

parisian NIGHTS



This capital never sleeps. From 'happy hour' – the bell rings in some bars between 6pm and 8pm for a reduced-price aperitif –, to the rest of the night for those who like to dance until dawn, one-off night revellers or regular night birds will find everything they could wish for on the Paris night scene.

Night transport

Taxis are available at any of the 134 taxi ranks around the city (indicated by a sign marked with a 'T' on a blue background). They can also be ordered by telephone, and booked in advance, or just hailed in the street. The Parisian metro operates from 5.30am or 6am in the morning, according to line. In the week, the last metro runs between 12.40am and 1.15am, according to line, and between 1.40am and 2.15 am on Friday, Saturday and the night before public holidays. This is also the case for the RER and the tramway. On certain occasions (31 December, Fête de la musique, 14 July – Bastille Day) it is even free and operates all night! Information at: www.ratp.fr The Noctilien is a night bus service with 42 lines operating from 12.30am to 5.30am, throughout Île-de-France. In Paris, the network is linked to the 5 major stations (Châtelet, gares de l'Est, de Lyon, Montparnasse, Saint-Lazare) and services the Champs-Élysées, Bastille, République, place d'Italie, etc. Information at: www.noctilien.fr

Discos

Fans of house and techno, as well as tango, mambo and disco will find clubs for dancing from 11pm to dawn, in atmospheres that cover all the ranges: select, off-beat, musette, electric, tropical, etc. Many nightclubs organise theme nights, or afternoon dances that are sometimes free for ladies. A few addresses:

Arc Paris (L')

12, rue de Presbourg (16th).
M° Charles-de-Gaule – Étoile.
Tel: 01 45 00 78 70.
www.larc-paris.com

Bains Douches (Les)

7, rue du Bourg-l'Abbé (3rd).
M° Étienne-Marcel.
Tel: 01 53 01 40 60.

M (ex-Madam)

128, rue la Boétie (8th).
M° George-V.
Tel: 01 45 26 24 72.
www.groupe-pearl.com

Machine (La) (ex-La Loco)

90, bd de Clichy (18th).
M° Blanche.
Tel: 01 53 41 88 89.

Maison Blanche (La)

15, av. Montaigne (8th).
M° Alma-Marceau.
Tel: 01 47 23 55 99.
www.maison-blanche.fr

Queen (Le)

102, av. des Champs-Élysées (8th).
M° George-V.
Tel: 01 53 890 890.

Six seven/First Floor

65-67, rue Pierre-Charron (8th).
M° Franklin-D. Roosevelt.
Tel: 01 58 56 20 51.
www.sixseven.fr

VIP Room Theater

188 bis, rue de Rivoli (1st)
M° Palais-Royal –
Musée-du-Louvre
Tel: 01 58 36 46 00.

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95880 Enghien-les-Bains.
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www.lucienbarriere.com

Bars

There are 'lounge' atmospheres and velvet settees, the lively Irish pubs, bars of top hotels, live music performances and more ... Except in the case of special dispensation, bars close at 2am in the morning. Information at parisinfo.com, rubric "Restaurants & Cafés".

Gay discos and bars

Paris is an open and tolerant city, where everyone can be themselves. There is a vast number of gay or gay-friendly addresses, often situated around Châtelet, the Hôtel de Ville, and especially in the Marais district. Information at parisinfo.com, rubric "Practical Paris".

Cinema

Paris loves cinema and film shoots regularly take place in the streets and apartments of the capital (830 in 2009). The capital has almost 110 cinemas. In addition to mainstream films, many cinemas screen art-house films, documentaries and films for children. And for cinema fans, the festival Paris cinema (from 3 to 13 July 2010) is the not-to-be-missed summer event. At the price of €5 for every film, it is possible to enjoy previews, and short and full-length films. (www.pariscinema.org).

Forum des Images

Porte Saint-Eustache.
Forum des Halles (1st).
M° Châtelet-les-Halles.
www.forumdesimages.fr

Géode

Cité des sciences et de l'industrie.
26, av. Corentin-Cariou (19th).
M° Porte-de-la-Villette.
Tel: 0 892 68 45 40 (€0.34/min).
www.lageode.fr

Grand Rex

1, bd Poissonnière (2nd).
M° Bonne-Nouvelle.
Tel: 0 892 68 05 96 (€0.34/min).
www.legrandrex.com
See p.38.

PARISNIGHTLIFE.FR

In Paris the night belongs to those who go to bed late! Parisnightlife.fr, devised by the Paris City Council in collaboration with the federation of cabarets and night clubs, is a unique bilingual (French/English) information resource about the Paris nightlife scene. It combines a **map-guide** – available at art, music and entertainment venues, the Paris Convention and Visitors Bureau information centres, train stations, youth hostels, etc. – and an innovative website www.parisnightlife.fr offering multiple search criteria (dates, hours, arrondissement, type of music and public ...) and a map of places and events for nightlife in the capital. Everything you need to know about Parisian nightlife at your fingertips!

Max Linder Panorama

24, bd Poissonnière (9th).
M° Grands-Boulevards.
Tel: 0 892 68 00 31 (€0.34/min).
www.maxlinder.com

MK2 Bibliothèque

128-162, av. de France (13th).
M° Bibliothèque-de-France.
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www.mk2.com

Pagode

57 bis, rue de Babylone (7th).
M° Saint-François-Xavier.
Tel: 01 45 55 48 48.

Paris Story !

11 bis, rue Scribe (9th).
M° Opéra.
Tel: 01 42 66 06 06.
www.paris-story.com
See p.40.

Ask for the programme!

The weekly magazines Pariscope (€0.40) and L'Officiel des spectacles (€0.35), on sale at kiosks and in newsagents, give the programmes for all Parisian cinemas. The bimonthly Paris-Mômes (free supplement with the Libération newspaper) lists entertainment for children.

EVENT

Paris, City of Light

For the end of year festivities, "Paris illuminates Paris", the City commissions artists to create illuminations for more than 120 streets. The result is a captivating circuit: Milky Way, crystal rain, stream of garlands, vault of flames and other original creations decorate the night in a magical way. The Eiffel Tower sparkles at dusk throughout the year. In total, 296 sites (hotels, churches, statues, fountains, national buildings, etc.) and 33 Parisian bridges are illuminated at nightfall.