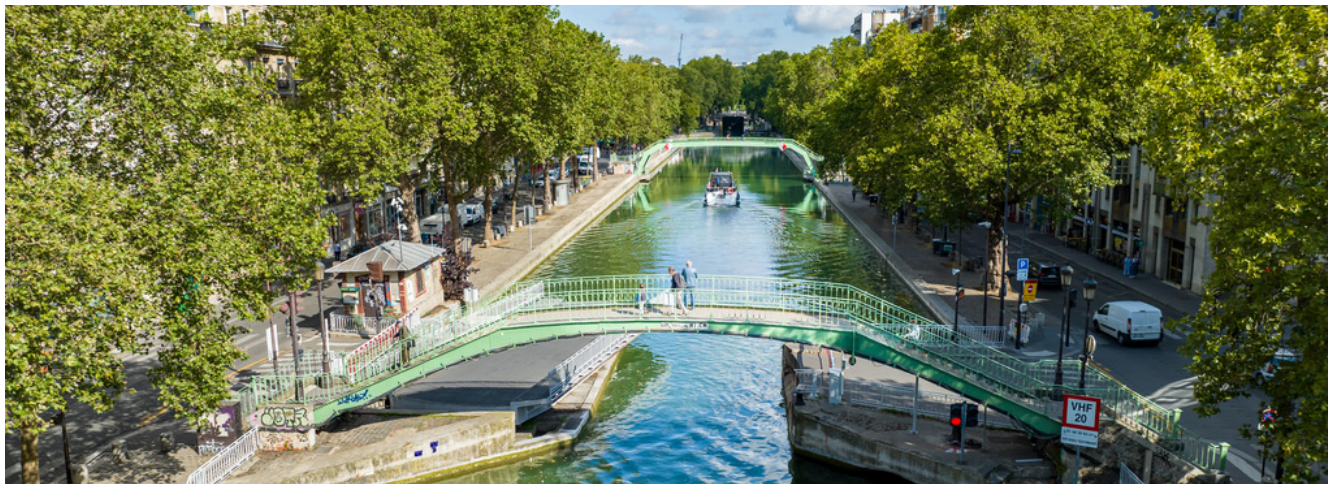


Guided Walk of Canal SaintMartin and the Bassin de la Villette – Paris Along the Water



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Just steps from Paris's major monuments and historic neighborhoods, the Canal SaintMartin reveals another face of the city. No palaces here, no sweeping Haussmann boulevards: the scene is set by locks, slender iron footbridges, treelined quays, and former workingclass districts long paced by passing barges.

This guided walk along the Canal SaintMartin and the Bassin de la Villette follows the water's edge to tell two centuries of Parisian change. Created in the early 19th century to improve the capital's drinkingwater supply and ease navigation, the canal quickly became a key artery of industrial Paris before embracing a new life centered on strolling, culture, and leisure.

Your Visit, Step by Step

From the Canal Saint-Martin's locks to the wide-open Bassin de la Villette, explore a once working-class, industrial Paris that has become one of the city's liveliest areas.



Why did Paris build a canal through the heart of the city? How do boats move between basins at different levels? Why did the Hôtel du Nord become a symbol of Parisian cinema? And how did once industrial, working class districts turn into some of the capital's favorite places to walk?

This walk offers a different history of Paris than the one told by its great monuments—the story of water, commerce, labor, urban transformation, and everyday life.

At a glance

- Where: Canal Saint-Martin, quai de Valmy, quai de Jemmapes, and the Bassin de la Villette, Paris
- Throughline: water, popular Paris, industrial activity, and the city's transformations
- Period: mainly the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries
- Indicative duration: about 2 hours

Extend your visit

Extend your discovery based on your interests, pace, and the time you have.

- **Cruise on the Canal Saint-Martin** — After discovering the canal on foot, continue from the water. Cruising lets you pass through the locks and, depending on the route, explore the Canal Saint-Martin's underground sections.
- **Parc de la Villette** — From the Bassin de la Villette, continue your walk to Parc de la Villette, with its landscaped areas, red follies, and major cultural venues.
- **Cité des sciences et de l'industrie** — An ideal add-on to continue the half-day around science, technology, and innovation.
- **Philharmonie de Paris** — Explore another side of the neighborhood through the Philharmonie's contemporary architecture and its cultural program.
- **Add a Taste of Paris** — Extend your walk with a coffee and pastry stop or a relaxed lunch nearby, depending on the rhythm of your day.

Suite Voyage Discovery can combine these options to create a half-day or full day tailored to your interests, pace, and constraints.

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