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- Stroll along the Champs-Élysées
- The Eiffel Tower seen from the Seine
- A wonderful view over the city



Fouquet's



Caveau de la Huchette



27.5km



1 day (3 hours total walking time)

Costs: Métro/bus tickets approx. 8 euros, Bato-bus ticket 17 euros, admission to the Musée d'Orsay 16 euros, Arc de Triomphe 13 euros



Nearest Métro to the start of the tour on the Champs-Élysées: M 1 George V

Reserve a table for dinner at 9 **Bouillon Racine** ahead
The nearest Métro station to the last stop on the tour on rue de la Huche: M 4 Saint-Michel or Cité

1 Fouquet's

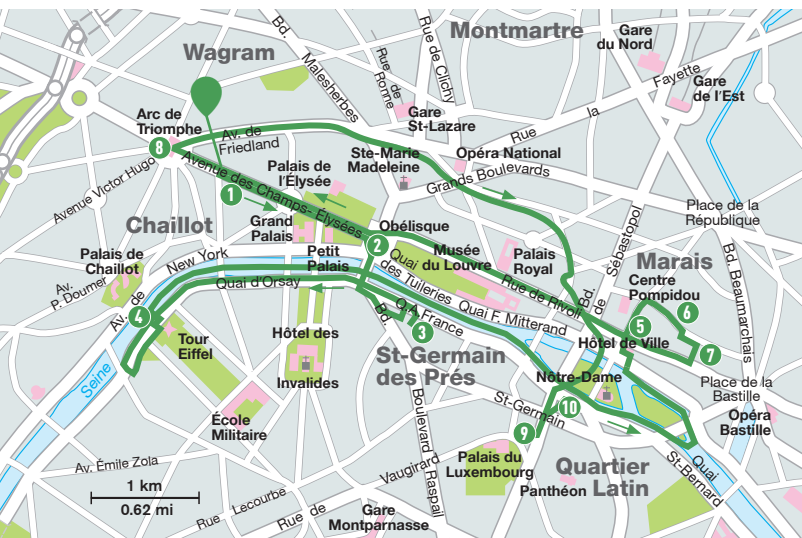
2 Place de la Concorde

3 Musée d'Orsay

MAGNIFICENT AVENUE, MAGNIFICENT BUILDINGS

Start your day with breakfast on the **Champs-Élysées**. One of the most famous of the many cafés is 1 **Fouquet's** (daily | no. 99 | 8th arr. | tel. 01 40 69 60 50 | €€€). Film stars celebrate the annual César awards here. The hustle and bustle along this boulevard, with the Arc de Triomphe in the background, is a fitting start for a walk through Paris.

Ride down this impressive avenue on a no. 73 bus, passing by the glass-roofed Grand Palais and the **Petit Palais**. As you cross 2 **Place de la Concorde** with its stately obelisk and gigantic monumental fountains, you will get a feel for the enormity of this square. Before the bus turns, make sure to take a look at the **Jardin des Tuileries**, the oldest park in the city. It links the square with the Louvre complex. After the bus crosses the Seine, get off at the last stop in front of the 3 **Musée**



d'Orsay (musee-orsay.fr). You will surely be delighted by the architecture of this converted railway station and the sizeable collection of French Impressionist art that it holds. After a snack at the museum, *take the RER C from the Musée d'Orsay station for three stops to the Eiffel Tower* (www.tou Eiffel.paris).

ON THE SEINE TO THE ROYAL PALACE

At the foot of this landmark, *on the 4 Pont d'Iéna bridge, are the boats belonging to the Batobus line dock*. Hop aboard and get to know the city from an entirely new perspective on the Seine. During the trip, the boat glides beneath a number of bridges, including the gilded **Pont Alexandre III** and the famous **Pont Neuf** – bringing you to the heart of the city, the islands on the Seine. The long walls of the former royal seat known as the **Louvre** ► [p. 33](#), now the largest museum in the world, stretch along the left-hand side. As the boat circles the islands, you can see if the renovation work has been completed on **Notre Dame Cathedral**.

4 Pont d'Iéna



Comings and goings on the rue des Rosiers, a typical street in the Marais

5 Hôtel de Ville

6 Marais

7 Café Hugo

8 Arc de Triomphe

Disembark at the **5 Hôtel de Ville** stop. Walk from here along *rue de Rivoli* and *rue Vieille du Temple* to the nearby bustling district of **6 Marais**. Check out the numerous small shops such as a branch of the **Uniqlo** chain on *rue des Francs-Bourgeois* (no. 39), with its inexpensive fashion collections. Then take a break in one of the old-style cafés in this quarter. A favourite spot on the impressive former royal square, the **Place des Vosges**, is **7 Café Hugo** (daily | no. 22 | 4th arr. | tel. 01 42 72 64 04 | €-€€).

UNDERGROUND TO THE TRIUMPHAL ARCH

Head down to the Métro at *Saint Paul* station. Walk down *rue de Birague* and *rue Saint-Antoine* to get to the station and then take the M 1 to *Charles de Gaulle-Étoile*. This underground route will bring you back to the starting point of the tour, near the **8 Arc de Triomphe** (paris-arc-de-triomphe.fr) and its viewing platform. Twelve avenues converge like a star (*étoile*) at Place

Charles de Gaulle-Étoile, offering the best overview of the layout of the city. By now, you'll surely be ready for *diner* and you'll hopefully have booked a table at one of the classic Belle-Époque restaurants for which Paris is so well-known.

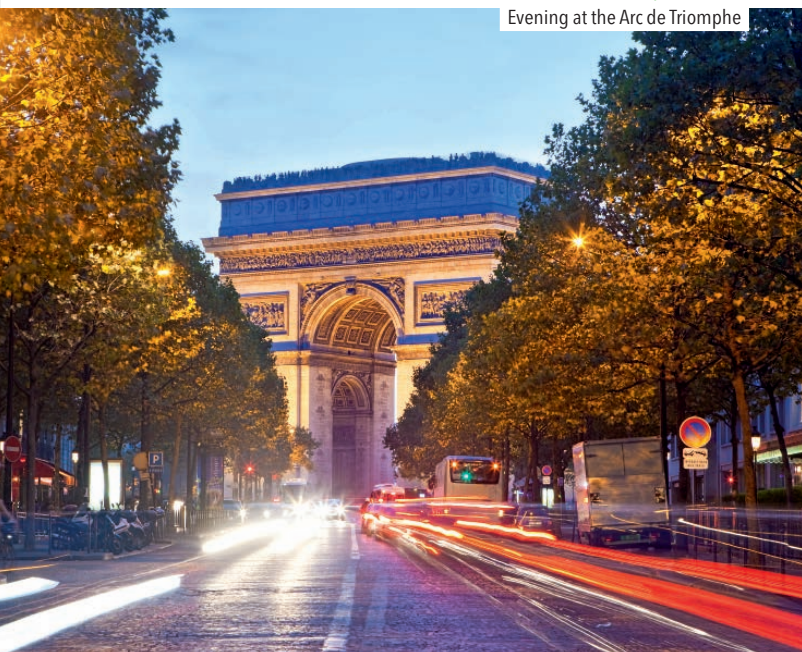
FROM RESTAURANT TO JAZZ CLUB

A particularly good address is 9 **Bouillon Racine** (bouillonracine.com) in the old intellectual neighbourhood of **Saint-Germain-des-Prés**. For the fastest way to get there, take the RER A from Charles de Gaulle-Étoile and change trains Châtelet-Les Halles to the RER B and get off at Saint-Michel. The floral designs so typical of the Art Nouveau style cover the restaurant, and its menu is equally decorative. Enjoy a leisurely meal here before delving into the lively nightlife in this area. End the day in true Parisian style at one of the most authentic jazz clubs in the district, 10 **Caveau de la Huchette** (caveaudelahuchette.fr).

9 Bouillon Racine

10 Caveau de la Huchette

Evening at the Arc de Triomphe



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