

MONUMENTAL PARIS

The area around the Eiffel Tower is on a fitting scale to the tower itself. On a clear night, its beam sweeps through the sky in a radius covering 80 kilometres. The spectacle is awesome and one feels so small in this grandiose area with its massive buildings and vast green spaces! Just opposite, for example, are the gems of the 1937 Exposition Universelle: seventy-one artists decorated the Palais de Chaillot and a quartet of architects designed the Palais de Tokyo and its white colonnade. On show in the latter is the acclaimed fresco *La Fée Électricité* by Dufy and the monumental *La Danse* triptychs by Matisse. For *La Porte de l'Enfer*, see the Musée Rodin.

And what spectacular perspectives – one stretching from the Esplanade des Invalides to beyond Pont Alexandre III, the other between the equestrian statues of the two marshals, Foch in place du Trocadéro and Joffre at the opposite end of the Champ-de-Mars, in front of the École Militaire. Did you know that this institution trained a young Corsican, who was “an excellent sailor”, and who was none other than Napoléon Bonaparte? Today, his imperial remains lie beneath the golden dome of the Invalides.



Eiffel Tower (7th) • Champ-de-Mars (15th)
• Invalides (7th) • Trocadéro (16th)



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 • La Tour-Maubourg (line 8) • Bir-Hakeim (line 6) • Varenne (line 13) • Rue-du-Bac (line 12)

DON'T MISS

Champ de Mars and the Eiffel Tower



The vast park laid out below the famous tower has nothing warlike about it, and even boasts a Wall of Peace! Its name, borrowed from the god of war, relates to the early history of the “*champ*” as an exercise area for the young cadets of the military school. Later, as the centre point of the Expositions universelles, it was chosen as the site of the biggest attraction of 1889, the Eiffel Tower. Stop to gaze up at all of its 324 metres! The tower was saved from demolition after twenty years because of its scientific utility. A few more figures: 10,100 tons, 2,500,000 rivets, 1,665 steps, two years of relentless work for

the 50 engineers and 132 workers directed by Gustave Eiffel, and approximately 230 million visitors since its construction. The tower is a special landmark symbolizing Paris and France throughout the world and it sparkles every evening until 1am (in winter) or 2am (in summer). **Champ-de-Mars (7th).**

M° Bir-Hakeim.

Tel: 01 44 11 23 23 or 08 92 70 12 39 (0.337 €/min).

From 1 Jan to 17 June and from 29 Aug to 31 Dec: 9.30am-11pm.

From 18 June to 28 Aug:

9am to 12-midnight.

Lifts: €8 – RR: €4/€6.40.

Stairs: €4.50 – RR: €3/€3.50.

Summit by lift: €13 – RR: €7.50/€9.90.

Under 4s: free.

www.tour-eiffel.fr



Trocadéro

The elevated “Troca” has a privileged viewpoint of the Eiffel

Tower on the opposite bank of the Seine. Between the curved wings of the vast Palais de Chaillot – emblem of the 1930s – are gently sloping terraces and gardens, bordered by century-old Caucasian wingnut and hazel trees, and dotted with gilded bronze statues. Skaters and rollerbladers weave alongside the fountains beneath the gaze of Apollo and Hercules, sculpted on the pediment of the pavilions.



DID YOU KNOW?

In 2010, prolongation of “L'épopée Tour Eiffel” the exhibition celebrating the 120th anniversary of the Eiffel Tower.

Invalides



In 1671, Louis XIV decided to build "a royal hostel that would be large and spacious enough to house all officers, crippled, old and retired alike". The "pensioners" began arriving in 1674. The Église Saint-Louis – or "Soldiers Church" – and the Église du Dôme (transformed into a military pantheon) were built afterwards. This magnificent ensemble, with its wonderful green lawn, today houses canons, the Musée de l'Armée, the Musée de l'Ordre de la Libération and the Musée des Plans et Reliefs. The Musée de l'Armée houses the tomb of Napoléon, the department of arms and ancient armoury and that of the two world wars and the Historial Charles de Gaulle. As for the modern department (17th-19th centuries), it has reopened following restoration work.

Hôtel national des Invalides
129, rue de Grenelle (7th).
M° La-Tour-Maubourg, Invalides.
Tel: 0 810 11 33 99 (price of a local call).
7.30am-7pm.

Musée de l'Ordre de la Libération **PASS**
51 bis, bd de La-Tour-Maubourg (7th).
M° La-Tour-Maubourg, Invalides.
Tel: 01 47 05 04 10.
www.ordredelaliberation.fr

Musée des Plans-Reliefs* **PASS**
129, rue de Grenelle (7th).
M° La-Tour-Maubourg, Invalides.
Tel: 01 45 51 95 05.
www.museedesplansreliefs.culture.fr

Musée de l'Armée*
Tomb of Napoléon I **PASS**
Hôtel national des Invalides.
129, rue de Grenelle (7th).
M° La-Tour-Maubourg, Invalides.
Tel: 0810 11 33 99 (price of a local call).
1 Apr to 30 Sept: 10am-6pm.
1 Oct to 31 Mar: 10am-5pm.
1 Jan, 1 May, 1 Nov, 25 Dec and
1st Mon of the month (except
from July to Sept): closed.
€9 – RR: €7 €.
Under 18s: free.
www.invalides.org



DID YOU KNOW?

Under the famous dome, redecorated with 12kg of gold in 1989, the remains of the emperor lie in six successive coffins set into a block of red porphyry from Finland!

Musée national Rodin* **PASS**

Auguste Rodin took up residence here in 1908, surrounded by a park teeming with brambles and rabbits. The museum opened in 1919, two years after his death. Sculptures in marble, bronze, and terracotta alternate with drawings by the master, works by Camille Claudel (his muse), paintings by his friends Carrière, Monet, Van Gogh and others. In the garden, roses and statues have replaced the rabbits, but the charm remains unique.



Hôtel Biron.
79, rue de Varenne (7th).
M° Varenne.
Tel: 01 44 18 61 10.
Daily 10am-5.45pm.
Mon, 1 Jan, 1 May, 25 Dec:
closed.
€10/€6 – RR: €5.
Park only: €1. Under 18s and
1st Sun of the month: free
(except temporary exhibitions).
www.musee-rodin.fr



Musée du quai Branly* **PASS**

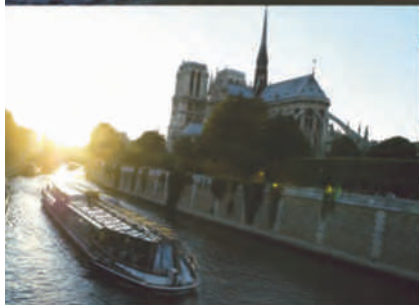
Not just a place to visit but a place to explore. Perched on piles, in a richly-planted two-hectare garden with a plant wall, the Musée du quai Branly showcases the arts and civilizations of Africa, Asia, Oceania and the Americas. Visitors go from one art to another, from aboriginal shields to Shamanic costumes, and discover the crossroads where civilizations and cultures meet. The museum boasts a panoramic and gastronomic restaurant, a pleasant cafe with a view of the garden, and a bookshop.



37, quai Branly (7th).
M° Alma-Marceau.
Tel: 01 56 61 70 00.
Tues, Wed, Sun: 11am-7pm.
Thurs, Fri, Sat: 11am-9pm.
€8.50 – RR: €6.
www.quaibrantly.fr



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Tél.: +33(0)1 76 64 14 45
www.bateauxparisiens.com

DISCOVER

Musée national des Arts asiatiques Guimet* **PASS**

The walls of the museum are decorated in subtle tones to set off the splendour of the collections. Each floor is a journey – hieratic Buddhas and Indian elephant gods, ladies from the Tang dynasty with hair styled in two chignons, Siddhârtha in golden copper from Tibet, tiaras from Nepal, ink from China, reeds, cranes, lotus, the Silk Road, lacquered wood, cobalt blues, Japanese nō masks and much more.



6, place d'Iéna (16th). M° Iéna. Tel: 01 56 52 53 00.
Daily: 10am-6pm, except Tues. €7.50 – RR: €5.50.
Under 18s: free. Subject to modification.
www.guimet.fr

JUST AROUND THE CORNER

The museum's Panthéon Bouddhique displays pieces brought back from Japan in 1876 by Émile Guimet, an industrialist from Lyon, a fervent admirer of the culture of the Far East and founder of the museum that bears his name.
19, av. d'Iéna (16th). M° Iéna.
Tel: 01 40 73 88 00.
Daily: 9.45am-5.45pm. Closed Tues.
Free.

Palais de Tokyo, contemporary creation

The spacious dimensions brightened with acid tones are a showcase for emerging contemporary art. From midday to midnight, experimental, irreverent, international, and often interactive exhibitions and events brighten the line-up. The shop disguised as a "petrol station from the suburbs of Stockholm" is stocked with amusing

objects in limited series; under the luminous pink and green saucers of the restaurant, one can enjoy peas with mint and clementines au gratin.



13, av. du Président-Wilson (16th). M° Iéna.
Tel: 01 47 23 54 01. Tues to Sun: Midday to midnight.
Closed 1 Jan, 1 May and 25 Dec. €6 – RR: €4.50.
Under 18s, disabled: free. www.palaisdetokyo.com

Musée d'Art moderne de la Ville de Paris

The Museum of Modern Art displays the pure tones of the fauvists, the deconstructed shapes of the cubists and *Les Disques* by Fernand Léger. It features all the trends in non-figurative art, from the École de Paris, Modigliani, Soutine, and Giacometti's search for the absolute to photos by Brassai. It also covers the 1950s and the following decades with New Realism, Arte Povera, Support/Surface, Fluxus, and more. It honours great contemporary figures, such as Boltanski, Bourgeois, and Buren, and supports the most outstanding trends in new design.
11, av. du Président-Wilson (16th). M° Iéna.
Tel: 01 53 67 40 00. Daily: 10am-6pm, except Mon and some public hols. Thurs: late opening until 10pm. Permanent collections free.
www.mam.paris.fr

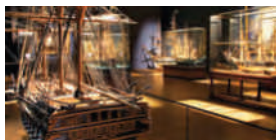
Musée de l'Homme

Even its name will change! Currently closed for renovation work, the Musée de l'Homme will reopen in 2013 as a brand new wonderful museum of mankind. On the programme: a great journey through time from man's appearance – 150,000 years ago – to the present day, in a totally new laid out museum.
Palais de Chaillot. 17, place du Trocadéro (16th). M° Trocadéro. Tel: 01 44 05 72 72.
www.mnhn.fr



Musée national de la Marine* **PASS**

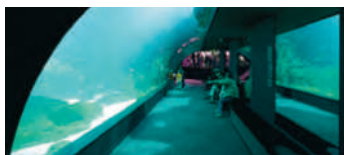
Discover more than 1,000 extraordinary objects retracing 300 years of maritime history: models of ships and machines, figureheads, paintings, sailors' souvenirs, weapons, navigation instruments, etc.



Palais de Chaillot. 17, place du Trocadéro (16th).
M° Trocadéro. Tel: 01 53 65 69 53 (info and res).
Daily: 10am-6pm, except Tues, 1 Jan, 1 May and
25 Dec. €9/€7 – RR: €7/€5 (audioguide included).
www.musee-marine.fr

**Musée Maillol –
Fondation Dina-Vierny**

Dina Vierny was the muse and friend of the painter and sculptor Aristide Maillol. The foundation and the museum reveal the work of the artist and offer a panorama of 20th-century art through his collection and that of Dina: B for Bonnard, D for Duchamp, K for Kandinsky ... S for seductive!
Fondation Dina-Viery. 61, rue de Grenelle (7th).
M° Rue-du-Bac. Tel: 01 42 22 59 58.
Daily: 11am-6pm, except Tues and public hols.
€8 – RR: €6. Under 16s: free.
www.museemaillo.com

**Aquarium de Paris – Cinéaqua**

43 tanks, more than 10,000 fish and invertebrates, 25 sharks, a touch pool to stroke the fish, 2 cinema auditoriums and interactive animations for a fun-packed family day out! Plus: the opportunity to have a delicious snack in the traditional Japanese restaurant with a view of a 600,000-litre aquarium!
Jardins du Trocadéro. 5, av. Albert-de-Mun (16th).
M° Trocadéro. Tel: 01 40 69 23 23.

From 1 Oct to 31 Mar: 10am-5pm.
From 1 Apr to 30 Sept: 10am-6pm.
€19.50. 3-12yrs: €12.50. Under 3s: free.
www.cineaqua.com

**Palais Galliera – musée de
la Mode de la Ville de Paris**

In the course of temporary exhibitions showcasing a part of its invaluable and fragile collections – 90,000 costumes and accessories from the 18th-century to today – the museum offers an insight into past and contemporary fashion.
10 av. Pierre-I^{er}-de-Serbie (16th). M° Iéna.
Tel: 01 56 52 86 00. Closed for renovation until 2011. www.galliera.paris.fr

Les égouts de Paris **PASS**

Underground Paris, what an adventure! 2,400 km of pipes; some 31,600 manhole covers for easy access; 500 sewer workers responsible for the upkeep ... and 1 underground visit to find out everything there is to know about the water cycle.
Opposite 93, quai d'Orsay (7th). M° Alma-Marceau.
Tel: 01 53 68 27 81. Daily except Thurs,
Fri and 2 weeks mid-Jan. 1 May to 30 Sept:
11am-5pm. 1 Oct to 30 Apr: 11am-4pm.
€4.30 – RR: €3.50. Under 6s: free.
www.paris.fr

**Cité de l'Architecture
et du Patrimoine*** **PASS**

Housed in a wing of the Palais de Chaillot, this *cité* – open to all – devotes its 23,000 sq.m. to the urban environment. The museum's galleries present architectural moulds, medieval and Renaissance wall paintings and an architectural panorama from 1850 to the present day.
Palais de Chaillot. 1, place du Trocadéro and du 11-Novembre (16th).
M° Trocadéro. RER Champ-de-Mars – Tour-Eiffel. Tel: 01 58 51 52 00.
Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun:
11am-7pm. Thurs: 11am-9pm.
Closed Tues, 1 Jan, 1 May and 25 Dec.
€8/€10 – RR: €5/€7.
Under 18s, 1st Sun of month: free.
www.citechaillot.fr

