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5 exceptional PATISSERIES

56 CYRIL LIGNAC

2 rue de Chaillot
A16 – Arc de
Triomphe, Champs-
Élysées & Grands
Boulevards (RB) ②
+33 (0)1 47 20 64 51
www.lapatisserie.com
cyrillignac.com

Cyril Lignac has joined forces with the young pastry chef Benoit Couvrard to open this temple dedicated to delectable sweets. They only sell ten different cakes, choosing to limit the number of options because the ingredients are carefully selected and the fruit is always seasonal. So you will never find a strawberry cake here during the winter months. The traditional pastries with a twist deserve a special mention: a *baba au rhum* with vanilla whipped cream or a beautifully constructed lemon cake.

57 LA PÂTISSERIE DES RÊVES

93 rue du Bac
A7 – Invalides &
Eiffel Tower (LB) ⑦
+33 (0)9 72 60 93 19
www.lapatisserie.com
desreves.com

This bakery, which was opened by the talented pastry chef Philippe Conticini, combines childhood memories with sweet treats. Here you can taste all the great French pastry classics, including the *Saint-Honoré*, *Paris-Brest*, *Tarte Tartin* and *baba au rhum*, which are displayed under cloches.



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WINE BARS

146 CAVES LEGRAND

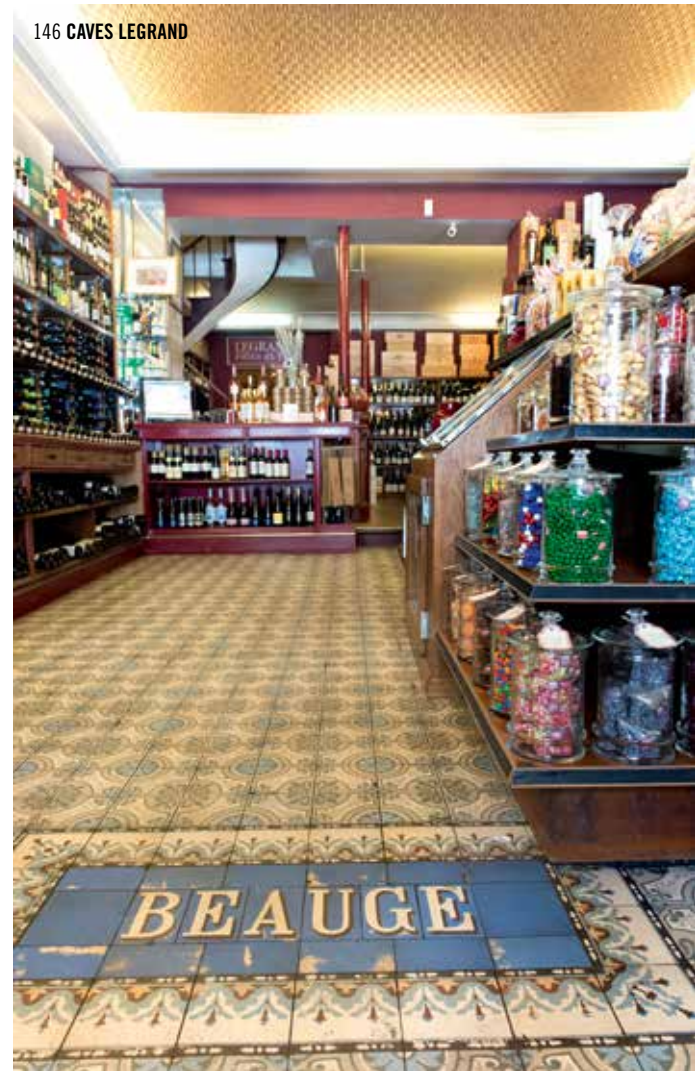
1 rue de la Banque
A2 – Louvre &
Les Halles (RB) ③
+33 (0)1 42 60 07 12
www.caves-legrand.com

Step through the doors of caves Legrand and you step into history because this magnificent place has been an institution for five generations. After a quick visit of the deli sit down at the bar for a tasting, surrounded by bottles with mythical names and ask the sommelier for some assistance. The emphasis is on sharing and passing on information. That said, the discovery of some unknown wines along with some delicious snacks will only make you want to do one thing: return for more.

147 LE BARON ROUGE

1 rue Théophile
Roussel
A12 – Marais &
Bastille (RB) ⑤
+33 (0)1 43 43 14 32

This popular wine bar, near marché d'Aligre, is very busy on Sundays towards lunch. After doing their shopping the regulars like to stand around the barrels on the pavement and enjoy dishes of oysters with a glass of white wine. The special place and the wine, which is on tap, have contributed to this place's reputation as one of the few wine bars that has retained its authenticity.



The 5 best STREET MARKETS in Paris

- 211 **LA BROCANTE DE LA RUE DE BRETAGNE**
[Rue de Bretagne & rue de Belleyme, rue de Turenne, the area around Carreau du Temple, rue Dupetit Thouars, adjoining streets](#)
[A3 – Marais & Bastille \(RB\)](#) ⑤
- Twice a year professionals and private individuals gather for three days of flea market fun in the centre of Le Marais. This large market mainly focusses on furniture and clothes from the fifties, sixties and seventies. The market attracts hipsters, families and people strolling through and is eagerly awaited. It is such a success that the prices continue to soar year after year.
- 212 **LES PUCES DU DESIGN**
[Parc des Expositions Porte de Versailles](#)
[A15](#)
[www.pucesdudesign.com](#)
- This street market only sells design from the fifties to the noughties. It is unique in France in that it gathers all the top vendors in this niche who set aside their best pieces for the occasion. Whether you just like to look or are searching for a unique piece of furniture by your favourite designer, this street market is a must. There is always also an exhibition about a leading designer.

- 213 **LA BROCANTE DE L'AVENUE DE TRUDAINE**
[Avenue de Trudaïne](#)
[A9 – Montmartre \(RB\)](#) ③
- Twice a year this neighbourhood street market occupies one of the prettiest avenues in Paris. Although you will preponderantly find industrial furniture and seventies design here there are also more traditional stalls that sell an eclectic mix of items in different styles and from different eras. The best time to visit is in the early morning when the sellers are setting up shop and the surrounding cafes start to serve breakfast.
- 214 **PUCES DE VANVES**
[Avenue Marc Sangnier, avenue Georges Lafenestre](#)
[A14 – Invalides & Eiffel Tower \(LB\)](#) ⑦
- This street market, which is just outside of the city centre, gathers more than 300 antiques dealers. The atmosphere is genuine and friendly. Here you can find anything from old photos and postcards to garden furniture and curiosities. Come early if you're looking for that rare gem.
- 215 **LA FOIRE DE CHATOU**
[Île des Impressionnistes Chatou](#)
[www.foiredchatou.com](#)
- This major fair is organised twice a year for twelve days in Île des Impressionnistes in Chatou, just 10 minutes outside of Paris. Hundreds of antiques dealers from all over France present their best finds here. It is also known as the *foire aux jambons* (ham fair) as part of the exhibition space is dedicated to some of the best regional produce. Stroll through the aisles and enjoy the people watching.

The 5 most beautiful BRIDGES

- 276 **PASSERELLE SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR**
Parc de Bercy
A 13 – Quartier Latin
(LB) ④
- The Simone de Beauvoir footbridge was designed by architect Dietmar Feichtingher and inaugurated in 2006. It connects the forecourt of the François Mitterrand library on the left bank with parc de Bercy on the right bank.
- 277 **PONT NEUF**
Rue Dauphine
A 6 – Saint-Germain-des-Prés & Montparnasse (LB) ⑥
- Contrary to its name, Pont Neuf (the new bridge) is actually the oldest bridge in Paris. Built in the 16th century, this was the first stone bridge that crossed the entire width of the Seine, connecting the left bank, the right bank and the western part of the Île de la Cité with each other. It was also the first bridge without houses.
- 278 **PASSERELLE DEBILLY**
Avenue de New-York
A 8 – Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées & Grands Boulevards (RB) ②
- Walk from Palais de Tokyo and the Modern Art Museum of the City of Paris to musée du Quai Branly along this bridge. You wouldn't surmise from its modern appearance and the metal structure that this bridge dates from the World Expo of 1900, for which it was built to ensure visitors could move around freely.

- 279 **PONT SAINT-LOUIS**
Rue du Cloître Notre-Dame (Île de la Cité) & rue Jean du Bellay (Île Saint-Louis)
Île de la Cité & Île Saint-Louis ①
- Pont Saint-Louis, a simple and modern bridge, connects Île de la Cité to Île Saint-Louis. It is your gateway to the postcard setting that is Paris. Because it is a car-free bridge, it is a hassle-free stroll among tourists and artists.

- 280 **PASSERELLE DU PARC DES BUTTES CHAUMONT**
1 rue Botzaris
A 19 – Belleville & surroundings (RB) ⑨
- The suspension bridge of Parc des Buttes Chaumont, which was built by Gustave Eiffel allows you to cross the lake 8 metres above ground. If you are not afraid of heights you can enjoy the lake, see the shadows of the fish as they dart through the water and the turtles basking in the sun. The other 22-metre-high stone bridge across the lake, somewhat concealed by the greenery, is called *pont des suicides*.





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The 5 most ORIGINAL ACTIVITIES to do with your children

386 COURS DE YOGA ENFANTS/PARENTS

CHAPS:

3 rue de

la Pierre Levée

A 11 – Belleville &
surroundings (RB) ②

+33 (0)1 43 38 14 52

lasalleparis.com

This yoga and pilates studio offers fun yoga classes that you can take together. Share a moment of complicity and relaxation as well as becoming aware of your body and the space around you.

This fun activity for children aged 5 and up and their parents also teaches you to channel your energy.

387 CUEILLETTE EN FAMILLE LES FERMES DE GALLY

Route de Bailly

Saint-Cyr-l'École

+33 (0)1 30 14 60 60

www.ferme.gally.com

The perfect activity to teach young urbanites about the various seasons and to respect mother Earth. From April onwards this family farm opens its doors to pickers. The children learn to gather fruit and vegetables, strawberries in the summer and pumpkins in the fall, which they can enjoy at home.

388 SÉANCE DE CINÉMA CINÉMA LE BALZAC

1 rue Balzac

A 8 – Arc de
Triomphe, Champs-
Élysées & Grands

Boulevards (RB) ②

+33 (0)1 45 61 10 60

www.cinema

balzac.com

Once a month, on Sunday mornings, this cinema organises *Pochette surprise* sessions catering to budding film buffs. Young children (age 5 and up) and their parents can discover a selection of short films, which for the most part are silent movies, from the early days of cinema history. A great opportunity to see Charlie Chaplin, Laurel and Hardy, Harold Lloyd and Buster Keaton clown around (again).

389 LA MAISON DES PETITS

5 rue Curial

A 19 – Belleville &
surroundings (RB) ②

+33 (0)1 53 35 50 00

www.104.fr

This intimate and reassuring place was entirely designed with small children in mind, from babies to the age of 5, which is quite rare in Paris. La maison des petits sprung from the mind of Matali Crasset, whose passion for colour and modular approach are widely known. This is where children come to listen, meet other children and create together!

390 HIPPODROME DE VINCENNES

2 route de la Ferme

A 12

+33 (0)1 49 77 17 17

www.letrot.com

In springtime the Paris-Vincennes hippodrome organises spectacular evening races. From 7 pm onwards the temple of trotting becomes a huge open-air stage with spotlights on the race course turning the race into a fascinating and electrifying event. A unique experience, fun for children and what's more, it's affordable too.

The 5 most UNEXPECTED PLACES TO HAVE FUN

456 CHINATOWN OLYMPIADES

44 avenue d'Ivry
A 13 – Saint-Germain-
des-Prés & Mont-
parnasse (LB) ⑥
+33 (0)1 45 84 72 21
www.chinatownolympiades.com

Chinatown Olympiades is the place for you if you like an exotic taste and cultural experience. After having enjoyed some dumplings and Peking duck, it's time for some music and karaoke. The songs keep on coming in every possible language from English to French, Khmer and Chinese of course. The atmosphere is amazing.

457 LE ZÉRO ZÉRO

89 rue Amelot
A 11 – Marais &
Bastille
(RB) ⑤

The DJs in this tiny underground bar only mix vinyl. The parties are always interesting thanks to the wide variety of musical styles. Dance, drink cocktails and watch videos on a vintage TV.

458 LE POINT EPHÉMÈRE

200 quai de Valmy
A 10 – Belleville &
surroundings (RB) ⑨
+33 (0)1 40 34 04 06
www.pointephemere.org

This amazing cultural centre along Canal Saint-Martin hosts concerts, performances, festivals, parties, encounters and a lot of other unusual events. Also a great place for lunch, dinner, brunch or a drink by the water.

459 LA RECYCLERIE

83 boulevard Ornano
A 18 – Belleville &
surroundings (RB) ⑨
+33 (0)1 42 57 58 49
www.larecyclerie.com

This former train station has been converted into an 'eco-friendly' space. The bar-restaurant offers organic food and the repair workshop gives stuff a second lease on life. Enjoy the tranquillity and green surroundings of the outside, where you can explore an urban farm with a poultry-yard and a community garden.

460 CAFÉ A

148 rue du Faubourg
Saint-Martin
A 10 – Belleville &
surroundings (RB) ⑨
+33 (0)7 71 61 10 38
www.cafea.fr

This atypical place, which is in a former convent near gare de l'Est, is the perfect place to read, away from the crowds and their enquiring glances. Find a deckchair in the cloister, the garden or check out the former chapel. You can also attend concerts in the chapel.