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Museums, theatres, parks, hotels, restaurants ... Explore Paris with the family

In every picturesque district, park or cultural venue in Paris, there is something for the whole family to enjoy. The city offers plenty of inspiring activities - many of which incorporate technology - for kids of all ages.

1. A FAMILY BREAK IN PARIS

ARRIVING IN PARIS WITH THE FAMILY

Transport options for getting into central Paris from a train station or airport: by bus, metro, RER or taxi.

Wherever you happen to be arriving from - the South of France, northern or eastern France, the U.K., Belgium, Germany, Italy or Spain - you'll get off your train in the heart of Paris, at one of the city's six mainline stations. Each station is served by metro lines, and has taxi ranks outside.

From the Paris airports, there are many ways of getting to the city centre. If you land at Paris-Orly, you can take the Orlybus - a 30-minute bus ride - to Place Denfert-Rochereau (fare: €7.70). Another option is the Orlyval (fare: €9.30), a metro that transports travellers to Antony RER station. From here, the RER line B takes you on to the city centre. The T7 tramway takes passengers from Paris-Orly airport to Villejuif-Louis-Aragon station, on metro Line 7, in 45 minutes (fare: €1.90).

From Paris Roissy-Charles-de-Gaulle airport (Terminal 1), RER line B takes you to Forum des Halles (1st arrondissement) in the heart of the city in 30 minutes for €10.30. And the Roissybus service drops you off at the Opéra Garnier in one hour (fare: €12). The Bus Direct-Paris Aéroport shuttles offer transfers from Paris-Orly and Paris Roissy-Charles-de-Gaulle (CDG) to several locations in central Paris: Gare de Lyon, Gare Montparnasse, the Champs-Élysées, Trocadéro and Porte Maillot. Alternatively, you can take a taxi. The daytime charge for transfers from Roissy-Charles-de-Gaulle to central Paris is €50, with a 15% surcharge for journeys at night, on Sundays and public holidays; and around €35 from Orly. Some taxi companies have set up a cab-sharing system (to be booked in advance) to enable travellers to reduce the cost of a journey. Various private shuttle services into central Paris can also be pre-booked at a fixed fare.

Paris Aéroport - www.parisaeroport.fr

Le Bus Direct (from and to Orly and Roissy-Charles-de-Gaulle airports) - Tel +33 (0)810 812 001 - www.lebusdirect.com

RATP - www.ratp.fr

SNCF (rail transport) - www.sncf.com

Taxis G7 shared cabs (booking required) - Tel +33 (0)1 41 27 66 77 - www.g7partage.com

UBER - www.uber.com

More information on www.parisinfo.com

> Family services at the airport

Games, films, digital reading material, baby facilities and more: with all the services at Paris Aéroport, time will fly as you wait for your plane.

The long wait for a flight to be announced can be very trying for kids as well as their parents, but that's a thing of the past at Paris Orly and Paris Roissy-Charles-de-Gaulle (CDG), where there are free services designed especially for children: nurseries, pushchair hire and much more. Roissy CDG has play areas near the bars for kids aged 3 and up, like the one with Kapla wooden construction sets inside the Instant Paris free lounge in Terminal 2. The Paris airports also have aviation-themed play areas designed to resemble friendly neighbourhood squares, where kids can pretend they're flying their own plane. The play areas are free of charge to use.

Espaces enfants, Paris-Roissy-Charles-de-Gaulle (CDG) airport, Terminal 2E, Departures floor, gates K36, K49 and L28; Terminal 3, Departures floor, gate 4.

Espaces enfants, Paris-Orly airport, Terminal Ouest (West), Departures floor, lounge 10; Terminal Sud (South), Departures floor, Hall A, Gates A14 and A2.

Service prêt de poussettes (pushchair hire), Paris-Roissy-Charles-de-Gaulle (CDG), Terminal 2 and Paris-Orly, Terminal Sud (South), Hall A

Information on services for families - www.parisaeroport.fr

Paris Airports Twitter handle: [www.twitter.com/@ParisAeroport](https://twitter.com/ParisAeroport)

Paris Airports Facebook page: www.facebook.com/parisaeroport

Selection of Paris Airports trends and events - www.parisworldwide.fr

> How to use the bus, metro and tram

Fast and efficient, public transport in Paris takes you everywhere in the capital.

Paris has a comprehensive network of metro, bus and tram lines. Together they criss-cross the 20 arrondissements, while the RER (*Réseau express régional*) suburban express trains serve the inner and outer suburbs of the city. On the metro, children enjoy taking the overhead lines 2 and 6 to watch the bustle of city life beneath, and also lines 1 and 14, which are fully automatic, driverless trains. Riding in the front car and watching through the panoramic glass windows as the tunnels whoosh past can be just as exciting as a fairground ride. A 'T+' metro or bus ticket costs €1.90 for a single ticket, but in most cases, it is more cost-effective to buy *un carnet*, i.e. 10 tickets (€14.90). This 'Ticket T+' allows you to use the metro, RER trains within Paris, buses in the Île-de-France region, and the Montmartre funicular. Note that tickets sold on a bus cost €2 each, but buses are the most convenient way to get around town if you have a small child in a pushchair, or for people with reduced mobility.

RATP - www.ratp.fr

> Taxis and minivans for families

With people-carrier taxis and minivans, families can get around with ease.

In Paris, regular saloon taxis are limited to three or four passengers. But there are other ways for large families to get around. You can order a large estate car or minivan-type taxi from a taxi company.

More information on www.parisinfo.com ('Taxis and chauffeur-driven vehicles in Paris')

> Equipment hire

To make it easier to get around town with tiny tots in tow, the simplest option is to hire a baby car-seat, pushchair or other equipment. Companies such as LoueTaPoussette, Kidelio and Babytems can have the items you need delivered to you. Alternatively, you can pick them up from a specified location.

LoueTaPoussette - www.louetapoussette.co

Kidelio – www.kidelio.com

Babytems – www.babytems.fr

FAMILY ACCOMMODATION

> Hotel stays with the kids

Child-friendly guest rooms and facilities, reduced rates for children ... Parisian hotels know how to welcome families.

In Paris, some guest rooms have communicating doors, or even triple or four-bed rooms. Cots are also available, and if children sleep in the same room as their parents, they often benefit from special rates, and sometimes stay for free. This applies up to the age of 12. Chain hotels in particular are very family-friendly.

More information on www.parisinfo.com ('Where to stay')

> Other family-friendly accommodation options

From furnished rentals to camping: alternative accommodation for visitors looking for independence.

A practical accommodation solution for families is renting a furnished apartment, a made-to-measure service offered by specialist agencies. You choose the district, the number of rooms, facilities for children, etc. An intermediary option is an aparthotel, which offers fully-equipped apartments where families can do their own cooking. And fresh-air fans will enjoy staying on the campsite in the Bois de Boulogne on the outskirts of Paris, a stone's throw from the Jardin d'Acclimatation.

Aparthotels

Adagio City, Citadines Paris, Residhome Paris, Hotel Home Paris 16, etc.

Furnished rentals

Sweet Inn, My Nest Inn Apartments, Abritel Home Away.

Campsites

Campingde Paris by Huttopia at the Bois de Boulogne, 2 allée du Bord de l'Eau, Paris 16th - M° Porte-d'Auteuil - www.camping-indigo.com

All addresses on www.parisinfo.com ('Where to stay')

CULTURE FOR ALL THE FAMILY

> Get a pass!

A combined 'transport and sightseeing' ticket is the money-saving solution for a family day out.

Transport, museums, monuments, leisure ... Passes and dual passes combining a journey with a visit are practical and cost-effective. You can buy them in advance online, which leaves you all set to start your day of sightseeing - no queuing up at ticket desks.

The Paris Convention and Visitors Bureau has come up with the Paris Pass Lib'. Costing from €40 per adult, this pass not only offers skip-the-line access to major museums and monuments in Paris and Ile-de-France, it also gives you discounts of up to 20% on transport, museums, cruises and so on - not to mention privileged access to the second floor of the Eiffel Tower using the lift.

For transport, the Paris Visite pass gives unlimited travel on the metro, RER, bus, tram and suburban trains (three zones) for 1, 2, 3 or 5 days. It costs from €13.20 for a 1-day adult pass (€6.60 for children aged 4 to 11). Paris Visite also entitles you to special rates at some attractions such as the Arc de Triomphe, the Tour Montparnasse and Disneyland Paris. And, if you're looking for a pass to visit Paris's numerous museums (and other places of interest), you can buy the Paris Museum Pass, valid for 2, 4 or 6 days, which gives you access to more than 50 museums and monuments in Paris and the Paris region (price: from €48).

Paris Passlib' - http://reservation.parisinfo.com//il4-offre_i147-paris-passlib-paris-pass.aspx

Paris Museum Pass - <http://reservation.parisinfo.com>

Paris Visite - <http://reservation.parisinfo.com>, www.parisinfo.com/transports/107175/Paris-visite

> Reductions and free admission

There is no reason for young people to miss out on culture, as they have free admission to national museums and monuments.

Young people aged under 18 are entitled to free admission at national (i.e. state-owned) monuments and museums such as the Louvre, the Musée du Moyen Âge, the Château de Fontainebleau and the Musée d'Orsay. European Union nationals aged under 26 can also visit all national museums for free (though workshops and special events are paying). Some places, such as Paris Story (a 50-minute film on the wonders of the French capital, shown on a panoramic screen), have 'family' tickets, while others, like the Mer de Sable and Parc Astérix amusement parks, offer discounts for large families.

More information on www.parisinfo.com

2. FAMILY OUTINGS IN PARIS

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

> Museum visits with the children

From the Louvre to the Quai Branly Jacques Chirac: educational yet entertaining museum visits

▪ Classic visits

Paris museums are child-friendly places.

Many major exhibitions include entertaining itineraries geared to children. Parents can browse museum websites to prepare an outing in advance, download an app on their smartphone, or borrow a tablet at the museum. At the Louvre, children will be fascinated by the Egyptian mummies, and happy to see the world-famous *Mona Lisa* for themselves, though they may have to fight their way to the front of the crowd! Just a few streets from here, the Musée en Herbe features art that will appeal to kids aged 3 and over. Then there's the Galerie des Enfants and the Atelier des enfants (children's workshop) accompanying each major temporary exhibition, suitable for kids as young as 2, in that shrine to modern art, the Pompidou Centre. At the Musée d'Orsay, guided tours, activity trails and workshops for kids from 5 years old will give them entertaining insights into works by Van Gogh, Monet and Rodin. Older children will relate to the Gaîté Lyrique's focus on digital culture and music, and relish a visit to Choco-Story, the chocolate museum. At national museums, admission is free for under-18s. Some museums, like the Louvre, provide visitors with pushchairs and baby carriers, as well as a cloakroom and baggage service.

▪ Story-time visits and workshops

From games and detective trails to workshops, Paris museums have all kinds of creative ways to entertain young visitors.

Numerous (paying or free) family workshops are offered at museums to arouse children's curiosity. They introduce kids to subjects like art and French history through enigma games, storytelling tours and practical workshops. Muses & Musées devises cultural games that catch and keep the interest of young puzzle-solvers for various museums and sites.

Musée du Louvre 34 quai du Louvre, Paris 1st - M° Palais-Royal-Musée-du-Louvre - Tel +33 (0)1 40 20 53 17 - www.louvre.fr

Musée d'Orsay 1 rue de la Légion-d'Honneur, Paris 7th - RER Musée-d'Orsay - Tel +33 (0)1 40 49 48 14 - www.musee-orsay.fr

Musée Grévin (waxworks) 10 boulevard Montmartre, Paris 9th - M° Grands-Boulevards, RER Auber - www.grevin.com

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Cité du Cinéma de Paris 20 rue Ampère, 93200 Saint-Denis - M° Carrefour-Pleyel - Tel +33 (0)1 55 99 52 00 - www.citeducinema.org
Choco-Story, le musée du Chocolat 28 boulevard Bonne-Nouvelle, Paris 10th - M° Bonne-Nouvelle - Tel +33 (0)1 42 29 68 60 - www.museeduchocolat.fr
Centre Pompidou place Georges-Pompidou, Paris 4th - M° Rambuteau, RER Châtelet-Les Halles - Tel +33 (0)1 44 78 12 33 - www.centrepompidou.fr
Galleries nationales du Grand Palais av. Winston-Churchill, Paris 8th - M° Champs-Élysées - Clemenceau - Tel +33 (0)1 44 13 17 17 - www.grandpalais.fr
Musée du Quai Branly Jacques Chirac 37 quai Branly, Paris 7th - RER C Pont-de-l'Alma or M° Bir-Hakeim - Tel +33 (0)1 56 61 70 00 - www.quaibranly.fr
Musée de l'Homme 17 place du Trocadéro, Paris 16th - M° Trocadéro - Tel +33 (0)1 44 05 72 72 - www.museedelhomme.fr
Musée des Arts et Métiers 60 rue Réaumur, Paris 3rd - M° Arts-et-Métiers - Tel +33 (0)1 53 01 82 00 - www.arts-et-metiers.net
Musée de Cluny le monde médiéval (medieval mansion undergoing renovation until late 2020, museum partially open for visits) 6 place Paul-Painlevé, Paris 5th - M° Cluny-La Sorbonne - Tel +33 (0)1 53 73 78 00 - www.musee-moyenage.fr
Musée de l'Armée 129, rue de Grenelle, Paris 7th - M° Varenne - Tel +33 (0)8 10 11 33 99 - www.musee-armee.fr
Musée en Herbe 23 rue de l'Arbre Sec, Paris 1st - M° Châtelet - Tel +33 (0)1 40 67 97 66 - museeenherbe.com
Musée Eugène Delacroix 6 rue de Furstenberg, Paris 6th - M° Saint-Germain-des-Prés - Tel+33 (0)1 44 41 86 50 - www.musee-delacroix.fr
Jeu de Paume 1 place de la Concorde, Paris 8th - M° Concorde - Tel+33 (0)1 47 03 12 50 - www.jeudepaume.org
La Gaîté Lyrique 3 bis rue Papin, Paris 3rd - M° Sentier - <https://gaite-lyrique.net>
Musée de la Magie 11 rue Saint-Paul, Paris 4th - M° Saint-Paul - tél. +33 (0)1 42 72 13 26 - www.museedelamagie.com
Catacombes 1 avenue du Colonel-Henri-Rol-Tanguy, Paris 14th - Tel+33 (0)1 43 22 47 63 - www.catacombes.paris.fr
Espace Dali 11 rue Poulbot, Paris 18th - Tel+33 (0)1 42 64 40 10 - daliparis.com
Musée national d'histoire naturelle 57 rue Cuvier, Paris 5th - Tel +33 (0)1 40 79 56 01 - www.mnhn.fr
Cité de la Musique - Philharmonie - 221 avenue Jean Jaurès, Paris 19th - Tel +33 (0)1 44 84 44 84 - philharmoniedeparis.fr
Maison de la radio 116 avenue du président Kennedy, Paris 16th - Tel +33 (0)1 56 40 22 22 - www.maisondelaradio.fr/
Palais de Tokyo - 13 avenue du Président Wilson, Paris 16th - Tel +33 (0)1 81 97 35 88 - www.palaisdetokyo.com
Palais de la Découverte - avenue Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Paris 8th - Tel +33 (0) 1 56 43 20 20 - www.palais-decouverte.fr
Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie - 30 avenue Corentin Cariou, Paris 19th - Tel +33 (0)1 85 53 99 74 - www.citesciences.fr
Musées nationaux (state-owned museums): More information on www.rmn.fr
Guided tours: More information on parisinfo.fr

> Must-see attractions

The Eiffel Tower, Notre-Dame Cathedral, the Arc de Triomphe: set off to visit Paris's major monuments!

If there's one Paris attraction you can't miss out on, it's the Eiffel Tower. There are breath-taking views of the capital right from the first floor, and all the way to the top. Stunning bird's-eye views of the world's most beautiful avenue, the Champs-Élysées, can also be had from the terrace at the top of the Arc de Triomphe. On Ile de la Cité, two majestic examples of Gothic architecture - Sainte-Chapelle and Notre Dame Cathedral - take you back to the 13th century. In northern Paris, the Sacré-Cœur basilica atop Montmartre hill looms over Paris. Aesthetes will marvel at the chandeliers, balconies and gilding at the Opéra Garnier, while sports fans will enjoy visiting Roland Garros, the Parc des Princes and the Stade de France, home to legendary names in sport.

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Eiffel Tower Champ-de-Mars, 5, avenue Anatole-France, Paris 7th - M° Bir-Hakeim, RER Champ-de-Mars-Tour-Eiffel - www.tour-eiffel.fr
Sainte-Chapelle 6 boulevard du Palais, Paris 1st - M° Cité, RER Saint-Michel - www.sainte-chapelle.fr
Notre-Dame-de-Paris Ile de la Cité, 6 place du Parvis, Paris 4th - M° Cité, RER Saint-Michel - www.notredamedeparis.fr
Arc de Triomphe place Charles-de-Gaulle, Paris 8th - M° Charles-de-Gaulle-Étoile - www.paris-arc-de-triomphe.fr
Pantheon place du Panthéon Paris 5th - M° Cardinal Lemoine - www.paris-pantheon.fr
Opéra Garnier place de l'Opéra, Paris 9th - M° Opéra, RER Auber - www.operadeparis.fr
Opéra Bastille place de la Bastille, Paris 12th - M° Bastille - www.operadeparis.fr
Sacré-Cœur de Montmartre parvis du Sacré-Cœur, 35 rue du Chevalier-de-la-Barre, Paris 18th - M° Anvers - www.sacre-coeur-montmartre.com
Musée de l'Armée Invalides Esplanade des Invalides, Paris 7th - M° La Tour Maubourg - www.musee-armee.fr
Parc des Princes 24 rue du Commandant-Guilbaud, Paris 16th - M° Porte-de-Saint-Cloud - www.leparcdesprinces.fr
Roland-Garros 2 avenue Gordon-Bennett, Paris 16th - M° Porte-d'Auteuil - www.rolandgarros.com
Stade de France 93000 Saint-Denis - RER Stade-de-France - www.stadefrance.com

> Contemporary art with appeal for grown-ups and kids

Contemporary art displayed outside museums, in the midst of the city.

The bright colours of the sculptures by Jean Tinguely and Niki-de-Saint-Phalle in the Stravinsky Fountain (also known as Fontaine des automates) near the Pompidou Centre evoke the œuvre of the famous 20th-century Russian composer. On the Left Bank, passers-by stumble upon an open-air sculpture museum in the Jardin Tino Rossi, on the banks of the Seine. The Louvre pyramid and its fountains are to be found near to the Tuileries Gardens, and also the Palais Royal, which has its share of contemporary sculpture: Buren's famous columns, and the spherical ball fountain by Pol Bury. From the secluded charm of the Palais Royal, make your way out into Place Colette where, at the entrance to Louvre metro station, you will see Jean-Michel Othoniel's 'Kiosque des Noctambules', a structure composed of huge 'pearls' of glass. An even more spectacular sight is the Louis Vuitton Foundation for contemporary art, housed in a glass 'spaceship' designed by Frank Gehry. The Paul Ricard company's art foundation can be visited free of cost; this cultural venue has a packed programme of temporary exhibitions devoted to highly contemporary art. And regular open days at artists' studios in different parts of the city enable members of the public to actually watch artists at work.

Street art has become an integral part of the Parisian cityscape in recent years, as the gigantic wall paintings in the 13th arrondissement (among other works) prove. Many associations organize guided street art tours.

Last but not least, Defacto, a state-owned company in charge of managing, promoting and developing the business district La Défense, has set up 'Paris La Défense Art Collection' to give enhanced visibility to the numerous artworks, whether unobtrusive or hard to miss, dotted through the district's public spaces.

Musée de la sculpture en plein air quai Saint-Bernard, Jardin Tino-Rossi, Paris 5th - M° Jussieu
Fondation Louis Vuitton (Jardin d'Acclimatation) 8 avenue du Mahatma-Gandhi, Paris 16th - M° Sablons - Tel +33 (0)1 40 6996 00 - www.fondationlouisvuitton.fr
Fondation d'entreprise Ricard 12 rue Boissy-d'Anglas, Paris 8th - M° Concorde - Tel +33 (0)1 53 30 88 00 - www.fondation-entreprise-ricard.com
Visits to artists' studios: More information on parisinfo.fr
Street Art Tour Paris - www.streetarttourparis.com
Fresh Street Art Tour Paris - www.freshstreetarttourparis.com
Cultival - www.cultival.fr
Paris La Défense Art Collection - www.ladefense.fr

> Photographs to look at or buy

Photography for children to enjoy, at exhibitions or in a studio.

The Maison européenne de la photographie makes photography understandable to people of all ages. Visits for children show them how a particular photographer works, and teach them the basics of photography.

A must-visit: the legendary Studio Harcourt, a master in the art of black & white photography since 1934. You can have yourself photographed, just like all the glamorous stars who have had their portrait taken here.

At the Jeu de Paume, on the last Saturday of each month, children can try their hand at photography in the course of special workshop-cum-tours.

Maison européenne de la photographie 5 rue de Fourcy, Paris 4th - M° Saint-Paul - Tel +33 (0)1 44 78 75 00 - www.mep-fr.org
Studio Harcourt 6 rue Lota, Paris 16th - M° Victor Hugo - Tel +33 (0)1 41 56 67 67 - www.studio-harcourt.eu
Jeu de Paume 1 place de la Concorde, Paris 8th - M° Concorde - Tel : +33 (0)1 47 03 12 50

> Art workshops for children and all the family

Creative workshops at the museum: hands-on is the best way to learn.

The majority of Paris museums offer *ateliers* (workshops) for children and teens. There is usually a presentation suited to their age, followed by a practical art session. For classic art and modern art, the best options are the Louvre, the Arts décoratifs and the Musée en Herbe (a museum entirely for children). When it comes to contemporary creation, talented artists of the future are revealed at the Palais de Tokyo and at the Pompidou Centre. As for music, there are educational concerts, story visits and practical music workshops at the Cité de la Musique: introduction to music from the age of 3 months, instrument games, world songs, etc. To learn about cinema techniques, head to the Cinémathèque Française, the Fondation Jérôme Seydoux-Pathé, which is devoted to silent films.

The 104 is one of the few venues offering art sessions for babies and children up to 5 years old, with their family. Inspired by the famous French paediatrician and psychoanalyst Françoise Dolto's Maison Verte (Green House), the venue's Maison des Petits promotes creativity through art and play. It is run by a team of specialists who encourage learning and dialogue.

Ateliers du musée du Louvre (4 to 13 yrs) Louvre pyramid, 34 quai du Louvre, Paris 1st - M° Palais-Royal-Musée-du-Louvre - www.louvre.fr
Ateliers du musée des Arts décoratifs (4 to 18 yrs) 107 rue de Rivoli, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - www.madparis.fr
Ateliers Tok Tok, story-time visits and workshops for families at the Palais de Tokyo (5 to 10 yrs) 13 avenue du Président-Wilson, Paris 16th - M° Léna - [www.palaisdetokyo.com /fr/liste/ateliers-jeunes-publics-familles](http://www.palaisdetokyo.com/fr/liste/ateliers-jeunes-publics-familles)
Ateliers du musée d'Art Moderne (7 to 10 yrs) 11 avenue du Président Wilson, Paris 16th - www.mam.paris.fr
Ateliers du Centre Pompidou (3 to 12 yrs) place Georges-Pompidou, Paris 4th - M° Rambuteau - www.centrepompidou.fr
Ateliers du musée en Herbe (from 3 yrs) 21 rue Hérold, Paris 1st - M° Les-Halles - Tel +33 (0)1 40 67 97 66 - www.musee-en-herbe.com
Ateliers du musée d'Art et d'Histoire du judaïsme (4 to 7 yrs) hôtel de Saint-Aignan, 71 rue du Temple, Paris 3rd - M° Rambuteau - www.mahj.org
Ateliers créatifs du musée de l'histoire de l'immigration Palais de la Porte Dorée, 293 avenue Daumesnil, Paris 12th - M° Porte Dorée - www.palais-portedoree.fr
Ateliers du musée d'Orsay (5 to 11 yrs) 1 rue de la Légion-d'Honneur, Paris 7th - RER Musée-d'Orsay - www.musee-orsay.fr
Ateliers de la Cité de la musique (4 to 14 yrs) 221 avenue Jean-Jaurès, Paris 19th - M° Porte-de-Pantin - philharmoniedeparis.fr
Ateliers et visites contées de la Cinémathèque Française (3 to 13 yrs) 51 rue de Bercy, Paris 12th - M° Bercy - Tel +33 (0)1 71 19 33 33 - www.cinematheque.fr
'Les rendez-vous en famille' at the Jeu de Paume (7 to 11 yrs) 1 place de la Concorde, Paris 8th - M° Concorde - www.jeudepaume.org

Le 104 104 rue d'Aubervilliers, Paris 19th - M° Riquet - www.104.fr
Fondation Jérôme Seydoux-Pathé 73 avenue des Gobelins, Paris 13th - www.fondation-jeromeseydoux-pathe.com
Paris Musées Junior - parismuseesjuniors.paris.fr

> Top in science

Experiments and spectacular images to understand the mysteries of our universe.

The Palais de la Découverte, the Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie and the Musée des Arts et Métiers are three good places to help you find the answers to questions about the mysteries of science. Within its Cité des Enfants, the Cité des Sciences offers young children a 1,700-m² space for learning and experiments. A permanent exhibition space welcomes children by age range (2 to 7 yrs and 5 to 12 yrs). At the Planetarium, you can admire the wonders of the universe in the venue's star-studded sky. At the Géode, spectacular documentaries are shown on hemispherical screens in enhanced 3D. They are so realistic that dinosaurs and sharks seem to come out at you from the screen! Exploradôme, on the outskirts of Paris, helps visitors to understand physical phenomena as well as technological and digital innovation through a series of workshops.

Musée des Arts et Métiers 60 rue Réaumur, Paris 3rd - M° Arts-et-Métiers - www.arts-et-metiers.net
Palais de la découverte (including the Planetarium) Avenue Franklin-D.-Roosevelt, Paris 8th - M° Franklin-D.-Roosevelt, - www.palais-decouverte.fr
Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie 3 avenue Corentin-Cariou, Paris 19th - M° Porte-de-la-Villette - www.cite-sciences.fr
La Géode 26 avenue Corentin-Cariou, Paris 19th - M° Porte-de-la-Villette - www.lageode.fr
Exploradôme 18 avenue Henri-Barbusse, place du Marché, 94400 Vitry-sur-Seine - RER Vitry-sur-Seine - www.exploradome.com

> High-tech family fun

For the digital generation: spaces devoted to multimedia creation.

Modern children and teenagers are well up to speed with new technology and online gaming. The Gaîté-Lyrique and the 104 host interactive shows and multimedia exhibitions to cater to these interests. Studio 13/16 at the Pompidou Centre is a creative and interactive space geared to this age group. Le Cube on the outskirts of Paris is the go-to venue for digital art and creation. It organizes workshops for children and teenagers from 3 to 16 years old. And for an immersive plunge into virtual reality, head to Illucity, Paris's first VR amusement park, which opened in November 2018 at the entrance to the Parc de la Villette.

La Gaîté-Lyrique (exhibitions and gaming area) 3 rue Papin, Paris 3rd - M° Réaumur-Sébastopol - Tel +33 (0)1 53 01 52 00 - www.gaite-lyrique.net
Studio 13/16 (free entry) Centre Pompidou, place Georges-Pompidou Paris 4th - M° Rambuteau - www.centrepompidou.fr
Le 104 104 rue d'Aubervilliers, Paris 19th - Tel +33 (0)1 53 35 50 00 - M° Riquet - www.104.fr
Le Cube 20 cours Saint-Vincent, 92130 Issy-les-Moulineaux - Tel +33 (0)1 58 88 30 00 - www.lecube.com
Illucity La Villette 32 avenue Corentin Cariou, Paris 19th - M° Porte de la Villette - www.illucity.fr

IT'S SHOWTIME!

> Theatre, storytelling and concerts

Plays, acrobatics, music, stories and magic: children get a lot of pleasure out of the performing arts.

■ For tiny tots

Performing arts programmes designed to stimulate children's imagination.

Actors and performers use all their artistic skills to stimulate children's imagination. Shows are performed in French, but the words don't really matter; even tiny tots get caught up in the story and the characters on stage. For puppet-show fans, there is the Théâtre de Guignol: a timeless and ever-popular classic, with performances in various locations - the Square Saint-Lambert and near the Champs-Élysées roundabout, the Jardin du Luxembourg, Jardin du Ranelagh, Parc des Buttes Chaumont, Parc Georges Brassens and Parc Montsouris. And magic shows are always a big hit with kids. The shows at the Double Fond café-theatre are always riveting, while Antre Magique's magic shows are specially tailored for little ones (from 2 yrs).

Akteon Théâtre 11 rue du Général-Blaise, Paris 11th - M° Saint-Ambroise - Tel +33 (0)1 43 38 74 62 - www.akteon.fr

Essaion Théâtre 6 rue Pierre au lard, Paris 4th - M° Hôtel de Ville - Tel +33 (0)1 42 78 46 42 - www.essaion-theatre.com

La Boussole Théâtre 29 rue de Dunkerque, Paris 10th - M° Gare du Nord - Tel +33 (0)1 85 08 09 50 - www.theatre-la-boussole.com

L'Atelier de la Bonne-Graine 16 passage de la Bonne-Graine, Paris 11th - M° Ledru-Rollin - Tel +33 (0)1 43 57 40 47 - www.atelierbonnegraine.fr

Jardin du Luxembourg 86 rue Notre Dame des Champs, Paris 6th - M° Luxembourg - www.marionnettesduluxembourg.fr/acceuil.html

Parc des Buttes-Chaumont (entrance at the corner of avenue Simon-Bolivar and rue Botzaris), Paris 19th - M° Buttes-Chaumont- www.guignol-buttesschaumont.com

Square Saint-Lambert 2 rue Jean-Fromigé, Paris 15th - M° Commerce - www.facebook.com/guignolparis15/

Parc Georges Brassens (across from 85 rue Brancion), Paris 15th - M° Porte-de-Versailles - www.marionnettes-parc-brassens.fr

Parc Montsouris (corner of avenue Reille and avenue Gazan), Paris 14th - RER Cité Universitaire - <http://www.guignol-parcmontsouris.com/>

Rond-Point des Champs-Élysées (corner of avenue Matignon and avenue Gabriel), Paris 8th - M° Franklin Delano Roosevelt - www.theatreguignol.fr

Théâtre Abricadabra péniche Antipode, across from 55 quai de la Seine, Paris 19th - M° Riquet - Tel +33 (0)1 42 03 39 07 - www.penicheantipode.fr

Le Funambule 53 rue des Saules, Paris 18th - M° Lamarck-Caulaincourt- Tel +33 (0)1 42 23 88 83 - www.funambule-montmartre.com

Visites contées à la Maison de Victor Hugo (story-time visits, from 6 yrs) 6 place des Vosges, Paris 4th - M° Saint-Paul - Tel +33 (0)1 42 72 10 16 - www.maisonsvictorhugo.paris.fr

Théâtre La Cachette 124 avenue d'Italie, Paris 13th - M° Tolbiac - Tel +33 (0)1 45 89 02 20 - www.lacachette.fr

Théâtre Le Lucernaire 53 rue Notre-Dame-des-Champs, Paris 6th - M° Notre-Dame-des-Champs - Tel +33 (0)1 45 44 57 34 - www.lucernaire.fr

Théâtre de Guignol - Tel +33 (0)6 75 49 43 26 - www.theatre-guignol.fr

Théâtre des Arts et de la Marionnette 73 rue Mouffetard, Paris 5th - Tel +33 (0)1 84 79 44 44 - www.lemouffetard.com

Théâtre des Marionnettes de Paris on the edge of the Bois de Vincennes, Paris 12th - M° Saint-Mandé - Tel +33 (0)6 75 23 45 89 - www.lesmarionnettesdeparis.com

Le Double Fond café-theatre with magic shows 1 place du Marché-Sainte-Catherine, Paris 4th - M° Saint-Paul - Tel +33 (0)1 42 71 40 20 - www.doublefond.com

L'Antre Magique 50 rue Saint-Georges, Paris 9th - M° Saint-Georges - Tel +33 (0)1 39 68 20 20 - www.antremagique.eu

■ Just like grown-ups

From classic plays to musicals: outings for older children.

The Molière play *Scapin the Schemer* at the Comédie-Française, which has hosted performances of works by the greatest playwrights since 1680; a ballet for children in the prestigious setting of the Opéra Bastille; a symphonic concert at the Philharmonie or the Maison de la Radio, at the Musée d'Orsay in the context of an ongoing exhibition, or in a church ... Seminal works and great classics are performed all year round in Paris. Jazz is on the programme too; the Sunset Sunside hosts themed sessions to enjoy with the whole family at teatime on Sundays. Musicals are always a big hit with young audiences, especially at the city's shrine to this form of entertainment, the Théâtre

Mogador. Since Paris has been swept by a craze for musicals in recent years, there are plenty of shows featuring spectacular decor and catchy tunes to choose from.

Comédie-Française place Colette, Paris 1st - M° Palais-Royal-Musée-du-Louvre - Tel +33 (0)825 10 16 80 - www.comedie-francaise.fr
Théâtre Michel 38 rue des Mathurins, Paris 8th - M° Chaussée-d'Antin - Tel +33 (0)1 42 65 35 02 - www.theatre-michel.fr
Théâtre du Gymnase 38 boulevard de Bonne-Nouvelle, Paris 10th - M° Bonne-Nouvelle - Tel +33 (0)1 42 46 79 79 - www.theatredugymnase.com
Amphithéâtre de l'Opéra Bastille 120 rue de Lyon, Paris 12th - M° Bastille--
www.operadeparis.fr
Philharmonie de Paris 221 avenue Jean-Jaurès, Paris 19th - M° Porte de Pantin -
philharmoniedeparis.fr
Concertôt-Concertea at the Théâtre du Châtelet (closed for renovation until September 2019) 2 rue Edouard-Colonne, Paris 1st - M° Châtelet - Tel +33 (0)1 40 28 28 28 - www.chatelet-theatre.com
Jazz & Goûter at the Sunside Sunset 60 rue des Lombards, Paris 1st - M° Châtelet - Tel +33 (0)1 40 26 46 60 - www.sunset-sunside.com
Concerts for young audiences at the Maison de la Radio 116 av. du Président-Kennedy, Paris 16th - M° Mirabeau - Tel +33 (0)1 56 40 22 22 - www.maisondelaradio.fr/jeune-public/familles/concerts-pour-les-familles
Musical shows for young audiences at the Musée d'Orsay 1 rue de la Légion-d'Honneur, Paris 7th - M° Solférino - Tel +33 (0)1 40 49 48 14 - www.musee-orsay.fr
Wednesday concerts at the Collège des Bernardins, 20 rue de Poissy, Paris 5th - M° Cardinal-Lemoine - Tel +33 (0)1 53 10 74 44 - www.lesconcertsdumercredi.com
Théâtre Mogador 25 rue de Mogador, Paris 9th - M° Havre Caumartin - Tel +33 (0)1 53 33 45 30 - www.stage-entertainment.fr/theatre-mogador/
La Seine Musicale Île Seguin, Boulogne-Billancourt (92) - Tel +33 (0)1 74 34 54 00 - www.laseinemusicale.com
List of current musicals on www.parisinfo.com ('Going out')

> Circus shows

In winter, circus big tops sprout like mushrooms all over the city.

Roll up for the circus! Children and adults crowd into the big top, take their seats and wait impatiently for the clowns, trapeze artists and acrobats on horseback to make their entrance. Different companies open at different times of year: from September/October for some, and December for others. On the Pelouse de Reuilly (12th arrondissement), the Cirque Pinder is a firm favourite each year in autumn. In the heart of Paris, a stone's throw from the historic Marais district, the Cirque d'Hiver Bouglione puts on an eclectic programme of events all year round, but every winter, from December to March, the famous circus family presents a sparkling new show. Le Zèbre de Belleville is a circus with a difference. It hosts events called 'Z'ateliers' on weekends: face-painting, a show, refreshments and a go in the ring! And, on the other side of the 'périphérique' (ring road), you can admire superb displays of horsemanship in the equestrian art shows Bartabas puts on at the Théâtre Equestre Zingaro: well worth the trip.

Cirque d'hiver Bouglione 110 rue Amelot, Paris 11th - M° Filles-du-Calvaire - Tel +33 (0)1 47 00 28 81 - www.cirquedhiver.com
Cirque Pinder Jean Richard pelouse de Reuilly, Paris 12th - M° Porte-de-Charenton - Tel +33 (0)1 45 90 21 25 - www.cirquepinder.com
Cirque national Alexis Gruss carrefour des Cascades, Porte de Passy, Paris 16th - M° Ranelagh - Tel +33 (0)805 35 48 71 - www.alexis-gruss.com
Cirque Bormann Moreno 5 rue Lucien Bossoutrot, Paris 15th - M° Balard - www.cirquebormann.fr
Zèbre de Belleville 63 boulevard de Belleville, Paris 11th - M° Couronnes - Tel +33 (0)1 43 55 55 55 - www.lezebre.com
Théâtre équestre Zingaro 176 avenue Jean-Jaurès, 93300 Aubervilliers - M° Fort d'Aubervilliers - Tel +33 (0)1 48 39 18 03 - bartabas.fr

> Cinema

Big screen magic for tiny tots and small children.

The Forum des Images is a must-do: it organizes top-quality film screenings, teatime snacks and live events for budding film enthusiasts aged 18 months to 8 years. The Studio des Ursulines, an arthouse cinema, programmes only films targeted to young audiences. At the Cinémathèque, film screenings are paired with practical workshops on the filmmaking process. In addition to showing films, the Grand Rex, the biggest cinema in Europe, offers an interactive backstage tour at Rex Studios, where the visitor becomes an actor. This exciting visit includes the projection room, screen, sound and lighting effects, and the shooting of a film. The tour is offered in French, English, German, Italian, Spanish and Russian. During the year-end festivities, the cinema hosts a Christmas show with a cartoon film and event. Spectacular films are also shown at La Géode and at Cineaqua inside the Aquarium de Paris, which screens National Geographic documentaries. For programming suited to very young movie lovers (3 yrs and up) in neo-Egyptian art deco surroundings, head to the Louxor-Palais du Cinéma. Besides a wide selection of films to enjoy all year round, there is a bar with a superb terrace offering an unparalleled view of the Sacré-Coeur Basilica.

The Pathé Villette has a cinema designed especially for kids from 2 to 14 years old, where they are allowed to move around if they like, or lie down on benches, poufs and couches.

Forum des Images 2 rue du Cinéma, Paris 1st - M° Les-Halles - Tel +33 (0)1 44 76 63 00 -

www.forumdesimages.fr

Studio des Ursulines 10 rue des Ursulines, Paris 5th - RER Luxembourg - Tel +33 (0)1 56 81 15 20

- www.studiodesursulines.com

Cinémathèque française 51 rue de Bercy, Paris 12th - M° Bercy - Tel +33 (0)1 71 19 33 33 -

www.cinematheque.fr

La Géode 26 avenue Corentin-Cariou, Paris 19th - M° Porte-de-la-Villette - www.lageode.fr

Le Louxor Palais du Cinéma 170 boulevard Magenta, Paris 10th - M° Barbès-Rochechouart -

www.cinemalouxor.fr

Cinema Les 7 Batignolles 25 Allée Colette Heilbronner, Paris 17th - M° Porte-de-Clichy - www-7batignolles.fr

Pathé Villette, salle mômes 30 avenue Corentin Cariou Paris 19th - M° Porte-de-la-Villette

Cineaqua 2 rue Albert-de-Mun, Paris 16th - M° Trocadéro - Tel +33 (0)1 40 69 23 23 -

www.cineaqua.com

Rex Studios 1 boulevard Poissonnière, Paris 2nd - M° Bonne-Nouvelle - www.legrandrex.com

WHERE TO SEE ANIMALS

> Zoos, menageries and the like

Marine animals, wild animals and farm animals ... see them all in Paris

▪ Aquariums, zoos and farms

Admire tropical fish, wild cats, monkeys and birds.

The Parc Zoologique de Paris, in the Bois de Vincennes, is the best place to see animals in a natural environment. It also includes the Ferme de Paris, a 5-hectare working farm with an educational slant using organic farming methods. It offers the entire family a chance to learn about life on a farm by taking part in seasonal tasks. The Jardin des Plantes menagerie, right in the heart of the capital, is one of the world's oldest zoos; it is home to orang-utans, big cats, red pandas, Arabian oryx, etc. Across the other side of the garden, in the Grande Galerie de l'Evolution of the Muséum d'histoire naturelle, there are realistic-looking dinosaurs, mammoths and other life-sized animals to discover. The museum has opened the Galerie des enfants, a permanent exhibition for 6 to 12-year-olds, based around four themes: the town, the river, the tropical forest and the planet at large. The Petite Ferme at the Jardin d'Acclimatation is home to rare domestic species. The adjacent Grande Volière houses 150 birds within a metal structure dating to the creation of the park in 1860. The new features at the park, which re-opened in June 2018, make it well worth visiting. Dive into the peaceful world

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of fish at the Aquarium du Trocadéro, where 43 tanks host an infinite variety of species. And cat lovers will be thrilled to be able to pet their favourite animal at the Café des Chats or at the Chat Mallows Café, a restaurant and tea room where felines rule the roost. A canine equivalent, Dog's District, is set to open in 2019.

Parc Zoologique de Paris 53 avenue de Saint-Maurice, Paris 12th - M° Porte-Dorée - Tel +33 (0)811 22 41 22
Galerie des Enfants and Grande Galerie de l'Evolution at the Muséum national d'histoire naturelle 36 rue Geoffroy-Saint-Hilaire, Paris 5th - M° Jussieu ou Place-Monge - Tel +33 (0)1 40 79 54 79 - www.galeriedesenfants.fr
Ménagerie du Jardin des Plantes Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, 57 rue Cuvier, Paris 5th - M° Jussieu - Tel +33 (0)1 40 79 37 94 - www.mnhn.fr
Jardin d'Acclimatation Bois de Boulogne, Paris 16th - M° Les-Sablons - Tel +33 (0)1 40 67 90 85 - www.jardindacclimatation.fr
La Ferme de Paris Route du Pesage, Bois de Vincennes, Paris 12th - M° Château-de-Vincennes - www.paris.fr/equipements/ferme-de-paris-6597
Aquarium du Trocadéro CinéAqua 2 avenue des Nations-Unies, Paris 16th - M° Trocadéro - Tel +33 (0)1 40 69 23 23 - www.cineaquas.com
Aquarium tropical de la porte Dorée 293 avenue Daumesnil, Paris 12th - M° Porte-Dorée - Tel +33 (0)1 53 59 59 60 - www.aquarium-portedoree.fr
Aquarium Sea Life Paris Val d'Europe - Centre commercial Val d'Europe, 14 cours du Danube, 77711 Marne-la-Vallée - www.visitsealife.com/paris
Maison de la Pêche et de la Nature Ile de la Jatte, 22 Allée Claude-Monet, 92300 Levallois-Perret - M° Pont-de-Levallois - Tel +33 (0)1 47 57 17 32 - www.maisonpechenature.fr
Café des Chats 9 rue Sedaine, Paris 11th - M° Bréguet - Sabin - www.lecafedeschats.fr
Chat Mallows Café 30 rue des Volontaires, Paris 15th - M° Volontaires - www.chatmallowscafe.fr

▪ Racecourses

On some Sundays, Paris racecourses are open to families.

Children are often fascinated by everything to do with horses. France Galop opens two of its Paris racecourses (Paris Longchamp and Auteuil) to families on several Sundays between April and May, with the added attraction of (paying) shows, pony rides, workshops and treasure hunts. There's even a pony/unicorn which goes by the name of Miss Azalée Clair - a great favourite with all the little girls. Similarly, the Vincennes racecourse has 'Super Dimanche' openings on Sunday all year round (you can download a free invitation from their website).

France Galop Hippodrome d'Auteuil, route des Lacs, Paris 16th - M° Porte d'Auteuil - Hippodrome - and Hippodrome de Paris Longchamp, route des Tribunes - M° Porte d'Auteuil or Porte Maillot - <http://www.evenements.france-galop.com/fr/dimanchesaugalop>
Super dimanche Hippodrome de Vincennes - 2 route de la Ferme, Paris 12th - M° Château-de-Vincennes - www.vincennes-hippodrome.com

> In search of green spaces

Wildlife and plant reserves: a focus on biodiversity.

The Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle, with 8 million specimens, is the largest and oldest herbarium in the world, and a great tool for showing children the diversity and uses of flora. At the menagerie at the Jardin des Plantes, the genetic heritage of species is managed in order to preserve their power of adaptation to nature. Little Villette puts together workshops at which culture and nature intersect, focusing on circus arts, magic, photography and cooking. Over at the Parc de Bercy, the Maison du Jardinage (House of Gardening) organizes gardening workshops. And the Clos des Blancs-Manteaux organizes educational activities at the weekends to give children insights into plant biodiversity in the heart of the Marais district.

Galerie Botanique et Herbar National du Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle 57 rue Cuvier, Paris 5th - M° Jussieu - www.mnhn.fr
Palais de la Découverte avenue Franklin-D.-Roosevelt, Paris 8th - M° Champs-Élysées-Clemenceau - www.palais-decouverte.fr

Little Villette 211 avenue Jean-Jaurès, Paris 19th - M° Porte-de-Pantin - lavillette.com/hub/little-villette

Réserve ornithologique du bois de Boulogne, Carrefour de Longchamp, pedestrian road of the Grande Cascade, Bois de Boulogne, Paris 16th - M° Porte-Maillot - www.parisinfo.com ('What to see in Paris?')

Réserve ornithologique du bois de Vincennes, Allée Royale, Paris 12th (entrance) - M° Château-de-Vincennes - www.parisinfo.com ('What to see in Paris?')

Jardin des Papillons et maison Paris-Nature du Parc Floral esplanade du Château de Vincennes - route de la Pyramide, Paris 12th - M° Château-de-Vincennes - www.parisinfo.com ('What to see in Paris?')

Maison du Jardinage du parc de Bercy 41 rue Paul-Belmondo, Paris 12th - M° Bercy - <http://jardinons-ensemble.org/spip.php?article1632>

Clos des Blancs-Manteaux 21 rue des Blancs-Manteaux - Paris 4th - M° Rambuteau - www.parisinfo.com ('What to see in Paris?')

THEME PARKS

Off you go to Disneyland, Parc Astérix, Mer de Sable, Aquaboulevard and the Jardin d'acclimatation!

> Attractions galore!

Theme parks: magical worlds for all tastes.

For great family entertainment, amusement parks in and around Paris offer various themes: 'Indomitable Gauls' at Parc Astérix, 'Disney magic' at Disneyland Paris, the 'Far West' at Mer de Sable and 'Giant steps' at France Miniature. Shows and parades often go on throughout the day. You can even stay in a hotel within these cartoon film settings.

The Palais Garnier has launched Inside Opéra, a one-of-a-kind visitor trail halfway between an in-depth tour and an immersive journey in the footsteps of the Phantom of the Opera. It makes for a great family outing, and involves actors dressed in period costume as well as the Divertimento symphony orchestra's musicians. To give your pre-teens and teenagers an exciting time, take them to La Villette's two new adventure parks, Yoo Moov Stations and Illucity. Thrills and chills are guaranteed at the Manoir de Paris. This 'haunted house' experience brings 17 Parisian legends to life inside a listed monument - the Hunchback of Notre-Dame, the Phantom of the Opera, the Man in the Iron Mask, etc.

Parc Astérix, 60128 Plailly - www.parcasterix.fr

La Mer de Sable RN 330, 60950 Ermenonville - www.merdesable.fr

Disneyland Paris 77700 Chessy - RER Marne-la-Vallée - www.disneylandparis.com

France Miniature boulevard André Malraux, 78 990 Élancourt - www.franceminiature.com

Inside Opéra, Palais Garnier place de l'Opéra, Paris 9th - M° Opéra - www.inside-infos.fr

Yoomoov stations 30 Avenue Corentin Cariou Paris 19th - M° Porte de la Villette - www.yoomoovstations.com

Illucity 32 Avenue Corentin Cariou Paris 19th - M° Porte de la Villette - www.illucity.fr

Le Manoir de Paris 18 rue de Paradis, Paris 10th - M° Poissonnière - www.lemanoirdeparis.com

Team Break, the real Escape Game - www.team-break.fr

Victory Escape Game - www.victoryescapegame.fr

L'Ile de Robinson 50 rue Sergent-Bobillot 93100 Montreuil - M° Croix-de-Chavaux - www.ilederobinson.com

Playmobil Funpark 22-24 allée des Jachères, 94260 Fresnes - RER Antony - company.playmobil.com

Gulli Parc Thiais - Thiais Village shopping centre, 3 rue de la Résistance, 94320 Thiais - www.gulli-parc.com

Les Zacroc's - 12 rue Paul Langevin, 78370 Plaisir - www.leszacroc.com

Laser Game 9 rue Robert-de-Flers, Paris 15th - M° Charles-Michel - www.laserparis.com

Laser Game Evolution 13 rue Ernest-Cresson, Paris 14th - M° Denfert-Rochereau - www.lasergame-evolution.com

Bowling Paris Front de Seine 15 rue Gaston-de-Caillavet, Paris 15th - M° Charles-Michel - www.xbowlingsympas.com

La Tête dans les nuages 5 boulevard des Italiens, Paris 2nd - M° Richelieu-Drouot - latetedanslesnuages.com/

Aquaboulevard 4 rue Louis-Armand, Paris 15th - M° Balard - www.aquaboulevard.fr
Yoo Moov Stations La Villette Vill'Up Paris 30 avenue Corentin Cariou, Paris 19th - M° Porte de la Vilette - www.yoomoovstations.com

> Le Jardin d'Acclimatation

With animals, games, merry-go-rounds, workshops and shows, the Jardin d'Acclimatation is the perfect park for family outings.

Lavishly renovated in 2018, the Jardin d'Acclimatation de Paris boasts 44 attractions amid verdant surroundings, including a skating rink featuring Santa Claus's reindeer during the year-end festive season; mechanical mice, flying chairs, a small merry-go-round, the boat round, fairground mirrors and donkey, pony or camel rides. Opened in 1860 by Napoleon III at the same time as the Bois de Boulogne, the park retains its original educational focus, and organizes numerous workshops (arts, science, nature and cooking) throughout the year. The Jardin d'Acclimatation still has a little train - now with an electric locomotive - that transports visitors from Porte Maillot. It also features an 'enchanted river', a vestige from the attractions at the Universal Exhibition of 1926. Hop into a boat and glide along this waterway dotted with water jets and mist-swathed stretches. An orienteering trail conceived by Muses & Musées takes adventurers through these places as far as the Korean garden. The 1hr30 trail includes 18 stages with riddles, clues, tests of observation and other challenges. The questions are targeted at children aged 5-8 and 8-12, on the fauna, flora, history and architecture of the park.

Jardin d'Acclimatation Bois de Boulogne, Paris 16th - M° Les-Sablons - Tel +33 (0)1 40 67 90 85 and (0)1 40 67 90 05 (children's workshops) - www.jardindacclimatation.fr
Muses & Musées - www.musesetmusees.com

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

> Swimming and ice skating

In the water or on the ice are great places for kids to expend their energy and have lots of fun.

When winter comes, temporary ice-skating rinks are set up in various spots in Paris including the 110-m-high rooftop of the Grande Arche à La Défense (92) and under the nave of the Grand Palais every two years (the next time will be in December 2020). But you can also take the whole family ice-skating all year round on the 800-m² rink at the Pailleron sports arena or the ice rink at Accorhotels Arena, where popular theme parties are organized. To enjoy a beach atmosphere without the expense of a beach holiday, head to Aquaboulevard, a water park complete with wave swimming pools, a beach and palm trees. Paris also has 40-odd swimming pools, some with sun lounges, slides and Jacuzzis. The Butte-aux-Cailles pool recently opened a Nordic bath, where you can swim in an outdoor basin heated at 28°C all year round.

All swimming pools and ice skating rinks on www.parisinfo.com
Espace sportif Pailleron 32 rue Edouard-Pailleron, Paris 19th - M° Bolivar - www.pailleron19.com
Aquaboulevard 4 rue Louis-Armand, Paris 15th - M° Balard - www.aquaboulevard.com
Ice skating rink at Accorhotels Arena 222 quai de Bercy, Paris 12th - M° Bercy
www.accorhotelsarena.com/fr/arena/la-patinoire

> Leisure parks and treetop adventure

Watersports and treetop adventure for sporty types of all ages.

On the outskirts of Paris, families can make the most of the joys of nature. The Île-de-France region has plenty of leisure parks offering a host of outdoor activities, not to mention artificial lakes for swimming and other water activities. Another very popular activity is 'accrobranche', which consists of following an adventure trail through the treetops, attached to a harness of course! Accrobranche is offered at the Parc Floral,

at the Sherwood leisure park in Viarmes, to the north of Paris, and at Milly-la-Forêt, to the south of the city, not far from Fontainebleau.

Evasion Verte Parc Floral de Paris esplanade du Château de Vincennes and Route de la Pyramide, Paris 12th - M° Château de Vincennes - www.evasion-verte.fr
Atout Branches route de Boutigny D 105, 91490 Milly-la-Forêt - www.atoutbranches.com
Parc de loisirs de Sherwood chemin des Rouliers, 95270 Viarmes - www.sherwoodparc.com
Base de loisirs de Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines rond-point Éric-Tabarly, 78190 Trappes - RER Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines - www.saint-quentin-en-yvelines.iledeloisirs.fr
Base de loisirs de Créteil 9 rue Jean-Gabin, 94000 Créteil - M° Créteil-Université - www.creteil.iledeloisirs.fr
Base de loisirs de Cergy-Pontoise corner of boulevard de l'Hautil and rue des Moulines, 95 000 Cergy - RER Cergy-Préfecture + bus n° 48 (bus stop: Base de Loisirs) - www.cergy-pontoise.iledeloisirs.fr

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

> Year-round fun

There is plenty to do in Paris's beautiful parks and gardens!

In summer and winter, Paris parks are the perfect place to enjoy a leisurely stroll, or other activities with the family. In the Luxembourg Gardens, small children play in the sandpits and race along the pathways under the attentive eye of their parents, seated on the green chairs or the stone benches. Children can also take a pony or cart ride, sail small boats around the large ornamental pond with the help of a long stick, play on the swings, have a ride on the merry-go-round, or even see a puppet show. And when they're ready for a snack, there are two cafés in the shade of the chestnut trees serving hot chocolate, waffles, crêpes, and ice cream, as well as other sweet and savoury snacks. You'll find the same delightfully old-fashioned atmosphere at the Tuileries Gardens and at the Jardin d'Acclimatation.

Jardin des Tuileries, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - www.parisinfo.com
Jardin des Plantes, Paris 5th - M° Gare-d'Austerlitz, RER Gare-d'Austerlitz - www.mnhn.fr
Jardin du Luxembourg, Paris 6th - RER Luxembourg - www.parisinfo.com
Jardin d'Acclimatation Bois de Boulogne, Paris 16th - M° Les-Sablons - Tel +33 (0)1 40 67 90 85 - www.jardindacclimatation.fr

> Get moving and let off steam!

Set your kids free to run around.

If your teenagers start dragging their feet and complaining, or your younger kids are tired of walking, the solution is to rent a latest-generation electric *trottinette* (kick scooter). And if they've still got energy to burn, take your 7-11-year-olds to the vast 2,500-m² playground in Les Halles. Tall globes, artificial trees and a giant 20-m slide give kids plenty of opportunities to practice their climbing, balancing and sliding skills. An equally attractive playground on the slopes of the Parc de Belleville gives 8-12-year-old adventure seekers a chance to test their mettle.

The Rives de Seine park is another great leisure area with lots of fun things for children to do as well as green spaces and food stalls in a wonderful location: the banks of the Seine.

Adventure playground, Jardin Nelson-Mandela, 32 rue Berger, Paris 1st - M° Les-Halles - www.parisinfo.com
Adventure playground, Parc de Belleville, 47 rue des Couronnes, Paris 20th - M° Couronnes
Parc Rives de Seine, Left Bank: from Pont de l'Alma to Pont Royal; Right Bank: from Pont Neuf to Pont de Sully - www.paris.fr

> Merry-go-rounds

Hop on a traditional Parisian carroussel!

Fancy a ride on a merry-go-round? Young children love merry-go-round rides. Try the traditional carroussel at the Hôtel de Ville, the horses for tiny tots at the Jardin des Tuileries or the Dodo carroussel at the Jardin des Plantes, with chariots in the shape of animals that are extinct or in danger of extinction. The Garnier merry-go-round at the Jardin du Luxembourg was built by the architect of the Palais Garnier Opera House. With its suspended horses, it is a veritable museum piece, and gives kids a chance to try their hand at the traditional game of catching the ring. The Manège 1913 at the Champs de Mars (dating to 1913, as its name suggests) is another vintage carroussel. Operated manually, it features genuine wooden horses sculpted by the Limonaire brothers, who came from an illustrious 19th-century family of builders of carroussel organs and automatic pianos.

Manège du Jardin des Tuileries, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries
 Manège du Forum des Halles, Paris 1st - M° Les Halles
 Manège de la rue de Rivoli, Paris 4th - M° Saint-Paul
 Manège 1913 du Champs de Mars, Paris 15th - M° École Militaire or La Motte-Picquet Grenelle
 Manège de la Tour Eiffel, Paris 7th - M° Bir Hakeim
 Manège du Parvis de la Gare Montparnasse, Paris 14th - M° Montparnasse-Bienvenue
 Manège du Square des Batignolles, Paris 17th - M° Brochant
 Manège du Parc des Buttes Chaumont, Paris 19th - M° Buttes-Chaumont
 Manège Garnier du Luxembourg, Paris 6th - RER Luxembourg
 Manège de l'Hôtel de Ville, Paris 4th - M° Hôtel-de-Ville
 Manège du Jardin des Plantes, Paris 5th - M° Gare-d'Austerlitz
 Manège du Sacré-Cœur, Paris 18th (square Louise Michel) - M° Anvers

> Funfairs

Fans of exciting fairground rides take note: funfairs return to Paris in the spring and summer months.

Funfairs start in Paris in the spring and continue throughout the summer. Attractions include the big wheel, roller coaster, dodgem cars, hook a duck, little train and hall of mirrors. Fun for all the family at different stands while munching candy floss, toffee apples, and waffles. And for those nostalgic for funfairs of the past, the Musée des Arts Forains showcases attractions, merry-go-rounds and games from the belle époque (end-19th century). Visits must be booked in advance (or planned during the museum's annual Festival des Merveilleux).

Fête des Tuileries (June to August) jardin des Tuileries, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - www.parisinfo.com ('Going out')
 Foire du Trône (March to May) pelouse de Reuilly, Paris 12th - M° Porte-de-Charenton - www.foiredutrone.com
 Fête au Bois de Boulogne (August to October), bois de Boulogne, Paris 16th - M° La-Muette - www.parisinfo.com ('Going out')
 Jardin d'Acclimatation bois de Boulogne, Paris 16th - M° Les-Sablons - Tel +33 (0)1 40 67 90 85 - www.jardindacclimatation.fr
 Musée des Arts Forains pavillons de Bercy, 53 avenue des Terroirs-de-France, Paris 12th - M° Cour-Saint-Émilion - www.arts-forains.com

CRUISES AND TOURS

> Cruises and circuits

Buses, boats, little trains, balloons and helicopters provide different views of Paris.

▪ Coaches, boats, little trains and horse-drawn carriages

A sightseeing tour with commentary is an effortless way to explore Paris.

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Sit back on the upper deck of an open-top bus and listen to informative commentary as you watch the sights of Paris go past: what could be a more pleasant way to explore the city? The sightseeing tours offered by Open Tour and Big Bus take in the city's marvellous heritage, with commentary in several languages. Practical and fun, the Batobus shuttle boats transport passengers along the river, between the Pont Austerlitz and the Port de La Bourdonnais, slowly revealing all the monuments from the water: the Louvre, Notre-Dame Cathedral, Invalides ... Nine stops enable you to get on and off as you please. To have a meal aboard a boat, there are brunches and dinner cruises, with Paris en Scène for example. And why not combine relaxation and education with the Bateaux Parisiens cruise? During the Croisière Promenade aboard a trimaran, children play a special quiz game called 'La Seine et ses secrets'. And on the Croisière Enchantée, two little imps, Lila and Philou, recount the wonderful history of Paris through songs and anecdotes. Children also like to climb aboard the Petit Train de Montmartre: white carriages pulled by a locomotive travel along the narrow streets of the Butte, passing little shops, pretty houses, and artists in front of their easels. Then there's Another Paris with its little blue train, offering 5 different themed routes for a fun way to see the city. A ride through the centre of Paris in a horse-drawn carriage will also give you unforgettable memories.

Big Bus Paris - www.bigbustours.com
OpenTour - www.paris.opentour.com/fr
Paris Low Cost - Foxity - www.foxity.com
Batobus - www.batobus.com
La Croisière enchantée and La Croisière Promenade port de la Bourdonnais, Paris 7th - M° Bir-Hakeim - Tel +33 (0) 825 01 01 01 - www.bateauxparisiens.com
Funiculaire de Montmartre place Suzanne-Valadon, Paris 18th - M° Anvers, RER Gare-du-Nord
Paris en scène escale du pont Saint-Michel, Quai des Orfèvres, Paris 1st - M° Saint-Michel or Cité - www.paris-en-scene.com
Le Petit Train de Montmartre (departures: place Blanche and place du Tertre) - www.promotrain.fr
Another Paris (little tourist train) - www.another-paris.com
Les Calèches de Versailles - www.calechesdeversailles.com
More information on www.parisinfo.com

■ In the air

Tethered balloons and helicopter rides: Admire Paris and its environs from the air.
 To see Paris from above, take a trip in the 'Ballon de Paris' tethered air balloon in André-Citroën park (weather permitting: flights may be cancelled due to strong winds), or the PanoraMagique air balloon at Disney® Village. This form of transport is environmentally-friendly and silent, and it uses no more energy than a lift. Helicopter tours of Paris are even more unusual, offering breath-taking views.
 For virtual reality fans, there's the Flyview flight simulator experience, which makes you feel like you're soaring over the city. And, with iFly's inventive wind tunnel, you can experience the thrill of a skydiving freefall (minimum age: 5 years).

Ballon de Paris Generali parc André-Citroën, 2 rue de la Montagne-de-la-Fage, Paris 15th - M° Javel-André-Citroën, RER Javel - www.ballondeparis.com
Le PanoraMagique lac du Disney Village 77700 Marne-la-Vallée - RER Marne-la-Vallée - www.panoramagique.com
Helipass Tel +33 (0) 1 40 60 40 00 – www.helipass.com
Flyview 30 rue du 4 Septembre, Paris 2nd - M° Opéra
iFly 30 avenue Corentin Cariou, Vill'Up à La Villette, Paris 19th - M° Porte de la Villette - www.iflyfrance.com

> Guided tours

The spirit and history of Paris made simple.

Take a guided walk through the labyrinth of streets in the city to find out more about its history, customs and legends. Qualified tour guides reveal the secrets of Paris with tours specially geared to children, and exciting treasure hunts. Paris d'enfants specializes in tours for children: 'must-do' urban orienteering, paper chases and visits

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(Versailles, Palais Garnier Opera House, etc.). The BaladEnigm are very cleverly designed treasure hunts: there are no fewer than 30 trails to download and try out with the family to see a different side to Paris. With Paris on The Way, the whole family can head off on a treasure hunt at the Louvre, the Musée d'Orsay, Notre Dame Cathedral, Ile de la Cité or Montmartre. With the company Visites-spectacles, you are guided on scenic walks through Paris's covered passages, with a troupe of actors taking people back in time to the 1800s. For a bespoke family package, there are specialist websites like Familin. And Paris City Hall's cinema section regularly creates trails linked to recent films, available to download on the city's website.

Ma langue au chat - Tel +33 (0)1 44 92 93 94 - www.malanguageaachat.com
 Paris Hors Piste - Tel +33 (0)1 64 54 91 65 - www.paris-horspiste.com
 Paris on the Way - Tel +33 (0) 1 77 18 39 44 - <http://parisontheway.com/>
 Paris CityVision - Tel +33 (0)1 44 55 60 00 - www.pariscityvision.com
 Visites Spectacles - Tel +33 (0)1 48 58 37 12 - www.visites-spectacles.com
 Paris ma Belle - Tel +33 (0)6 67 52 62 90 - www.parismabelle.com
 Meet the Locals - Tel +33 (0)6 80 76 85 47 - meet-thelocals.com
 Magic Ways - Tel +33 (0)1 47 42 16 31 - magicways.fr
 Parisphile (tour guide) - Tel +33 (0)1 40 34 71 57 - www.parisinfo.com
 Delphine Lanvin (tour guide) - Tel +33 (0)6 08 13 46 86 - www.lanvinvisites.com
 Dédale Visites - www.dedale.org
 BaladEnigm - www.baladenigm.com
 THATMuse - www.thatmuse.com
 Paris d'enfants - Tel +33 (0)1 48 74 92 80 - www.parisdenfants.com
 Le Petit chercheur d'art - Tel +33 (0)6 24 57 31 21- www.lepetitchercheurdart.com
 Zevisit (audio guides to download for free) - www.zevisit.com
 Little Globe Trotter - (apli to download for free)
 Calliope (audio walk guides) - www.calliope.fr
 Ville de Paris (Leisure/cultural walks) - www.paris.fr
 Paris Mômes (culture-focused guide for parents of 0-12-year-olds) - www.parismomes.fr
 Monuments Nationaux - www.monuments-nationaux.fr
 Paris Musées Junior - parismuseesjuniors.paris.fr
 More information on guided tours: www.parisinfo.com

> Around Paris

Châteaux and 'living' museums: days out with lots to discover.

Ile-de-France (the Paris region) is full of chateaux, unusual museums and monuments: a wide variety of wonderful excursions to make during your stay in Paris. The Palace of Versailles is, of course, a must-see; it still echoes with the splendour of the Sun King's court. It was, however, the sumptuous Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte that sparked Louis XIV's envy and inspired the magnificence of Versailles. The exquisite gardens were designed by André Le Nôtre, and a visit to this 17th-century architectural gem enables one to discover the subterranean river the great landscape architect diverted to create his masterpiece. A specially designed trip takes visitors along the Styx, the river of the underworld. The royal splendour of the Château de Fontainebleau makes it well worth visiting, armed with the excellent audio-visual guide (free for under-18s): don't miss the magnificent Théâtre Impérial, and the Turkish-style boudoir used by Marie-Antoinette and Josephine. The Saint-Denis Basilica Cathedral is the final resting place of French royalty. Built over the grave of St Denis, it houses the tombs of no fewer than 43 kings and 42 queens, as well as those of 10 royal servants. Further away from Paris, you can also visit magnificent safari parks where the animals are allowed to roam free.

Château de Vincennes 1 avenue de Paris, 94300 Vincennes - M° Château-de-Vincennes, www.chateau-vincennes.fr
 Château de Versailles place d'Armes, 78000 Versailles - RER Versailles-Rive-Gauche - www.chateauversailles.fr
 Château et forêt de Fontainebleau 77300 Fontainebleau - www.chateaufontainebleau.fr
 Château de Rambouillet, Laiterie de la Reine et Chaumière aux coquillages 78120 Rambouillet - Tel +33 (0)1 34 83 00 25 et 34 94 28 79 - www.chateau-rambouillet.monuments-nationaux.fr
 Cité médiévale de Provins 77160 Provins - www.provins.net
 Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte 77950 Maincy - www.vaux-le-vicomte.com

Château de Breteuil, the 'Perrault fairy tale' castle - 78460 Chevreuse - RER Saint-Rémy-lès-Chevreuse - www.breteuil.fr
Musée national du château de Malmaison avenue du château de Malmaison, 92500 Rueil-Malmaison - www.chateau-malmaison.fr
Musée de l'Air et de l'Espace (includes the 'Planète pilote' area for 6-12-year-olds) aéroport du Bourget, 93500 Le Bourget - RER Le-Bourget - www.museeairespace.fr
Musée français de la photographie 73 rue de Paris, 91570 Bièvres - www.museedelaphoto.fr
Saint-Denis Basilica and the royal tombs 1 place de la Légion-d'Honneur 93200 Saint-Denis - M° Basilique-de-Saint-Denis - www.saint-denis.monuments-nationaux.fr
Aquarium Sea Life centre commercial Val d'Europe, 77711 Serris/Marne-la-Vallée - RER Val-d'Europe - www.visitsealife.com/paris
Parc de Thoiry (safari park, open from 4 February) 78770 Thoiry-en-Yvelines - www.thoiry.net
Le Parc des Félines (safari park) 77540 Nesles - www.parc-des-felins.com
Musée vivant du Cheval Grandes Écuries, 60500 Chantilly - www.domainedechantilly.com

A BIRTHDAY PARTY IN PARIS

Celebrating children's birthdays in unusual places in Paris.

Imagine celebrating your child's birthday at a circus show! At the Zèbre de Belleville, your little one will be up on stage, right in the midst of the fascinating world of the circus. At the Péniche Cinéma, your child will play three roles: screenplay writer, actor and director (for kids 8 yrs and up). With Paris d'enfants, children can experience a history-themed birthday during a tour of a district of Paris such as Montmartre or the Marais. They can also blow out the candles on their cake at the Château de Vincennes, after visiting the keep and making a coat of arms. For a birthday indoors in cold weather, why not invite your children's friends to a museum? There are several to choose from - the Musée de la Magie, the Palais de Tokyo, the Musée du Quai Branly Jacques Chirac, the Musée des Arts Décoratifs, the Musée Jacquemart-André and the Musée de l'Armée. If you prefer a children's-only space, Little Villette offers a range of activities, including 'Happyversaire' birthday events for 3-to-8-year-olds.

Paris d'enfants Tel +33 (0)1 48 74 92 80 - www.parisdenfants.com
Musée de la Magie 11 rue Saint-Paul, Paris 4th - M° Saint-Paul - Tel +33 (0)1 42 72 13 26 - www.museedelamagie.com
Le Double Fond 1 place du Marché-Sainte-Catherine, Paris 4th - M° Saint-Paul - Tel +33 (0)1 42 71 40 20 - www.doublefond.com
Zèbre de Belleville 63 boulevard de Belleville, Paris 11th - M° Couronnes - Tel +33 (0)1 43 55 55 55 - www.lezebre.com
Péniche Cinéma 59 boulevard Mac Donald, Paris 19th - M° Porte-de-la-Villette - Tel 33 (0)6 41 60 43 28 - www.penichecinema.net
Musée du Quai Branly Jacques Chirac 37 quai Branly, Paris 7th - RER C Pont-de-l'Alma or M° Bir-Hakeim - Tel +33 (0)1 56 61 71 72 - www.quaibranly.fr
Musée des Arts décoratifs 107 rue de Rivoli, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 44 55 57 50 - madparis.fr
Musée de l'Armée 129 rue de Grenelle, Paris 7th - M° Varenne - Tel +33 (0)8 10 11 33 99 - www.musee-armee.fr
Musée Jacquemart-André 158 boulevard Haussmann, Paris 8th - M° Saint-Augustin - Tel +33 (0)1 45 62 11 59 - www.musee-jacquemart-andre.com
Ateliers Arts et Créations 46 rue Lamarck, Paris 18th - M° Lamarck-Caulaincourt - Tel +33 (0)1 71 60 15 28 - www.atelierartsetcreations.fr
Ateliers Bobines & Combines 164 rue Marcadet, Paris 8th (or at your home) - Tel +33 (0)1 71 60 15 28 - www.bobinesetcombines.fr
Centre Kapla 27 rue de Montreuil, Paris 11th - M° Faidherbe-Chaligny - Tel +33 (0)1 43 56 13 38 - www.kaplacentre.com
Little Villette 221 Avenue Jean Jaurès, Paris 19th - M° Porte de Pantin - www.lavillette.com

3. SHOPPING FOR CHILDREN

Clothes, toys, books, accessories ... a selection of places to dress, pamper and entertain your kids in Paris.

From traditional toy shops to concept stores devoted to children, Paris has many treasure troves for both tiny tots and older children.

TOYS AND BOOKS

Paris is a gold mine when it comes to buying gifts for children.

> Shops and toy shops

These places have all kinds of toys to delight children, from the latest craze to old favourites.

Children's faces light up when they see the window displays, and inside they enjoy scanning the shelves stocked high with toys. Toy shops are a delight for children and adults alike. In Paris, you can always find something for all tastes: modern and innovative toys, or toys from the past. And model railway enthusiasts of all ages will enjoy a visit to Au Pullman, the oldest shop of its kind.

Village Jouet Club passage des Princes, 3-5 boulevard des Italiens or 97 rue de Richelieu, Paris 2nd - M° Richelieu-Drouot - Tel +33 (0)1 53 45 41 41
Si Tu Veux (educational games and birthday presents) 68 galerie Vivienne, Paris 2nd - M° Bourse - Tel +33 (0)1 42 60 59 97- www.situveuxjouer.com
Pain d'épices (one-of-a-kind games and toys) 29-33 passage Jouffroy, Paris 9th - M° Richelieu-Drouot - Tel +33 (0)1 47 70 08 68 - www.paindepices.fr
Variantes (board games) 29 rue Saint-André-des-Arts, Paris 6th - M° Saint-Michel - Tel +33 (0)1 43 26 01 01 - www.variantes.com
La Piñata 25 rue des Vinaigriers, Paris 10th - M° Jacques-Bonsergent - Tel +33 (0)1 40 35 01 45 - www.lapinata.fr
Le Bonhomme de bois (wooden toys) Several branches including 43 boulevard Malesherbes, Paris 8th - M° Saint-Augustin - www.bonhommebois.com
L'Oiseau de Paradis 211, boulevard Saint-Germain, Paris 7th - M° Rue-du-Bac - Tel +33 (0)1 45 48 97 90 - www.loiseaudeparadis.fr
Au Pullman 70 rue d'Amsterdam, Paris 9th - M° Liège - Tel +33 (0)1 48 74 56 17 - www.aupullman.com

> Children's bookshops

Colourful albums or early readers: expert advice at bookshops for children.

Bookshops for children are havens of peace. Small children can enjoy reading or listening to stories, while older kids can browse at leisure and get book recommendations from dedicated and passionate booksellers. In the upper reaches of Belleville, L'Atelier - now a permanent fixture on the Paris cultural scene with its curated selection of novels, detective stories and non-fiction - has opened L'Atelier d'en Face, where all the kids from the surrounding Jourdain district come to browse, as well as L'Atelier d'À Côté, the neighbourhood's comics mecca. Le Merle Moqueur is at the vanguard of new literature for children, and has a lively programme of events. La Rubrique à bulles is a shrine to comic books. Manga fans will happily spend hours in the Manga Café - a bookshop, café, concept store and gaming room rolled into one.

La Librairie des Enfants 89 rue de Lévis, Paris 17th - M° Malesherbes - Tel +33 (0)9 77 48 80 33 - www.lalibrairiedesenfants.fr
Chantelivre 13 rue de Sèvres, Paris 6th - M° Sèvres-Babylone - Tel +33 (0)1 45 48 87 90 - www.chantelivre.com
Libellule et Coccinelle 2 rue Turgot, Paris 9th - M° Anvers - Tel +33 (0)9 53 11 01 61
Le Chat-Pitre 22 bis rue Duchefdelaville, Paris 13th - M° Chevaleret - Tel +33 (0)1 44 24 52 20 - www.chatpitre.fr
Manga Café 9 rue Primo-Levi, Paris 13th - M° Bibliothèque-François-Mitterrand - Tel +33 (0)1 45 83 70 66 - www.mangacafe.fr

Le Merle Moqueur 51 rue de Bagnolet, Paris 20th - M° Alexandre Dumas - Tel +33 (0)1 40 09 08 80 - www.lemerlemoqueur.fr
La Rubrique à bulles 110 boulevard Richard-Lenoir, Paris 11th - M° Oberkampf - Tel +33 (0)1 43 38 45 15 - www.canalbd.net
L'Atelier 2 bis rue Jourdain, Paris 20th - M° Jourdain - Tel +33 (0)1 43 58 00 26 - www.librest.com/librairies/L-Atelier.html
L'Atelier d'En Face 3 rue Constant-Berthaut, Paris 20th - M° Jourdain - Tel +33 (0)1 44 62 20 25
L'Atelier d'À Côté 3 rue Constant-Berthaut, Paris 20th - M° Jourdain - Tel +33 (0)1 46 36 62 77

> Children's fashion

Irresistible outfits and accessories at shops for stylish kids.

Many luxury brands have a children's wear line - ideal for a unique gift, or for special-occasion shopping with your child. Try the Agnès b. shop near the Eglise Saint-Eustache, Sonia Rykiel or BabyDior, in top Parisian fashion districts. Everyone's heard of Bonpoint, the quintessentially Parisian maker of luxury children's clothing. Now there's the spin-off Bonton, which has become the go-to place for chic basics for kids, with stores in the capital's most beautiful districts. Pois Plume does delightful clothing for babies, kids and their mothers. Printemps and Galeries Lafayette on the Right Bank are tried and tested places for children's fashions. And the Left Bank's iconic department store Le Bon Marché opened a brand-new children's department on the third floor in late 2018. This space with a concept store feel is where you're sure to find all the latest playground crazes.

Agnès b. 'Street 4 rue du Jour, Paris 1st - M° Les-Halles, RER Châtelet-Les Halles - www.agnesb.fr
Rykiel Enfant 4 rue de Grenelle, Paris 6th - M° Saint-Sulpice - www.soniarykiel.com
Baby Dior 26-28 avenue Montaigne Paris 8th - M° Alma-Marceau - www.dior.com
Bonpoint Several branches including 6 rue de Tournon, Paris 6th - M° Odéon - www.bonpoint.com
Bonton Store Several branches including 5 boulevard des Filles du Calvaire, Paris 3rd - M° Saint-Sébastien-Froissart - www.bonton.fr
Le BHV Marais 52 rue de Rivoli, Paris 4th - M° Hôtel de Ville - www.bhv.fr
Galeries Lafayette 40 boulevard Haussmann, Paris 9th - M° Chaussée-d'Antin - www.galerieslafayette.com
Printemps 64 boulevard Haussmann, Paris 9th - M° Havre-Caumartin - www.printemps.com
Le Bon Marché Rive Gauche 24 rue de Sèvres, Paris 7th - M° Sèvres-Babylone - www.24sevres.com
Pois Plume 4 rue Henry Monnier, Paris 9th - M° Saint-Georges - www.poisplume.com

> Concept stores for kids

Concept stores for children: Cutting-edge fashions

Here, clothing and accessories are displayed amid decorative objects, toys and furniture. Children will be spoilt for choice in these stores devoted entirely to their desires. It's hard to resist the collections by young designers who create funky, one-off pieces. New arrival WOMB (*World of my baby... but parents first*) displays all the latest must-haves for 0-6-year-olds over three floors - everything from car seats, pushchairs and cuddly toys to baggy jeans and bedlinen. At Veja's Centre Commercial Kids, items on sale are locally made using ecological materials, so children can wear ethical and socially responsible clothing too. They also stock second-hand furniture and artworks.

Bonton Several branches including 5 boulevard des Filles-du-Calvaire, Paris 3rd - M° Saint-Sébastien-Froissart - Tel +33 (0)1 42 72 34 69 - www.bonton.fr
Maralex 1 rue de la Pompe, Paris 16th - M° La-Muette - Tel +33 (0)1 42 88 92 90 - www.maralex-kids.com
Le Marchand d'Étoiles Several branches including 4 rue du Pont-aux-Choux, Paris 3rd - M° Saint-Sébastien-Froissart - Tel +33 (0)9 53 96 92 41- www.marchand-etoiles.com
Centre Commercial Kids de Veja 22 rue Yves-Toudic, Paris 10th - M° Jacques-Bonsergent - Tel +33 (0)1 42 06 23 81 - www.centrecommercial.cc
Notsobig 38 rue Tiquetonne Paris 2nd - M° Etienne-Marcel - Tel +33 (0)1 42 33 34 26 - www.bynotsobig.com

Bathroom Graffiti Several branches including 4 rue de Sèvres, Paris 6th - M° Sèvres-Babylone - Tel +33 (0)1 45 48 08 01 - www.bathroomgraffiti.com
Womb (baby clothes and essentials) 93 rue de Réaumur Paris 2nd - M° Sentier - Tel +33 (0)1 42 36 06 77 - www.wombconcept.com
Le Petit Souk Several branches including 14 rue de Charonne, Paris 11th - M° Ledru-Rollin - Tel +33 (0)1 58 30 36 14 - www.lepetitsouk.fr
Petit Pan Several branches including 76 rue François-Miron, Paris 4th - M° Saint-Paul - Tel +33 (0)1 44 54 90 84 - www.petitpan.com
Mandorla Palace 34 rue François-Miron, Paris 4th - M° Saint-Paul - Tel +33 (0)1 48 04 71 24 - www.mandorlapalace.canalblog.com

4. EATING OUT WITH THE FAMILY

GOURMET PARIS WITH THE KIDS

> Going to a restaurant with the children

Restaurants by the water, or in unusual spots, for a relaxing time with the family.

▪ At a tourist attraction

A gourmet snack at a cultural venue.

Visiting a museum is hungry work! Most Paris museums have a café or restaurant. Whether sumptuous, modern or bucolic, the decor at these places is usually in keeping with the museum to which they are attached. At the restaurant Les Ombres at the Musée du Quai Branly, diners have a stunning view of the Eiffel Tower and the rooftops of Paris. Under the majestic Pyramid in the main courtyard of the Louvre, the Bistrot Benoit evokes the atmosphere of a traditional Paris café featuring a zinc bar, brass fittings, wood panelling and red velvet. To enjoy an unrestricted view of the glass-and-steel structure designed by the architect I.M. Pei from under the arcades of the Louvre in a sumptuous setting decorated in Second Empire style, sink into one of the comfortable armchairs specially designed by Olivier Gagnere for the Café Marly. It's the perfect place to relax over a mug of Viennese hot chocolate with the family after trekking through the world's biggest art museum.

Café Grand Louvre, under the Louvre Pyramid, 34 quai du Louvre, Paris 1st - M° Louvre - Tel +33 (0)1 40 20 52 27 - www.louvre.fr/bistrot-benoit
Café Marly 93 rue de Rivoli, Paris 1st - M° Louvre - Tel +33 (0)1 49 26 06 60 - www.cafemarly.com
Café Branly (garden) Musée du Quai Branly Jacques Chirac, 37 quai Branly, Paris 7th - RER C Pont-de-l'Alma or M° Bir-Hakeim - Tel +33 (0)1 47 53 68 01 - www.quaibranly.fr
Les Ombres (restaurant with a panoramic view) Musée du Quai Branly Jacques Chirac, 27 quai Branly, Paris 7th - RER C Pont-de-l'Alma or M° Bir-Hakeim - Tel +33 (0)1 47 53 68 00 - www.lesombres-restaurant.com
Café de l'Ours, Musée d'Orsay at the far end of the nave, 1 rue de la Légion-d'Honneur, Paris 7th - RER Musée-d'Orsay - Tel +33 (0)1 40 49 48 14 - www.musee-orsay.fr
Café Campana Musée d'Orsay at the Impressionist Gallery exit, 1 rue de la Légion-d'Honneur, Paris 7th - RER Musée-d'Orsay - www.musee-orsay.fr
Café du musée Rodin 77 rue de Varenne, Paris 7th - M° Varenne - Tel +33 (0)1 45 55 84 39 - www.musee-rodin.fr
Les Belles Plantes 47 rue Cuvier, Paris 5th - M° Jussieu - Tel +33 (0)1 40 79 80 72 - www.restaurant-lesbellesplantes.com
Les Grands Verres Palais de Tokyo, 13 avenue du Président Wilson, Paris 16th - M° Iéna - www.quixotic-projects.com/venue/les-grands-verres
Girafe Cité de l'architecture et du patrimoine, 1 Place du Trocadéro, Paris 16th - M° Trocadéro - www.girafeparis.com

▪ On the river or at the waterside

A meal with the family on or along the Seine

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Having brunch, lunch or dinner on the Seine is an enjoyable experience for the whole family. Children are happy to be on the water, and everyone will be thrilled by the views of Paris's fine monuments as they cruise along. Of course, you can also opt for a floating restaurant on the quayside. The River Café and Polpo just on the outskirts of Paris combine good food, lovely views of the Seine and festive entertainment for children at the weekend. Or you could hire a little electric boat from the company Marin d'Eau Douce and have a picnic on board, on the La Villette canal basin - an unusual experience in the city.

La Compagnie de la Seine - Paris en Scène (in summer) port of call: pont Saint-Michel, 10 quai des Orfèvres, Paris 1st - M° Saint-Michel - (in winter) Île aux Cygnes, middle of the Bir-Hakeim bridge, Paris 15th - M° Bir-Hakeim or RER C Champs-de-Mars/Tour Eiffel - Tel +33 (0)1 41 41 90 70 - www.paris-en-scene.com

Le Quai (Sunday brunch) pont de Solférino, quai Anatole-France, Paris 7th - RER Musée- d'Orsay - Tel +33 (0)1 44 18 04 39 - www.restaurantlequai.com

Le River Café (lunchtime entertainment on Saturday and Sunday) 146 quai de Stalingrad, 92130 Issy-les-Moulineaux - RER C or T2 Issy-Val de Seine - Tel +33 (0)1 40 93 50 20 - www.rivercafe.fr

Polpo (Sunday brunch with live entertainment) 47 quai Charles-Pasqua, 92300 Levallois-Perret - M° Pont-de-Levallois-Bécon - Tel +33 (0)1 41 34 32 86 - www.polpo-brasserie.fr

Marin d'eau douce (closed in winter) 37 quai de la Seine, Paris 19th - Tel +33 (0) 1 42 09 54 10 - www.marindeaudouce.fr

Full list on www.parisinfo.com

▪ Big tables

Big tables for famished families

With wooden benches drawn up to long farmhouse-style tables, these restaurants specialize in re-creating the spirit of family lunches. They serve generous helpings of hearty fare, like copious salads, thick slices of farmhouse bread, and Burgundy fondue. For a truly convivial experience, settle yourself comfortably at one of the long tables at Nos Ancêtres les Gaulois. This Parisian institution takes you back in time to a bygone era. Children will enjoy the Middle Ages-inspired decor, and the resident bard will ensure you have an unforgettable time. To go back to childhood in the company of your own kids, head for Les Fils à Maman, a charming brasserie with typically Parisian decor, to tuck into comfort food like Babybel cheese croquettes and Kinder chocolate tiramisu. Mums are invited into the kitchen on the first Tuesday of every month. Better make sure you finish what's on your plate!

Le Pain quotidien (meals based around bread) Several branches including 2 rue des Petits Carreaux, Paris 2nd - M° Sentier - Tel +33 (0)1 42 21 14 50 - www1.lepainquotidien.com

Granterroirs (fine food) 30 rue de Miromesnil, Paris 8th - M° Miromesnil, RER Haussmann-Saint-Lazare - Tel +33 (0)1 47 42 18 18 - www.granterroirs.com

Nos Ancêtres les Gaulois 39 rue Saint-Louis en l'Île, Paris 4th - M° Pont Marie - Tel. +33 (0)1 46 33 66 07, nosancetreslesgaulois.com

Les Fils à Maman (childhood favourites) 7 bis rue Geoffroy-Marie, Paris 9th - M° Cadet - Tel +33 (0)1 48 24 59 39 - www.lesfilsamaman.com

▪ Crêperies

Crêperies in Paris are a great hit with children and adults alike.

Crêperies are ideal for families. They serve a choice of savoury *galettes de sarrasin* (buckwheat crêpes), followed by a sweet crêpe for a complete meal. If nothing but Brittany crêpes will do, there is a good selection of Breton-run places around Montparnasse and Edgar-Quinet: notably Ty Breiz, which has been voted best the crêperie in Paris and is sure to be a hit with every member of the family, big or small. Plougastel is another highly authentic crêperie where all the ingredients are sourced from small local producers in Brittany. Mardi Crêpe Club has a similar focus on all-authentic ingredients. At this establishment a stone's throw from Palais Brongniart, spread over two floors, fans of savoury crêpes can choose from among 50 tasty fillings. The buckwheat has a protected geographical indication (Brittany), the ham is artisanal

(Prince de Paris), the andouille sausage comes from Guémené, and the butter from the renowned Échiré dairy.

Breizh Café Several branches including 1 rue de l'Odéon, Paris 6th - M° Odéon - Tel +33 (0)1 42 49 34 73 - www.breizhcafe.com
La crêperie Plougastel 47 rue du Montparnasse, Paris 14th - M° Edgar-Quinet - Tel +33 (0)1 42 79 90 60 - www.creperie-plougastel.com
Mardi Crêpe Club 137 rue Montmartre and 52 bis rue Notre-Dame-des-Victoires, Paris 2nd - M° Grands Boulevards or M° Bourse - www.mardicrepeclub.com
Crêperie Framboise Several branches including 2-4 rue de l'Echelle, Paris 1st (with a terrace) - M° Pyramide or Palais-Royal - Tel +33 (0)1 42 96 00 02 - www.creperieframboise.fr
Ty Breiz 52 boulevard de Vaugirard, Paris 15th - M° Montparnasse - Tel +33 (0)1 43 20 83 72 <http://www.tybreizcreperieparis.fr/>

> On the go

Child-friendly places to go for a quick meal.

Parisian bakeries are ideal for a quick bite while out shopping for the day, or before visiting a museum or going to the cinema. They offer the ideal excuse to taste some of the best baguettes in town - including the one by baker Mahmoud M'seddi at the 2 M boulangerie, voted best Parisian baguette. Paris also has many restaurants with fresh food and quick service. Inside the Carrousel du Louvre, kids can sample specialities from all over the world at the Restaurants du Monde. For fantastic street food, head to Ground Control, a food hall inside a former railway warehouse. It's a great place to introduce kids to international flavours, with tasty snacks made from organic ingredients. But there are also plenty of eateries serving more standard fare, such as gourmet hamburgers. PNY (Paris New-York) on Rue Faubourg Saint-Denis is one of the best such places in Paris: delicious buns, Cheddar melted to perfection, meat straight from an organic farm in Brittany and a variety of recipes so you'll never get bored with eating burgers. It's the only fast food place bold enough to make its own version of a Big Mac.

Restaurants du monde Carrousel du Louvre mezzanine, 99 rue de Rivoli, Paris 1st - M° Palais-Royal-Musée-du-Louvre - Tel +33 (0)1 55 35 12 60 - www.restaurantsdumonde.fr
Burger & Fils 9 rue du Commandant-Rivière, Paris 8th - M° Saint-Philippe-du-Roule - Tel +33 (0)1 45 61 15 05 - www.burgeretfils.com
Paris New-York PNY Several branches including 50 rue du Faubourg Saint-Denis, Paris 10th - M° Strasbourg Saint-Denis - Tel +33 (0)1 47 70 15 24 - pnyburger.com
Jardin des Pâtes (organic pasta) 4 rue Lacépède, Paris 5th - M° Place-Monge - Tel +33 (0)1 43 31 50 71 - www.restaurant-lejardindespates.fr
Pancake Sisters 3 rue Lucien-Sampaix, Paris 10th - M° Jacques-Bonsergent or République - Tel +33 (0)9 83 33 30 23 - www.pancakesisters.com
Ground Control 81 rue Charolais, Paris 12th - M° Reuilly-Diderot - www.groundcontrolparis.com
Boulangerie 2M 215 boulevard Raspail, Paris 14th - M° Raspail - Tel +33 (0)9 80 89 48 61
Boulangerie Brun 193 rue de Tolbiac, Paris 13th - M° Tolbiac - Tel +33 (0)9 86 18 67 50
La Parisienne 48 rue Madame, Paris 6th - M° Rennes - Tel +33 (0)9 51 57 50 35
Le Grenier à Pain 38 rue des Abbesses, Paris 18th - M° Anvers - Tel +33 (0)1 46 04 41 81

MID-MORNING OR AFTERNOON SNACKS

> Tea rooms

A selection of hot beverages and tempting pastries when it's time for a snack.

The gourmet snacks at Parisian tea rooms are a feast for the senses. Viennoiserie, tarts, macarons, cakes and hot beverages: there's something to tempt everyone. Angelina is world-famous for its hot chocolate served alongside a small pot of whipped cream, not to mention its mouth-watering Mont Blanc cake with *speculoos* cinnamon cookies. To revisit your own childhood in the company of your kids, head to Senoble Famille Gourmande, tucked away behind the Palais-Royal gardens. The famous (near-

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century-old) French dairy brand has opened a beautiful tea room where classic desserts are mouth-wateringly revisited. Open all week, restaurants for families with young children, such as Les 400 coups, also serve mid-afternoon snacks in play areas. And, for a not-to-miss Parisian treat: Ladurée Royale has been serving exquisite French macarons (among other irresistible delights) in its elegant tea room with wood panelling and frescoes since 1862.

Angelina 226 rue de Rivoli, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0)1 42 60 82 00 - www.angelina-paris.fr
La Pâtisserie des rêves 11 rue de Longchamp, Paris 16th - Tel +33 (0)1 47 04 00 24 - M° Victor-Hugo - www.lapatisseriedesreves.com
Senoble Famille Gourmande 11 rue des Petits Champs, Paris 1st - Tel +33 (0)1 42 21 94 19 - M° Pyramides - www.senoblerestaurant.fr
Les 400 Coups at the Cinémathèque française 51 rue de Bercy, Paris 12th - M° Bercy - Tel +33 (0)1 43 44 18 72 72 - www.les400coupsalacinematheque.fr
Ladurée Royale 16 rue Royale Paris 8th - M° - Tel +33 (0)1 42 60 21 79 - www.laduree.fr
Mamie Gateaux 66 rue du Cherche Midi, Paris 6th - M° Vanneau - www.mamie-gateaux.com

> Cakes, ice-cream and more

Cakes, ice-creams, crêpes and candy floss for a gourmet treat.

Berthillon on the Ile Saint-Louis keeps adding to its range of ice-creams and sorbets to titillate your taste buds, whatever your age: top flavours include calisson, cappuccino, praline and pine nut. Pierre Hermé or Ladurée macarons are another treat to sample with the family, not to mention the equally delicious ones by Gérard Mulot. Le Sweet Spot has scrumptious spreads from all over the world. If you like your treats both healthy and sweet, Glaces Bachir a stone's throw from the Pompidou Centre has a range of delicious all-organic ice-cream flavours. And it's hard to walk past the food kiosks and trucks in Paris parks, gardens and squares without succumbing to the desire for a crêpe, an ice-cream or some candy floss.

Berthillon Glacier 29 rue Saint-Louis-en-l'Île, Paris 4th - M° Pont-Marie-Tel +33 (0)1 43 54 31 61 - www.berthillon.fr
Pierre Hermé Several branches including 4 rue Cambon, Paris 1st - M° Concorde - Tel +33 (0)1 43 54 47 77 - www.pierreherme.com
Ladurée Several branches including 75 av. des Champs-Élysées, Paris 8th - M° Franklin-Roosevelt, RER Charles-de-Gaulle-Étoile - Tel +33 (0)1 40 75 08 75 - www.laduree.fr
Gérard Mulot Several branches including 76 rue de Seine, Paris 6th - M° Odéon - Tel +33 (0)1 43 26 85 77 - www.maison-mulot.com
Le Sweet Spot 108 rue Mouffetard, Paris 5th - M° Place-Monge - Tel +33 (0)9 81 49 45 45 - www.lesweetspot.paris
La Charlotte de l'Isle 24 rue Saint-Louis-en-l'Île, Paris 4th - M° Pont-Marie - www.lacharlottedelisle.fr
Amorino Several branches including 4 rue de Buci, Paris 6th - M° Odéon - Tel +33 (0)1 43 26 57 46 - www.amorino.com
Häagen-Dazs 194 rue de Rivoli, Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - www.haagen-dazs.fr
Raimo (ice cream) Several branches including 63 boulevard de Reuilly, Paris 12th - M° Daumesnil - Tel +33 (0)1 43 43 70 17 - www.raimo.fr

> Confectionery

A dizzying selection of sweets!

Humbugs, liquorice, marshmallows, toffees, lollipops, candy canes ... to take home as a souvenir of your Paris trip or as gifts. Here's a selection of particularly tempting artisanal sweetshops.

Les Bonbons 6 rue Bréa, Paris 6th - M° Vavin, RER Denfert-Rochereau - Tel +33 (0)1 43 26 21 15 - les-bonbons-.e-monsite.com/
Les Gourmandises de Nathalie 67 boulevard des Invalides, Paris 7th - M° Duroc - Tel +33 (0)1 43 06 02 98
Maison Fouquet Several branches including 36 rue Laffitte, Paris 9th - M° Le-Peletier - Tel +33 (0)1 47 70 85 00 - www.fouquet.fr
La Maison du chocolat Several branches including 225 rue du Faubourg-Saint-Honoré, Paris 8th - M° Ternes, - Tel +33 (0)1 42 27 39 44 - www.lamaisonduchocolat.fr
À la mère de famille Several branches including 33-35 rue du Faubourg-Montmartre, Paris 9th - M° Le-Peletier - Tel +33 (0)1 47 70 83 69 - www.lameredefamille.com
Käramell 15 rue des Martyrs, Paris 9th - M° Notre-Dame-de-Lorette - Tel +33 (0)1 53 21 91 77 - www.karamell.fr
La Cure Gourmande Several branches including 12 passage Jouffroy, Paris 9th - M° Richelieu-Drouot - Tel +33 (0)1 53 34 68 27 - curegourmande.fr
Le Bonbon au Palais 19 rue Monge, Paris 5th - M° Cardinal-Lemoine. Tel +33 (0)1 78 56 15 72 - www.bonbonaupalais.fr

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> Restaurants with activities for children

Entertainment at restaurants makes a family brunch an appealing prospect.

When children are too young to sit down to a meal, it is a relief to be able to go to a restaurant that has a children's play area. Some establishments organize activities such as magic tricks, origami, balloon sculpture, make-up, etc. during the meal (mainly brunch) at the weekend. Renard & l'entonnoir puts the spotlight on music, with song-writing workshops led by established artistes. And the Asian restaurant Chez He has a play area for kids on the first floor. The beautifully appointed La Mangerie has a special area for children, where a staff member takes charge of the kids. Similarly, at Aux Vins des Pyrénées, on Sundays Yvette looks after the kids on the first floor while parents sit back and enjoy brunch on the ground floor.

Pavillon des Oiseaux at the Jardin d'Acclimatation (brunch at weekends) Bois de Boulogne, Paris 16th - M° Les-Sablons - Tel +33 (0)1 45 02 11 61 - www.jardindacclimatation.fr
Le Renard & l'entonnoir 12 bis rue de la villette, Paris 19th - M° Jourdain - Tel +33 (0)1 49 29 55 58 - www.lerenardetlentonnoir.com
Le Comptoir Général (Sunday brunch) 80 quai de Jemmapes, Paris 10th - M° République - Tel +33 (0)1 44 88 24 48 - www.lecomptoirgeneral.com
Chez He 4 cité de l'Ameublement, Paris 11th - M° Faidherbe-Chaligny - Tel +33 (0)1 53 27 33 61 - www.chezhe.fr
La Mangerie 7 rue de Jarente, Paris 4th - M° Saint-Paul - Tel +33 (0)1 42 77 49 35 - la-mangerie.com
Aux Vins des Pyrénées 25 rue Beautreillis Paris 4th - Tel +33 (0)1 42 72 64 94 - M° Saint-Paul - www.vinsdespyrenees.com

> Cafés for play and for workshops

Cafés where children can play

Play cafes bring together people from different generations, encouraging them to bond over a game or cultural activity. There are board games at L'Oya Café, while the kids' café Cafézöide hosts workshops, dances and shows. Poule Mouillette and Mombini are 'pushchair-friendly' tea rooms: one-of-a-kind places in which you can browse and buy beautiful objects, have a meal and get your kids to take part in educational and/or creative workshops.

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L'Oya Café 25 rue de la Reine-Blanche, Paris 13th - M° Gobelins - Tel +33 (0)1 47 07 59 59 - www.oya.fr

Cafézoïde (association) 92 bis quai de la Loire, Paris 19th - M° Laumière - Tel +33 (0)1 42 38 26 37 - www.cafezoide.asso.fr

Mombini 22 rue Gerbert, Paris 15th - M° Convention - Tel +33 (0)1 73 70 62 31 - www.mombini.com

> Look who's cooking!

Learning to cook like a grown-up: Kids make their very own dishes.

Children love stirring, kneading, decorating and, of course, tasting. According to their age and budget, they can have an introduction to cooking, either in a big establishment, or in a workshop with a relaxed atmosphere, lasting around two hours. Parent-children cookery workshops also create special moments together. At the Jardin d'Acclimatation, the 'Crocochefs' cook with their parents on Sunday. The Atelier des chefs offers a wide range of packages. Cooking Baz'Art mixes art and cookery: pint-sized chefs draw inspiration from pop art paintings to come up with astonishingly inventive and tasty dishes.

Atelier des Sens 40 rue Sedaine Paris 11th (and other branches) - Tel +33 (0) 1 40 21 08 50 - www.atelier-des-sens.com

Les Ateliers de Gaston (8 to 17 yrs), les Yachts de Paris, Salle 2, Porte Henri IV, Paris 4th - Tel

+33 (0) 811 656 656 - www.lenotre.com

Les Petits Cordon Bleu (8 to 12 yrs) 13 - 15 quai André Citroën, Paris 15th - M° Javel - 01 85 65 15 00 - www.cordonbleu.edu

Les Coulisses du chef (from 7 yrs, booking required) 7 rue Paul-Lelong, Paris 2nd - M° Bourse - Tel +33 (0)1 40 26 14 00 - www.coulissesdutchef.com

Ritz Kids École Ritz Escoffier - Hôtel Ritz 15 place Vendôme Paris 1st - M° Tuileries - Tel +33 (0) 1 43 16 30 50 - www.ritzescoffier.com

École de cuisine Alain Ducasse 64 rue du Ranelagh Paris 16th - M° Ranelagh - Tel +33 (0) 1 44 90 91 00 - www.ecolecuisine-alainducasse.com

Cooking Baz'Art 61 rue Boursault, Paris 17th - M° Villiers - Tel +33 (0)6 10 92 75 30 - www.cookingbazart.com

Bavoir et tablier (from 7 yrs) 34A rue des Vinaigriers, Paris 10th - M° Jacques-Bonsergent - Tel +33 (0)1 53 34 96 84 - www.bavoir-et-tablier.com

MORE INFORMATION

> Print and digital magazines

Figaroscope ('Enfants' section), on sale every Wednesday with the daily newspaper *Le Figaro* - plus.lefigaro.fr/tag/kidscope

L'Officiel des spectacles, on sale every Wednesday - www.offi.fr

Paris Mômes, Paris for children from 0 to 12 yrs - www.parismomes.fr (available at the Paris Convention and Visitors Bureau, 25 rue des Pyramides, Paris 1st).

Citizenkid.com, digital magazine: outings and things to do with children in France

Familiscope.fr, digital magazine: outings for children and family holidays in France

Familinparis.fr, digital magazine listing good deals for families in Paris

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