - www.dominparis.com
Greets Paris - www.greetsparis.com
Sacrebleu Paris - www.sacrebleu-paris.com
Paris pour un jour - www.parispourunjour.fr
Paris Shopping Tour - www.parisshoppingtour.com/fr/
Paris upperside - www.parisupperside.com
Personal Shopper @ Paris - www.personal-shopper-paris.eu
Personal shopper by Ronteix Nadia - www.personalshopperbyronteixnadia.com
Ultimate Paris Guide - www.ultimateparisguide.com
Wonderful Time - <https://wonderfultime.com/fr/paris>
Jules and Julie, your shopping concierge - <https://julesandjulie.com/>
Paris Celebrity Tours - www.paris-celebrity-tours.fr
Le Connoisseur - www.le-connoisseur.com
A journey in Paris - www.ajourneyinparis.com
Ai Shopping Paris - www.aishoppingparis.com www.parisinfo.com

> Paris gardens

Besides its extraordinary heritage of monuments, Paris boasts 500 hectares of parks, gardens and squares - not to mention two forests on the eastern and western edges of the city, the Bois de Vincennes and the Bois de Boulogne. The French capital also has many secret little gardens on street corners - to be explored, for example, with the people behind parcours-botaniques.com, for whom Paris - and plants - hold no secrets.

- Did you know? Tucked away behind the Musée Guimet devoted to Asian art (16th arrondissement) is a very unusual garden. The Japanese garden is one of the most peaceful spots in Paris: a 450 m² expanse dotted with ponds, stone bridges, thickets and huge bamboos.

Le fil des jardins - www.lefildesjardins.com

> Paris art

As the world capital of arts and culture, Paris boasts 206 museums and 1,016 art galleries and has an ever-evolving creative scene, making it any art lover's dream. Numerous expert tour guides can teach you all about Paris' artistic history and lead you on specially-designed tours of the city's finest museums and galleries.

Dive head-first into Paris' dynamic artistic universe with Fresh Street Art Tour Paris, who run exciting tours of the city's most impressive graffiti and urban art. Open your eyes to this new world of art and you'll discover a veritable open-air museum the size of the city itself, from the incredible wall murals of the 13th arrondissement to the vibrant graffiti-lined streets of Belleville.

For a quirky and fun challenge, download the Invader app and head out in search of some of the city's smallest works - tiny wall mosaics based on the pixel aliens from the infamous arcade game 'Space Invaders'. With over 1,000 hidden throughout the city, see if you can hunt them all down!

Le Bucentaure - www.lebucentaure.com
Background Paris - www.background.paris
Aquarelle Paris - www.aquarelleparis.fr
Wecandoo - www.wecandoo.fr

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59 Rivoli - www.59rivoli.org
Street Art Tour Paris - www.streetarttourparis.com
Fresh Street Art Tour Paris - www.freshstreetarttourparis.com
Des Mots et des Arts - www.desmotsetdesarts.com
AL HALABI Taisir - [tahlabi@gmail.com](mailto:tahalabi@gmail.com)
Montmartre un Village - Office de Tourisme - www.montmartre-guide.com
Marie-Andréa Zammit - zmarieandrea@gmail.com
Art Journey Paris - www.artjourneyparis.com
With'art - www.withart.eu
Caroline Dorlet - dorletcaroline@gmail.com
A la découverte de Paris - <http://aladecouvertede.paris.free.fr/>

> **Immortalize Paris!**

Visiting Paris and its most beautiful monuments and squares while learning the art of photography: that's what agencies like Pic My Trip and Focus on Paris offer. Their experts teach you various techniques to take great photographs of Paris and enjoy them for ever.

And if you dream of painting in watercolours or making charcoal drawings outdoors, sign up for a walking and sketching session. Just like art school students, you will stroll around, advised by a qualified teacher, making rapid sketches of local scenes, facades, people ... in short, of life.

And if you'd like to immortalize yourself visiting Paris, entrust yourself to the capable hands of Studio du Louvre. The team will spend hours getting your hairstyle and make-up just right, then take a portrait of you dressed in a costume from a past era, or surrounded by superb work by some of the finest artists in Paris.

Fans of retro photography can explore Paris their own way with Instant Tours. Armed with one of their polaroid cameras, you can explore the city's must-see spots and then take them home with you as souvenirs.

- Did you know? In Passage Dantzig (15th arrondissement), La Ruche is the best-known Paris artists' colony. Past inhabitants of note include Modigliani and Chagall. The building was originally a domed wine pavilion at the Universal Exhibition, designed by none other than Gustave Eiffel.

Ever Photo Shoot - www.everphotoshoot.com
Parisians Clichés - www.parisiancliches.com
Urban Visit Paris - www.urbanvisitparis.com
Randocroquis - www.randocroquis.com
Tram Réseau art contemporain Paris Île-de-France - www.tram-idf.fr
Studio du Louvre - www.studiodulouvre.fr
Instant Tours - <https://instant.tours/product/paris/>
Meet my spots - www.meetmyspots.com
Memories - Magic selfies - www.memories.video

> **Paris and town planning**

With districts undergoing transformation and heritage to preserve, Paris is a prime example of architecture and town planning on the move. Several seasoned associations organize urban walks on this theme.

Specialist guides - most of them architects - lead visitors through Paris and the suburbs explaining history, geography, landscape, town planning, architectural history, daily usage, politics, and design.

- Did you know? The 4th arrondissement has an entire venue devoted to Paris architecture and town planning: the Pavillon de l'Arsenal, a 2,000- m² space hosting exhibitions, activities and trails on the architecture and transformations of Paris.

Aimer Paris - www.aimerparistours.com
 GA Paris - www.ga-paris.fr
 Gin Tonique Tours - www.gin-tonique-tours.fr
 Pavillon de l'Arsenal - www.pavillon-arsenal.com/visites_guidees/
 Promenades urbaines - www.promenades-urbaines.com

> Paris business

Do you struggle to find time for sightseeing while in Paris on a business trip? Don't lose hope, it's not impossible! Event organizers in Paris are developing more and more opportunities for professionals visiting the city on business and their tight schedules. With dinner cruises and shows, private visits, specially-designed routes and vintage cars for touring the city, there are plenty of options to help you have an exciting and unforgettable business trip to Paris.

And why not also arrange to have your meetings in quintessential French cafes like the Café de Flore, Les Deux Magnots or the Café de la Paix?

Le Connoisseur - www.le-connoisseur.com
 Anima Event - <http://www.anima-event.com>
 French Signature by Alcep - www.frenchsignature.com
 France Connection - www.france-connection.com
 Kuoni Destination Management France - <http://www.kuoni-meetings-events.com/cities/paris/>
 Metropolis DMC - www.metropolis-dmc.com
 Laventeli - www.laventeli.com
 Paris mal anders - www.parismalanders.com
 Phileas France - Your Partner for France - www.phileasfrance.fr
 IN CORP SOLUTIONS - www.incorp.fr
 France Private Travels - www.france-privatetravels.com
 Paris toujours - www.paris-toujours.fr
 LIVE! by GL events - <http://congres.livebyglevents.com>
 Paris International Translation Services - www.paris-tours-guides.com
 Vap Incoming - www.vap-incoming.com
 Rimedia EventSolution - www.bykeco.fr
 Holt Paris Welcome Service - www.holtfrance.fr
 DSO - paris@d-s-o.fr, <http://www.d-s-o.fr>
 Europa Organisation - <https://www.europa-group.com/>
 Tumlare Corporation - www.tumlare.com
 MCI France - paris@mci-group.com
 Colloquium - www.colloquium-group.com
 Miki Travel Agency EURL - visitjapan.fr@group-miki.com
 Bey Tours - www.beytours.com
 Hopschotch Congrès - www.hopschotchcongres.com
 MGTC SAS - www.mgtc.fr
 Voyages Services Plus Frenchy Travel Paris Chic - www.vsp-incoming.com
 Travel Corporation Asia - <https://ttc.com/>
 Paris Key DMC - www.paris-key.com

PARIS EVERY WHICH WAY: ON THE WATER, ON LAND AND IN THE AIR

There are more and more inventive ways to explore Paris - green, sporty, luxurious, festive or quirky. You can choose a different way to get around Paris every day!

> In an unusual vehicle

Whether they're vintage or exotic, on two or four wheels, Paris is full of original modes of transport in which to explore the city.

The iconic 2CV takes aficionados from all around the world on discovery tours of Paris with a driver-guide at the wheel ready to answer all your questions.

Fans of retro and/or romantic transport can experience *la dolce vita* Paris-style on a Vespa, while a lavish white, black or pink stretch limousine will satisfy those looking for a spacious and plush means of transport.

Find yourself at the wheel of a classic vintage car with Paris Heritage Tours, founded by Guillaume Dazin in 2017, and tour the city in style. The hardest part? Choosing between the 1973 Citroën DS21 Pallas and the 1986 Ferrari Mondial Cabriolet!

With little tourist trains, you can return to your childhood in the magical setting of Montmartre. Or take a tour with the company Another Paris with the theme of your choice: 'Royal' in the Marais, 'Bohemian' in the 14th arrondissement or 'Artistic' from Saint-Germain-des-Prés to the Louvre.

And why not experience the magic of a drive in a horse-drawn carriage? Paris Calèches invites visitors to hop on for the most enchanting of rides in its Cinderella coach. Everything can be made available on board: macarons, champagne, roses, etc.

- Did you know? One section of the *Petite Ceinture*, a disused railway line, is a nature walk known as the 'Sentier Nature'. Running from Porte d'Auteuil to La Muette (16th arrondissement), this 1.2-km stretch of greenery is also, surprisingly enough, a haven for wildlife in the very heart of Paris.

Bicycle taxis and side cars

Cyclopolitain - www.visite-insolite-cyclopolitain.com/fr/

Happy moov - www.happymoov.com

Retro tour - www.retro-tour.com **Freescoot** - www.freescoot.com

Tuktuk in Paris - www.tuktukinparis.com

Cooltra - Rent a scooter - www.cooltra.com

Ride'N'Smile - <http://ridensmile.fr/>

Segway et trikkés City Segway tours - www.citysegwaytours.com

Fat tire tours - www.fattiretours.com/paris

Paris bike tours - www.parisbiketour.net

L'œil d'une parisienne (trottinette électrique) - www.loeilduneparisienne.com

Horse and carriage

Les Calèches de Versailles - <http://calechesdeversailles.com/>

2 CVs, Beetles and other vintage cars

La Traction Parisienne - www.latractionparisienne.fr

City Wheels Tours - www.citywheels-paristours.com

Paris Authentic - www.parisauthentic.com

4 Roues Sous 1 Parapluie - www.4roues-sous-1parapluie.com

DS World Paris - www.dsworld.paris/

Paris Classic Tour - www.parisclassictour.com

Quad in the City (tours by night on a road-legal quad bike) - www.paris-trip.com

Limousines

Anciennes de prestige - www.anciennesdeprestige.fr

Gasnier Services Limousine - www.gasnier-limousine.com

Paris Major Limousines - www.1st-limousine-services.com

Drive Collection - www.drivecollection.fr

Chauffeurs de maître - www.chauffeursdemaitre.com

Limousine's Agency - www.limousinesagency.com
Carigami - www.carigami.fr
My Daily Driver - www.mydailydriver.fr
Easy-van - www.easy-van.fr
Paris Connection - www.parisconnection.fr

Little trains

Another Paris - www.another-paris.com
Le Petit Train de Montmartre, Place Blanche (9th arrondissement) - <http://www.promotrain.fr/>

> Paris from on high

Whether it's from the air or from the rooftop of a tower, Paris has plenty of opportunities to get a bird's-eye view. Enjoy these sky-high vistas, with or without a floor beneath your feet.

Dizzy heights are guaranteed with these views over Paris. Only the bravest visitors to the first floor of the Eiffel Tower will dare step onto the glass floor 57 metres above the ground, before continuing their ascent to the highest point of the Tower. And there are other rooftops with panoramic views offering this kind of exhilarating experience, like the 56th floor of the Montparnasse Tower with its 360° view of the city's most beautiful monuments. To get a panoramic view of the 'voie royale', or historical axis, running across the city from the equestrian statue of Louis XIV in the courtyard of the Louvre to the Grande Arche at La Défense, head to the top of the Arc de Triomphe.

Those with a real head for heights should get up in the air to enjoy the best views of Paris. By helicopter, tethered balloon, hot air balloon or even, for a unique experience, in an airship, discover all the different ways of flying over the City of Lights.

- Did you know? No fewer than 20,000 light bulbs (5,000 on each of the four sides) had to be installed to make the Eiffel Tower sparkle for 5 minutes every hour on the hour, until 1am. 25 mountain climbers worked for 5 months to install 40 km of fairy lights and electrical cords and 10,000 m² of safety nets.

Rooftops and top floors with panoramic views

Arc de Triomphe - www.arc-de-triomphe.monuments-nationaux.fr
Bar La Vue - <http://parisetoile.regency.hyatt.com/fr/hotel/dining/bar-la-vue.html>
Tour Eiffel - <http://www.toureffel.paris/>
56th floor of the Tour Montparnasse - www.tourmontparnasse56.com

Helicopter rides

Helipass - www.helipass.com/fr/

Hot-air balloon rides

Aerfun Montgolfière France - www.aerfun.com
Ballon Generali - www.ballondeparis.com
Panoramagique - <https://www.panoramagique.com/>

> Buses with a difference

Choose from a prestige air-conditioned coach, a double-decker bus or a vintage minibus to discover Paris with multilingual guides on themed circuits. Opt for a tour alone, a private hire tour for a group, a morning, afternoon or even an evening excursion.

Simple and practical: the hop-on/hop-off ticket on double-decker buses enables users to get on and off at any of the stops at famous tourist attractions.

Busity is a digital way to experience bus travel, enabling you to do your Paris sightseeing through the windows of the city's buses. This location-aware app uses your geographic location to relate a host of light-hearted cultural anecdotes all along the route of your bus journey. The app is free to download, and you can also use it offline. Some buses are available for private hire for celebrating events like stag nights, weddings and birthdays. A ride in the specially outfitted Stan and Walter articulated bus makes for an unforgettable Paris party. It's the perfect place to hold an unconventional business meeting and, with its stylish bar, converts easily into a club or lounge. There is also a free photo booth with a tablet so that guests can immortalize the moment.

- *Did you know? The retractable roof of the Georges Vallerey swimming pool (20th arrondissement) is opened up in summer. It was the first pool with lanes (50 x 21 m) built especially for the Olympic Games, and it was here that Johnny Weissmuller won three gold medals in 1924. Eight years later, he played Tarzan in the movie Tarzan the Ape Man.*

Hop-on hop-off bus tours

Big Bus Paris - www.bigbustours.com/fr/paris/visites-paris-bus

Paris l'open tour - www.paris.opentour.com

City Sightseeing Paris - www.city-sightseeing.com

Foxity Paris - www.foxity.com

Unusual buses

Locabus Ratp - http://services.ratp.fr/fr/ratp/r_108544/louez-un-bus-avec-locabus/

Stan and Walter - www.stanandwalter.com

Bus Burger - www.bus-burger.com

Digital bus

Busity - www.busity.co

Party buses

Bus discothèque - www.busdiscotheque.com (luxury bus)

Soirée Bus - www.soireebus.fr

> **Along the Seine**

A stay in Paris simply would not be complete without a boat cruise along the Seine or the canals, offering many unforgettable views of the city.

On a cruise, the splendours of Paris unfold on either side of the city's most beautiful avenue - the Seine. As you glide along the water at a leisurely pace, you pass by the most magnificent museums and monuments. Some companies offer special entertainment for children to make the voyage even more magical: a Croisière Enchantée (enchanted cruise) with a musical show, or a Petits Matelots (Little Sailors) cruise based on the character of Barthélemy the pirate. Also worth discovering: the cruises along the Canal Saint-Martin, with its picturesque locks. Contraste organizes several activities on the water, including group rides in inflatable boats and nautical rallies between the Port de Paris Arsenal and the Bassin de la Villette.

Venice is not the only city to have legendary craft plying the water. The gleaming mahogany and flamboyant copper Rivas of Paris Boat Prestige brave the criss-crossing of lines of barges for a fantastic ride.

The river, which runs through the middle of the city, can also be explored on foot, via its many bridges and via the new Berges de Seine. This promenade has become a popular place to stroll all year round. On Sundays, the quayside stretch is also immensely popular for walking, kick scootering and cycling.

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Information on these outings along the Seine, and also to woods, parks and gardens can be found at the Comité départementale de la randonnée pédestre de Paris, which offers 88 way-marked routes. Seasoned walkers can trek across Paris from north to south or east to west on way-marked paths.

- Did you know? For some water sports fun just a metro ride away, head to the Club Nautique in the 19th arrondissement, at 28 Avenue Simon Bolivar, where you can enjoy water skiing, wakeskating, wakeboarding and even air chair riding on the Seine in Paris.

Luxury and Riva cruises

La Marina de Paris - www.marina-de-paris.com

Croisieurope - <http://www.croisieurope.com/croisieres/la-seine-en-croisiere-paris-rouen-et-la-normandie>

Yachts de Paris - www.yachtsdeparis.fr

Public transport

Batobus - Port de la Bourdonnais, Paris 7th - M° Alma-Marceau, RER Pont-de-l'Alma - www.batobus.com

On the Seine

Bateau Ivre Maxim's - <http://maxims-de-paris.com>

Bateaux-Mouches - www.bateauxmouches.com

Bateaux Parisiens - www.bateauxparisiens.com (Enchanted cruise)

Bateaux de Paris - www.bateauxdeparis.net

Capitaine Fracasse - www.croisiere-paris.com

Paris en scène - www.paris-en-scene.com

Les Vedettes de Paris - www.vedettesdeparis.com (Petits Matelots cruise for 4-11-year-olds)

Les Vedettes du Pont-Neuf - www.vedettesdupontneuf.com

On the Canal Saint-Martin

Canauxrama - www.canauxrama.com

Paris Canal - www.pariscanal.com

Marin d'eau douce - www.marindeadouce.fr (electric boats on the Bassin de la Villette)

On foot

Comité départemental de la randonnée pédestre de Paris - www.rando-paris.org

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