

PARIS

LE MEURICE

One day itinerary: **Alternative**

Synonymous with all things chic, Paris has long been a destination for stylish travellers. For centuries, the French capital and its effortlessly glamorous residents have been setting trends emulated worldwide, so it comes as no surprise that Paris offers plenty of avant-garde, trendy urban attractions. Follow the locals into the city's hippest places to eat, drink, shop and explore with this one-day itinerary.

Begin your day with a 13-minute walk from the hotel to Claus Palais-Royal.



CLAUS PALAIS-ROYAL

T: 01 42 33 55 10 | 14 Rue Jean-Jacques Rousseau, 75001 Paris

Claus is one of the best spots in the city to enjoy a leisurely breakfast or brunch. In addition to the traditional Parisian pastry breakfast options, the café offers Nordic and Anglo-Saxon inspired dishes with healthy homemade muesli and granolas, pretty breakfast bowls, salads and egg plates. There's an excellent gourmet delicatessen onsite as well.

Next, take a 6-minute walk to Jardin du Palais Royal.



JARDIN DU PALAIS ROYAL

T: 01 47 03 92 16 | 6 Rue de Montpensier, 75001 Paris

Jardin du Palais Royal is at once an elegant garden, shopping hub and leisure destination. It's easy to spend hours exploring its trio of trendsetting retail arcades – Galerie de Valois, Galerie de Montpensier and Galerie Beaujolais – or relaxing on the grass, gazing at the magnificent Palais Royal.

From the Jardin du Palais Royal, take a 12-minute walk to Frenchie to Go.



FRENCHIE TO GO

T: 01 40 26 23 43 | 9 Rue du Nil, 75002 Paris

The sister outlet of sleek restaurant Frenchie, Frenchie to Go is a street food-style eatery specialising in gourmet versions of British and American favourites like fish and chips, Reuben sandwiches and hot dogs. Grab a takeaway and lunch on the go while exploring the 2nd Arrondissement.

Pop into the Bibliothèque Nationale de France, a 12-minute walk from Frenchie to Go.



BIBLIOTHÈQUE NATIONALE DE FRANCE, RICHELIEU LIBRARY

T: 01 53 79 59 59 | 58 Rue de Richelieu, 75002 Paris

Paris' 2nd Arrondissement is packed with beautiful buildings, and the oldest branch of France's national library, the Richelieu, is a stunning example. Once the royal library of King Louis XIV, the complex showcases some of the best 17th and 18th century architecture in the city. Dip into an extensive collection of books, manuscripts, prints and photographs, or simply tour the sumptuous interiors – the elegant pillared Room Labrouste and spectacular domed Oval Room are must-visits.

The final stop of the day, Experimental Cocktail Club, can be reached on foot within 13 minutes.



EXPERIMENTAL COCKTAIL CLUB

T: 01 45 08 88 09 | 37 Rue Saint-Sauveur, 75002 Paris

Tucked behind an unmarked door on Rue Saint-Sauveur is one of the city's leading speakeasies, Experimental Cocktail Club. Adored by Parisians for its innovative cocktails, classic décor and relaxed ambience, the intimate lounge is a great place to bring a day in Paris to a close.

Hail a taxi for the 10-minute drive back to Le Meurice.

All journey times are approximate and subject to variation.