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MEETING POINTS and descriptions of regular tours are on the front of this brochure (page 2 on the website). Tours last about two hours and cost $15 \in$ (unless specified).

RESERVATIONS: Most tours require no reservation. You only need to reserve if it says so in the tour description. To reserve you can pay by credit card (or in cash to a guide). **Cold weather** – We recommend a scarf and hat to stay snug and enjoy a walk in the crisp weather, and hot chocolate or coffee at the end.

Fri 1 10.30am Hemingway's Paris Sat 2 10.30am The Marais Circuit 1 Sat 2 2.30pm The French Revolution (Left Bank) Walk the historic streets of the Latin Quarter, hear the dramatic stories, see where the revolutionaries lived, met and held their debates, the oldest café in Paris, and the place where Dr Guillotin developed his sinister invention. *Meet at metro Odeon, at statue of Danton* Sun 3 10.30am Village Montmartre

Sun 3 10.30am **Père Lachaise Cemetery** This is Paris' most famous and historic cemetery, an atmospheric mixture of cobbled pathways, magnificent tree-lined avenues and beautiful elaborate tombs. Hear the stories of celebrities including: Chopin, Balzac, Oscar Wilde, Edith Piaf, Maria Callas, Jim Morrison and ill-fated lovers Abelard and Héloise. *Meet metro Père Lachaise, exit on blvd Ménilmontant*. $20 \in$ Sun 3 2.30pm **The Marais** Circuit 2 Sun 3 2.30pm **Paris during the**

Occupation and Liberation. Hear how the Parisians survived the dark years of the Occupation from 1940-44 on this walk in the area of the Champs Elysées, with stories of daily life, the Gestapo, the Resistance and the Liberation. *Meet at metro Tuileries*

Mon 4 10.30am Cité Island & Notre Dame Tues 5 10.30am The Marais Circuit 1 Tues 5 2.30pm Paris Cafés and Food

Tasting tour Learn about the history and variety of French food, see some excellent bakeries and chocolate shops, celebrated historic cafés and restaurants, and some which have recently become the favourites of food lovers, in the Left Bank/St Germain area. *Meet at metro rue du Bac. Price:* 27€ (includes tastings) Please reserve. Wed 6 10.30am Village Montmartre Wed 6 4 - 6pm Small Group Louvre Highlights Tour Paintings, sculptures, Mona

Lisa, Venus de Milo, Winged Victory, Coronation of Napoleon, the history of the Louvre as a royal palace from medieval castle to sumptuous ballrooms and some secrets away from the crowds. Our expert guides will bring this vast museum to life. 6 people per group. Price 40€ (+ entrance 15€ which we can provide) Please reserve and pay ahead. Meet at statue of Louis XIV outside Louvre pyramid. Thurs 7 10.30am St Germain-des-Prés Thurs 7 5.30pm Paris at Christmas Walk Enjoy the festive atmosphere of Paris and learn about this elegant central quarter, it's history and French traditions. We see the lights and decorations of Paris, the Opera house, place Vendome, the Madeleine, the flower market, fine food shops, famous cafés and stores decked out with special Christmas displays for which Paris is renowned. Meet at main entrance to Madeleine Church, at top of steps, facing rue Royale. Nearest metro Madeleine. Fri 8 10.30am Hemingway's Paris

Sat 9 10.30am The Marais Circuit 1 Sat 9 2.30pm Medieval Paris and the Templars Paris' oldest house, the alchemist Nicolas Flamel, the mystery of the Knights Templar, the site of their enclave, 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* Sun 10 10.30am Village Montmartre Sun 10 2.30pm (The Marais Circuit 2)

Sun 10 5.30pm Paris at Christmas Walk

Enjoy the festive atmosphere for which Paris is renowned. See description 7 Dec. *Meet at main entrance to Madeleine Church, at top of steps, facing rue Royale. Nearest metro Madeleine.* Mon 11 10.30am Cité Island & Notre Dame Tues 12 10.30am (The Marais Circuit 1) Tues 12 2.30pm Paris Cafés and Food Tasting tour See description 5 December. *Meet at*

metro rue du Bac. Price: 27€ (includes tastings) Please reserve

Wed 13 10.30am Village Montmartre Wed 13 4 - 6pm Small Group Louvre Highlights Tour see Dec 6. Price $40 \in +15 \in$ entrance. *Meet at statue of Louis XIV outside Louvre pyramid. Please reserve and pay ahead.*

Thurs 14 10.30am **St Germain-des-Prés** Fri 15 10.30am **Hemingway's Paris**

Sat 16 10.30am The Marais Circuit 1

Sat 16 2.30pm The Resistance and the Occupation 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.*

Sun 17 10.30am Village Montmartre Sun 17 2.30pm The Marais Circuit 2 Sun 17 5.30pm Paris at Christmas Walk Enjoy the festive atmosphere for which Paris is renowned. See description 7 Dec. Meet at main entrance to Madeleine Church, at top of steps, facing rue Royale. Nearest metro Madeleine. Mon 18 10.30am Cité Island & Notre Dame Tues 19 10.30am The Marais Circuit 1 Tues 19 2.30pm Chanel Fashion Walk Chanel rose from poverty to become one of the great names of French chic. Walk in the rue St Honoré, see the Ritz and place Vendome, famous for the luxury trade and glamour, with our fashion specialist who will tell Chanel's story and give the background to the famous designers. Meet in front of WH Smith 248 rue de Rivoli, (metro Concorde, exit rue Cambon). Price 20€.

Wed 20 10.30am Village Montmartre Wed 20 4 - 6pm Small Group Louvre Highlights Tour see Dec 6. Price 40€ + 15€ entrance. *Meet at statue of Louis XIV outside* Louvre pyramid. Please reserve and pay ahead. Thurs 21 10.30am St Germain-des-Prés Thurs 21 5.30pm Paris at Christmas Walk Enjoy the festive atmosphere for which Paris is renowned. See description 7 Dec. Meet at main entrance to Madeleine Church, at top of steps, facing rue Royale. Nearest metro Madeleine. Fri 22 10.30am Hemingway's Paris Sat 23 10.30am The Marais Circuit 1 Sat 23 2.30pm The French Revolution See 2 Dec. Meet at metro Odeon, at the statue Sun 24 10.30am Village Montmartre Sun 24 2.30pm The Marais Circuit 2 **CHRISTMAS DAY 25th DECEMBER** Museums will be closed so join us on a tour! Tours on Christmas day cost 20€ per adult, with reductions for children

Mon 25 10.30am **The Marais** Circuit 1 *Meet metro St Paul. Price 20€*

Mon 25 2.30pm Medieval Latin Quarter A walk through this atmospheric district, to see highlights and hidden details: Roman remains, charming old streets, ancient churches, a gothic mansion and its garden, the story of medieval scholars and the Sorbonne University, still a place of study today. The walk shows how attractive the Latin Quarter still is. Meet at metro Maubert-Mutualité, by café 'Le Métro' (exit 1) Price 20€ Tues 26 10.30am The Marais Circuit 1 Tues 26 2.30pm Paris and the Occupation See description Dec 3. Meet at metro Tuileries Wed 27 10.30am Village Montmartre Wed 27 2.30pm The French Revolution (Left Bank) See 2 Dec. Meet at metro Odeon, at statue of Danton

Thurs 28 10.30am **St Germain-des-Prés** Thurs 28 5.30pm **Paris at Christmas Walk** See description 7 Dec. Enjoy the festive atmosphere of Paris. *Meet at main entrance to Madeleine Church, at top of steps, facing rue Royale. Nearest metro Madeleine.*

Fri 29 10.30am Hemingway's Paris Fri 29 10.30am The Chocolate Tasting Tour 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 chocolate and pastry tasting. Meet at metro Louvre-Rivoli. Reserve and pay by 1pm the day before. $35 \in$ (Includes tasting) Fri 29 2.30pm Village Montmartre Sat 30 10.30am The Marais Circuit 1 Sat 30 2.30pm The Resistance and the Occupation Left Bank Circuit See 16 Dec Meet at metro Sevres Babylone, exit 3 at junction of rue de Sevres and bvd Raspail, by the garden. Sun 31 10.30am Village Montmartre Sun 31 2.30pm The Marais Circuit 2 Sun 31 2.30pm Medieval Paris and the **Templars** See 9 Dec. *Meet at metro Temple* Best wishes for the New Year! **JANUARY 2018**

JAN 1st is a holiday in France. Most places will be closed, so join us on a tour! Mon 1 10.30am **Cité Island & Notre Dame** *See Mondays December. Meet at metro Cité* Mon 1 3pm **The French Revolution** See 2 Dec. *Meet at metro Odeon, at statue* Mon 1 5.30pm **Paris at Christmas Walk** Enjoy the festive atmosphere of Paris. See 7 Dec for description. *Meet at main entrance to Madeleine Church, at top of steps, facing rue Royale. Nearest metro Madeleine.* Tues 2 10.30am **The Marais** Circuit 1

Meet at metro St Paul

Tues 2 2.30pm The Resistance and the

Occupation Left Bank Circuit See 16 Dec *Meet* at metro Sevres Babylone, exit 3 at junction of rue de Sevres and bvd Raspail, by the garden Wed 3 10.30am **Village Montmartre** *Meet at metro Abbesses*

Wed 3 2.30pm **The French Revolution Right Bank Circuit**. See the Palais Royal, where new ideas were debated, the site of the radical Jacobin club and the ill-fated Tuileries palace, where royalty took refuge, and end at place de la Concorde where the guillotine stood. *Meet at metro Palais Royal, at the main exit, place du Palais Royal, beside the rue de Rivoli.*

Thurs 4 10.30am **St Germain-des-Prés** *Meet in front of the Church of St Sulpice (short walk from metro St Sulpice)*

Thurs 4 5.30pm **Paris at Christmas Walk** Enjoy the festive atmosphere for which Paris is renowned. See description 7 Dec. *Meet at main entrance to Madeleine Church, at top of steps, facing rue Royale. Nearest metro Madeleine.*

Fri 5 10.30am **Hemingway's Paris** Meet at metro Cardinal Lemoine

Fri 5 2.30pm The Chocolate Tasting Tour 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 chocolate and pastry tasting. *Meet at metro Louvre-Rivoli. Reserve and pay by 1pm the day before.* $35 \in$ (*Includes tasting*) Fri 5 4 - 6pm Small Group Louvre

Highlights Tour see Dec 6. Price $40 \in +15 \in$ entrance. *Meet at statue of Louis XIV outside Louvre pyramid. Please reserve and pay ahead.*

WHY GO ON A PARIS WALK?

Our team all have long experience as professional guides and make the tours both informative and enjoyable for discerning visitors. **Our Tours** go deeper and beyond a superficial tourist view, to help you understand the significance and background of what you see, and are laced with lively anecdotes.

The guides are engaging and well informed and the tours are full of historical gossip and humour. New York Times **PRIVATE TOURS** Scheduled tours or customised tours can be arranged as private tours for groups, large and small. All private tours start at 180€ for 2 hours

LOUVRE TOURS Don't be overwhelmed by this vast treasure-house, enjoy an excellent tour with one of our guides.

Private Louvre tours start at 180€ for 2 hours for 2 people. (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 at 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.

OUR GUIDES are a select team of experienced professionals who are all long term Paris residents and combine expert knowledge with enthusiasm for France and its history. *Informative and fun. Excellent walks* **Rick Steves** *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**

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NB filming or recording of our guides is not permitted.

PARIS WALKS DECEMBER 2017 (and January 1-5 2018)

Walking Tours in English. No need to reserve. Tours run rain or shine

Price: $15 \in$ unless specified. (Children under $15 = 10 \in$, students under $21 = 12 \in$ please bring ID) Tours last about two hours and run rain or shine. Guides wear Paris Walks badges and are easy to find at the meeting places. We meet above ground at metro exits, unless otherwise indicated

EVERY MONDAY (except 25th Dec)

Ile de la Cité and Notre Dame 10.30am Read the stories in the medieval sculptures, and hear how this superb gothic cathedral was built. We explore the history and architecture of the Island, view the medieval kings' palace, the famous Conciergerie prison of the Revolution, the old streets, the flower market, quiet gardens, secret courtyards and the poignant memorial to the deported. *Meet at metro Cité*

EVERY TUESDAY

The Marais Circuit 1 10.30am 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*

EVERY WEDNESDAY

The Village of Montmartre 10.30am On this picturesque walk you will discover old winding streets, the vineyard, attractive artists' studios (Renoir, Lautrec, Van Gogh, Picasso) quiet gardens, historic cabarets, the famous Lapin Agile cabaret, the place-du-Tertre with its street artists and portrait sketchers, the Sacré Coeur Basilica and a stunning view over the city. *Meet at metro Abbesses (use the elevator to get to street level, the station is deep!)*

EVERY THURSDAY

Saint Germain-des-Prés 10.30am This tour captures the essence of Paris on the Left Bank: the old abbey church of St Germain, the city's oldest church, charming streets lined with bookstores and literary cafés. Old squares, artists' studios, the famous Paris Fine Arts School, Hemingway's favourite restaurant, the hotel where Oscar Wilde died, the beautiful St Sulpice church, and the truth behind the mysterious gnomon and rose line of the Da Vinci Code. *Meet in front of the Church of St Sulpice (short walk from metro St Sulpice)*

EVERY FRIDAY

Hemingway's Paris 10.30am Explore this charming district in the Latin Quarter with the old houses of 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 who lived or set their stories here: James Joyce, Orwell, Balzac, Victor Hugo, the disreputable Verlaine and immortalised by Hemingway in 'A Moveable Feast' and by Woody Allen in 'Midnight in Paris'. *Meet at metro Cardinal Lemoine (exit 1)*

EVERY SATURDAY

The Marais Circuit 1 10.30am See Tuesday above. *Meet at metro Saint Paul* There is always a tour on SATURDAY afternoons. See inside. EVERY SUNDAY

The Village of Montmartre 10.30am See Wednesday above. *Meet at metro Abbesses. (use elevator)* **The Marais Circuit 2** 2.30pm Stories of royalty, mistresses and intrigue in this beautiful historic neighbourhood. On Circuit 2 we explore the Northern side of the Marais. Elegant classical mansions with graceful courtyards and gardens, the old Jewish quarter with the picturesque rue des Rosiers, and the imposing architecture of the royal place des Vosges, the city's oldest square. *Meet at metro St Paul* **There is always an extra tour on SUNDAY. See inside for details and of other special tours.**

See inside for extra tours during Christmas and New Year