

PARIS WALKS MAY 2025

Walking Tours in English. All tours require a reservation

Please reserve before 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.

Private tours can be arranged (walks and museum visits) e-mail us for details Thurs May 1 – Labour Day- 2.30pm St Germain – extra tour for the public holiday

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 (take 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 Notre Dame (exterior), 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!)*

Wed 7 May 3pm Chocolate and Pastry Tasting Tour 55€ – see description below

Wed 14 May 2.30pm Old Les Halles food market district – see description below

Wed 21 May 2.30pm Chanel Fashion 30€ - see description below

Wed 28 May 2.30pm Pere Lachaise Cemetery – see description below

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 metro Tuileries*

THURSDAY 1 MAY – Labour Day

2.30pm The St Germain Neighbourhood – see description below

Meet in front of St Sulpice Church. A short walk from metro St Sulpice (line 4)

EVERY THURSDAY 4pm – 6.15pm SMALL GROUP ORSAY TOUR– 80€ per person including entrance, (60€ for those who don't need an entrance ticket) description below. It is advisable to reserve at least a week in advance. Timed entrance tickets often sell out in advance. Not May 1 (museum 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 – 80€ per person including entrance (60€ 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 often sell out in advance.

EVERY SATURDAY

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

EVERY SUNDAY

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

EVERY SUNDAY Special Afternoon Tour - see descriptions below

Thurs 1 May 2.30pm The St Germain Neighbourhood (Labour Day)

Sun 4 May 2.30pm The Occupation and the Resistance, Left Bank circuit

Sun 11 May 2.30pm The St Germain Neighbourhood

Sun 18 May 2.30pm The Occupation and the Resistance, Left Bank circuit

Sun 25 May 2.30pm The St Germain Neighbourhood

The Occupation and the Resistance (Sun 4 and 18 May at 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 (Thurs 1 Sun 11, and 25 May at 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 Old Les Halles Food Market District (Wed 14 May at 2.30pm)

Explore the architecture of this district rich in history, with picturesque old streets, and hear stories of the famous fresh produce market which was here for many centuries. We see Paris' oldest patisserie, old-style bistros serving onion soup, traditional food stores, and the splendid Renaissance church of St Eustache. Enjoy the displays and hear about French food through the ages. *Meet at metro Etienne Marcel.*

The Chocolate and Pastry Tasting Tour (Wed 7 May at 3pm)

Learn how to select and appreciate top quality chocolate. We visit a variety of superb chocolatiers on this enjoyable walk which mixes history and anecdotes with delicious chocolate and pastry tasting. *Meet at metro Tuileries. (Price 55€ including tastings) Please reserve by 3pm the day beforehand*

Chanel and the rue St Honoré Fashion Walk (Wed 21 May at 2.30pm)

The story of Coco Chanel who rose from poverty to become one of the great names for traditional French chic. This walk explores rue Cambon, the rue St Honoré, and place Vendome (with the Ritz) all famous for the luxury trade and glamour. Our fashion specialist will give the background to the famous fashion designers and we visit Chanel and Hermes.

Meet in front of Smith and Sons, 248 rue de Rivoli, (metro Concorde, exit rue Cambon). Price 30€

Pere Lachaise Cemetery (Wed 28 May 2.30pm)

Our expert guide will lead you through this vast and labyrinthine cemetery, sharing its secrets, finding exceptional effigies and telling the stories of celebrities including: Chopin, Balzac, Oscar Wilde, Edith

Piaf, Maria Callas, Jim Morrison and ill-fated lovers Abelard and Héloïse. Enjoy the atmospheric mixture of cobbled pathways, magnificent tree-lined avenues and beautiful elaborate tombs.

Meet metro Père Lachaise, at exit on blvd Ménilmontant

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 80€ per person including entrance tickets (or 60€ for those aged under 18, or with museum passes) (Group limited to 6 people)

MUSEE D'ORSAY HIGHLIGHTS (Impressionism and 19thC masterpieces)

Every Thursday 4pm – 6.15pm (Not May 1)

This world famous museum celebrates the Impressionists and those who revolutionised art by capturing the modern life of their day. We hear the historical background and the stories of the painters and their lives, many of whom endured years of hardship and incomprehension. We see the works of the conventional artists of the 19thC against whom the dissident artists rebelled, and look at iconic works by Monet, Manet, Renoir, Degas, Van Gogh and Lautrec, and some superb sculptures. The tour lasts about 2 hours and you can stay on afterwards. Meet at the horse statue outside the museum

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