Guided tour of Montmartre — from artists' village to the SacréCœur



Montmartre is one of those neighborhoods you feel you know before you ever arrive. The Sacré-Cœur, the painters on Place du Tertre, the stairways, cafés, and little houses clinging to the Butte compose a scene that is instantly recognizable.

Yet behind this postcard image lies a far richer story: that of a former village on Paris's doorstep, a landscape of windmills and vines, a place of popular festivities that became one of the great hubs of artistic creation at the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th century.

This guided tour of Montmartre leads you from the Abbesses neighborhood up to the very top of the Butte. Street by street, your guide brings back to life the Montmartre of dance halls, painters, songwriters, and cabarets—along with the residents who helped preserve the neighborhood's singular identity.

A walk where you slip continually between workingclass Paris and the Paris of artists, from local history to major artistic currents, and from villagelike lanes to one of the capital's finest panoramas.

Your Visit, Step by Step

From Abbesses to Sacré-Cœur, explore places that tell the story of the village, its artists, and the history of the Butte.

01 — Place des Abbesses

A gateway into living, breathing Montmartre

02 — Rue Lepic & Moulin de la Galette

Montmartre of windmills, dance halls, and the Impressionists

03 — Clos Montmartre & Rue des Saules

The rural memory of the Butte

04 — Rue Cortot & Old Montmartre

Artists' studios and village houses

05 — Place du Tertre

Montmartre of the painters

06 — Sacré-Cœur

The top of the Butte and the panorama over Paris

At a glance

- Where: Montmartre, 18th arrondissement of Paris
- Highlights: Abbesses, rue Lepic, Moulin de la Galette, Montmartre's vineyards, Place du Tertre, and the SacréCœur
- Themes: former village of Montmartre, artists, Impressionism, cabarets, everyday life, and heritage
- Periods: mainly the 19th and early 20th centuries
- Indicative duration: about 2 hours
- Plan for: Montmartre is hilly; the route can be adjusted to your pace

Extend your visit

Round out your discovery of the Butte based on your time and interests.

- Musée de Montmartre and Renoir Gardens — Housed in several former residences on the Butte, the museum deepens the artistic and popular history of Montmartre. Its gardens also offer a pleasant breather in the heart of the neighborhood.
- From Montmartre to Pigalle — Continue down the Butte to discover another side of its story: cabarets, performance halls, and Parisian nightlife.
- An evening at the Moulin Rouge! — To close out your day, an unforgettable, festive moment around the French cancan
- Musée d'Orsay and the Impressionists — Carry on the story of the artists you met in Montmartre by exploring the major Impressionist and Post-Impressionist collections at the Musée d'Orsay.
- A day in the footsteps of artists in Paris — Let Montmartre be the starting point for a day devoted to artists, their works, and the neighborhoods that shaped the history of Parisian creativity.
- Add a coffee or pastry break, lunch, or dinner in Montmartre — Extend your walk with a coffee or pastry break, or with lunch/dinner in the neighborhood, depending on your pace and plans for the day.

Suite Voyage Discovery can combine these suggestions to create a half-day or full day tailored to your visit.

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