

visiting THE CAPITAL



Hundreds of ways of visiting Paris ... There is the traditional way of seeing Paris: visiting the city's top sites and getting around on foot and other modes of transport whether public or private. But there are also less-well known or offbeat itineraries and sites to discover, literally hundreds of ways of getting around and seeing the city in a new light.

Do you dream of following in the footsteps of impressionist or contemporary painters? Discovering street art, funerary art or sacred art? Touring India, the West Indies or China without taking a plane? Would you like to know everything about the fauna, flora and statuary of parks and gardens? Go on an art nouveau or art deco architectural walking tour? Historical, literary, cinematographic, gastronomic, and other themed walks? All types of tours are possible! Visits that are guided, thematic, on the water (see p.14), by bike, on foot, by electric scooter, on rollerblades, even in the air: here are some ideas for discovering another side of Paris.

Cultural visits

The professions of guide and interpreter guide are regulated in France by the law of 13 July 1992. Only holders of a professional card are authorized to give guided tours of exhibitions and inside museums and monuments. Having the services of a lecturer guide or of an interpreter guide, if you prefer to communicate in your language, is a guarantee of quality and expertise. Guides will also take you on walking, cycling tours ... and elaborate tours according to your wishes. Whether for a group or an individual, do not hesitate to call on the professionals below, all members of the tourist office and listed on parisinfo.com, and request the brochure *Paris se visite/Visiting Paris* (full of ideas for different ways of visiting Paris) at our information centres. **More information on these professionals from the Fédération Nationale des Guides Interprètes et Conférenciers (FNGIC):** www.fngic.fr

Other visits

There is more to visit in Paris than the Louvre Museum and the Eiffel Tower! Whether it is your first visit to the capital

or not, you will also enjoy discovering other aspects of the city ... visiting the behind-the-scenes of theatres, meeting Parisians, shopping for trendy items, taking part in a treasure hunt – there is something for all tastes!

Where to get information?

Find information about guided tours in Paris and its surroundings in the brochure *Paris se visite/Visiting Paris* available at our information centres and on parisinfo.com, rubric "Trips and Tours/Guided tours".

ROLLERBLADING TRIPS AROUND PARIS

Every week, free skating trips are organized in the capital. The rando-rollers on Sunday is for families and beginners and starts from place de la Bastille at 2.30pm (www.rollers-coquillages.org). The Friday evening tour is more energetic and is for experienced skaters. Unless the weather is rainy, it starts at 9.30pm from place Raoul-Dautry, below the Tour Montparnasse, and returns around 1am in the morning (www.pari-roller.com).

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