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A 3-Day Paris Hidden Gems Itinerary

From our guide **Top 10 Best Hidden Gems in Paris**. Print it or save it to your phone.



Three days is enough to see all ten gems without rushing. The plan below groups them by area, so each day involves one or two short metro rides and plenty of walking.

Day 1: Passages, Romantic Paris and the Marais

Start in the morning at Galerie Vivienne, then walk on to Passage des Panoramas and Passage Jouffroy. Take the metro north to the Musée de la Vie Romantique for the museum and tea in its garden. In the late afternoon, head to the Marais for the Musée Cognacq-Jay if it is still open, and finish with dinner in the neighbourhood.

Day 2: Latin Quarter and the Left Bank

Begin at the Arènes de Lutèce, then walk to the Grande Mosquée de Paris for the gardens and mint tea. After lunch, cross to the 6th arrondissement for the Musée Zadkine and its garden, and continue into the Luxembourg Gardens for the evening. This day is mostly on foot, with one short metro ride if you want it.

Day 3: Green Paris and the Hilltop Village

Spend the morning on the Coulée verte René-Dumont, starting at Bastille and walking as far as the Jardin de Reuilly. In the afternoon, take the metro to the Butte-aux-Cailles for its lanes and street art, and stay for dinner. If you have time on another day, the Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature fits the Marais on Day 1, and the Jardin des Serres d'Auteuil suits a wet day.

The 10 places at a glance

1. Galerie Vivienne and the Covered Passages

How to get there: Metro to Bourse for Galerie Vivienne, or Grands Boulevards for Panoramas and Jouffroy.
How long to spend: One to two hours for all three passages.
Best time to go: A weekday morning or a wet afternoon, when the arcades are quiet.
Tip: Start at Galerie Vivienne and walk north, finishing at Passage Jouffroy.
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2. Musée de la Vie Romantique

How to get there: Metro to Saint-Georges (line 12), or Pigalle or Blanche (line 2), then a short walk.
How long to spend: One hour for the museum, plus time for tea.
Best time to go: A weekday, or any day the weather suits the garden.
Tip: Plan the visit around the tea room, and check its hours separately from the museum.
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3. Coulée verte René-Dumont

How to get there: Metro to Bastille for the start, or Daumesnil for the middle.
How long to spend: One to two hours for the first half, more for the whole route.
Best time to go: A dry morning or late afternoon, when the light is soft and the path is quiet.
Tip: Walk west to east so you finish in the quieter, greener section.
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4. Arènes de Lutèce

How to get there: Metro to Monge or Cardinal Lemoine, then a short walk.
How long to spend: Half an hour to an hour.
Best time to go: A mild morning, before the benches fill up.
Tip: Sit near the top of the tiers for the best view of the arena and the stage.
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5. Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature

How to get there: Metro to Rambuteau, Saint-Paul or Chemin Vert, then a short walk.
How long to spend: One to two hours.
Best time to go: A weekday afternoon, when the rooms are quiet.
Tip: Look at the ceilings and fireplaces as well as the displays, since the mansions are part of the show.
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6. Butte-aux-Cailles

How to get there: Metro to Place d'Italie or Corvisart, then walk uphill.
How long to spend: Two hours, or an evening if you eat there.
Best time to go: Late afternoon into the evening.
Tip: Follow the side streets rather than the main road to find the murals and the quietest lanes.
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7. Grande Mosquée de Paris

How to get there: Metro to Place Monge or Censier-Daubenton, then a short walk.
How long to spend: One to two hours, including tea.
Best time to go: A weekday morning, when the courtyards are quiet.
Tip: Check the visiting rules and prayer-time closures before you set out, and dress modestly.
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8. Musée Cognacq-Jay

How to get there: Metro to Saint-Paul or Chemin Vert, then a short walk.
How long to spend: About one hour.
Best time to go: A weekday morning or early afternoon.
Tip: Pair it with the Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature for a two-museum Marais morning.
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9. Jardin des Serres d'Auteuil

How to get there: Metro to Porte d'Auteuil (line 10), then a short walk.
How long to spend: One to two hours.
Best time to go: A cold or rainy day, or a quiet weekday morning.
Tip: Bring a light layer, since the tropical houses are warm and humid.
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10. Musée Zadkine

How to get there: Metro to Vavin or Notre-Dame-des-Champs, then a short walk, or RER B to Port-Royal.
How long to spend: One hour.
Best time to go: A sunny weekday, when the garden is at its best.
Tip: Combine it with a walk through the Luxembourg Gardens.
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Getting around Paris

The metro is the quickest way to reach almost everything in this guide, and walking fills the gaps. Most of the places here are within a short walk of a station, so a contactless ticket or a multi-day pass covers the trips. Check the RATP website for current fares and passes, and note that the metro can be crowded at rush hour.

Walking is the best way to link neighbouring gems, such as Cognacq-Jay and the Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature, or the Arènes de Lutèce and the Grande Mosquée. The Coulée verte is a walk in itself. For longer cross-city hops, a bus gives you a view of the streets, though it is slower than the metro.

Opening times, prices and transport change often, so check with each venue or operator before you go. For the full guide, photos and FAQs, see https://toptravelinsider.com/top-10-best-hidden-gems-in-paris/.