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MEETING POINTS and descriptions of regular tours are on the front of this brochure, or scroll down to page 2 on website.

Tours last about two hours.

PRICES Tours cost 15€ (Unless specified) Special tours cost 20€. Reductions for students and children.

RESERVATIONS: Only the Louvre tour requires a reservation. Please contact us if you’d like to book. No reservation is needed for any other tour.

DRESS WARMLY FOR WINTER

Dress well for the cold weather! If you are snug in a hat, scarf, and gloves, you will enjoy a delightful walk on a crisp winter’s day. After a tour, sample a cup of heart-warming old style chocolate, (à l’ancienne) in a local café.

Sat 1 10.30am  The Marais Circuit 1

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. On Circuit 1 we explore the south side of the Marais. We look at architectural treasures, medieval houses, local history, some Jewish history, the wall of the Righteous, and we hear stories of the celebrated inhabitants such as Victor Hugo and Mme de Sevigné, famous for her witty letters.

Meet at metro St Paul

Sat 8 2.30pm  Medieval Paris and the Templars

Paris’ oldest house, the alchemist Nicolas Flamel, the mystery of the Knights Templar, the site of their enclaves, the beautiful medieval architecture of the Abbey of St Martin, the intriguing St Merri church and St Jacques’ tower, recently restored to its former splendour. This tour takes you off the beaten track. Meet at metro Temple 20€

Sun 9 10.30am  Village Montmartre

Meet at metro Abbesses

Sun 9 2.30pm  The Resistance and the Occupation, Left Bank Circuit

The story of the resistance (who came from all backgrounds) the prisons, the round ups, and the plight of the Jews. Everyday life during the Occupation, and 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. 20€

Tues 11 10.30am  The Marais Circuit 1

See Feb 1. Meet at metro St Paul

Wed 12 10.30am  Village Montmartre

See Feb 2. Meet at metro Abbesses

Sat 15 10.30am  The Marais Circuit 1

See Feb 1. Meet at metro St Paul

Sun 23 10.30am  The Resistance and the Occupation, Left Bank Circuit

This story of the resistance who came from all backgrounds the prisons, the round ups, and the plight of the Jews. Everyday life during the Occupation, and 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. 20€

See MARCH brochure for more tours.
OUR GUIDES have all lived in Paris for many years, and are both knowledgeable and enthusiastic about French history and culture. They have personally researched their subjects, and make the tours both informative and enjoyable, with insightful commentary. We out distance any competitors by the quality and experience of our guides. Lively and informative commentary. Access guide. Enthusiastic guides who educate visitors about the architecture and history of Paris. The Economist Magazine

WHY GO ON A PARIS WALK
Excellent value. Two hours of enjoyment discovering Paris at a gentle pace for 15€/20€ is exceptionally good value.

Walking is the best way to see Paris.

Convenience For most tours, there is no need to reserve.

Learn about Paris We go slowly so that we can go deeper and get beyond the superficial tourist view.

Your fellow walkers You will enjoy being in the company of other visitors who want to learn in an intelligent way about what they are looking at, understand its significance, go beyond the main tourist sights. Some will be people who live here and enjoy learning about their city from our guides.

The insights of a local person You will find places enjoyed by local people. You can ask questions and get recommendations: restaurants, specialities, books etc.

Why not just read a guidebook? You will probably do this as well, but nothing replaces a tour led by an expert guide who will look you in the eye and communicate their love of Paris and its history.

The quality of our guides Beware of companies who use foreign student ‘tour guides’ who have only been in Paris for a few months, know little of French history and culture, and sometimes barely speak French. Others advertise the use of ‘locals’ who specialise in a glib, superficial patter on walkabouts for the undiscriminating tourist. On tours misleadingly advertised as ‘free’ you are expected to tip, so you will pay the same as the fee for a tour given by a professional who is really knowledgeable.

PRIVATE TOURS Scheduled tours or customised tours can be arranged as private tours for groups, large and small.

LOUVRE TOURS Don’t be overwhelmed by this vast treasure-house. Enjoy an excellent tour with one of our friendly expert guides.

All private tours start at 190€ for 2 hours for individuals, couples or small family groups. (Any entrance fees are extra, but with our guide you avoid the lines) Our child-friendly guides provide enjoyable tours for families (walks or museums). Contact us for more details and look on our website for choices.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED Our walks are recommended in all good guide books: Fodor’s, Rick Steves’, Time Out, The Rough Guide, Dorling Kindersley, Lonely Planet, Kate Muir, Access Guide, Great Sleeps... Paris Walks was founded in 1994. We are recommended by the Paris Tourist Office.

The guides are engaging and well informed and the tours are full of historical gossip and humour.

New York Times

Our guide had encyclopaedic knowledge, well chosen anecdotes and plenty of British wit.

Where Magazine

The best walking tours in Paris The Rough Guide Well planned, reliably enjoyable walks with lots of fascinating stories and colourful details. Cadogan Guide

The best value in Paris The Mail on Sunday

Paris Walks is long established and well received.

Lonely Planet

English books:

Red Wheelbarrow Bookstore, 9 rue de Medicis
San Francisco Book Co, 17 rue Monsieur le Prince, 75006. (Second hand books)

Metro Odeon for both shops

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A wide choice of excellent walking tours in London. e-mail: london@walks.com

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Please, no filming or recording of our guides.

PARIS WALKS
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No need to reserve, tours run rain or shine
Walking Tours in English
(Private tours can also be arranged)


Tours last about two hours. Guides wear Paris Walks badges and are easy to find at the meeting places. We meet above ground at metro exits unless otherwise indicated. Our walking tours are the ideal way to see and enjoy Paris at a leisurely pace, with a local expert. Our tours run rain or shine.

THE TOURS WILL TAKE PLACE DESPITE THE STRIKE

Paris Walks are ‘informative and fun. Excellent Walks’ : Rick Steves’ Guide book to Paris

EVEN TUESDAY

THE OLD MARAIS QUARTER Circuit 1
10.30am – 12.30pm

On Circuit 1 we explore the south side of the Marais, which is the most unspoilt historic quarter of Paris, and see beautiful architecture from picturesque medieval streets to splendid classical mansions, and the lovely royal square, the place des Vosges. We look at architectural treasures, medieval houses, local history, some Jewish history, the wall of the Righteous, and we hear stories of the celebrated inhabitants such as Victor Hugo, who collected material for Les Miserables while he lived here, and Mme de Sevigné, who wrote witty letters with gossip about her contemporaries.

Meet at metro St Paul. 15€

EVEN WEDNESDAY

THE VILLAGE OF MONTMARTRE
10.30am – 12.30pm

On this picturesque walk you will discover a charming Parisian neighbourhood, which was once a separate village outside Paris, with winding streets, the famous vineyard, artists' studios (Renoir, Van Gogh, Lautrec, and Picasso) quiet gardens, historic cabarets, (the Lapin Agile) the lively place-du-Tertre with its street artists, the Sacré Coeur Basilica and a stunning view over the rooftops. We also enjoy the atmosphere of the local market street with its excellent bakeries and traditional cafés.

Meet at metro Abbesses. Take the elevator from the train to street level, the station is quite deep! 15€

EVEN SATURDAY

THE OLD MARAIS QUARTER Circuit 1 10.30am-12.30am See Tuesday above.

Meet at metro Saint Paul.

There is always a special tour on Saturday afternoons. See inside for details.

EVEN SUNDAY

THE VILLAGE OF MONTMARTRE 10.30am-12.30am See Wednesday above.

Meet at metro Abbesses.

There is always a special tour on Sunday afternoons. See inside for details and for other February tours.