

**HISTORY WALKS**  
**2018 – 2019**

01 - Saturday September 22nd 2018

**Château de Vincennes**

10 :30 am - Meeting : Main entrance to the Château

Nearest metro : Château de Vincennes.

The Chateau de Vincennes is a major French chateau built in the 14th century. Originally a hunting lodge in the 12th century, the chateau was progressively enlarged and fortified by kings over the centuries. The chateau played an important part in French history. The main tower of the chateau is called a donjon. The donjon is 50m high and is the highest remaining donjon in Europe. The chapel, that has been restored recently is very similar to the Saint-Chapelle in Paris. It was built in 1379 to house some relics of Jesus Passion.

Entrance fee : 7 € / pers

Booking fee : NONE

Audios : NONE (Except if over 20 persons)

02 - Saturday October 13th 2018

**Montorgueil district**

10 :30 am - Meeting : Exit métro Etienne Marcel

Walking through the neighborhood of Montorgueil, it is above all dive into the old and rich history of Les Halles, huge market that fed Paris and the Parisians for 8 centuries before leaving permanently to Rungis in 1969. Inseparable from les Halles, "Montorgueil" grew in accordance with the successive transformations of the market, making this area both a popular and modern district, atmosphere that you can still feel today. This walk will take you so into the history of this neighborhood, one of the oldest in Paris, exploring its various developments. You'll also enjoy the currently pleasant atmosphere of pedestrian village full of shops and restaurants. Also see the remains of the former Paris boundary wall at the Tour Jean Sans Peur, see also, some picturesque passage-ways and Saint Eustache church.

Entrance fee : NONE

Booking fee : NONE

Audios : NONE (Except if over 20 persons)

03 - Saturday November 17th 2018

**Notre Dame and Towers**

10 :30 am - Meeting : Exit métro Cité

A quintessential Gothic cathedral ! The construction started in 1163 and lasted over 70 years. Until the building of Amiens Cathedral in the 13th century, it was the largest religious building in the West. Between 1847 and 1864, Lassus and Viollet-le-Duc restored part of the sculpted decorations, and even reconstructed parts basing their work on old documents and works in the Cathedrals of Chartres, Reims and Amiens. It was during this restoration that Viollet-le-Duc was inspired to create the 56 chimera that adorn the tower gallery today.

The belfry houses the biggest bell of Notre-Dame, Emmanuel, the *bourdon* or tenor bell, weighing 13 tons, which visitors can see before entering the panoramic terrace that affords a 360-degree view over Paris.

A Gothic masterpiece listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, the cathedral became the stuff of legend thanks to Victor Hugo's novel, *The Hunchback of Notre-Dame*, published in 1831.

Entrance fee : 10 € / pers

Booking fee : NONE

Audios : 2 € / pers

422 steps to climb !

04 - Saturday December 8th 2018

**Garnier Opéra**

10 :30 am - Meeting : Main facade Garnier Opera on the steps.

The Palais Garnier, an architectural masterpiece inaugurated in 1875 at the request of Napoleon III, is without doubt one of the most dazzling monuments in Paris. A world of elegance, not to be missed! To visit the Palais Garnier is to enter a realm of pomp and refinement in which the poetry, audacity and genius of Charles Garnier have managed to create a unique harmony between the sculpture, painting and architecture. A showcase for dance and opera, the building dazzles with its balconies in onyx, its luxurious marble, its delicate frescoes and its rich gilding.

From the monumental staircase to the majestic Grand Foyer, each room of the Palais Garnier is full of elegant details that compose a magical decor.

This is also the opportunity to set off on the trail of one of Paris's most popular legendary characters: the famous Phantom of the Opera! As for the ceiling of the theatre, it boasts a 220 m<sup>2</sup> monumental painting by the artist Marc Chagall !

Entrance fee : 8 € / pers

Booking fee : 45 € / group

Audios : Included in the booking fee

05 - Saturday March 16th 2019

**Paris nicest metro stations**

10 :30 am - Meeting : Saint Lazare metro station, main lobby exit N° 8

Travel experts at the Paris Pass have gone underground to uncover the true beauty of Paris' metro stations. From original art nouveau entrances, to cleverly curated platforms, the Paris subway system is a network worthy of much more than getting from A to B. There's plenty to appreciate in terms of art and culture, so take your adventures to another level: under the busy streets of the French capital.

Entrance fee : NONE (PASS NAVIGO REQUIRED)

Booking fee : NONE

Audios : 2 € / pers

06 - Saturday April 13th 2019

**104 and Pajol area**

10 :30 am - Meeting : Exit métro Max Dormoy

The CENTQUATRE is a new Paris city council artistic establishment and a unique place devoted to production and innovation. Located in the 19th arrondissement on the site of the former Municipal Funeral Services, this 39,000 m<sup>2</sup> space is an ensemble of unique architecture and a place for the public to experience art.

The CENTQUATRE is versatile, dynamic, vibrant, open to all and a venue for talks, meetings and discovering new things. It combines impressive architecture with modern interior spaces and offers an innovative cultural experience. All types of art are present with resident artists and festivals. The CENTQUATRE also houses shops, a cafe, a restaurant and nearby public facilities for amateur artists and children to practice their skills. Such a cultural flagship center has boosted local life. With Hostels, outdoor food markets, experimental artists studios, the whole Pajol area is now a vibrant district.

Entrance fee : NONE

Booking fee : NONE

Audios : NONE (Except if over 20 persons)

07 - Saturday May 18th 2019

**History or Style ?**

10 :30 am - Meeting : Métro Sentier exit « rue des Petits Carreaux »

When one looks at a Parisian building facade, does one know whether it is genuine history or after some Louis style ? We will go a some sort of a treasure hunt through old districts searching for some very unusual facades and may be will find out some answers to our questions....

Entrance fee : NONE Booking fee : NONE Audios : NONE (Except if over 20 persons)
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08 - Saturday June 15th 2019

**Boulogne 1930 – Architectural walk**

10 :30 am - Meeting : Métro Porte de Saint Cloud  
Exit N° 1 – Parc des Princes

To exuberance and fancy of Art Nouveau style followed between the two world wars two architectural movements with clean and rational forms : Art Deco and Modern Movement. Two styles that favored shapes harmony and functional accommodations. The City of Boulogne-Billancourt, bordering the 16th arrondissement, has many villas and *Hôtels particuliers* of these two movements, built by the greatest architects as Le Corbusier, Mallet- Stevens, Courrèges, Perret brothers or Terry. A nice stroll for architecture lovers.

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