INSIDER'S GUIDE · PALACES · TABLES · FASHION WEEK

Paris, *without the waiting list.*

In Paris the address matters as much as the hotel, dinner starts at nine and fashion weeks fill the city months ahead. This guide covers where to stay, the palaces, the tables, the nights, and the events we arrange: Fashion Week, PSG and Roland-Garros.

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MEMBERS & THEIR GUESTS

Every address is marked: what we arrange, and what you simply walk into.

BEFORE YOU BOOK

Six rules for Paris.

Book the table before the flight

The hardest tables open bookings weeks ahead, and fashion weeks fill months ahead.

Paris dines late

9pm is the start of the evening; clubs fill after 1am.

Check the day

Many great restaurants close on Sunday or Monday.

August is different

Paris empties and many restaurants close, while the palaces get calmer.

Dress the part

Palace bars and clubs expect smart; trainers can be turned away at the door.

Keep one chauffeur for the day

During shows and match nights, streets close and rides vanish.

ARRIVAL

Arrive privately.

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Paris–Le Bourget

Paris's private aviation airport, north of the centre. Your chauffeur meets you as you step off.

Charles de Gaulle & Orly

Commercial arrivals with a meet-and-greet and a car waiting kerbside.

By train

Gare du Nord for London, Gare de Lyon for the Riviera and the Alps: met on the platform.

WHERE TO STAY

Choose your arrondissement.

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1st

The Louvre, the Tuileries and Place Vendôme on foot. Cheval Blanc Paris and Le Meurice.

6th

Saint-Germain-des-Prés: galleries, cafés and the Left Bank at its most elegant. Lutetia.

7th

Quieter and residential, around the Eiffel Tower and the Musée d'Orsay.

8th

Avenue Montaigne, the Faubourg Saint-Honoré and most of the palaces.

16th

Wide avenues and Eiffel Tower views, closest to the Parc des Princes and Roland-Garros.

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> Going to PSG or Roland-Garros? Both are in the 16th. Stay there or in the 8th to keep the transfer short.

THE PALACES

Your suite, ready.

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Palace is an official French distinction awarded to a handful of five-star hotels.

Le Bristol · 8th

Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, home of Épicure.

Four Seasons George V · 8th

Avenue George V, home of Le Cinq.

Plaza Athénée · 8th

The red awnings of Avenue Montaigne.

Hôtel de Crillon · 8th

An 18th-century palace on Place de la Concorde.

Cheval Blanc Paris · 1st

In the former Samaritaine, on the Seine.

Le Meurice · 1st

Facing the Tuileries.

Shangri-La · The Peninsula · 16th

A prince's former palace facing the Eiffel Tower, and a rooftop on Avenue Kléber.

The Ritz Paris

Not on the official Palace list, and still one of the most iconic addresses in the city.

INSIDER TIP

For a long stay or a family, a residential hotel such as Saint James Paris or Maison Villeroy often gives more space and privacy than a palace.

FINE DINING

The great tables.

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Épicure

Le Bristol, 8th.

Plénitude

Cheval Blanc Paris, 1st.

Arpège

Alain Passard's vegetable-led cuisine, 7th.

Le Cinq

Four Seasons George V, 8th.

Alléno Paris

Pavillon Ledoyen, in the gardens of the Champs-Élysées.

The institutions

Lapérouse on the Seine, La Tour d'Argent facing Notre-Dame, Le Jules Verne inside the Eiffel Tower, Le Train Bleu at Gare de Lyon.

INSIDER TIP

Lunch is the smart way into a three-star: the same kitchen, a shorter menu, easier availability.

LUNCH WITH A VIEW

The terraces.

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Girafe

Seafood and the Eiffel Tower from Trocadéro.

Bambini

Italian at the Palais de Tokyo, with a terrace on the Seine.

Ralph's

The courtyard of Ralph Lauren's Saint-Germain flagship.

Loulou

Inside the Musée des Arts Décoratifs, facing the Tuileries.

Gigi

Italian on Avenue Montaigne.

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Book terraces for 1pm on weekdays. At weekends, the best tables go to regulars first.

FESTIVE DINNERS & LATE NIGHT

Every night.

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Manko

Peruvian cooking and a cabaret on Avenue Montaigne.

Palace bars

Bar Hemingway at the Ritz, Le Bar du Bristol, Les Ambassadeurs at the Crillon.

Raspoutine

The gilded room off the Champs-Élysées.

Le Piaf · Victoria · Mondaine

Live music and late dinners that turn into a party.

L'Arc

Facing the Arc de Triomphe, with a panoramic terrace.

Castel · Silencio

The members' clubs of Saint-Germain and the one designed by David Lynch.

INSIDER TIP

A table reservation is the only reliable way through the door during fashion weeks and big match nights.

PARIS FASHION WEEK

Six weeks a year.

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Men's in January and June, Haute Couture in January and July, Women's in late February to March and late September to October. Exact dates change every year: contact us for this year's dates.

Shows

Seated or standing, depending on each house. With time, we request a named invitation; for last-minute requests, access is often still possible on the day.

Chauffeur

From show to show, all day.

After-parties

For most shows.

INSIDER TIP

Book the palace before the show schedule is published: the best rooms around the shows go first. Fashion week access.

SPORT

PSG & Roland-Garros.

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Paris Saint-Germain · Parc des Princes

Ligue 1 from August to May and Champions League nights: hospitality, private boxes and a chauffeur to the gate. European nights sell out first.

Roland-Garros · late May to early June

The only Grand Slam on clay. Day and night sessions on Court Philippe-Chatrier, with hospitality. Tickets are released in waves early in the year.

THE PARIS YEAR

The weeks that fill the city.

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January & February

Men's Fashion Week, Haute Couture, Six Nations rugby at the Stade de France.

March

Women's Fashion Week and the Saut Hermès at the Grand Palais.

May & June

Roland-Garros, the Prix de Diane at Chantilly, Men's Fashion Week, and the Paris Air Show at Le Bourget in odd years.

July

Haute Couture and Bastille Day.

September & October

Women's Fashion Week, the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and Art Basel Paris.

Late October to December

The Rolex Paris Masters, then Christmas in the palaces.

> INSIDER TIP
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> Arc weekend and Art Basel Paris draw the same collectors: book both stays together.

NO BOOKING · NO DRESS CODE

Laid-back Paris.

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Angelina · Carette

The hot chocolates of Rue de Rivoli and Trocadéro.

Le Relais de l'Entrecôte

One dish only: steak-frites and the secret sauce.

Du Pain et des Idées

The pistachio-chocolate escargot, weekdays only.

Berthillon

Ice cream on the Île Saint-Louis.

Café de Flore

The Saint-Germain terrace for people-watching.

Bouillon Chartier

French classics in a Belle Époque dining hall.

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Questions

Can you get invitations to Paris Fashion Week shows?

We request named invitations through the right channels; seating is at the discretion of each house. With time, the chances are best; last-minute access is often still possible on the day.

Which area of Paris is best for a luxury stay?

The 8th for the palaces and Avenue Montaigne, the 1st for the Louvre and Place Vendôme, the 6th for Saint-Germain, the 16th for PSG and Roland-Garros.

Can you arrange PSG hospitality at the Parc des Princes?

Yes: hospitality seats and private boxes for Ligue 1 and Champions League matches, with a chauffeur to the gate.

Which airport is best for a private jet to Paris?

Paris–Le Bourget, the city's private aviation airport, just north of the centre.