

PARIS



In France

France is in the Western Europe. The capital of France - Paris, one of the most beautiful cities in the world. France has many historical and architectural monuments. It is popular with tourists.



Paris is the capital of France, its economic and cultural center. It's situated in the north part of central France at the bank of the river Seine. Paris is considered to be one of the most beautiful cities in the world, and it is certainly the most romantic. The city is full of sights and tourist attractions, including charming architecture, numerous bridges and squares. There are more than 130 museums and 1800 historic places there



Paris is divided into **20 arrondissements** (districts or boroughs), each of which has a local council and a mayor, but most of the power is held by the mayor of the City of Paris who is chosen by the city's council. Paris and its suburbs together make up the eight departments of the Ile-de-France administrative region, which is governed by an elected assembly, chairman, and supervisor and overseen by a prefect appointed by the state.





The River Seine divides the city into two halves, called the Left Bank and Right Bank. The right bank is on the north side, left to the south. In general the right bank claims the sophistication and modern development in Paris, while the left bank has the universities, parks and historic areas. There are two islands on the river in the middle of the city, Ile de la Cite and Ile de St. Louis.

Ile de La Cité

The Île de la Cité is one of two remaining natural islands in the Seine within the city of Paris. It is the centre of Paris and the location where the medieval city was refounded.



The Île Saint-Louis is one of two natural islands in the Seine river, in Paris, France. The Île Saint-Louis is connected to the rest of Paris by four bridges to both banks of the river, and to the Île de la Cité by the Pont Saint-Louis. This island was formerly used for the grazing of market cattle and stocking wood. The island is located within the 4th arrondissement of Paris and has a population of 2,465.



The Ile Saint Louis is surrounded by a series of quays.

Pont Saint-Louis

Pont de la Tournelle

Pont Louis-Philippe

Pont Marie

Pont Sully



The Pont Saint-Louis is one of the most popular bridges of Paris as it allows people to stroll freely from the Ile de la Cité to the Ile Saint-Louis, and it boasts prime views of the two islands. It is also very popular with street artists, and you'll always find singers, musicians, acrobats etc...entertaining the crowds during the tourist season

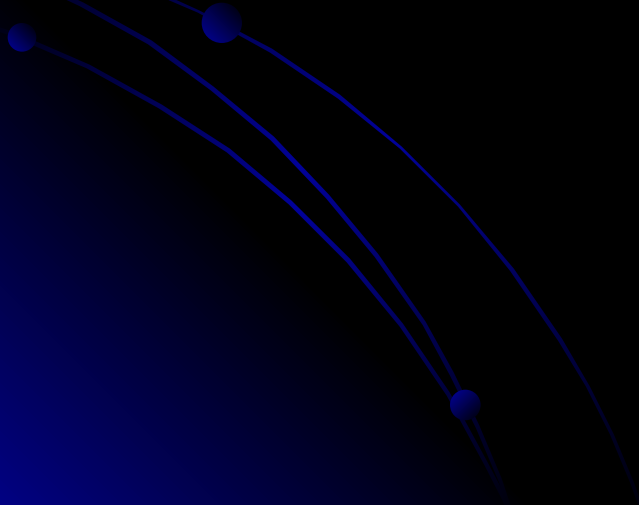
Eiffel Tower



Eiffel Tower - the main monument of the city. The tower was built in 1889. Its height is 317 m. The tower has three floors. The first floor is at the height of 57 m., the second – at the height of 115 m., and the third – at the height of 276 m.



The Eiffel Tower – the best known symbol of France and Paris. It was named after Gustav Eiffel, whose company designed and built the tower in 1889. This lattice tower is made of puddle iron. The tower stands on four legs and has a sharp peak on the top. The tower is the tallest structure in Paris and the most-visited paid monument in the world; 6.98 million people ascended it in 2011. The tower received its 250 millionth visitor in 2010. The tower is 324 metres tall, about the same height as an 81-storey building. Its base is square, 125 metres on a side. The tower has three levels for visitors, with restaurants on the first and second. The third level observatory's upper platform is 276 m above the ground, the highest accessible to the public in the European Union



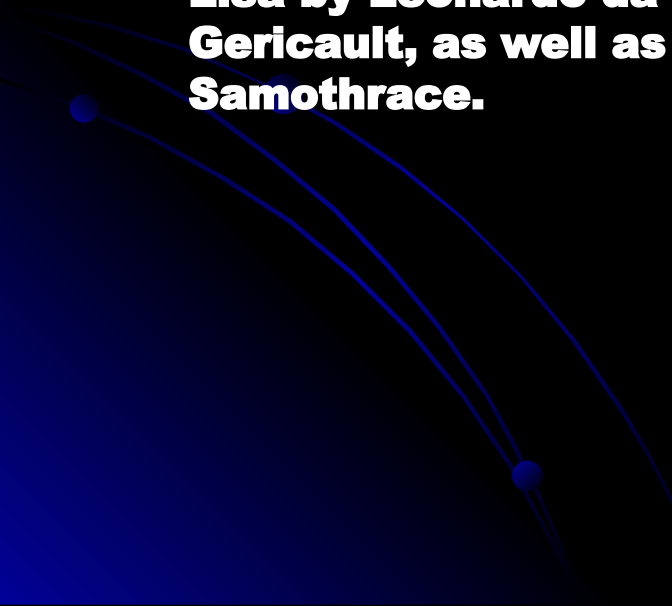
Louvre



Louvre - the most famous museum in the world. It was built as a fortress in 1190. The museum has many exhibits from Egypt, Greece and Rome.





- **The Louvre** is one of the world's largest museums and the most popular one. It is housed in the former royal palace and is located in the centre of Paris on the right bank of the Seine. The museum was opened in 1793 and became one of the first museums opened for public.
 - The Louvre is one of the oldest museums in the world. It houses various collections from all over the world. There are a lot of exhibits representing different cultures and epochs such as Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece and others. There are plenty of statues, canvases and other objects of art.
 - The entrance to the museum is free almost for everyone. It is open nearly every day.
 - It houses a lot of world's most famous works. So, there is the Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci, The raft of the Medusa by Theodore Gericault, as well as statues of the Venus de Milo and the Nike of Samothrace.
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Louvre is the largest museum in Paris. Originally the building of Louvre has served as a residence for French monarchs. At present days, it is a place where thousands of art works are kept. The most famous item is the portrait of mysterious Mona Lisa.



Mona Lisa
by
Leonardo
da Vinci



The statue of
Venus de Milo

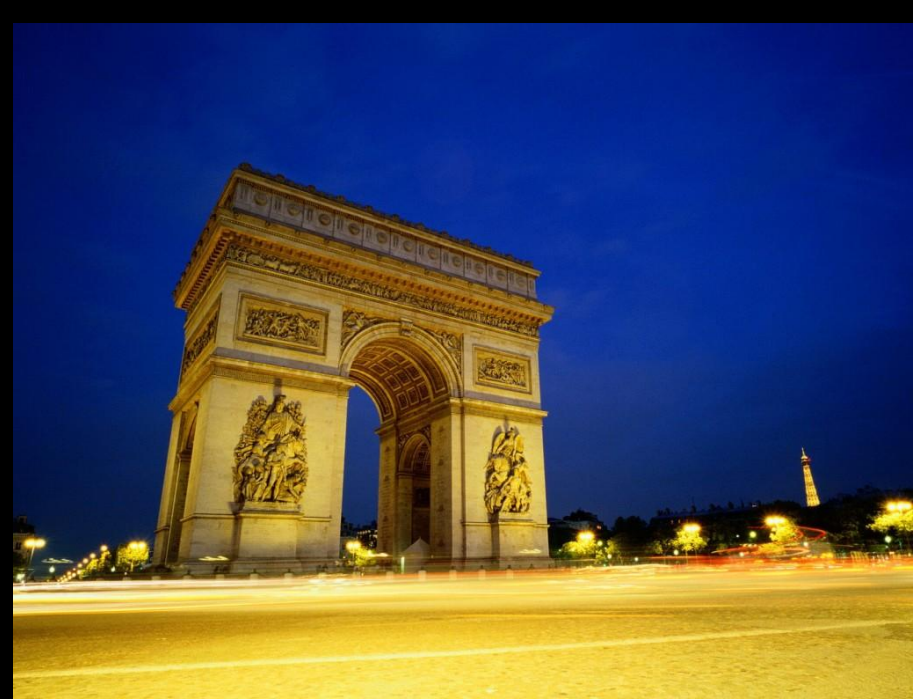
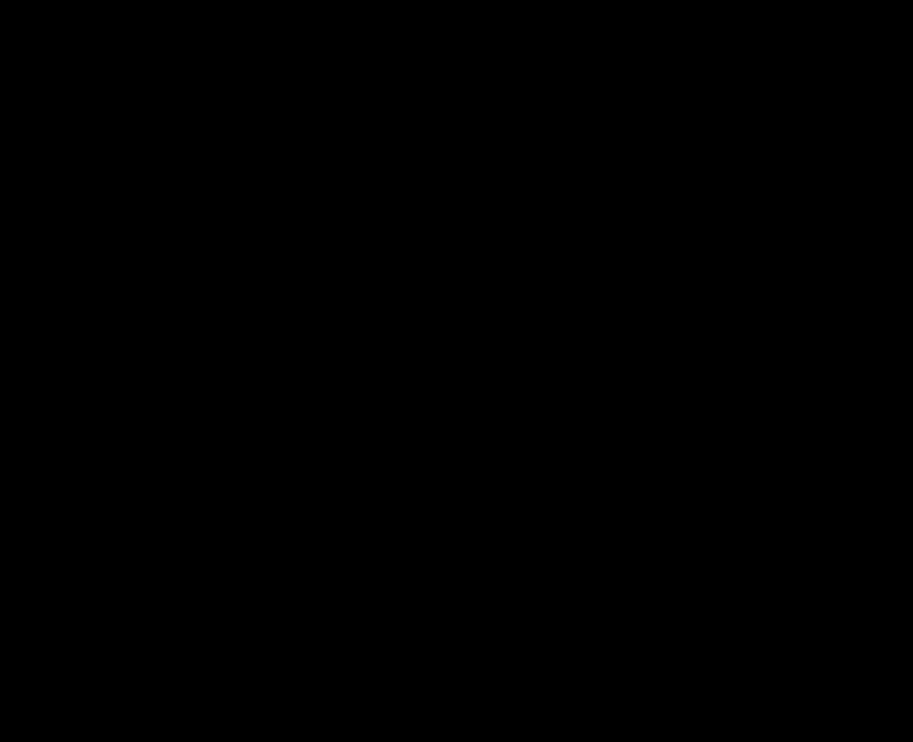
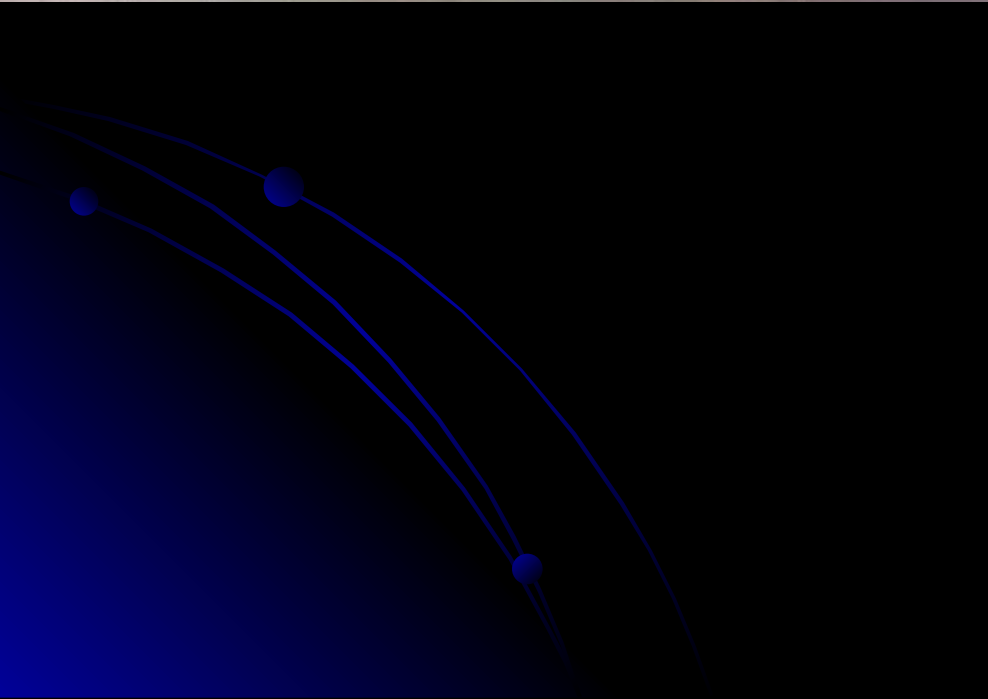
Arc de Triomp



Arc de Triomphe is located in the centre of Paris. Its construction is 50 meters in height, 45 - in length and 27-wide.

The Arch is a monument to all who fought for France, especially during the Napoleonic wars. This construction was built by Napoleon in honor of his victories.





Notre Dame



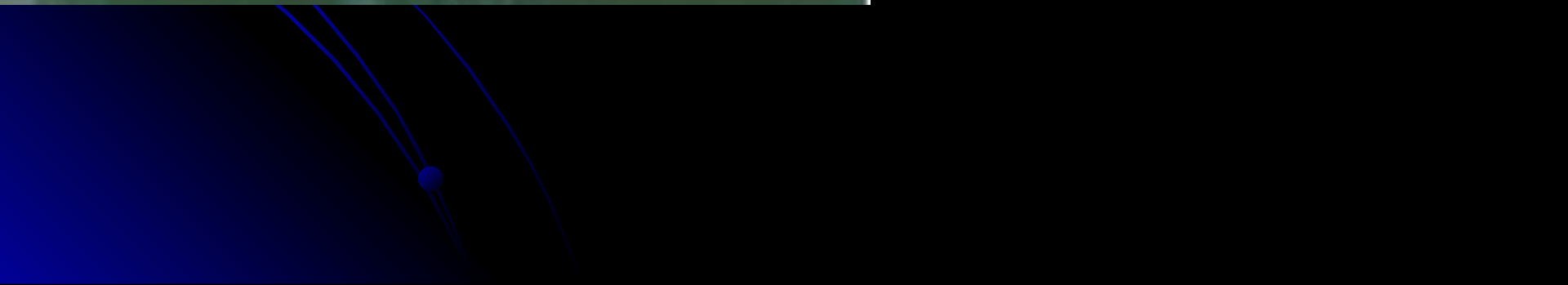
Notre Dame - the beautiful cathedral. In the temple there are three doors, decorated with statues. The height of the Cathedral towers is 69 meters, and the spire - 90 pm The great bell weights 15 tones and rings on special occasions

Notre de Paris



It is a magnificent cathedral, which is situated in a historical center of the city. Victor Hugo has once written a book about this cathedral. Later several musicals were staged





Champs-Elysees



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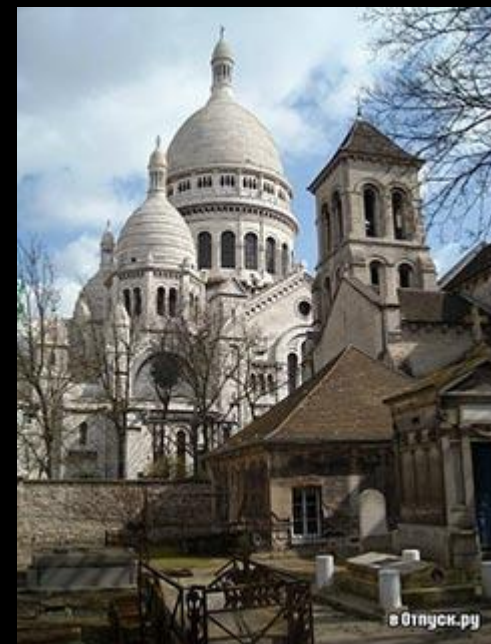


Those who like French music have probably heard songs about Champs-Elysées. This avenue is one of the most precious streets in the world. There are many stylish boutiques, posh restaurants and well-known companies there.

The Avenue des Champs-Élysées is a boulevard in the 8th arrondissement of Paris, 1.9 kilometres long and 70 metres wide, which runs between the Place de la Concorde and the Place Charles de Gaulle, where the Arc de Triomphe is located. It is known for its theatres, cafés and luxury shops, and for the military parade that takes place each year on the avenue on 14 July to celebrate Bastille Day.



Montmartre is a large hill in Paris's 18th arrondissement. It is 130 metres high and gives its name to the surrounding district, part of the Right Bank in the northern section of the city. The historic district established by the City of Paris in 1995 is containing sixty hectares. Montmartre is primarily known for the white-domed Basilica of the **Sacre Coeur** on its summit and as a nightclub district. Montmartre is a special district full of painters, actors, pantomimes, writers, poets and other creative people. Tourists can see the house of Picasso here and the square of Dalida.



Sacre-Coure is the largest cathedral in France, which is situated at the highest point in Paris. People can see all of Paris from its observation post.



Sacré-Cœur is a Roman Catholic church and minor basilica in Paris, France. A popular landmark, the basilica is located at the summit of the butte Montmartre, the highest point in the city. Sacré-Cœur is a double monument. The Sacré-Cœur Basilica was designed by Paul Abadie and was finished in 1914. The basilica complex includes a garden for meditation, with a fountain. The top of the dome is open to tourists and affords a spectacular panoramic view of the city of Paris, which is mostly to the south of the basilica.



The Museum Picasso is situated in the heart of historic Paris, and has a collection of several thousand works of Pablo Picasso. Picasso was born in 1881. During his life he created diverse works: painting, sculpture, drawing, ceramics, engraving, and even poetry. This is museum we visit today. A Beautiful new space. Today, there are 203 paintings, 191 sculptures, 85 ceramics, and over 3000 drawings, engravings, and manuscripts in the museum.



The square of Dalida

Little square where you can find the sculpture of Dalida



Dalida was a very famous Italian/Egyptian singer who used to live in France, precisely in Montmartre

The red mill of **Moulin Rouge** is also world-famous. It is the best cabaret theatre in Paris.



Moulin Rouge is best known as the spiritual birthplace of the modern form of the can-can dance. Today, the Moulin Rouge is a tourist attraction, offering musical dance entertainment for visitors from around the world. The club's decor still contains much of the romance.



Montparnasse is an area of Paris, France, on the left bank of the river Seine, centred at the crossroads of the Boulevard du Montparnasse and the Rue de Rennes, between the Rue de Rennes and boulevard Raspail. The area is also known for cafes and bars, such as the Breton restaurants specializing in pancakes.

Montparnasse Tower is the only skyscraper in Paris and a modern glass terrace with unrestricted views across the city where visitors can see up to 40km away on a clear day from the 56th floor observation deck. One of the fastest lifts in the world, you arrive at the 56th floor in less than 40 seconds (38s) at speeds reaching 60 km/h during the climb!



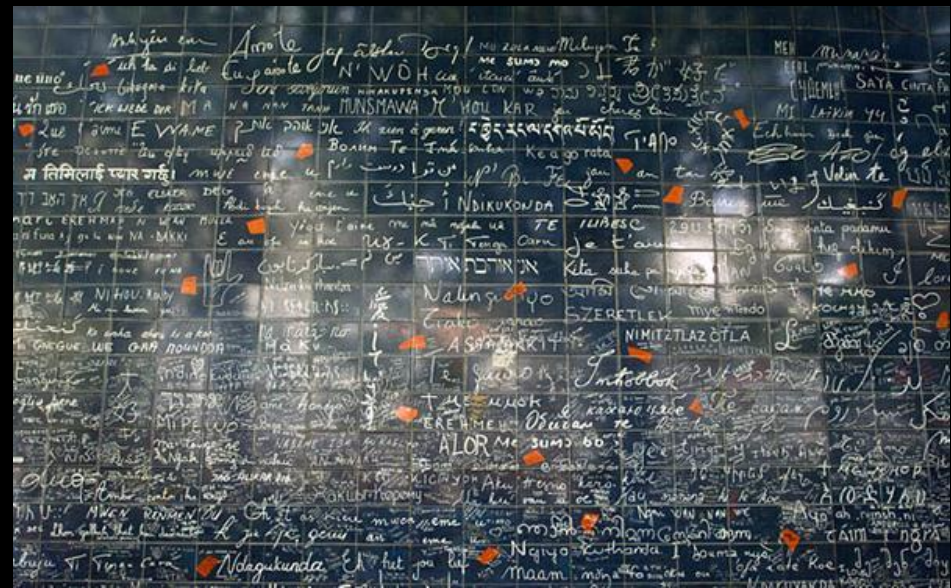


Disneyland Paris is an entertainment resort in Marne-la-Vallée, a new town in the eastern suburbs of Paris, France, located 32 km from the center of Paris. Disneyland Paris contains 2 theme parks, 7 resort hotels, 6 associated hotels, a golf course, railway station and a new town: Val d'Europe. Disneyland Park, Walt Disney Studios Park .The Disney VillageThe Disney Village entertainment district contains a variety of restaurants, bars, shops, Mickey's Friends and Buffalo Bill's Wild West Dinner Show, and other venues, and it stays open after the parks close. Golf Disneyland features 9-hole and 18-hole courses.

Disneyland



The Wall of Love is a love-themed 40 square meters wall in the Jehan Rictus garden square in Montmartre, Paris, France. The wall was created in 2000 by calligraphist Frederic Baron and mural artist Claire Kito and is composed of 612 tiles of enameled lava, on which the phrase "I love you" is featured 311 times in 250 languages. Each tile is 21 by 29.7 centimeters. The red splashes on the wall symbolize parts of a broken heart.



The main producers of cars are Peugeot, Citroen, Renault



Paris is the capital of fashion

French fashion is setting the trend with icon brands such as Chanel, Dior, Hermes, Jean-Paul Gaultier, Louis Vuitton, Saint Laurent, Other French fashion brands, Top French jewelry brands, Top French handbags brands, Top French perfume brands. All these French fashion brands are based in Paris. Many lesser known French fashion brands turn Paris into one of the most creative fashion cities in the world.







French perfume brands in Paris

No country ranks higher than France for perfume. Many of the most famous perfumes, such as Chanel N°5 and Shalimar of Guerlain, are actually French.

Perfumes are part of french fashion and elegance. Come to Paris to buy french fashion and perfumes. Discover french elegance and art de vivre in Paris.

Chanel (Chanel N°5), Dior (Miss Dior) and Guerlain (Shalimar) are the top french perfume brands.

Fragonard, a well known perfume brand, has its own perfume museum near Paris Opera and stores in Paris.

L'Occitane and Yves Rocher have great perfumes based on natural products.

The perfumes of L'Occitane and Yves Rocher can only be found in their stores. The many Marionnaud stores in Paris sell most french perfume brands and provide skin care and make-up services.

The famous Sephora stores also sell most french perfume brands in very large stores, including the flagship store on 70, Avenue des Champs Elysees.

Film stars



Gerard Depardie



Jean Paul Belmondo



Pierre Richard



Jean Renou



Sophie Marceau



Louis de Funes



Michel Mercier



Alain de LON



Edith Piaf



Mireille Mathieu



Bread

Food in Paris



Croque Monsieur & Madame

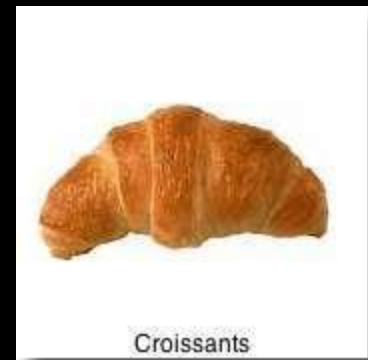
- For centuries food in Paris was supplied from the countryside of Paris. Nowadays the Parisians shops and markets are supplied with products from whole France and further. Besides traditional French meals offers Paris a growing number of international restaurants. In every district you will recognize the regional proud of the French. When you visit the supermarkets, it's a good idea to pay attention to the trade marks. French specialties, like liquor and cheese, get a trade mark as sign of reliability. The traditional meals of Paris are mainly based on meat. Beef, veal, lam and pork are the most eaten meats of Paris. Paris is known of it's high quality cuisine and a diversity of meal dishes.



Souffles



Quiche



Croissants

Food



Oysters



French soup with foie Gras



Baguette



Assorted seafood



Foie Gras pate goose liver

Typical meals of Paris

In Paris you will find plenty international meals, but also the traditional French cuisine. Champaign, pain, wine and French cheese will make your visit to Paris worthy. Bread and cheese will usually be the main basic ingredients of your Parisian meal. Everywhere in Paris you'll be able to score a fresh, crispy pain, some cheese and a good French wine. France counts more then 300 kinds of French cheese; the best known are the Camembert, the Brie and the Roquefort. I would recommend you to buy the delicious French cheese in a authentic French fromagerie and not in the supermarket.

Pot-au-Feu

Pot-au-Feu is a traditional bistrodish with as basic ingredient a nice piece of beef. The beef is boiled in water with onion, carrots and leek.

Entrecôte Marchand de vin

Another typical Parisian meal is the Entrecote Marchand de vin. Steak, served with red wine sauce, butter and onions. Usually your dish includes long French fries, named after the longest bridge of Paris: Pont Neuf.

Champaign

French Champaign comes from the Champagne district. The inhabitants of the district are very proud of their Champaign, which you will recognize in the many flags, flyers and posters. The taste of the Champaign is dependent on the weather and the soil of the grapes.





Зидан



Football is the most popular sport, both in terms of participants and spectators, in Paris. Paris has several of France's significant football clubs, and the city is home to many football clubs.