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Paris

There's more than one way
to discover a destination.

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Paris is a city of secrets. Spend enough time wandering its streets, though, and the French capital will slowly reveal itself to you. It's a city that's meant to be walked—along the Seine, up the hill to Montmartre, over the bridges of the Canal Saint-Martin, through the Luxembourg Garden. Rewards for your efforts can be found every step of the way, from a bag of fresh-roasted chestnuts being hawked by a street vendor to a cup of creamy hot chocolate at famed tea salon Angelina. Stop to warm up and watch the world go by, then head back to the streets and let the city show you what it's got up its sleeve.

Gourmet

WHERE TO STAY ▶

Hotel Relais Saint-Germain

This hotel puts you in the center of the city, with rooms that have their own boho-chic style. Best of all, your stay includes a reservation at the impossible-to-book ground-floor restaurant Le Comptoir. hotel-paris-relais-saint-germain.com



BREAKFAST ▶

Du Pain et Des Idées

Often cited as the best bakery in Paris, this small corner spot is worth a trip to the trending 10th arrondissement. Try the chocolate-pistachio "Escargot" or the banana-Nutella croissant while checking out the original painted-glass ceiling. dupainetdesidees.com



Sophisticate



◀ WHERE TO STAY

Peninsula Paris

The glamorous interior of this new addition to the high-end hotel scene—think bright and airy with gold leaf accents and crystal chandeliers—is rivaled only by the 360-degree view of the city from the rooftop restaurant and bar. paris.peninsula.com



◀ SHOPPING

Rue Saint-Honoré

Head west from the Place Vendôme for a three-block stretch with top shops such as Emporio Armani, Jimmy Choo and Longchamp. Head north on the rue Royale for gourmet shops including Maille, Fauchon and Caviar Kaspia.

Arts Lover

WHERE TO STAY ▶

Hôtel du Petit Moulin

Behind the preserved storefront of a former bakery lies this quirky hotel from fashion designer Christian Lacroix. Bold colors, mixed-era furniture and lush fabrics fill the 17 rooms, each one unique. hotelpetitmoulinparis.com



MORNING ▶

Musée du Quai Branly

Travel the world through the museum's permanent collection of artifacts from indigenous cultures in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Oceania—or check out special exhibitions on topics as diverse as tattoos or the Maya. quaibranly.fr



Romantic



◀ WHERE TO STAY Hotel Thérèse

This find in the tony 1st arrondissement scores big points for location and even more for ambiance. Sink into one of the comfy chairs in the lounge and enjoy complimentary afternoon tea. hoteltherese.com

MORNING ▶ Musée Rodin

A peaceful oasis in the center of the city, this museum displays some of the artist's iconic works: "The Thinker," "The Gates of Hell" and the passion-filled "The Kiss." End with a walk through the well-kept gardens. musee-rodin.fr



Hipster



◀ WHERE TO STAY

Mama Shelter

This hotel may be located on the east side of Paris, but it offers what those in city center can't: affordable Philippe Starck-designed rooms. Each one is equipped with fun touches such as iPads and superhero masks on the lamps. mamashelter.com

MORNING

Ten Belles

If you can't find a seat inside this small shop, take your cappuccino—made with locally roasted beans—and scone to go and stroll along the nearby Canal Saint-Martin. tenbelles.com





◀ MORNING

Rue Montorgueil

Cafés mix with butcher shops, fishmongers, cheese stores, produce stands and bakeries on this street. After walking its few blocks, head west to rue Montmartre and pop into kitchen stores Mora and La Bovida.



◀ AFTERNOON

La Grande Épicerie

Pick up the makings for a picnic, shop for unique souvenirs or just take in the fabulousness at this recently renovated, upscale food hall in the Bon Marché department store on the Left Bank. lagrandeepicerie.com

DINNER

Le Comptoir

Scoring a weeknight reservation means you can enjoy the chef's tasting menu and the unlimited cheese plate. Otherwise, queue up on the weekend when the pork-heavy à la carte bistro menu is available. Either way, it's a win. hotel-paris-relais-saint-germain.com

TEA TIME

Le 68 Guy Martin

Take a break with a cup of Shalimar tea and the Little Black Dress pastry at this quiet spot from chef Guy Martin, hidden on the lower level of Guerlain's Champs-Élysées perfume boutique. le68guymartin.com



◀ EVENING Palais Garnier

Catch a ballet at this 19th-century theater, with its imposing marble staircase, ornate Grand Foyer and Chagall-painted ceiling. This month, the Swedish Royal Ballet performs *Juliette et Roméo*. operadeparis.fr

DINNER ▶ Septime

The inventive French cooking at this buzzy restaurant is spot-on, served in a casual, inviting atmosphere. Dinner offers only one choice: a seven-course "carte blanche" tasting menu. septime-charonne.fr



AFTERNOON

Institut du Monde Arabe

Jean Nouvel's striking building along the Seine features 240 apertures on the south side that dilate to regulate the amount of daylight admitted. The institute functions as a cultural center with exhibit space, classrooms and a terrace overlooking Notre Dame. imarabe.org

EVENING ▶

Sainte-Chapelle

Classical music venues abound in Paris, but this Gothic chapel dating to the mid-13th century may be the most atmospheric, with breathtaking stained glass windows. classictic.com



◀ DINNER

Porte 12

In this lingerie atelier-turned-restaurant, chef Vincent Crépel turns out globally influenced renditions of French classics. Expect a tasting menu filled with items such as short ribs dusted with a powder of Earl Grey tea and charred bamboo. porte12.com

AFTERNOON ▶

La Pâtisserie des Rêves

Glass domes display decadent pastries, from lemon tarts to chocolate éclairs, which the friendly staff will wrap in pretty pink boxes. Pick up a tin of chocolate-covered sablé cookies to take home. lapatissieredesreves.com



DUSK ▶

Le Mur des Je T'aime

More than 300 declarations of "I love you," each in a different language, cover this wall created by musician Frédéric Baron and calligrapher Claire Kito. Smooch your sweetie and take a snap, then head up to Sacre Coeur for the sunset. lesjetaime.com



DINNER

Le Coupe-Chou

Classic dishes such as duck confit and beef bourguignon reign at this cozy restaurant with exposed beams, fainting couches and a large wood-burning fireplace. lecoupechou.com

◀ SHOPPING Marché aux Puces St.-Ouen

You never know what you'll find on the weekend at this mazelike flea market north of the city: a Delft birdcage, vintage tiles, knockoff tennis shoes? Prices can be high, but it's worth a wander. marcheauxpuces-saintouen.com

DINNER ▶ Le Verre Volé

Diners pack in around the open kitchen of this tiny bistro for its simple yet tasty fare such as bone-in duck filets or grilled whole red mullet. There's no wine list, but the expert staff will set you up with the perfect match. leverrevole.fr



◀ EVENING

Prescription Cocktail Club

Sip on drinks at this happening speakeasy where you can order for a group—the ginger-mint Gin Gin Mule serves four—or go solo. prescriptioncocktailclub.com



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