

## **THE PARIS LIST**

### Carina's favourite places to visit in the city of romance and fashion

"I absolutely love PARIS and had a blast living there. The city's ARCHITECTURE, HISTORY and CULTURE never fail to amaze me. Of course, the WONDERFUL food might also have something to do with it! I'm often asked for my FAVOURITE PLACES to visit - so here they are."

THE LOUVRE: As one of the world's largest museums it would take weeks of visiting to do the LOUVRE justice. But when the culture junkie in me needs a quick fix I head straight to THE FOUR SEASONS by NICOLAS POUSSIN (they hang in their own room). Totally uplifting!

MUSÉE DE LA CHASSE ET DE LA NATURE: I love dogs! And was therefore delighted when I discovered this QUIRKY little museum that is definitely off the beaten track. Housed in a GORGEOUS seventeenth-century mansion, and located in the lively Marais, this museum is jam-packed with animal portraits.

SENNELIER: I often think that if Harry Potter's Diagon Alley had an art-supply shop, it would look like this.

Established in 1887, and still run by the Sennelier family, every nook and cranny of this creaky, wood-panelled shop is stocked with the PRETTIEST, YUMMIEST, most SCRUMPTIOUS collection of pastels, pencils, paper, feather quills, Japanese watercolours, exotic papers and anything else your artistic heart could possibly desire.

BERTHILLON: If you like ICE CREAM, this is it. And while the weekend queues wind around the block, no worries. With a view of the Notre Dame and the Seine River swirling past, the time will fly! Located on the ENCHANTING Ile St. Louis, take a walk around the island as you finish your ice cream.

LADURÉE: A peek at the windows of this YUMMYLICIOUS patisserie alone are a treat! And while Ladurée shops now dot many cities worldwide, the original at 16, rue Royale is the one I like. Their MACARONS are my favourite: I find it impossible to leave Paris without a BEAUTIFUL Ladurée box filled with a selection of colourful macarons. And if I'm really hungry I'll go upstairs to their pretty little salon for tea.

THE TUILERIES GARDENS: As far as I'm concerned, a visit to Paris isn't complete without a walk through the Tuileries Gardens. Either end is a good place to start. Walk

all the way through, the palace courtyards included. The views, SPLASHING FOUNTAINS, and elegant design make it LOVELY any time of the year.

PLACE DES VOSGES: Known as the oldest planned square in Paris, the Place de Vosges OOZES history – and the prettily planted centre of the square is a lovely place to catch some SUN. Just don't forget the ICE CREAM.

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