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1-day Paris City Guide

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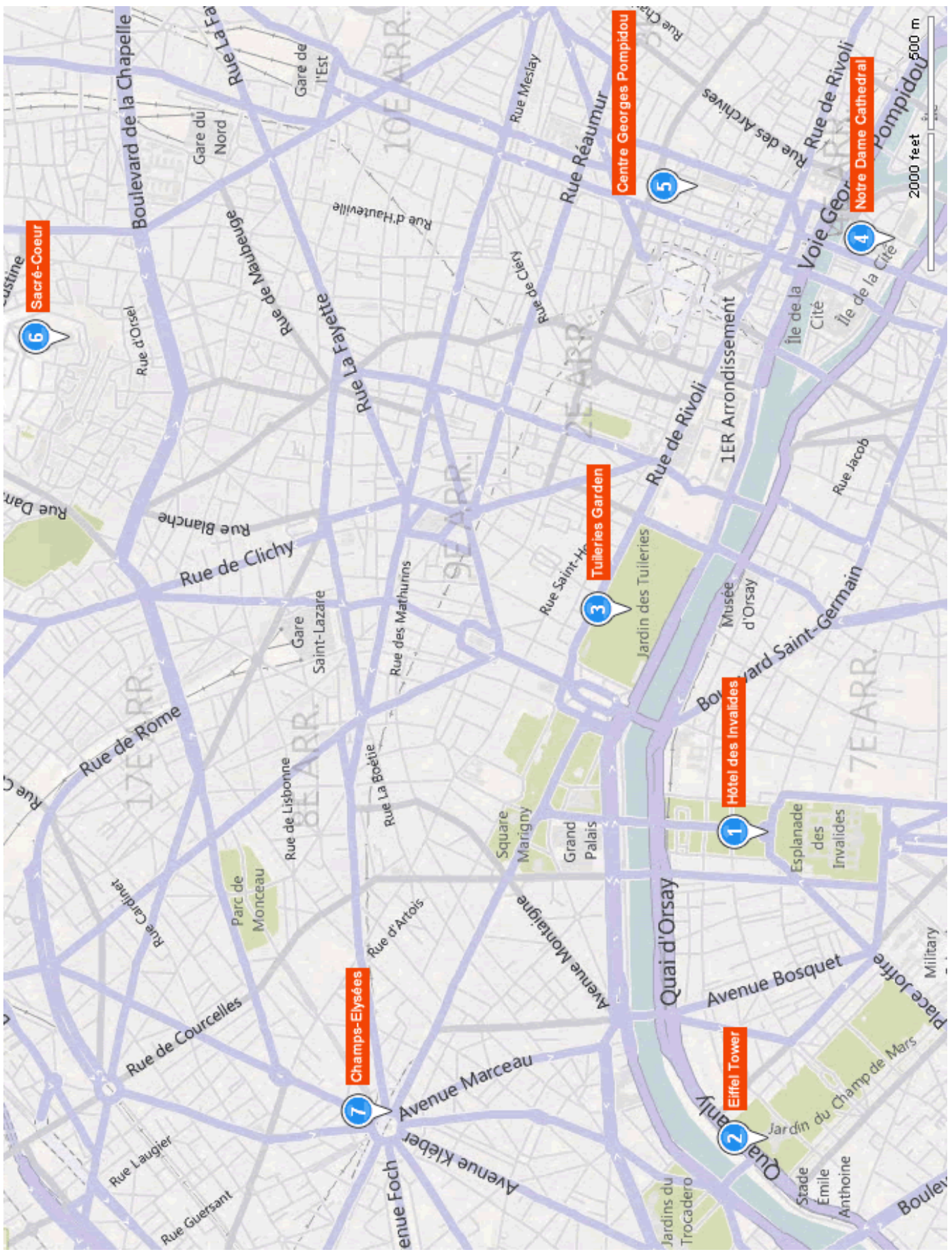
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Overview of Day 1

	<p>LEAVE HOTEL Tested and recommended hotels in Paris ></p> <p>Take Metro line 8 or 13 to Invalides station</p>	
09:00-09:30	<p>Hotel des Invalides —————</p> <p>Take a walk to the Eiffel Tower - 20'</p>	<p>Impressive building complex</p> <p>Page 5</p>
09:50-11:50	<p>Eiffel Tower —————</p> <p>Take Bus line 42 to Place de la Concorde Take a walk to Jardin des Tuileries - 25' in all</p>	<p>The most spectacular view of Paris</p> <p>Page 5</p>
12:15-12:45	<p>Tuileries Garden —————</p> <p>Lunch time Take Bus line 21 from rue Saint Honore to Cite metro station (Direction: Stade Charlety-Porte de Gentilly) Take a walk to Notre Dame Cathedral</p>	<p>Beautiful public gardens</p> <p>Page 6</p>
14:00-15:00	<p>Notre Dame Cathedral —————</p> <p>Take Metro line 11 from Chatelet station to Rambuteau station (Direction: Mairie des Lilas) 25'</p>	<p>UNESCO World Heritage site</p> <p>Page 6</p>
15:25-15:55	<p>Centre Georges Pompidou —————</p> <p>Take Metro line 11 from Rambuteau station to Belleville station (Direction: Mairie des Lilas) Change to Metro line 2 to Pigalle station (Direction: Porte Dauphine) Take a walk to Sacré-Coeur - 65' in all</p>	<p>Unique, futuristic building</p> <p>Page 6</p>
17:00-17:30	<p>Sacré-Coeur —————</p> <p>Take Metro line 2 from Pigalle station to Charles de Gaulle Etoile station (Direction: Porte Dauphine) - 75'</p>	<p>One of the most recognized building in Paris</p> <p>Page 7</p>
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Attraction Details

09:00-09:30

Hotel des Invalides (Place des Invalides, 75007 Paris)

Opening hours: April 1 - September 30: 10am - 6pm, October 1 - March 31: 10am - 5pm, First Monday of each month: Closed, Jan 1, May 1, Nov 1 and Dec 25: Closed • **Admission:** 9 €



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Hotel des Invalides is a magnificent building complex dedicated to France's military history
- It was built between 1671-78 by King Louis XIV as a military hospital and a showcase of the country's military power
- Napoleon is buried here. His tomb is located right under the golden dome of the Dome Church
- Musée de L'Armée (Military Museum) displays historic weaponry and armor worn by kings (including Louis XIV)
- Musée des Plans Reliefs exhibits the collection of scale model cities used for planning military attacks by military engineer Vauban
- Some part of the complex still accommodates military offices

THINGS TO DO THERE

- Admire the magnificent building from the square in front of the main entrance
- Enter the impressive cobbled courtyard
- Head to the opposite side of the building complex and have a glimpse of the Dome church

TIPS & INSIGHTS

- One single ticket gives access to the following museums: Musée de l'Armée, Tomb of Napoleon I, Historical Charles de Gaulle (closed on Mondays), Scale-Models Museum, and Order of the Liberation Museum

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09:50-11:50

Eiffel Tower (5, avenue Anatole France, 75007 Paris)

Opening hours: Elevators daily: 9:30am - 11:45pm, Steps daily: 9:30am - 6:30pm, Elevators and steps from June 18 to August 28: 9:30am - 12:45am • **Admission:** 13.1 €



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Paris' iconic Eiffel Tower is an iron lattice tower built in 1889 for the Universal Exhibition
- The tower got its name after its builder, Gustav Eiffel, who also created the framework for the Statue of Liberty
- The tower was built temporarily among much controversy, but soon became Paris' main tourist attraction
- With its 324 m it used to be the world's tallest building until 1931 (Empire State Building) and it remains the tallest in Paris
- It is so sound that it never sways more than 7 cm (2.5 in) in strong winds

THINGS TO DO THERE

- Visit the information area on the first floor to get the history of the tower
- Enjoy the beautiful view of Paris from the second floor
- Explore the top level with some more breathtaking views of Paris

TIPS & INSIGHTS

- The Eiffel Tower has 3 floors. Before buying your ticket you have to decide whether you only want to go to the second floor or you want to visit the top floor as well

- You have two options for getting to the first and the second floor: take the stairs or the elevator
- To get to the top floor you have to take an elevator from the second floor (there is no direct elevator from ground level to the top floor)
- On the second deck usually there is a line to the elevator to the top
- If you [buy your ticket online](#) you can jump the queue only at the main entrance (go straight to the reserved entrance), but from the second floor the elevator to the top is the same line for everyone (in case of bad weather the access might be restricted)
- The lines seem to be shorter at night and the tower and city are beautifully illuminated
- At the second floor you can enjoy a special meal in Le Jules Verne restaurant. You will need to reserve in advance (+33) 1 45 55 61 4. It has its own elevator so you don't have to pay the tower fee and wait in line to reach this restaurant

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12:15-12:45



Tuileries Garden (rue de Rivoli, 75001 Paris)

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Tuileries Garden (Jardin des Tuileries) is a beautiful public park between Louvre and Place de la Concorde
- It features a number of pools, walkways and sensuous nude sculptures by Aristide Maillol (1861-1944)
- Originally it was the garden of the Tuileries Palace
- Tuileries Palace was built for Catherine de Medici in 1564 and burnt down by the Paris Commune of 1871
- It was the first royal garden open to the public (1667)

- The garden gives home to the Arc de Triomphe du Carrousel, erected by Napoleon in 1808
- The Jeu de Paume gallery and the Musée de l'Orangerie can also be found here

THINGS TO DO THERE

- Take a lovely walk through the gardens
- Relax by the pond
- Arrive to the Louvre Pyramid and enjoy the view of the river Seine

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14:00-15:00



Notre Dame Cathedral (6, Parvis Notre-Dame, 75004 Paris)

Opening hours: Daily: 8am - 6:45pm, Saturday, Sunday: 8am - 7:15pm • **Admission:** Free

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Notre Dame is a Gothic cathedral on the Ile de la Cité
- It is the symbolic heart of the city and the country
- Its construction begun in 1163 by Paris' bishop, Maurice de Sully, and lasted until 1334 (171 years)
- By the 19th century, it had fallen into disrepair and was to be demolished
- It was author Victor Hugo, who saved the cathedral by leading a successful campaign for its restoration
- Napoleon was crowned Emperor here in 1804

- The cathedral's organ is the largest in France

THINGS TO DO THERE

- Enter the cathedral through the West front
- Walk around and enjoy the unique architecture, history, and atmosphere
- After leaving the cathedral do not forget to walk around it and admire its architecture

TIPS & INSIGHTS

- Audioguide is available for a fee of 5 €
- The Treasury of the cathedral can be visited for a fee of 3 €

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15:25-15:55



Centre Georges Pompidou (Place Georges Pompidou, Paris)

Opening hours: Daily: 11am - 9pm, Tuesday: Closed, May 1: Closed • **Admission:** 12 €

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The Pompidou Center is a culture and leisure center opened in 1977
- It houses the Modern Art Museum (Musée National d'Art Moderne), Europe's largest of its kind
- The center was designed by Renzo Piano and Richard Rogers in high-tech architecture style
- It became famous for its unique architectural approach of having its structural elements on the outside
- It is named after Georges Pompidou, 2nd president of the 5th French Republic (1969-74), who decided its creation
- One of the most popular features of the building is the colorful, snake-like escalator
- The colorful Stravinsky Fountain was inspired by the composer's ballet The Firebird (1910): the bird spins and sprays water

THINGS TO DO THERE

- Admire the unique design of the impressive modern building
- Walk to the colorful Stravinsky Fountain on the right side of the building
- Head back to Pompidou Center and take the outside escalator up to the top level for a fantastic view of Paris

TIPS & INSIGHTS

- The entrance to the Modern Art Museum is on the fourth floor and to the cinema is on the first floor. Large signs usually indicate the whereabouts of temporary exhibitions

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17:00-17:30

Sacré-Coeur (35, rue du Chevalier-de-la-Barre, 75018 Paris)**Opening hours:** Daily: 6am - 10:30pm • **Admission:** Free**THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

- The Sacré-Coeur is a spectacular white Roman Catholic church on the top of Montmartre hill
- It stands on the highest point in Paris
- Its full name is the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Paris
- The basilica was built 1876-1919 as a memorial to the French soldiers who died in the Franco-Prussian War (1870-71)
- The construction was financed entirely from donations
- It offers breathtaking views both from its front steps and its dome

THINGS TO DO THERE

- After wandering around the small, narrow and hilly streets of Montmartre take the funiculaire to the top of the hill to this staggeringly beautiful basilica
- Enjoy the atmosphere, visit the church and have a walk along the small and narrow streets on top of the hill
- The views over Paris are gorgeous from there

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18:45-19:45

Champs-Élysées**THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

- Champs-Élysées (Elysian Fields) is one of the best known avenues in the world connecting Arc de Triomphe and Place de la Concorde
- It came into existence when the royal gardener, André Le Nôtre, planted trees beyond the border of the Tuileries Garden
- First it was called Grand Cours (Great Way)
- It earned prominence and became the prime place of socializing and entertainment in the mid-19th century
- Since Napoleon's funeral in 1840 it became the route for state funerals, processions, parades and city events

- The Rond Point des Champs-Élysées is the nicest part featuring chestnut trees and flower beds

THINGS TO DO THERE

- Walk along the famous street
- Do some shopping or relax in a café

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