

a taste FOR LUXURY

Paris's reputation as the capital of luxury is carried high by perfumers, jewellers, designers of haute couture, antique dealers and the large auction houses like Drouot, Christie's and Sotheby's. Not forgetting the artisans, who create luxury goods – gold- and silversmiths, trunk and suitcase makers, leather craftsmen, saddlers or artists in glassmaking and more.

Some stars

Idyllic decor, impeccable service, illustrious guests ... upscale hotels are not lacking in Paris! Twelve of them have been rated "five star" since the new classifications in the rules and regulations of the hotel industry came into effect, and four or them are rated "four-star Luxe". Discrete and efficient, the concierges satisfy (almost) all the wishes of their guests. The price of a suite may leave you dreaming but everyone can enjoy palace life with a light snack or a drink.

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Quartiers raffinés

To get a close look at Baccarat, Cartier, Chanel, Christofle, Daum, Dior, Guerlain, Hermès, Lacroix, Lalique, Saint Laurent or even Vitton, go along to the Champs-Élysées, avenue Montaigne, Saint-Germain-des-Prés, the prestigious place Vendôme and the equally famous rue de la Paix.

Antiques

Louvre des antiquaires
2, place du Palais-Royal (1st)
M° Palais-Royal –
Musée-du-Louvre.
Tel: 01 42 97 27 27.
Tues to Sun: 11am-7pm.
www.louvre-antiquaires.com

Village St-Paul (4th)
M° Saint-Paul.
Tel: 01 48 87 00 65.
www.village-saint-paul.com

Village suisse
78, av. de Suffren –
54, av. de la Motte-Picquet (15th).
M° La Motte-Picquet – Grenelle.
Daily except Tues and Wed.
www.levillagesuissepatis.com

Well-being

Club Med Gym
www.clubmedgym.com
22 sport halls in Paris.

Ergotonic
Tel: 06 62 89 43 75.
www.ergotonic.net
Massages by appointment
at your hotel.

Spark Enghien
87, rue du Général-de-Gaule.
95880 Enghien-Les-Bains.
Tel: 01 39 34 10 50.
www.lucienbarriere.com
Private swimming pool, saunas, etc.



Jewellery

Boucheron
26, place Vendôme (1st).
Tel: 01 42 61 58 16.

Cartier
154, av. des Champs-Élysées (8th).
Tel: 01 40 74 01 27.

Chaumet
12, place Vendôme (1st).
Tel: 01 44 77 26 26.

Mauboussin
66, av. des Champs-Élysées (8th).
Tel: 01 42 56 03 42.

Van Cleef & Arpels
3, rue de la Paix (2nd).
Tel: 01 53 45 35 60.

FASHION SHOWS

In January and July, Paris stages dozens of haute couture fashion shows that present the spring-summer and autumn-winter collections. It is not easy to get a seat next to the 'happy few' alongside the catwalks. However, the fashion shows organized by Galeries Lafayette each Friday, at 3pm, are free and open to everyone.
www.galerieslafayette.com

And for even more information on shopping and top fashion designers, visit parisinfo.com, rubric "Shopping and Fashion".