

# PARIS WALKS JULY 2024

## **Walking Tours in English. All tours require a reservation**

**Please reserve by 10pm the day before the tour (e-mail is best). If we already have some reservations you can reserve on the day of the tour. Tours with no advance reservations will be cancelled, but sometimes the tours fill up completely in advance. We will acknowledge your booking. If you don't receive a reply it will mean we didn't get your e-mail**

Price: Adults 25€. (Children under 15 = 10€, students under 21 = 15€) Tours last about 2 hours. We meet at metro stations, unless indicated, above ground at street level, guides wear Paris Walks badges.

**OLYMPIC GAMES – our scheduled walks will be suspended between 18 July and 18 August. Private tours will still be available during this time.**

**Metros Concorde, Tuileries and Champs Elysée-Clemenceau will be closed for the whole month because of the Olympics. Allow extra time to move round the city**

**EVERY MONDAY 10.30am The French Revolution** In the historic Latin Quarter, see where the revolutionaries lived and met, the oldest café in Paris, and the hall where Danton and the radical Cordeliers' club held their debates. On this lively tour you will understand the background to the chilling stories: Dr Guillotin's sinister 'razor', Marat stabbed in his bath by Charlotte Corday.

*Meet at metro Odeon, at the statue of Danton (exit 1)*

**EVERY TUESDAY 10.30am The Historic Marais Quarter** This is the most unspoilt historic quarter in Paris. Beautiful architecture from picturesque medieval streets to splendid classical mansions, and the lovely royal square, the place des Vosges. We look at architecture, history, Jewish heritage, and hear stories of the famous inhabitants such as Victor Hugo and Mme de Sevigné, celebrated for her witty letters. *Meet at metro St Paul (at the entrance)*

**EVERY TUESDAY 2.30pm Ile de la Cité and the Medieval Latin Quarter**

We explore the architecture of Ile de la Cité where Paris was first founded, and look at our beautiful ruined cathedral, hear its story over the ages, including the tragic fire. We see highlights and hidden details of the Latin Quarter: Roman remains, charming medieval streets, St Severin church, a jewel of flamboyant gothic architecture, and the Sorbonne university. *Meet at metro Cité*

**EVERY WEDNESDAY 10.30am The Village of Montmartre** On this picturesque walk you will discover a delightful neighbourhood with old winding streets, the vineyard, artists' studios (Renoir, Lautrec, Van Gogh, Picasso) street art, quiet gardens, historic cabarets, the place-du-Tertre with its artists and the Sacré Coeur Basilica. *Meet at metro Abbesses (use the elevator, the station is deep!)*

**EVERY THURSDAY 10.30am Paris during the Occupation and Liberation**

On this walk in the area of the Tuileries gardens, place Vendome, Concorde and Champs Elysées, hear how the Parisians survived the dark years of the Occupation from 1940-44 with stories of daily life, the Gestapo, the plight of the Jews, the Resistance and the Liberation. *Meet at the Carrousel Café, 194 rue de Rivoli, next to the place des Pyramides, and the statue of Joan of Arc. (Tuileries metro will be closed)*

**EVERY FRIDAY 10.30am Hemingway's Paris** Explore this charming district in the Latin Quarter with its old houses and courtyards, the Mouffetard market street, a hidden fragment of the medieval city wall, and the lovely historic church of St Etienne-du-Mont. It is associated with many writers: Joyce, Orwell, Balzac, Hugo, Verlaine. The area was immortalised by Hemingway in A Moveable Feast and by Woody Allen in Midnight in Paris. *Meet at metro Cardinal Lemoine (exit 1)*

**4pm - 6.30pm SMALL GROUP LOUVRE TOUR – 75€ per person including entrance (55€ for those who don't need an entrance ticket) See description below. It is advisable to reserve at least a week in advance. Timed entrance tickets can sell out.**

**EVERY SATURDAY (up to 13 July)**

**The Marais 10.30am** See Tuesday above. *Meet at metro Saint Paul*

**EVERY SUNDAY (up to 14 July)**

**The Village of Montmartre 10.30am** See Wednesday above. *Meet at metro Abbesses.*

**EVERY SUNDAY Special Afternoon Tour**

**Sun 7 2.30pm The Occupation and the Resistance, Left Bank circuit**

**Sun 14 2.30pm The St Germain Neighbourhood**

See descriptions below

**The Occupation and the Resistance (Sun 7 July 2.30pm)**

Left Bank Circuit. The story of the resistance fighters (who came from all backgrounds) the prisons, the plight of the Jews and the round ups. Everyday life during the Occupation, many poignant and revealing stories and the heroic acts of ordinary people. *Meet at metro Sevres Babylone, exit 3 at junction of rue de Sevres and bvd Raspail, by the garden.*

**The St Germain Neighbourhood (Sun 14 July 2.30pm)**

This tour captures the essence of the Left Bank: the abbey church of St Germain-des-Prés (the oldest church in Paris) charming old streets and squares, artists' studios, literary cafés still frequented by writers, jazz bars of the 1950s, the famous Paris Art School, the hotel where Oscar Wilde died, and imposing St Sulpice church to hear the truth behind its mysterious gnomon, which featured in the Da Vinci Code. *Meet in front of St Sulpice Church. A short walk from metro St Sulpice (line 4)*

**THE LOUVRE HIGHLIGHTS – Every Friday 4pm- 6.30pm**

On this tour of highlights of the fabulous collection of the Louvre Museum you will see how the building evolved from a fortified castle to become the main palace of the kings of France and then the superb museum it is today with the elegant modern glass pyramid as its entrance. Our guide will lead you through this vast and beautiful building to see the remains of the castle, splendidly decorated rooms, and world famous masterpieces. The tour includes sculptures such as the Venus de Milo, the Winged Victory of Samothrace, and paintings: the Coronation of Napoleon by David, the Wedding at Cana by Veronese, other French and Italian paintings, and of course the Mona Lisa. Along the way you will also discover other exceptional works chosen by the guide. Tour lasts about 2 hours and you can stay on afterwards.

Meet at the statue of Louis XIV in front of the Louvre pyramid.

**Price 75€ per person including entrance tickets (or 55€ for those aged under 18, or with museum passes) (Group limited to 6 people)**

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