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PLANNING TO TOUR? / PARIS

10 Paris Museums to Explore

Ten museums spanning art, history, design, science and city culture.

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MUSEUMS

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Mix major institutions with specialist collections, and group stops by neighbourhood. Always verify closure days, timed tickets, accessibility and temporary exhibitions.

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Musee du Louvre / 1st arrondissement

A major collection that can anchor a half-day culture itinerary.

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Musee d'Orsay / 7th arrondissement

Useful for pairing a focused museum visit with nearby landmarks.

3

Musee de l'Orangerie / Tuileries

A strong choice for travellers who want a clear theme and substantial collection.

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Musee Rodin / 7th arrondissement

Plan enough time for the highlights and any current temporary exhibition.

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Musee Picasso Paris / Le Marais

A distinctive museum stop that adds variety beyond the best-known institutions.

Continue your shortlist

Five more options, followed by practical planning notes.

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Musee Carnavalet / Le Marais

Well suited to visitors balancing culture, architecture and neighbourhood exploring.

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Musee du quai Branly / 7th arrondissement

Consider advance tickets and check whether popular galleries use timed entry.

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Fondation Louis Vuitton / Bois de Boulogne

A practical addition for families or travellers with a specialist interest.

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Petit Palais / Champs-Elysees

Combine it with nearby stops to keep the day's transport simple.

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Musee des Arts et Metiers / 3rd arrondissement

A final option for broadening the plan beyond the city's headline museums.

SMART PLANNING

Many museums close one day each week and some use timed entry. Check official websites for free hours, luggage rules, accessibility and photography policies. Two substantial museums can already fill a day.

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<https://parisjetaime.com/eng/things-to-do-in-paris/museums-monuments-heritage-paris-i079>