## PARIS AND THE GREAT MEN

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Discover the places where the most important personalities that create the history of France were living or rest in peace. You will feel the life of unique artists, politicians, kings, and emperor by following their steps in these amazing monuments such as Le "Pantheon" or les "Invalides", and you will finish this memorial day in the "Pere Lachaise cimetery". History is written by great men, this day is made to let you know what they wanted for France and what they left behind them to show it.



# DESCRIPTION



## LES INVALIDES

The Hôtel des Invalides, which was founded by Louis XIV to provide care for wounded soldiers, stands on a vast esplanade. It houses the tomb of the Emperor Napoleon and the military museum. The Dome Church is a master piece of French classical architecture; its decoration was given to the finest artists of Louis XIV who also worked at Versailles.

## LE PANTHÉON

Le Pantheon, which was transformed by Soufflot (1712-1780), was formerly the church of Saint Genevieve. Since the French Revolution, it has been the final place of a select group of individuals who have served France in exceptional ways. Collectively referred to as the "Grands Hommes", these include Mirabeau, Voltaire, Rousseau, Victor Hugo, Zola, Jean Moulin, La Fayette, Jean Monnet...

## PERE LACHAISE CIMETERY

The cemetery in eastern Paris commonly referred to as "Pere Lachaise cimetery" is the city's most prestigious and most widely-visited. Its tombs bear the names of major figures from the worlds of literature, theatre and music. Between 1824 and 1850, the cimetery was extended six times, bringing it to its current surface area of 44 hectares and ther's 70,000 tombs today.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### **GASTRONOMIC RESTAURANTS**

La tour d'Argent near the Pantheon

For almost a century the Tour d'Argent has maintained its almost sacred attachment to tradition and honor. Magic view on "Notre Dame"...

#### BEST QUALITY/PRICE RATIO RESTAURANT

Le Vauban in front of les Invalides

Very famous adress for its memorial view on les Invalides and its decoration of marble! Good food is serve here also...

### **SUGGESTION**

### MUSEUM DE "L'ARMÉE"

The Armee Museum was created in 1905, by merging the Artillery Museum and the historical Army Museum. The Musée de l'Armée places itself among the greatest art and military history museums in the world. Its situation, at the heart of a military purposed monument, offers an exceptional aspect. There are few military museums which can offer such a variety of exhibits and cover such large chronological periods.