

AROUND PARIS



The banks of the River Seine, from the Islands to the Latin Quarter, constitute the original historic centre of the city. Medieval buildings co-exist with crowds of lively young students and the welcome oases of public parks and gardens.



DESCRIPTION



CHARTRES

Founded by the Gauls and fortified in the Middle Ages, Chartres has been skilfully modernised without losing any of its splendour. A visit to the Cathedral, where Henry IV was crowned, is essential (listed by Unesco). The lower and upper towns have a myriad of small squares with age-old buildings of a particular charm.

FONTAINEBLEAU

In the heart of the Fontainebleau forest stands a castle eight hundred years old, its walls bearing witness to the History of France via sovereigns such as Philip the Fair, Francis the First and Napoleon the First. A living testimony to this era of splendour and wealth, paintings, frescoes and other furnishings of the era make this a palace of another age.

VERSAILLES

Built for Louis the 16th and his court in the 17th century, Versailles is still the symbol of the magnificence and beauty of French tradition.

The splendour of the buildings, period furniture and gardens designed by Le Nôtre make it an essential destination.

VINCENNES

Once the residence of the King of France, Vincennes Castle, a mix of medieval and renaissance style, surrounded by a moat, is still standing at the gates of Paris. Behind the fortress are the Vincennes woods, once a royal hunting ground, offering miles of greenery for walkers and cycle paths for leisurely or more sporty trips.

PROVINS

The former capital of the Counts of Champagne, Provins has carefully preserved its medieval buildings (on the Unesco World Heritage List). From the César Tower to the Saint-Quiriace collegiate church, not forgetting the Cordelières convent, it is more than just a stroll, it is a veritable timewalk.

RECOMMENDATIONS

RESTAURANTS

Auberge des Templiers
Cazaudehore
Hostellerie du Bas-Bréau

SUGGESTIONS

HOTELS

Hostellerie du Clos
Château Esclimont
Trianon Palace

