

French Club News

City of the Week -PARIS-

Paris' national museums are multi-purpose, user-friendly machines shaped by the public interest and state funds. Serving as forums for lectures, art films, concerts, and the occasional play, the museums here -especially the Louvre, Orsay and Beaubourg - broadcast Paris, past and present.

For listings of frequent temporary exhibits, consult the bimonthly "Bulletin des Musées et Monuments historiques", available at the tourist office. "Paris museums and monuments", also at the tourist office, provides all the information you need about the museums. "Pariscope" and "L'officiel des Spectacles" list museums hours and temporary exhibits. Students, children teachers, and senior citizens are eligible for reduced admissions at almost all Parisian museums. Frequent museumgoers ineligible for these discounts may invest in the Museum Pass. The Museum Pass (Carte Musées et Monuments) provides a splendid way to see a lot for comparatively little. The pass offers immediate entry to 65 museums and monuments (permanent

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DID YOU KNOW?

Situated in the middle of place Charles de Gaulle, Napoleon's monument to his long-suffering troops is the largest triumphal arch in existence. The arch is an impressive 50 meters (164 feet) tall and wide enough for a pilot to have squeezed his small biplane through it way back in 1919. Ironically, Napoleon didn't live long enough to march a triumphant army through it. However, the Germans strode through the arch on the dark day they occupied Paris in World War II, as did the Allies when they too marched through to liberate the city. The arch has always symbolized freedom to the French, and it remains very much a sentimental nerve center for the city.

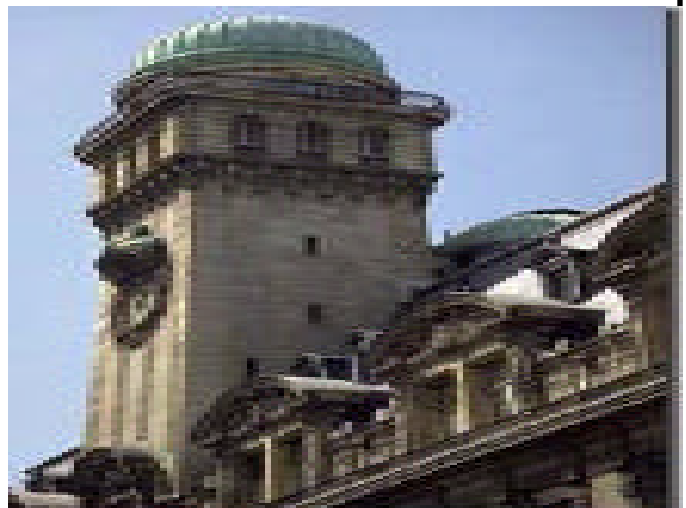
When it was completed in 1836, the Arc de Triomphe was so far from the center of town almost no one showed

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French Schools

The Latin Quarter is home to several important French universities, perhaps the best known being the Sorbonne, the first university founded in France (1257) and one of Europe's oldest as well. The students from this university lend much of the youthful character for which the Latin Quarter is renowned. The university was the source of considerable original activity in French basic research by such personalities as Marie Curie and Louis Pasteur.

La Sorbonne



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up for the opening ceremonies. Today, it's at the top of one of the world's greatest promenades, the Champs-Élysées. It rises from the very center of the place Charles de Gaulle (formerly known as L'Étoile) with 12 of Paris's most scenic avenues fanning out from it to form an elegant "star." The arch also houses the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, with its Flame of Remembrance.



collections only, not valid for special exhibitions), without waiting in long lines. You present your card, and voilà, you're in. Most of the major museums are included: the Musée du Louvre, Centre Pompidou, Musée d'Orsay, Cluny, Crypt of Notre Dame, and much more. You can obtain the pass from the participating museums, all Métro kiosks, and the Tourist Office headquarters at 127 avenue des Champs-Élysées. Travel agencies also often sell the pass in the U.S. and Europe. The price is 60F for one day, 125F for three days, and 170F for five days.

Paris, the City of Light. With so many historic buildings and monuments illuminated at night, it is no wonder that Paris has earned this name. It is a city of wonder and amazement, of refinement and distinction, of arts and crafts, of architecture. It is what you will make of it. Do you like arts, historical sites or museums? - Paris has them in abundance.

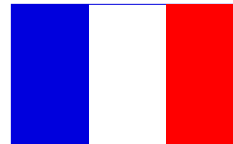
Are you a ballet, or opera or jazz fan? - Paris has more than you can handle during your stay. But don't try to do everything! You can't possibly, anyway. Select one objective per day - and leave the rest for another day or another visit. Ample time spent in between for just sitting at a café taking in the special ambiance that Paris offers.



We have found some exciting web sites for you computer lovers!!

WEB MAGAZINES:

- Le Monde: <http://www.lemonde.fr>
- Liberation: <http://www.liberation.fr>
- Elle: <http://www.elle.fr>
- Paris-Match: <http://www.parismatch.com>



WEB TELEVISION: (must have 'real player')

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