

PARIS

LE MEURICE

One day itinerary: **Old Favourites**

Paris may well have its modern side, but at its core the city retains a resolute sense of grandeur and historical influence. From the world's most visited art museums to sites dating back to the French Revolution, as well as countless other temples to culture and good taste, this one-day itinerary for the City of Light is rich in iconic landmarks.

From Le Meurice, take a 20-minute taxi ride straight to the Sacré Coeur for the first stop of the day.



SACRÉ COEUR

T: 01 53 41 89 00 | 35 Rue du Chevalier-de-la-Barre, 75018 Paris

Perched on the top of the Butte Montmartre, the Sacré Coeur stands at the highest point in Paris, like a sentinel overlooking the sprawling cityscape. The climb upwards is rewarded with unmatched vistas, but the basilica itself is also worth a wander: three-domed and gleaming white, the striking landmark officially opened in 1914.

The Musée du Louvre is then 20 minutes away by taxi.



MUSÉE DU LOUVRE

T: 01 40 20 53 17 | 75058 Paris

The world's most visited art museum (nearly 10 million visitors pass through its iconic pyramid entrance each year), the Louvre is an unsurpassed bastion of the arts. Given that around 35,000 individual pieces are on display at any one time, from the Mona Lisa to Greco-Roman antiquities, it would take weeks to fully explore these hallowed halls. Before Stendhal Syndrome sets in, enjoy a peaceful reprieve in the Jardin des Tuileries outside.

Next, take a 15-minute walk to Place Vendôme.



PLACE VENDÔME

75001 Paris

Taking pride of place in the glitzy first arrondissement, the Place Vendôme is an upmarket public square crowned by the Colonne Vendôme, a war monument originally commissioned by Napoleon. Despite being built as a monument to political and military might, today the square is populated by jewellery stores and other high-end addresses.

Then, head back towards the river, taking a 15-minute walk through the Jardin des Tuileries and over the Seine to the Musée d'Orsay.



MUSÉE D'ORSAY

T: 01 40 49 48 14 | 1 Rue de la Légion d'Honneur, 75007 Paris

Located in the former Orsay railway station, the Musée d'Orsay's collection spans several decades, encompassing a wide range of works from Impressionism to Art Nouveau. Masterpieces by the likes of Monet, Mondrian and Gauguin adorn the walls, while other vast exhibition rooms are dedicated to sculpture, photography and furnishings.

The final stop of the day is the Place de la Concorde, 10 minutes' walk from the museum.



PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

75008 Paris

The Place de la Concorde is an iconic public square with a chequered past. Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette, amongst many others, were sent to the guillotine here during the height of the French Revolution, but today it possesses a far more sedate atmosphere. The ancient Egyptian Luxor Obelisk, which stands in the centre of the Place de la Concorde, is especially impressive.

The hotel is then less than 10 minutes' walk from the Place de la Concorde.

All journey times are approximate and subject to variation.