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Welcome to the fabled “City of Lights” or “City of Love.” Paris is certainly both and has always been considered one of the most romantic cities in the world. Whether an artist, a businessman or a tourist, you will enjoy the long walks from Montmartre to the Quartier Latin. Going through some of the finest Roman and medieval monuments, sooner or later you will end up at a café, standing on the Pont Neuf Bridge, or exploring a vintage fashion shop in the Marais district.

THE CITY



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Like New York or London, Paris is incomparable. As soon as you start exploring the world's most visited city, you'll feel like you are going through an open air museum. You won't see much of the capital's Celtic roots, but you will be able to admire its architectural splendours which go back to the 13th century, when the imposing Cathedral of Notre Dame started to be built. At that time, the swamplands forming the Marais district were drained and the Sorbonne University opened its doors.

But it was during the Renaissance, in the 16th century, that Paris' grandeur was created. Versailles became Louis XIV's headquarters, whose lavishness opened the doors to the French luxury goods industry. In the 19th century, Napoleon appointed Baron Haussmann to develop modern Paris, with its long boulevards, beautiful buildings and great parks that still make the city unique today.

No wonder Paris is internationally renowned for its defining neoclassical architecture and its influence in fashion and the arts. Going by foot is the best way to explore the city's districts, its old centres, cemeteries and great parks. It's busy with thousands of tourists, but the city has managed to keep its real authenticity with places like Montmartre, a good start for a tour, or the crowded Champs-Élysées with its legendary promenade. Those who fancy a trendier atmosphere, districts such as Le Marais, Quartier Latin or the quaint Canal St-Martin are the right places to be. If you like art galleries, museums or famous cabarets such as Folies Bergères, Paris has everything to meet your dreams. It's not as intense as London or New York, yet

the combination of its historical heritage and its unique French touch makes this destination one of a kind.



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DO & SEE



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Paris' beautiful location right by the peaceful and romantic river Seine makes for a perfect setting whether your plan is to stroll around without haste or see as many attractions as possible. Over 30 million tourists come to Paris each year, drawn by the mouth watering cuisine and of course, the exciting fashion. No wonder the capital of France is one of the most visited cities in the world!

La Tour Eiffel

This iron tower is the very symbol of Paris itself, and it attracts about six million visitors every year. The tower was built by Gustave Eiffel for the 1889 World Exposition to celebrate the centennial of the French revolution.

Fun facts about the Eiffel tower:

Height: more than 300 metres

Weight: 10 100 tons
Materials: 12 000 iron beams and 2.5 million rivets
Steps: 1 665 steps to the top

According to the official website of the Eiffel Tower the construction is repainted once every seven years. It takes 15 months and requires 60 tons of paint.

Address: La Tour Eiffel

Le Louvre

The Louvre is one of the largest museums in the world, and famous for its master pieces Mona Lisa, Venus de Milo, art by Rembrandt, Vermeer, Caravaggio and many more. The main entrance is covered by the 21 meter high glass Pyramide de Louvre. The French government has collected the 35 000 paintings, sculptures and artefacts over the past five centuries, and the collection boasts Assyrian, Etruscan, Greek, Coptic and Islamic art and antiquities from prehistory to the 19th century.

You can buy tickets in advance from the ticket machines in Carrousel du Louvre or from the billetteries (ticket offices) of Fnac or Virgin Megastores for an extra €1 to €1.60, and go straight in without waiting in line. Tickets are valid for the whole day, which means that you can come and go as you please.

Another way to avoid the queues outside the pyramid or at the Porte des Lions entrance is to enter the complex via the Carrousel du Louvre shopping centre, at 99 Rue de Rivoli, or to follow the 'Musée du Louvre' exit from the Palais Royal–Musée du Louvre metro station.

Address: Place du Louvre 1er
Subway: Palais Royal–Musée du Louvre
Phone: +33 1 40 20 53 17
Internet: www.louvre.fr

Champs-Élysées

This promenade is nearly two kilometres long and goes all the way from Place the la Concorde to Place Charles de Gaulle. It is the place to be during any celebration, be it the French National Day, July 14th, or New Year's

Eve. In the month of July, the final stages of Tour de France, takes place right on this very street.

Address: Avenue des Champs-Élysées

Basilique du Sacré-Cœur

Sacré-Cœur is a Roman Catholic basilica on top of the Montmartre hill, at the highest point of the city. The church was inaugurated in 1914 and is named after, and dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The church contains more than 500 statues and the venue is often pictured in movies.

Address: Basilique du Sacré-Cœur

Arc de Triomphe

The Arc de Triomphe was erected by the Emperor Napoleon in 1806, and is with its 50 metres (164 feet) one of the most famous landmarks in Paris. Located at the centre of Place Charles de Gaulle at the western end of Champs-Élysées, the arch honours those who fought and died in the French Revolutionary and the Napoleonic Wars.

Address: l'Arc de Triomphe

La Seine

The river Seine flows 776 kilometres through France, and offers in Paris a great opportunity to, by boat, get familiar with many of the city's impressive monuments. It doesn't get more romantic than to sit back on the water and enjoy the scenic setting of Paris.

Catch a ride on the famous and unique long-boats leisurely plying the Seine Bateaux Mouches. Despite the number of operators from which to choose, most of the boat lines offer similar itineraries and are equipped with an audio announcement system, providing commentary on the passing sights in several different languages.

More Info: The best time to enjoy a boat trip in Paris is May to mid-September, the sky is clear and the temperatures are comfortably warm.

Château de Versailles

This town located 20 kilometres outside of Paris is a wealthy suburb and municipality. In the 11th century Versailles was merely a country village enveloping a castle and the church of Saint-Julien. Today Versailles is mostly known for the Roman Catholic cathedral that has been home to the French King Louis XIV and Napoleon who spent his summers here. The historic Treaty of Versailles was signed here in 1919.

Address: Versailles
Subway: RER C, Versailles
Phone: +33 1 30 83 78 00
Internet: www.chateauversailles.fr

Notre-Dame de Paris

Notre-Dame is, with 10 million visitors each year, the most visited site in Paris. This place has always been the religious center of the city the Celts considered the grounds sacred, the Romans built a temple here, a Christian basilica was built here and the last religious structure before the Notre-Dame cathedral was a Romanesque church.

The gothic cathedral of Notre-Dame was finished in 1345 and is a tectonic masterpiece. The building is 128 meters long (420 ft) and has two 69 meter tall towers (226 ft).

Address: 6 Place du Parvis Notre Dame 4e 4e
Subway: Cité
Phone: +33 1 42 34 56 10
Internet: www.notredamecathedralparis.com

Pont Neuf

Pont Neuf means "New Bridge" and is, ironically, the oldest bridge over the river Seine in Paris. King Henry III ordered its construction in 1578 after the previous bridge was in a bad state. It is today 278 meters long and 28 meters wide.

Address: Pont Neuf

Place de la Concorde

Place de la Concorde is a square in the 8th arrondissement, 84 000 m² big. The square holds

historic importance for several reasons. The liberation struggle during World War II brought many battles to Place de la Concorde. During the French Revolution, a guillotine was installed at the center of the square and over a thousand people were beheaded here, many of them famous Louis XVI, January 21, 1793, Marie Antoinette, October 16, 1793 and revolutionary Robespierre, just to name a few.

The site is dominated by a 24 meter high obelisk one of Cleopatra's needles - a gift from Egypt's viceroy Mohammed Ali to Louis Philippe.

Address: Place de la Concorde

Montmartre

One of the most popular historic areas with the Sacré-Cœur Basilica on the top of the 130 meter high hill, the highest point in Paris. It's famous for the cafés and studios of many great artists, and it's easily recognizable as the filming location of the movie "Amélie." Other famous places situated here are Moulin Rouge nightclub and Lapin Agile. It seems the inspiration flows in these streets as many famous artists have worked here, among them Salvador Dali, Claude Monet and Pablo Picasso. Downhill to the southwest, is the red-light district of Pigalle.

Address: Montmartre
Subway: Line 12 Abbesses
Internet: www.sacre-coeur-montmartre.com

Père Lachaise

The largest cemetery in Paris and reputed to be the most visited in the world. A huge and peaceful park and home to many Frenchmen and foreigners who have enriched French life over the past 200 years Edith Piaf, Oscar Wilde, Camille Pissarro, Marcel Proust, Molière, Max Ernst, Maria Callas and Jim Morrison.

Address: Boulevard de Ménilmontant, 20th Arr.
Subway: Line 2 Philippe Auguste
Internet: www.pere-lachaise.com

Jardin du Luxembourg

The garden of the French Senate is also the second

largest public park in Paris. A recommended place to relax and savour the cosmopolitan atmosphere of the rich palace garden. Here is one of the funniest places to people watch you can find all different types: families, students with their philosophy books, runners, politicians out on a walk, chess players and lovers holding hands.

Address: Jardin du Luxembourg
Subway: RER B Luxembourg
More Info: Located in the 6th arrondissement

Musée d'Orsay

This is the place for art and artifacts from the Middle Ages and Impressionist eras with leading collections. Originally a railway station, the building itself deems a visit. You can see works of art here from artists such as Van Gogh, Cezanne, Degas and Monet.

Address: 62 rue de Lille, 7th Arr.
Subway: Line 12 Solférino or RER C Musée d'Orsay
Opening hours: Closed on Mondays
Phone: +33 1 40 49 48 14
Internet: www.musee-orsay.fr

Musée des Arts d'Afrique et d'Océanie

Not as popular as Orsay or Louvre, yet worth a visit. A mix of world-class exhibitions of African and Pacific art. There is an excellent tropical aquarium in the cellar.

Address: 293 avenue Daumesnil, 12th Arr.
Subway: Line 8 Porte dorée
Phone: + 33 1 77 15 95 08
+ 33 9 50 66 25 70
Internet: www.museums-of-paris.com

Le Marais

Le Marais is situated on the right bank (3rd and 4th Arr.), this is a trendy district with beautiful architecture from the 17th century. There are also many museums, art galleries and historic sites such as Paris' oldest square Place des Vosges where you can find Victor Hugo's residence.

Address: Bastille, Chemin Vert, Pont Marie, Saint-Paul, Saint-Sebastien-Froissard, Sully Morland

EATING



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Paris is internationally renowned as the capital of gastronomy and boasts a huge range of eateries. Each place has its own particular atmosphere and style, whether recipes are local or from all over the world. In Paris, you must differentiate between restaurants, bistros or brasseries. A bistro is usually small, featuring simple fare, sometimes with entertainment. A brasserie serves hearty meals along with beer and wine, usually cheap and with a liquor and coffee bar. It is the right place to test the high-quality products and delights of traditional French cookery thanks to the talented and creative chefs.

Parisian restaurants are real ambassadors of good taste, offering superlative ingredients—including premium wines and cheeses—enriching the experience. But don't worry, there are good places for all budgets. Whether it's a restaurant, a bistro, or a brasserie, you'll be able to enjoy a real culinary feast with gourmets from all over the world!

Pierre Gagnaire

Pierre Gagnaire is located near the Champs-Élysées and is one of the city's most solid and appealing restaurants, ranked in the world's top 50. Expect €80 for the lunch menu and dinner can easily run over €200 per person. Reservations are compulsory.

Address: 6, Rue Balzac
Subway: Line 1 Georges V
Phone: +33 1 58 36 12 50
Internet: www.pierre-gagnaire.com

Hôtel du Nord

Hôtel du Nord welcomes diners in a warm red velvet setting with suffused lighting. It is a bistro offering a variety of traditional dishes such as pan-seared foie gras with mango chutney and French toast or lightly cooked scallops with aubergine caviar.

Address: 102 Quai de Jemmapes
Subway: Line 3, 8, 9, 5 République
Phone: +33 1 40 40 78 78
Internet: www.hoteldunord.org

Carré des Feuillants

One of the best places for contemporary French Nouvelle cuisine, located in a 17th century building near the Tuilerie Park and Eiffel Tower. The chef, Alain Dutournier, is considered to be one of the ground breaking chefs in his category.

Address: 14, Rue de Castiglione
Subway: Tuileries, Concorde, Opéra, or Madeleine
Phone: +33 1 42 86 82 82
Internet: www.carredesfeuillants.fr

Goumard

This is the right place for seafood lovers. This reputable restaurant has been in business since 1872 and its motto is simply “Everything that comes from the sea.” In fact, the owner buys everything straight from the dock’s local fishermen. Specialties include grilled Breton lobster and scallop carpaccio with oysters.

Address: 9, Rue Duphot
Subway: Line 12 Madeleine
Phone: +33 1 42 60 36 07
Internet: www.goumard.com

Allard

There are still local neighbourhood restaurants that serve excellent food. One of them is Allard, in the 6th Arrondissement, over on the left bank of the Seine. It is a traditional 1930s bistro, with many regulars from the same era. Try the foie gras, frog legs and other dishes that put France on the culinary map.

Address: 41, Rue St-André des Arts

Subway: Line 4 St Michel or Odéon
Phone: +33 1 43 26 48 23

Brasserie Balzar

Yet another traditional eatery with a nice atmosphere and a traditional menu. Brasserie Balzar is a great bistro located in the lively Quartier Latin since 1898! Many of the city’s famous authors have been regulars here—a true seal of approval.

Address: 49, Rue des Ecoles
Subway: Cluny La Sorbonne
Phone: +33 1 43 54 13 67
Internet: www.brasseriebalzar.com

Sainte Marthe

Le Sainte Marthe is located by a small square in the bohemian yet trendy 10th arrondissement. This charming neighbourhood tapas restaurant is run by two former schoolteachers. The outdoor seating attracts the crowds in the summer.

Address: 32, Rue Sainte-Marthe
Subway: Line 2 Colonel Fabien
Phone: +33 1 44 84 36 96
Internet: www.lesaintemarthe.com

Founti Agadir

Paris has many North African restaurants and one of the best is the Moroccan Founti Agadir. Located on the left bank it has a fine selection of good value couscous, tajines, and pastilla dishes.

Address: 117, Rue Monge
Subway: Line 7 Gobelins et Censier Daubenton
Phone: +33 1 43 37 85 10
Internet: www.fountiagadir.com

Le Kong

The past few years have turned Le Kong into somewhat of a legend in Paris. Underneath its glass ceiling you can have a lovely dinner, grab a drink and later on dance the night away, all the while enjoying one of the most romantic views over the river Seine.

Address: 1, Rue du Pont-Neuf
Subway: Pont Neuf

Phone: +33 1 40 39 09 00
Internet: www.kong.fr

Alcazar

Alcazar is a trendy restaurant located in St Germain-des-Prés where you can taste traditional English and French dishes prepared by skilled chefs. On the second floor, you can enjoy a drink in Alcazars huge chill-out area.

Address: 62, Rue Mazarine
Subway: Odéon
Phone: +33 1 53 10 19 99
Internet: www.alcazar.fr

L'as du Falafel

On and around Rue des Rosiers you will find many delicious Middle-Eastern and Yiddish/Eastern European specialties. Be sure to make a stop at L'as du Falafel. This little restaurant claims to have the "best falafel in the world" and many agree. Expect delicious falafels accompanied by yummy hummus and tasty vegetables—to go or to stay.

Address: 34 Rue des Rosiers
Subway: St. Paul
Phone: +33 1 48 87 63 60

CAFES



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Start your day in one of Paris' many cafés with a delicious croissant and an espresso, relax with an afternoon tea, or have an aperitif with friends. Many cafés are part of bistros and brasseries, functioning like bars and feature great music with a wide range of drinks.

Lipp

Have some cultural history with your espresso. Lipp, and neighbouring Deux Magots and Flore, were the post-war gathering spots of choice for intellectual celebrities such as Jean-Paul Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir. All of these large 6th Arrondissement cafés are usually packed to the rafters.

Address: 151, Boulevard Saint Germain
Subway: Line 4 St Germain-des-Prés
Phone: +33 1 45 48 53 41
Internet: www.groupe-bertrand.com/lipp.php

Le Réservoir

Checking out other people is an important part of Parisian café culture. Trendy Le Réservoir is a prime spot for that kind of activity.

Address: 16, Rue de la Forge Royale
Subway: Line 8 Ledru Rollin
Phone: +33 1 43 56 39 60
Internet: www.reservoirclub.com

Café Charbon

Located in the 11th Arrondissement, Oberkampf is one of the trendiest streets and attracts an urban crowd. It is spacious and was originally built as a dance hall

around 1900. It also fits the "Bars" section!

Address: 109, Rue Oberkampf
Subway: Line 3 Parmentier
Phone: +33 1 43 57 55 13
Internet: www.lecafecharbon.com

Café de Flore

Café de Flore is famous around the world and very well known for its unique, intellectual clientele. Getting a table among all the tourists might not be easy but it will be worth it!

Address: 172, Boulevard Saint-Germain
Phone: +33 1 45 48 55 26
Internet: www.cafedeflore.fr

Le Pain Quotidien

This cozy and rustic café has become such an international success, it can now be found in the US, the UK and many other places. In a country-like atmosphere you can choose among a number of eco-friendly dishes and home baked breads. A Sunday brunch at Le Pain Quotidien is a favourite among Parisians.

Address: 18-20, Rue de Archives
Subway: Hôtel de Ville
Phone: +33 1 44 54 03 07
Internet: www.lepainquotidien.fr

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Paris' night life offers you lots of trendy and popular bars serving all kinds of drinks with a good mix of people, music and sometimes live DJs. Paris has an intense and diversified night life. From high-tech dance clubs to mellow jazz haunts, there is always something that fits your mood. Also try the famous cabaret venues for a great dose of vibrant entertainment!

Moulin Rouge

A cornerstone of Paris' night life are the Cabarets. Lido, Crazy Horse and Follies Bergères are all famous worldwide, but maybe the most famous—Moulin Rouge, is unique for its elegant shows. Not to be missed!

Address: 82 boulevard de Clichy
Subway: Blanche
Phone: +33 1 53 09 82 82
Internet: www.moulinrouge.fr

Favela Chic Paris

This is a hot spot—literally speaking! The atmosphere in this Brazilian bar (and restaurant) is exotic, lively and friendly. The bar is often packed with people and can get very hot however, the bar staff has a habit of cooling the guests off with a water hose!

Address: 18 Rue du Faubourg du Temple
Subway: République
Phone: + 33 1 40 21 38 14
Internet: www.favelachic.com/paris

La Perle

La Perle is a favourite amongst the “bohemian chic” Parisians as well as international stylists, artists, models and so on. It’s a perfect place to start your evening at, or to just have a conversation over a glass of wine. Though it is often crowded, it has a homely and friendly atmosphere.

Address: 78 Rue Vieille du Temple
Phone: +33 1 42 72 69 93

Le Nouveau Casino

This is also a famous venue that keeps on rocking until dawn—both in the bar downstairs and the medium-size dancehall upstairs. Le Nouveau Casino is also a great concert host.

Address: 109 Rue Oberkampf
Subway: Line 3 Parmentier
Phone: +33 1 43 57 57 40
Internet: www.nouveaucasino.net

Buddha Bar

This temple-like establishment is still very popular for its ambience at the cocktail bar. Top DJs deliver mood-setting tunes and the globally famous venue has spawned franchises all over the world.

Address: 8 Rue Boissy d’Anglais
Subway: Concorde
Phone: +33 1 53 05 90 00
Internet: www.buddha-bar.com

Point Ephémère

Canal Saint-Martin in the 10th Arrondissement is a trendy area colonized by artists and young creative workers seduced by its lazy charm. You’ll find several nice venues such as L’Atmosphère, Chez Prune or Le Repaire.

Address: 200 Quai de Valmy
Subway: Line 7bis Jaurès or Louis Blanc
Phone: +33 1 40 34 02 48
Internet: www.pointephemere.org

Le Queen

Le Queen is a famous place, located on the Champs-Élysées. It is the place to groove and be beautiful, and it’s not strictly gay as people usually think. You’ll also meet celebrities and people from creative fields.

Address: 102 Avenue des Champs-Élysées
Subway: Line 1 Georges V
Phone: +33 1 45 61 28 21
Internet: www.queen.fr

Rex Club

This renowned electro club has always drawn a crowd since the mid-1980s. It is home to a terrific sound system with top international acts. Expect long lines at the doors, especially for Friday’s events.

Address: 5 Boulevard Poissonnière
Subway: Line 9/8 Bonne Nouvelle
Phone: +33 1 42 36 10 96
Internet: www.rexclub.com

SHOPPING



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Shopping in Paris means famous designers and luxurious brands such as Louis Vuitton and Christian Dior. But you’ll also find more affordable brands matching your budget in the huge department stores or many popular neighbourhoods. There are famous gastronomical establishments for gourmets, too.

Right Bank – 1st & 8th Arrondissements

As a suggestion, you could start at Le Carrousel du Louvre, a diverse underground shopping precinct adjoining the famous museum. Whether you’re looking

for music, gifts, perfumes or clothing, you'll find a number of well-known stores that deliver quality merchandise and ease of purchase. The area nearby Rue de Rivoli is notable for the vast number of souvenir shops. At 248, W.H. Smith is the largest English language bookshop in Paris with many of the newest releases.

Right off Rivoli is the beautiful Place Vendôme, where the jet-setters and millionaires buy their jewellery. You are entering "the" area for renowned Haute Couture and luxury goods. From there, you can enjoy a walk down to Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré and Avenue Montaigne where the superb boutiques display their sophisticated or baroque windows. Women will particularly like Colette at 213 Rue St-Honoré, one of the most interesting shopping experiences anywhere—an eclectic collection of fresh-off-the-runway design, fashion, gadgets and music. Men can try Charvet on Place Vendôme, the oldest and best known boutique in Paris selling top quality ties and shirts. Hermès and Lanvin on Faubourg Saint-Honoré, and Jil Sander on Avenue Montaigne, are also among the best for one-stop shopping for men on the go.

At 11 Rue Royale, Lalique has become a reference throughout the world for the beauty and quality of its Cristal designs collections, tableware, and decorative glass objects. In the same area, gourmets will find the foremost of French delicatessen at Fauchon (Place de la Madeleine), or Granterroirs (Rue Miromesnil).

Address: Le Carrousel du Louvre
Internet: www.carrouseloulouvre.com

Les Grands Boulevards (Hausmann)

In the 1st and 2nd Arrondissements, this is undoubtedly the most popular shopping area, home to prestigious department stores such as Printemps and Galeries Lafayette. They are remarkable for the wide range of items sold, as well as for their Art Nouveau architecture. You'll find a world of ready-to-wear, with appealing boutiques and affordable brands. You can start with a nice walk from the beautiful Opéra Palais Garnier down to the stores on Boulevard Hausmann.

Address: Les Grands Boulevards

Les Halles and Marais

Les Halles is similar to London's Covent Garden, located in the city centre, right between the Louvre and Notre Dame. The shopping mall Forum des Halles features a heap of good shopping spots in a fascinating and crowded underground complex. It's a good source for affordable clothing. Not far away, the Jewish neighbourhood Le Marais, carries many handicraft and antique shops and is always an interesting visit.

Address: Les Halles
Internet: www.forumdeshalles.com

Champs-Élysées

This tourist strip has lots of fast food chains, banks, airline offices, cinemas and malls such as the futuristic Drugstore Publicis near Arc de Triomphe, or Galerie Marchande des Champs-Élysées near Georges V station. The Guerlain Parfumerie, with its turn-of-the-century elegance and curved staircase, as well as the neo-classical Virgin Megastore, a huge retail haven for recorded music and books, are worth a stop.

Address: Champs-Élysées

Along the Seine River

One of the most charming shopping activities in Paris consists of walking along the rows of bookstalls perched against the parapet of the Seine River. Here, if you have time and good bargaining skills, you may find some ancient and valuable tomes or collections of old stamps.

Le Bon Marché

This is the oldest and most prominent retail establishment, the top destination for fashion and style. Designer apparel for men and women, cosmetics, and house wares comprise the major departments. There's even an impressive food hall!

Address: 22 Rue de Sèvres
Subway: Line 10/12 Sèvres-Babylone
Phone: +33 1 44 39 80 00

Internet: www.lebonmarche.com

Galleries Lafayette

Galleries Lafayette is the most spectacular department store with its unique stained-glass dome. You will find the most prestigious designer and cosmetics labels, and the largest European space entirely devoted to men's fashion. Also home to huge toy, jewellery, house ware and delicatessen departments.

Address: 40 Boulevard Hausmann
Subway: Chaussée-d'Antin, Havre-Caumartin or Opéra
Phone: +33 1 42 82 34 56
Internet: www.gallerieslafayette.com

Printemps Hausmann

Like its rival Lafayette, it's distinguished by amazing architecture and has everything—women's, men's, and children's fashions. It's a modern and trendy store. The beauty department highlights over 200 brand names.

Address: 64, Boulevard Hausmann
Subway: Havre-Caumartin, RER A Auber
Phone: +33 1 42 82 57 87
Internet: www.printemps.com

Bazar de l'Hôtel de Ville

BHV is a little less trendy, yet definitely worth mentioning. It has a good range of house wares and home improvement items, as well as useful and beautiful domestic goods. They also carry a decent selection of clothing and accessories.

Address: 52-54 Rue de Rivoli
Subway: Line 1/ 11 Hôtel de Ville
Phone: +33 9 77 401 400
Internet: www.bhv.fr

Marché aux Puces de Clignancourt

This world renowned flea market on the northern part of Paris attracts over 70 000 Parisians every weekend to find terrific bargains from vintage clothing to antique furniture.

Address: Porte de Clignancourt
Subway: Line 4 towards Porte de Clignancourt
Internet: www.les-puces.com

SLEEPING



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Paris has the world's widest choice of hotels with a full range of prices, offering something for everyone. Over 80 000 rooms in sumptuous sophistication, or cool and cozy spots. Expect a lovely experience in smaller, more personalized atmosphere hotels.

Hôtel de Crillon

Hôtel de Crillon is one of the oldest and most exclusive hotels in the world. Overlooking the luxurious Place de la Concorde, it seduces royalty, wealthy foreigners, diplomats on expense accounts and movie stars.

Address: 10 Place de la Concorde
Subway: Concorde
Phone: +33 1 44 71 15 00
Internet: www.crillon.com

Hôtel Costes

The hotel, in a converted townhouse, is located close to some of Paris' most upscale shops. Costes evokes the imperial heyday of Napoleon III. It is one of Paris' trendiest hotels, a favourite for many fashion headliners. The suites are spacious, with theme designs such as "Moroccan Nights".

Address: 239 Rue Saint-Honoré
Subway: Line 1 Tuileries or Concorde
Phone: +33 1 42 44 50 00
Internet: www.hotelcostes.com

Hôtel de Fleurie

This is a nice three-star-hotel in the heart of St-Germain-des-Prés. Large rooms with high ceilings, decorated in a flowery and romantic style. The many

connecting rooms with two large beds makes it perfect for families.

Address: 32-34 Rue Grégoire de Tours
Subway: Line 4 and 10 towards Odéon
Phone: +33 1 53 73 70 00
Internet: www.fleurie-hotel-paris.com

Résidence Lord Byron

Just a few steps from the Champs-Élysées, this is a very elegant hotel with an inner garden, a typical Parisian lounge and spacious suites.

Address: 5 Rue de Chateaubriand
Subway: Line 1 Georges
Phone: +33 1 43 59 89 98
Internet: www.escapade-paris.com

Hôtel du Quai Voltaire

This is one of the best hotels for views of the Seine. It's also rich in history: originally a 17th century abbey that was transformed into a hotel in 1856. Famous people like Oscar Wilde, Baudelaire and Wagner have stayed here.

Address: 19 Quai Voltaire
Subway: RER C Musée d'Orsay
Phone: +33 1 42 61 50 91
Internet: www.quaivoltaire.fr

Hôtel El Dorado

This is one of the most charming budget hotels. Bohemian proprietor Anna Gratacos has decorated all 40 rooms individually, some with African fabrics, others with flea market finds. Also try the great food at Bistro des Dames, part of the hotel.

Address: 18 Rue des Dames
Subway: Line 2, 13 Place de Clichy
Phone: +33 1 45 22 35 21
Internet: www.eldoradohotel.fr

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Airports

Paris is served by two major airports, Roissy Charles de Gaulle (CDG), 25 Km from the city centre and Orly, 15 Km from the city centre. A third airport, Paris Beauvais, is mainly served by low cost airlines. A shuttle service (€13) is organized to and from its terminals and Paris-Porte Maillot.

From CDG terminals, the Roissy bus leaves every 15

minutes from 6 a.m and arrives at the city centre (at Opéra) after a 45-60 minutes journey (€8.90 one way). After midnight there are night busses going to Place du Châtelet, 90 rue de Rivoli every 30 minutes (€8 one way). The cheapest and fastest (30 minutes) is the underground RER B to Gare du Nord running from 4.56 a.m to 23.56 p.m (€8.40 one way). From Gare du Nord you are connected to Paris' metro network. Air France buses go to Porte Maillot and Etoile (every 15 minutes, €15 one way) and taxis can be found near the terminals' baggage collection area exits. Average day fares are €50.

From Orly, the automatic metro Orlyval takes you to RER B Antony station from 6 a.m to 11 p.m. Combined ticket price (Metro+RER+Orlyval) is about €9. The other option (and cheaper) are the airport shuttle buses going to RER C Pont de Rungis station. Combined ticket price (Metro+RER+shuttle) is around €5.60. As for buses, the Orly bus takes you straight to RER B Denfert-Rochereau. Daytime taxi rates are approximately €35.

Internet: www.aeroportsdeparis.fr
www.aeroportbeauvais.com

Public transport

The RATP runs the city's local transport system, it is cheap and efficient. The bus, underground (metro) and commuter train system (RER) is divided into five zones. The underground runs from 5.30 a.m to 12.30 p.m. Tickets are valid on both buses and trains, and can be purchased from the stations and in kiosks. Travel cards, ranging from one to five days, are also available at the airport, at underground stations and from tourist information offices. 1 day travel card zone 1-3 costs approximately €9.

Phone: +33 8 92 69 32 46
Internet: www.ratp.fr

Bateau Bus

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Internet: www.batobus.com

Taxi

Taxis can be hailed at stands or on the street, but they can be hard to find, especially on Friday and Saturday evenings. Beware of fake cabs at the airports! A shorter trip in Paris during day time costs about €10 and do not forget to tip the driver about 10% of the total amount.

Abeille Radio Taxi. Tel: +33 1 45 83 59 33

Alpha Taxis. Tel: +33 1 45 85 85 85

Taxi Bleus. Tel: +33 1 49 36 10 10

Post

Stamps are available from kiosks and news agents. For mail overseas, it is advisable to visit a post office. The central post and sorting office of the Louvre is open 24 hours a day.

Address: 52 rue du Louvre
Subway: Louvre
Phone: +33 1 40 28 20 00

Pharmacy

The pharmacies are open either late or around the clock, on the door it will say which is the closest pharmacy and opening hours. Pharmacie Les Champs Elysées is one of the main pharmacies.

Address: 84 avenue des Champs Elysées
Subway: George V
Phone: +33 1 45 62 02 41

Dentist / Doctor

Should you have a medical problem your best bet is to contact the American Hospital in Neuilly on the West edge of Paris. They have a medical team available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Address: 63 boulevard Victor Hugo Neuilly sur Seine
Subway: Line 3 Pont de Levallois station
Phone: +33 1 46 41 25 25
Internet: www.american-hospital.org

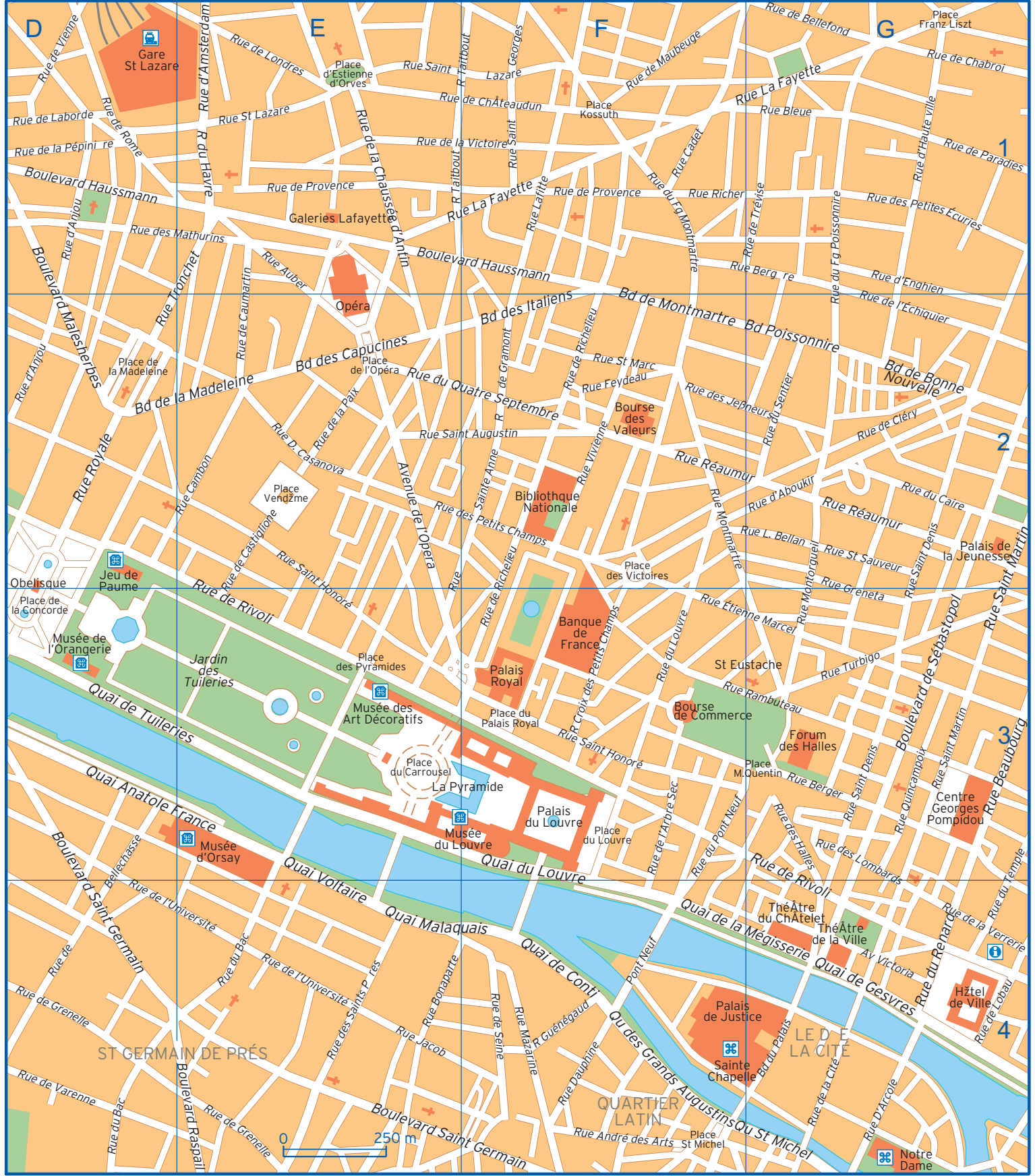
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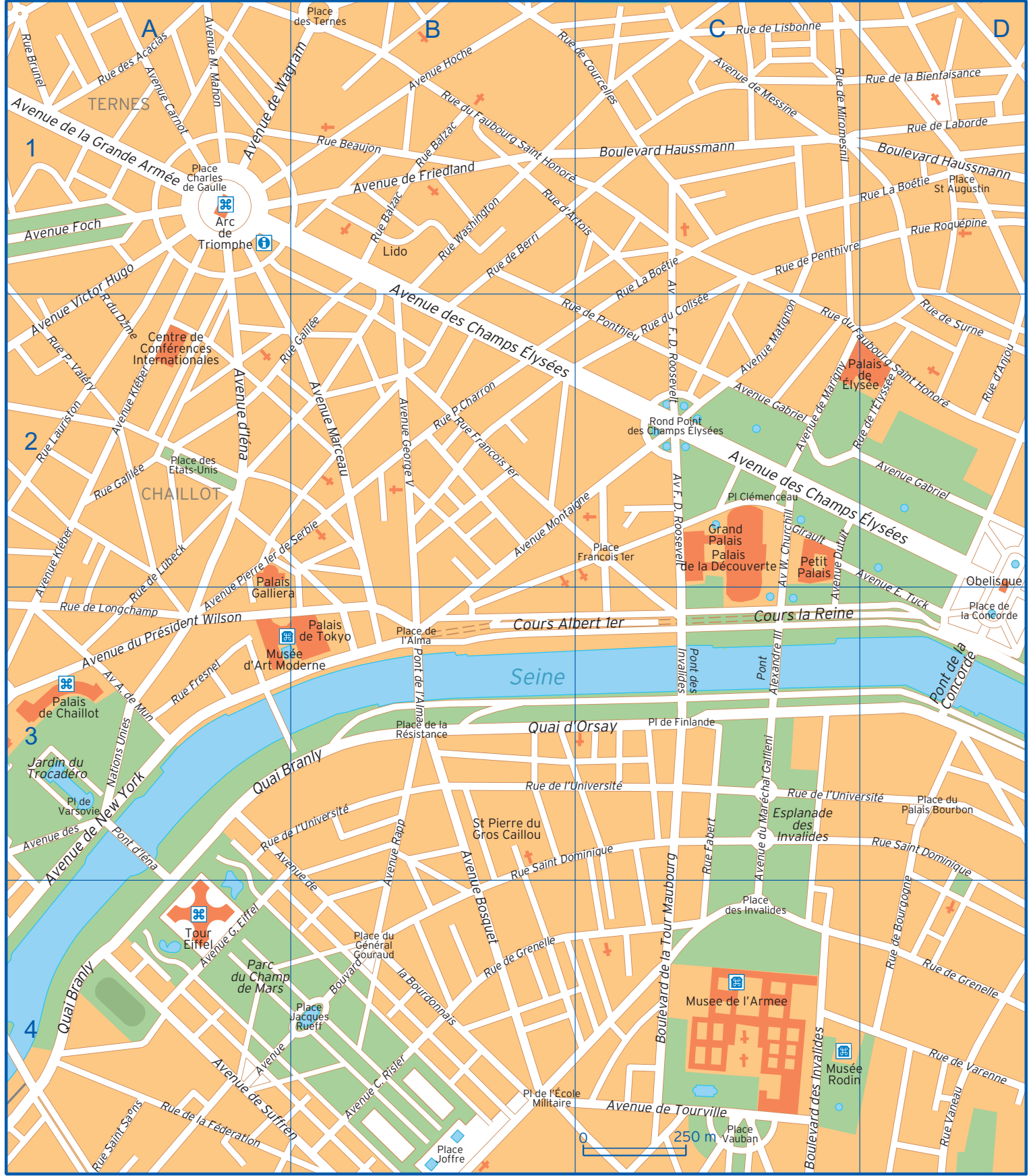
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Avenue du Maréchal Gallieni	C3 C4	Place Joffre	B4	Rue de Lobau	G4
Avenue du Président Wilson	A3	Place Kossuth	F1	Rue de Londres	E1
Avenue Dutuit	C2 C3	Place M.Quentin	G3	Rue de Longchamp	A3
Avenue d'Iéna	A2	Place Saint Augustin	D1	Rue de Lübeck	A2 A3
Avenue E. Tuck	C2 D3	Place Saint Michel	F4	Rue de l'Arbre Sec	F3
Avenue Foch	A1	Place Vauban	C4	Rue de l'Université	A3 B3 C3 D3 E4
Avenue Franklin D. Roosevelt	C1 C2	Place Vendôme	E2	Rue de l'Échiquier	G2
Avenue G. Eiffel	A4	Pont Alexandre III	C3	Rue de l'Élysée	D2
Avenue Gabriel	C2 D2	Pont de la Concorde	D3	Rue de Maubeuge	F1
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Avenue M. Mahon	A1	Pont Neuf	F4	Rue de Ponthieu	B2 C2
Avenue Marceau	B2	Quai Anatole France	D3 E3	Rue de Provence	E1 F1
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Avenue Montaigne	B2 C2	Quai de Conti	F4	Rue de Rivoli	E2 E3 G3 G4
Avenue Pierre 1er de Serbie	A3 B2	Quai de Gesvres	G4	Rue de Rome	D1
Avenue Rapp	B3 B4	Quai de Tuileries	D3 E3	Rue de Seine	F4
Avenue Victor Hugo	A1 A2	Quai des Grands Augustins	F4	Rue de Trévise	G1
Avenue Victoria	G4	Quai du Louvre	F3 F4	Rue de Varenne	D4
Avenue Winston Churchill	C2 C3	Quai d'Orsay	B3 C3	Rue de Vienne	D1
Boulevard des Capucines	E2	Quai Malaquais	E4 F4	Rue des Acacias	A1
Boulevard de Bonne Nouvelle	G2	Quai Staint Michel	F4 G4	Rue des Halles	G3
Boulevard de la Madeleine	D2 E2	Quai Voltaire	E3 E4	Rue des Jeûneurs	F2 G2
Boulevard de la Tour Maubourg	C3 C4	Rond Point des Champs Élysées	C2	Rue des Lombards	G3 G4
Boulevard de Montmartre	F2	Rue André des Arts	F4	Rue des Mathurins	D1 E1
Boulevard de Sébastopol	G3	Rue Auber	E1	Rue des Petites Écuries	G1
Boulevard des Invalides	C4	Rue Balzac	B1	Rue des Petits Champs	E2 F2
Boulevard des Italiens	F2	Rue Beaubourg	G3	Rue des Saints Pères	E4
Boulevard du Palais	G4	Rue Beaujon	B1	Rue du Bac	D4 E4
Boulevard Haussmann	C1 D1 E1 F1	Rue Berger	G3	Rue du Bac	D4 E4
Boulevard Malesherbes	D1 D2	Rue Bergère	F1 G1	Rue du Caire	G2
Boulevard Poissonnière	F2 G2	Rue Bleue	G1	Rue du Colisée	C2
Boulevard Raspail	E4	Rue Bonaparte	G1	Rue du Dôme	A2
Boulevard Saint Germain	D3 D4 E4 F4	Rue Brunel	E4	Rue du Fg Montmartre	F1
Cours Albert 1er	B3 C3	Rue Cadet	A1	Rue du Fg Poissonnière	G1 G2
Cours la Reine	C3 D3	Rue Cambon	F1	Rue du Havre	E1
Place Charles de Gaulle	A1	Rue Croix des Petits Champs	E2	Rue du Louvre	F3
Place Clémenceau	C2	Rue D. Casanova	F3	Rue du Pont Neuf	F3
Place de Finlande	C3	Rue Dauphine	E2	Rue du Quatre Septembre	E2 F2
Place de la Concorde	D3	Rue de Bellechasse	F4	Rue du Renard	G4
Place de la Madeleine	D2	Rue de Bellefond	D3 D4	Rue du Sentier	G2
		Rue de Berri	G1	Rue du Temple	G3 G4
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Place de la Résistance

B3 Rue de Bourgogne

D3 D4 Rue D'Arcole

G4

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Rue d'Haute ville	G1	Rue Montorgueil	G2 G3	Rue Saint Martin	G2 G3
Rue Fabert	C3	Rue P. Valéry	A2	Rue Saint Sauveur	G2
Rue Feydeau	F2	Rue P.Charron	B2	Rue Saint Saëns	A4
Rue Francois 1er	B2	Rue Quincampoix	G3	Rue Sainte Anne	E3 F2
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Rue La Boétie	C1 C2 D1	Rue Saint Denis	G2 G3	Rue Washington	B1
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