

meeting THE PARISIANS



You might know the capital. But what do you know about daily life here? To enjoy all those little unexpected pleasures, there is nothing better than local neighbourhood life in markets, cafes, local buses or the tramway ... Share in the leisure activities of Parisians, their favourite places and their moments of relaxation with friends or family and even get to learn some French.

Markets

In addition to permanent, often covered markets, there are many *marchés* (markets) that set up their stalls several mornings per week, especially towards the end of the week, in every local neighbourhood. People shop here for the fresh and varied range of produce, and the lively and friendly atmosphere. You can ask the fishmonger for advice, taste samples of goodies that will make you want to fill your shopping basket and much more. Some have a speciality: organic at the Raspail and des Batignolles markets and in rue Saint-Charles, exotic products at Aligre, Barbès and Belleville. Flowers, and stamps (rond-point des Champs-Élysées), rare and secondhand books (parc Georges-Brassens, see p.59). Not forgetting the flea markets! More information at parisinfo.com, rubric "Practical Paris".

Covered markets

Alésia

Rue de la Glacière
and de la Santé (14th).
M° Glacière.
Wed: 7am-2.30pm.
Sat: 7am-3pm.

Barbès

Bd de la Chapelle (18th).
M° Barbès-Rochechouart.
Wed: 7am-2.30pm.
Sat: 7am-3pm.
See p.50.

Bastille

Bd Richard-Lenoir (11th).
Between rue Amelot
and rue Saint-Sabin.
M° Bastille.
Thurs: 7am-2.30pm
Sun: 7am-3pm.

Batignolles

96 bis, rue Lemercier (17th).
M° Brochant.
Tues to Fri: 8.30am-1pm
and 3.30pm-8pm.
Sat: 8.30am-8pm.
Sun: 8.30am-2pm.

Les Enfants rouges

39, rue de Bretagne (3rd).
M° Filles-du-Calvaire.
Tues to Sat: 8.30am-1pm,
4pm-7.30pm (until 8pm Fri and Sat).
Sun: 8.30am-2pm.

Monge

Place Monge (5th).
M° Place-Monge.
Wed and Fri: 7am-2.30pm.
Sun: 7am-3pm.

Saint-Germain

4-8, rue Lobineau (6th).
M° Mabillon.
Tues to Fri: 8.30am-1pm
and 4pm-8pm.
Sat: 8.30am-1.30pm
and 3.30pm-8pm.
Sun: 8am-1.30pm.

Ternes

8 bis, rue Lebon (17th).
M° Ternes.
Tues to Sat: 8am-1pm
and 4pm-7.30pm.
Sun: 8am-1pm.

RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT, LIKE THE PARISIANS

Sorting household rubbish, cleanliness of roads, keeping an eye on air quality, developing non-polluting public transport, the City Council's sustainable development week ... in Paris, the protection of the environment is the responsibility of everyone. Visitors are also invited to contribute to this initiative: wherever you are staying, avoid wasting water and energy; use preferably public transport to get around; whenever possible, sort your rubbish, etc. Information: www.paris.fr

PARIS WITH THE PARISIANS

If you are already familiar with the classic sights in Paris and are curious about Parisian-style living, then we suggest that you go along and meet Parisians in their local neighbourhoods to share a few pleasant moments with them, their leisure time and their favourite addresses. All this information can be found on parisinfo.com, in the report "Paris with the Parisians" in the section "Trips & Tours". You can also go along and discover a range of professions, from the most traditional to the most innovative. Artisans will be happy to share their enthusiasm for their art with you, during a visit. Details on parisinfo.com, in the report "the Parisians at work" in the section "Trips & Tours".

Flower markets

Île de la Cité

Place Louis-Lépine (4th).
M° Cité.
Daily: 8am-7.30pm

Place de la Madeleine

East side of the church (8th).
M° Madeleine.
Daily: 8am-7.30pm, except Sun.

Place des Ternes

On the central reservation (17th).
M° Ternes.
Tues to Sat: 8.30am-1pm
and 4pm-7.30pm.
Sun: 8am-1pm.

Animal markets

Place Louis-Lépine (4th)

M° Cité.
Sun: 8am-7pm.

Quai de la Mégisserie (1st)

M° Pont-Neuf.
Daily: 10am-7pm.

Flea markets

The **puces** (flea markets) at the **portes** (gateways) to Paris are a paradise for those who like to hunt around for antiques, the curious, vintage fans and those who enjoy hunting for a bargain. At Saint-Ouen, 2,000 exhibitors on some fifteen or so markets

offer a large choice of clothes, unusual objects and high-quality antiques. Montreuil is top for knick-knacks, secondhand bikes, small items of furniture and secondhand clothes. The **Marché de Vanves** is essentially a secondhand market and overflows with old toys, paintings and advertising objects and more.

Porte de Saint-Ouen

Av. de la Porte-de-Clignancourt (18th).
M° Porte-de-Clignancourt.
Sat, Sun and Mon: 10am-5pm.
• Association des commerçants:
Tel: 01 40 12 32 58.
www.parispuces.com
• Office de Tourisme de Saint-Ouen:
Tel: 01 58 61 22 90.
www.st-ouen-tourisme.com

Porte de Vanves

Porte de Vanves,
Porte Didot.
Av. Georges-Lafenestre:
W/e: 7am-3-5pm.
Rue Marc-Sangnier (14th):
W/e: 7am-1pm.
<http://pucesdevanves.typepad.com>

Porte de Montreuil

Av. de la Porte-de-Montreuil (20th).
M° Porte-de-Montreuil.
Sat and Sun: 7am-8pm.

Galerie Cristo

33-41, rue Paul-Bert.
93400 Saint-Ouen.
Tel: 01 40 11 05 16.
www.galeriecristo.com
At the heart of the Saint-Ouen flea market: specialist in antique Chinese furniture.

Do you speak French?

Would you like to improve your French and learn more about French culture? Contact language schools which will help make this language (reputed to be difficult) easier ... Some schools will even help you to arrange your language stay. More information on parisinfo.com, rubric "Practical Paris".

EVENT

Outdoor cinema festival

Every summer, a giant screen is set up on the grass of the Triangle in the Parc de la Villette for a season of free films shown in their original version. At nightfall, people enjoy getting together to picnic on the grass before the start of the film. The 2010 edition runs from 17 July to 22 August, on the theme of "Being 20-years-old". Information on www.villette.com