

## The Ultimate Paris Travel Guide: See, Eat, Do, Stay

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*Plan your next escape to the city of love.*



It regularly claims the crown for the most visited city in the world: we just can't get enough of [Paris](#). So, where can you find the best pastries in Paris? What's the coolest new boutique hotel in the city? Where do Paris' [art](#) crowd hang out? If you're looking for Paris travel tips, you've come to the right place. We've found the hottest hotels and the best [restaurants](#) to grab a bite in with our guide to Paris for 2024...

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### Paris Travel Guide 2025

'Paris is always a good idea.' This year, expect a host of design-led [hotel openings](#) and renovations, a cosmopolitan gastronomic facelift and [museums](#) harnessing the capital's fashion legacy with headline shows.

Never mind the modern likes of Maje, Sandro or Claudie Pierlot, the museums promise a trip to the 'glory days', when Paris was the glittering epicentre of the fashion world. It's the stuff of sartorial reverie, a retrospective of codemakers, fierce talent and the noise of showbiz, politics and culture surrounding these fashion power houses.

*[Read about the Dolce & Gabbana exhibition currently in Paris.](#)*

## Where To Stay In Paris

### Classic Romance In The Heart Of Paris: Le Meurice



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With a history stretching back to 1771 and a list of guests from across the years including Salvador Dali (who spent about a month of each year in the Royal Suite), Rudyard Kipling, Elizabeth Taylor and Liza Minnelli, Le Meurice is instantly recognisable in the heart of Paris. With views all across Paris (request a park view for sights over the Louvre and Eiffel Tower), it's centrally located and perfectly positioned for exploring the city.

With distinctive luxe Arabescato marble bathrooms (some with views over the Tuileries Garden), playful interiors details by Philippe Starck and two Michelin starred restaurant le Meurice Alain Ducasse on site, it would be understandable if you wanted to spend your entire 24 hours in Paris within the walls of this hotel. But try and leave at some point. If only for a stroll around the Tuileries Garden and to pop your head inside the world's largest art gallery, right on your doorstep (for an hour or 10). We would visit this hotel again and again (and again). [dorchestercollection.com](http://dorchestercollection.com)

### Petit Luxe: Grand Hôtel du Palais Royal

Grand Hôtel du Palais Royal from the Small Luxury Hotels of the World collection. Right by the Louvre but hidden from the crowds in an idyllic courtyard, this fresh, design-led hotel lives up to the city's culinary expectations. Their subterranean spa is ideal for post-shopping indulgence. Doubles from £325. [slh.com](http://slh.com)

### Contemporary Romance: Brach

Contemporary romance descends on Paris' 16th arrondissement with the opening of [Brach Paris](http://BrachParis.com). With a signature nonchalance and mission to both redefine and cater to Paris' new groove, Evok Group has stirred the sleepy 16th arrondissement (not least to mention the city) with their latest marvel, Brach – hot on the heels of Avenue de l'Opera's Nolinski. [brachparis.com](http://brachparis.com)



## The Perfect Art Base: The Peninsula



At new-gen palaces of Parisian deluxeishness such as The Peninsula – so cossetingly comfortable that it's a shock to sit on an unheated loo seat after a stay here – there are puffy down duvets so light they almost float around you, perfect facials from Bérénice in the sumptuous little spa, and giddily romantic booths in the Chinese restaurant; rates remain wince-making but include bonuses such as a 9 am check-in and 7 pm checkout, room upgrades and free breakfasts. But the mega-treat is browsing the city's marvellous permanent collections – at the Louvre, Musée d'Orsay, Musée Picasso, Musée Rodin and so on – without queuing or crowds. *Review by **Adriaane Pielou***

**BOOK:** Doubles at The Peninsula, from £762. [peninsula.com](http://peninsula.com); Return fares on Eurostar, from £58. [eurostar.com](http://eurostar.com)



The Lobby at Le Grand Hôtel Cayré



## Hip Affordability in St Saint-Germain-des-Prés: Le Grand Hôtel Cayré

Perfectly situated for exploring Paris' Left Bank, with rooms starting at £312 per night the chic new Miiro outpost, Le Grand Hôtel Cayré, has everything you need for a cute city break. Upgrade to an Eiffel Tower view room or suite for your very own little slice of the City of Love through your window. The restaurant, Annette, is well worth a visit, too, serving up an award-winning starter Œufs bio en meurette, which is worth the journey alone. [Read our full review here.](#)

**BOOK IT:** Rates from €360 / £312 per night, room only | [miirohotels.com/legrandhotelcayre](https://miirohotels.com/legrandhotelcayre)

## Things To Do In Paris

### Visit The Best Museums In Paris

Navigating the best museums and artworks in Paris is no mean feat, so don't exhaust yourself by trying to cram too much into a short trip. You shouldn't expect to see everything the Louvre has to offer in one day (or, realistically three), instead cherry pick the artworks you're desperate to see and spend some time with those, or simply choose a wing at random and take the pressure off yourself to see anymore from your visit. There will always be next time. Don't overlook the smaller, more unique galleries and collections in Paris. There is art at every corner in this cultural haven, so choose a district and dash in and out of pop-up shows and tiny exhibitions. Avoid lengthy queues by booking visits to the city's most popular galleries and museums online in advance.

### Wellness At Hotel Molitor Paris



Hotel Molitor Paris, photo by Ludwig Favre

Sports fans should head west on arrival in the city and check out the 16th Arrondissement, home to the world-renowned Roland Garros tennis courts and the Parc des Princes and Jean Bouin stadiums. The keenest athletes will take up a membership at Club Molitor, a wellness facility equipped with state-of-the-art kit, plus Molitor's Spa by Clarins, the largest spa in Paris complete with sauna, steam room, hammam, reading room and salon. The hotel is home to two beautiful Art Deco swimming pools, which have been an icon of Paris since 1929, the only place for swimming in the city, whatever the weather. [mltr.fr](https://mltr.fr)



## Where To Eat In Paris

### Early June

This restaurant's earthy, sustainable ethos is reflected in its original brick and stripped-back interiors. Locally sourced, seasonal plates of Spanish tapas are interrupted by the odd Japanese riff: roasted peppers, steak tartare and then pollock sashimi, all washed down with civilly priced organic wine from Basque reds to crispy Loire Valley whites.

### Pastries at Le Meurice

French pastry chef Cédric Grolet of the Dorchester Collection's Le Meurice was named 'The World's Best Pastry Chef' at The World's 50 Best Restaurant Ceremony 2018. Pay a visit to his pastry boutique at the exclusive hotel and check out one of the unique desserts, such as his signature trompe-l'œil sculpted fruits. *Oui, s'il vous plaît.*

### La Demeure Montaigne

Chef Grégory Réjou's impressive, haute cuisine pedigree fuses with the simple, seasonal cooking movement gripping Paris's hippest districts. The result is a staggeringly delicious and plugged-in menu of Brittany sea bream carpaccio, roasted scallops from Normandy, and smoked-celery stuffed-pigeon. Delicious. *By Rosalyn Wikeley*



La Demeure Montaigne

### Lunch at L'Étoile du Nord

If you're travelling by Eurostar (why wouldn't you be?), arrive for your lunchtime train a little early and grab a bite at L'Étoile du Nord, a brasserie by two Michelin-starred chef Thierry Marx. Expect modern French buffet classics like chicken supreme, egg mayonnaise salad and even British bites like fish and chips with a tasty twist. Then, head into the Business Premier lounge for your pre-train drink.

### Le Piaf

Much like London, Paris is seeing a cabaret and music hall renaissance. Nowhere does high-octane, high-energy sequined soirée quite like the French capital, and while Le Piaf has been around for years, its suddenly-in-vogue supper-scotch-and-song formula has made it one of the trickiest tables to pin down in the city. *By Rosalyn Wikeley*

### Dinner at Shang Palace

Shang Palace is one of two restaurants that the Shangri-La Hotel, Paris has to offer. Michelin-starred, it sets the best of Asian and French worlds under one roof. And what is France without wine? Ask the sommelier who will suggest a noble and ancient liqueur or cases, vintages that bring a touch of sophistication to the mouth-watering banquet.

Pierre Herme

And we know you wouldn't consider it, but forgetting to visit Pierre Herme for a macaron or two would just be rude, wouldn't it?

### **Getting There**

The only way to travel to Paris is by Eurostar, with quick and easy city-centre to city-centre journeys starting at £29 each way and plenty of space for luggage. Upgrade to Business Premier to enjoy first class lounges at either end with on-board cuisine created in collaboration with Raymond Blanc OBE. [eurostar.com](http://eurostar.com)

*For more information, visit [The Paris Tourist Office](#).*

