

Paris – Museum Guide



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General Information and Planning

Metro (The Subway)

The Metro (subway) is the best way to get around Paris.

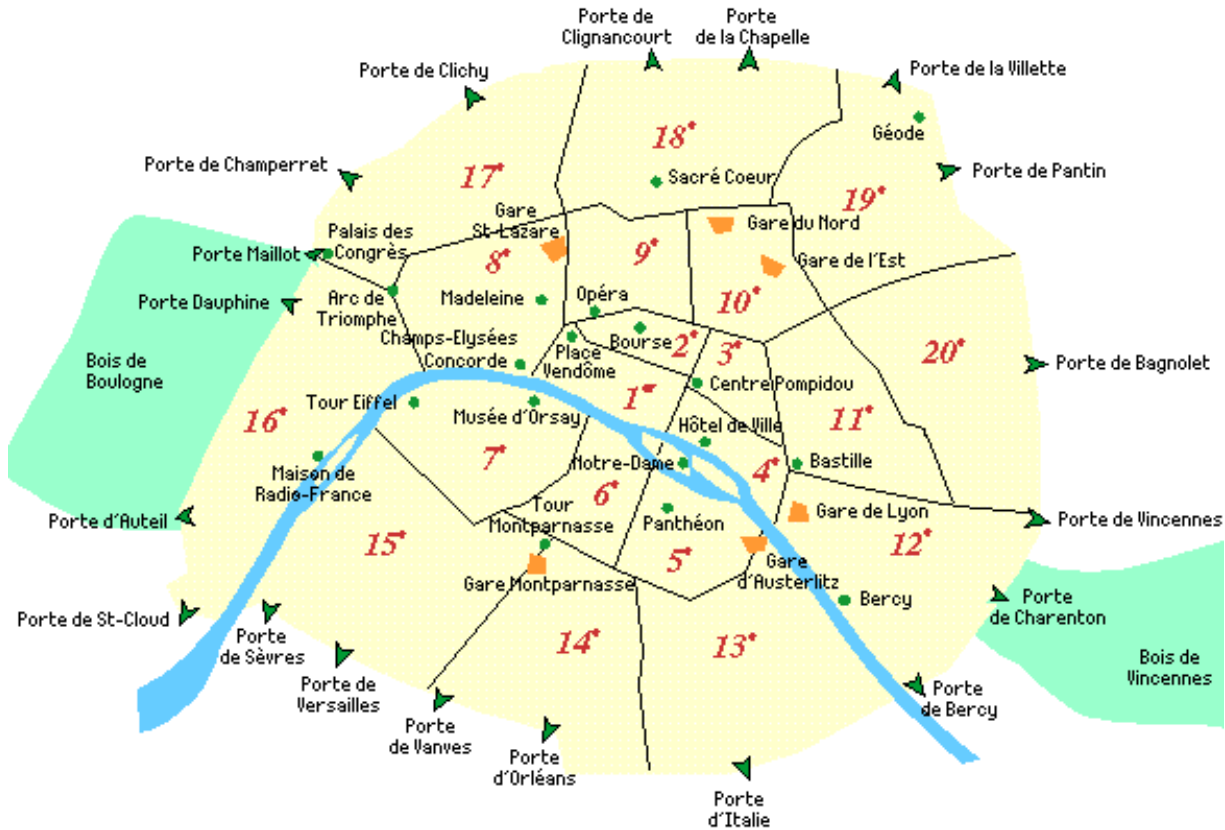


The RER offers rail service to some destinations and the bus service is excellent also. The Metro, however, is more fun, easier and cheaper. You can buy a “carnet” of ten tickets for a reduced price. Keep your ticket after passing through the ticket gate, you may need it later.



Visit http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paris_M%C3%A9tro

Paris Arrondissements (neighborhoods)



Paris is divided into 20 different neighborhoods called *arrondissements*. Arrondissements are named according to their number. For example, you might live in the 5th arrondissement, which would be written as 5ème (or 5e) in French. If you know the postal code of any address in Paris, you can easily identify which arrondissement it is located in because Parisian postal codes take the form of - 75XXX - with the last two digits being equal to the arrondissement (e.g. 75008 is the postal code for the 8th arrondissement). Sights worth visiting are noted in **bold and red** below.

1st Arrondissement

The geographical center of Paris. Landmarks : The **Louvre**, Le **Palais Royal**, the **Tuileries Gardens**, opposite the Pyramid, **Place Vendôme**, the rue Saint-Honoré. Les Halles is named for the large central wholesale marketplace, which was demolished in 1971, to be replaced with an underground modern shopping precinct, the Forum des Halles. It is notable in that the open air center area is below street level, and contains sculpture, fountains, and mosaics. Beneath is the underground station Châtelet-Les-Halles, central hub of Paris's express metro system, the RER.

2nd Arrondissement

A great place to sample typical Parisian atmosphere: little passageways and arcades full of shops and small cafés. The Paris Stock Market (the Bourse) is also here. Also west from Rue de Richelieu is the "theatre district" with over a dozen theatres including L'Opéra Garnier. The pedestrian area of Montorgueil offers restaurants, bars, shops for all kind of budgets.

3rd Arrondissement

Along with the 4th District this neighborhood makes up the **Marais**, one of the oldest neighborhoods in Paris. Le Marais ("the marsh") is a trendy district in Paris now celebrated for its nightlife. In 1969,

André Malraux made the Marais the first protected sector, with the area being home to many museums, art galleries and historic sites. The **Picasso Museum** is located here.

4th Arrondissement

This lively neighborhood with a strong alternative lifestyle scene as well as lots of trendy bars, shops, and restaurants. The rue des Rosiers is a centerpiece of Jewish lifestyle in Paris and the Ile St. Louis and the Ile de la Cité are the oldest parts of Paris. The two islands of Paris, l'Ile de la Cité (where **Notre-Dame** is located) and l'Ile St-Louis were the center of Paris in the Middle Ages.

Here you will find the lovely Square **Place des Vosges**, built by Henry IV, where its most famous resident, Victor Hugo wrote Les Misérables. The main focus for contemporary art in France "**Centre Pompidou**" is also in this part of town.

5th Arrondissement

The 5th District together with the 6th district as known as the famous Latin Quarter. The neighborhood has the feel of a small village. Visit the Jardin des Plantes and its zoo and the amphitheatre of Lutetia, a vestige of Roman times. The Museum of the Middle Ages is in the **Square de Cluny**, and the riverside walkways (quais) host hundreds of second-hand books sellers. In 1968, the area was the centre of the French student revolt, known as "May 68". The district has kept its original lively and trendy atmosphere and is renowned for its medieval streets, colorful markets, restaurants, cafés and nightlife.

6th Arrondissement

Saint-Germain-des-Prés is a charming district on the South bank of the river Seine. In the 19th century, the district became the meeting place of artists (Delacroix, Ingres, Manet) and writers (Racine, Balzac, Georges Sand). The Rues de Seine, Dauphine and Mazarine, and the area between Boulevard St-Germain and the Seine provide perfect examples of Parisian charm: you can find shops and cafés, busy pubs and jazz clubs. **Saint-Germain-des-Prés** is the birthplace of the existentialism intellectual movement. Also here is the Observatoire de Paris.

7th Arrondissement

The **Eiffel Tower** is located here. This arrondissement is generally called "the ministries district", it also hosts some of Paris' most famous monuments: the **Invalides** (Napoleon's Tomb), the Champ de Mars and L'Ecole Militaire. Between Quai Voltaire and Rue de l'Université, hundreds of antique dealers will welcome you in Carré Rive Gauche. The **Musée d'Orsay**, famous home of the Impressionists, is located along the quai in the renovated train station Gare d'Orsay (1848).

8th Arrondissement

The centerpiece of this district is the Avenue des **Champs-Élysées**, which starts at the **Arc de Triomphe** and ends on the Place de la Concorde, where Louis XVI lost his head during the Revolution (1793). It is a two kilometre stretch of road lined with trees, shopping, restaurants, and movie theatres. Our very favorite museum in Paris is the **Musée Jacquart-André** located at 158 Boulevard Haussmann and has one of the best museum restaurants in the world.

9th Arrondissement

The famous Opéra Garnier is located here. Most of all, this district is renowned for its department stores on Boulevard Haussmann: Printemps and the **Galeries Lafayette**. In the north Pigalle the illuminated red windmill of the Moulin Rouge, one of the first cabarets opened in Paris in 1889.

10th Arrondissement

The two great train stations in Paris are here, the Gare de l'Est and the Gare du Nord, where you can catch the Eurostar train direct London. Along the **Canal St-Martin** are the Quai de Valmy and Jemmapes and a stroll here makes one of the most picturesque walks in Paris. The canal was opened in

1825 after Napoleon had ordered the artificial waterway dug to supply Paris with water, by the 1960s, traffic had dwindled to a trickle and the canal narrowly escaped being filled in and paved over for a highway. Today, the canal is a popular destination for Parisians and tourists who watch the barges navigate the series of locks and road bridges.

11th Arrondissement

Place de la Bastille and the New Opera House are located here. Formerly the haunt of furniture craftsmen, the Bastille district now plays host to an entirely different scene: that of Paris' young and trendy in-crowd. Rue du Faubourg-St-Antoine has seen many a restaurant and nightspot spring up and flourish. This district also has some of the finest Parisian nightspots: Rue Oberkampf, Rue de la Roquette and Rue de Lappe are popular spots.

12th Arrondissement

Paris' Marina is here, spreading from the River Seine to the Place de la Bastille and its fabulous Opera Theatre. The Palais Omnisport Paris-Bercy hosts many spectacular events including concerts and sporting events. East of the city is the Bois de Vincennes, a large park with a lake.

13th Arrondissement

The eastern part of this district is often called "Chinatown": it houses an incredible quantity of Chinese and Asian restaurants and shops, and even massive Oriental super stores, the Bibliotheque Francois Mitterand. is by the river, on the Quai de la Gare. In the western part, stroll in the charming village of La Butte-aux-Cailles, and on Place d'Italie, where you will find Europe's largest cinema screen. This is the area where the famous **Gobelins tapestries** which hang in Versailles were made.

14th Arrondissement

Known as the Montparnasse which covers 14th district, a part of the 15th and the southern end of the 6th districts. The district became famous after World War I when the artistic and intellectual centre of Paris moved from Montmartre to Montparnasse. Montparnasse attracted famous people such as Picasso, Miro, Cocteau, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway and Jean-Paul Sartre. The Montparnasse area is renowned for its literary cafés such as La Closerie des Lilas, La Coupole and La Rotonde. Montparnasse is also an important business district. From the top of the Tour Montparnasse, visitors can enjoy a breathtaking view of Paris. The Galerie Gaité Montparnasse is one of the city's popular shopping centres. Also here is the parc Montsouris which is a lovely park. Visitors come to enjoy the unique atmosphere of the brasseries along Boulevard Montparnasse, "le Select", "le Dome", "la Coupole". Tour Montparnasse (**Montparnasse Tower**) is a skyscraper at 33, avenue du Maine, in the Montparnasse area of Paris, France, the only skyscraper office building in Paris proper. Built on top of the Paris Metro station "Montparnasse-Bienvenue", the 58 floors of the tower are mainly occupied by offices, while two floors are open to the public for viewing the city; the 56th floor with a restaurant, and the terrace on the top floor. On a clear day, the view covers a radius of 40 kilometers

15th Arrondissement

This large primarily residential neighborhood ranges from very upscale in the area bordering the 7th district and the Seine. By the river you can find the very beautiful Citroen gardens (parc André Citroen), named after the car manufacturer who had his first factory here. North but still facing the Seine are Paris' skyscrapers, dominating the Statue of Liberty, a smaller version of the one given to the US by France.

16th Arrondissement

The **Trocadéro** offers a remarkable view of the city as well as housing two museums (Marine Museum and Museum of Mankind). Avenue Foch is impressive, as is the Parc des Princes (Paris Stadium).

17th Arrondissement

This diverse district is made up of many small neighborhoods. Market streets and local crafts are found on every corner. It borders the **Arc de Triomphe** and is easily accessible to the **Champs Elysees**.

18th Arrondissement

Perched on a hill north of the city centre, the Montmartre area is like a village within Paris. Its narrow and winding streets, cafés and lovely squares give the district a unique atmosphere. The butte (hill) became famous at the end of the 19th century when Montmartre became the centre of the artistic and intellectual life in Paris until World War I. Famous writers and artists were attracted by Montmartre's Bohemian lifestyle including Apollinaire, Picasso, Van Gogh and Toulouse-Lautrec. Montmartre is also the birthplace of the Cubism movement. Today, Montmartre is still a meeting point for artists, the hill is dominated by the well-known **Sacré-Coeur**, a Byzantine-style basilica. Its construction began at the end of the 19th-century and was completed in 1914. Also famous is the Pigalle area at the base of the stairs (Boulevards de Clichy and de Rochechouart) for its nightlife: bars and clubs.

19th Arrondissement

The Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie (**City of Science and Industry**) was designed as Paris' window onto the world of science; an objective that has been reached mainly courtesy of the Géode, a hemispherical cinema. The Buttes Chaumont is the ideal place for a relaxing walk, which you can finish off with the second part of **Canal St-Martin** (which start in the 10th arrondissement)

20th Arrondissement

La Villette, Belleville and the **Père-Lachaise** cemetery. You are off to discover a popular, hip and cosmopolitan Paris. This melting pot of a neighborhood, where many languages are spoken, is in some ways Paris' window on the world. These low-rise buildings standing back-to-back, these paving stones and these little courtyards are definitely Paris. The most well-known cemetery in Paris, the Cimetière du Père-Lachaise is the final resting place of many famous artists, and is one of the most visited sites in the city.

Paris Sights & Museums

Paris Museums

Museums in Paris are exciting and interesting. No matter what your taste may be, you will find something to fall in love with in Paris. The Louvre is massive and cannot be digested in one visit. Although huge and intimidating, it should be visited and enjoyed in small doses. Even the smaller museums may require multiple visits to fully enjoy.

Paris – 1st Arrondissement

Musée de Louvre

Palais Royale

Paris – 2nd Arrondissement

Louvre

Paris – 3rd Arrondissement

Picasso Museum

Musee des Arts et Metiers

Musée des Arts et Metiers
60 rue Réaumur,
292 rue Saint-Martin 75003 Paris
Tel. 33-01-53-01-82-00

Open Tue. – Sun. 10h to 18h

Métro: Arts et Métiers

Paris – 8th Arrondissement

Musée Jacquemart-Andre

Jacquemart-Andre Museum
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Métro: Miromesnil or St-Philippe-du-Roule