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Some travelers begin their trips when their feet have landed in a destination. They pick a spot on the globe or even a theme (“beach,” “food and wine,” “culture”) and trust

that someone else who understands their likes and dislikes has made the decisions for them. Our Bookings Team works with that type of traveler all the time.

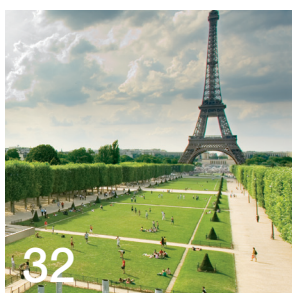
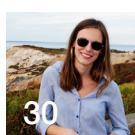
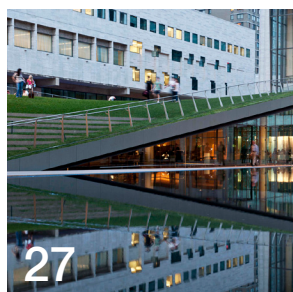
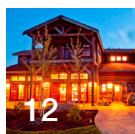
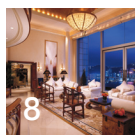
My team and I, however, are the opposite type, which is a good thing for the previously mentioned travelers. We love to do the research and plotting. For me a trip begins even before I have picked where I am going. Berlin. Beirut. Bahia. Those words—and hundreds more—get my mind whirring with the possibilities of what a trip there might be. I like the narrowing down of options; to me it’s part of the immersion. I know that many Indagare members are also obsessive travel planners. That’s why when we launched the Web site, we also printed a magazine. (The fact that our team has a longtime journalism background, with more than 70 years at top travel publications between us, helped as well.) It’s easier to “dream travel” when you’re flipping through beautifully written and designed pages. This is one of the reasons we redesigned our Indagare Black Book in time

for our five-year anniversary, to be even more robust, inspiring and full of insider advice.

I’m thrilled to introduce you to the new look with this **premiere digital issue** focused on Paris for families. Indagare members will still receive a printed copy of our Black Book magazine, but we hope that this digital version adds another layer to our Web site and lets readers dream travel.

Every place we cover—online and in print—we have tried ourselves and keep close tabs on. In recent months, our team has traveled to Laos, Amsterdam, Thailand, Mexico, Cuba, Morocco, Nicaragua, India (above, the Amber Fort), France and Argentina, among others, resulting in incredible first-hand advice. Of course, even though you can read about the journeys online and in print, nothing beats getting on the phone with one of our experts to discuss options and to customize an itinerary. It’s why Indagare members can take advantage of our Bookings Team (to learn more about becoming a member visit Indagare or call 212-988-2611). Dream, plan, book: we hope to help you accomplish all of these these even more successfully this year.

*Melissa Bizz Bradley*



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# Late Spring Travel

The final months of winter are a drag. Here are five destinations the Indagare Travel Team is dreaming of for late-spring journeys.



Cavallo Point, near San Francisco

**T**he late-spring and early-summer months are some of the most beautiful times of the year for many destinations in Europe, the United States and beyond. Here are five places offering great resorts, fun exploration, pleasant weather and few crowds in late April, May and June.

## Rome & Tuscany

**Why:** School is still in session, so you're not battling huge crowds at the Vatican and Colosseum, and you'll be seated right away at the top restaurants. Summer's oppressive heat hasn't baked the Tuscan countryside, making it ideal for hiking, biking and touring vineyards.

**Where:** Hotel de Russie, Rome's premier luxury hotel, or Villa Spalletti, for a home-away-from-home vibe. In Tuscany, Castiglion del Bosco, the Ferragamo-owned resort, is one of our Indagare Adored properties.

## St. Barth's

**Why:** Why not? St. Barth's is heavenly year-round, but rates drop in late spring, and the weather is still gorgeous.

**Where:** The Isle de France is a top pick for many visitors, but the newish Hotel Christopher is also a great choice, at a much lower price. For a scene, check in to Eden Rock; for minimalist design, book a suite at the Sereno; and if you

want an overwater-bungalow feeling without flying to Fiji, try the new Admiral Suite at the Guanahani.

### Coastal California

**Why:** A one-stop trip for tons of different activities. Enjoy some of the country's best restaurants in San Francisco, gorgeous vineyards in Napa and coveted tee times at Pebble Beach in Carmel. Big Sur rivals the most dramatic coastlines of Italy and shouldn't be missed.

**Where:** Romantics will love Big Sur's Post Ranch Inn as well as Napa's Auberge du Soleil. Cavallo Point offers a resortlike setting just under the Golden Gate Bridge with easy access to city attractions as well as the famous Redwoods of Northern California.

### Tokyo & Kyoto

**Why:** Cherry-blossom season is a great time to visit Japan's capital, which Indagare's John Cantrell dubbed one of the world's most hospitable places. Combine futuristic Tokyo with the history and culture of Kyoto.

**Where:** Tokyo boasts an incredible variety of luxury hotels, most occupying the top floors of skyscrapers. The Grand Hyatt is ideally located in Roppongi. Kyoto doesn't have as inspired a scene: the Hyatt Regency is the city's best, but many opt for traditional *ryokans* (inns) instead.

### Washington, D.C.

**Why:** For cherry-blossom viewing closer to home. It's a busy but beautiful time to go. Although the hotels remain old-school, the dining scene has picked up in recent years with notable debuts like Fiola, Birch & Barley and Rogue 24.

**Where:** The prime spot is the Hay-Adams, whose suites have unimpeded White House views. You'll be so close the Secret Service will keep an eye on you. ■



From top: In Napa, Bouchon bakery and Carneros vineyard; Hotel Christopher, on St. Barth's



# Best of Dining: Hong Kong

The Asian supercity is one of the best places to eat, whether it's dumplings in a hole-in-the-wall or gourmet cuisine in a lofty dining room. **Simone Girner** reports.



Hong Kong's Mandarin Oriental

Besides New York, it's difficult to think of another city as food obsessed as Hong Kong. The sprawling metropolis has thousands of eateries, offering a huge variety of cuisines. Of course there is no place better to eat Chinese food than here (the city even boasts the world's cheapest *Michelin* star, a tiny dim sum spot, in Kowloon). Apart from luring the best chefs from mainland China, the city has direct flights from both hemispheres and most continents, permitting the sourcing of fresh fish,

meat and seasonal vegetables.

Sampling such specialties as spicy crab, Peking duck and dim sum is a must for any visitor. But in recent years the city has developed a cool private-kitchen scene (small establishments where a chef cooks for just a handful of diners) and seen the opening of trendy spots, especially in the fast-transforming Sheung Wan neighborhood, near Central.

Here is a short list of Hong Kong favorites that would make a comprehensive culinary itinerary for a three- or four-day trip. *If you have other*

*Hong Kong favorites to add, send your recommendations to [postcards@indagare.com](mailto:postcards@indagare.com)*

## **Best for...a Big Night Out**

If you only have one night in Hong Kong, book a table (way in advance) at **Café Gray Deluxe**, on the top floor of the Upper House hotel in Admiralty. The food and views are spectacular, and the vibe, even years after the hotel's opening, is buzzing every night. Other good options are **Bo Innovation**, headed by one of the city's most creative young chefs; the Four Seasons' lavish

**Caprice**, with water views; and **Spoon by Alain Ducasse**, the fine-dining restaurant of the InterContinental in Kowloon.

### Best for...a Local Vibe

Take the ferry to Lamma island, a fun day trip, and eat at the waterside **Rainbow Seafood Restaurant**, which specializes in such dishes as salt-and-pepper shrimp and fried prawns. On Hong Kong Island, head to **Wang Fu**, in Soho, for dumplings; **Tung Po Sea Food Restaurant**, in North Point, for a rowdy scene (the space functions as a fish market during the day) and terrific seafood; or hole-in-the-wall **Tim's Kitchen**, in Sheung Wan, for Cantonese cuisine. **Coco Thai** is romantic and off the beaten path, overlooking the beach in Deep Water Bay.

### Best for...Innovative Chefs

Providing sustainable home-grown food is a growing movement in Hong Kong, and the owners of **Yin Yang**, in Wan Chai, even have two organic farms in the New Territories. Margaret Xu, the chef behind Yin Yang, also runs **Cantopop**, in Central, whose menu mixes typical Hong Kong-style and Western-style dishes. One eatery not to miss when shopping along Hollywood Road is

**TBLS**, headed by innovative chef Que Vinh Dang.

### Best for...a Hip Scene

Lots of small, Western-influenced restaurants and bars have sprung up in recent years. One of the best, for lunch or dinner, is **208**, an Italian eatery in Sheung Wan. Other good choices are **Lily-Bloom**, for a cocktail in Central; **the Pawn**, also for drinks, in Wan Chai; and **Posto Pubblico**, for classic Italian fare, in Central.

### Best for...Cocktails & a View

When it comes to the most spectacular views on Hong Kong Island, it's a toss-up between **Café Gray Deluxe Bar** and **Sevva**. The former has romantic low tables that can be reserved; the latter has a massive outside terrace surrounded by Central's skyscrapers. Over in Kowloon, the best spots for nighttime viewing are **Aqua Spirit** and the **Intercontinental Lobby Lounge**, both of which are prime spots from which to take in the nightly Light Show, which is set to music.

### Best for...Lunch

Some of the city's best lunch spots are in scenic Sheung Wan, which is home to the Man Mo Temple and excel-

lent antiques shopping on Hollywood Road. Good picks include **Agnes B's Le Pain Grillé**, the **Press Room**, and **Classified Mozzarella Bar**. For a serene vibe and ▶▶



## Local Lore: Dim Sum

In English, dim sum is often wrongly used to refer to the Cantonese meal everyone should try while in Hong Kong. The correct phrase is *yum cha* (drinking tea), which consists of green tea and a variety of small dim sum dishes. It's typically served for breakfast or brunch.

## food and wine

great harbor views, head to **Isola**, in Central's International Finance Center (IFC), which was designed by Cesar Pelli.

### Best for...Chinese Specialties

Try the city's famous chili crab at **Under the Bridge Spicy Crab**, in Wanchai. For crispy Peking duck go to the **American Peking Restaurant**, in Wan Chai, or to **Peking Garden**, in Central. Fantastic and fresh dim sum can be sampled at the **Grand Stage at**



**Western Market**, in Sheung Wan, at **Maxim's Palace**, in Central; at **Victoria Harbour Seafood**, in Central; and at the one-*Michelin*-starred **Tim Ho Wan**, in Kowloon. For scrumptious dumplings, head to **Wang Fu**, in Central, and

perennial favorite **Din Tai Fung**, in Causeway Bay. ■

Many more restaurant suggestions for Hong Kong can be found in Indagare's Destination Report. If you are planning a trip to the city and would like help with your itinerary (culinary or otherwise), contact our bookings team: **212-988-2611**.

## Hong Kong: Where to Stay

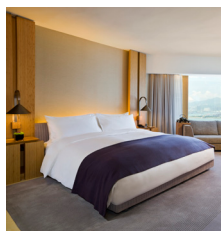
With four distinct locations, interiors and sensibilities, these luxury hotels offer different takes on staying in style.



### For Classicists:

#### **Mandarin Oriental**

Especially for first-time travelers, this grande dame property has the perfect location in the middle of buzzing Central. Service is old-school, the interiors are grand, and the renowned antiques shops on Hollywood Road are within walking distance (not always a given in this sprawling city). *5 Connaught Road; (852) 2820-4202. Read the review on Indagare.*



### For Hipsters:

#### **The Upper House**

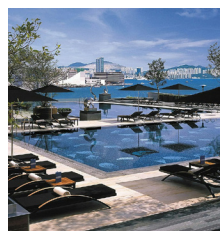
This sleek hotel has simply stunning interiors that exude a calm Zen vibe (a welcome respite after a day of sightseeing). Even several years after opening, Café Gray Deluxe remains one of the most difficult restaurants to book; the views from bar, restaurant and rooms are breathtaking. *Pacific Place; 88 Queensway; (852) 2918-1838. Read the review on Indagare.*



### For Habitues:

#### **The Peninsula**

Located in Kowloon across busy Victoria Harbour, the Peninsula has some of the best views of the Hong Kong skyline, especially at night, when the city glows in a multitude of colors. Afternoon tea in the lobby is legendary, as are the seamless service and Philippe Stark–designed Felix restaurant. *Salisbury Rd.; (852) 2315-3188. Read the review on Indagare.*



### For Families:

#### **Four Seasons**

Boasting the city's most spectacular pool, with Victoria Harbour views, the waterfront Four Seasons is a great pick for travelers with children who may tire of city sightseeing and need more of an urban resort. The hotel is part of Central's IFC complex, with movie theaters, shops and tons of restaurants. *8 Finance Street; (852) 3196-8888.*

# Honeymoon Perfection

Indagare members recently returned from an incredible honeymoon in South Africa and the Seychelles. Here are their impressions.



Clockwise from top left: Singita Boulders; on safari; Singita Sweni.

The honeymoon was amazing! Indagare did such a great job of helping us out with everything, and we are certain we couldn't have done it without your help.

In Cape Town, our guide was so nice and gave us great tours every day. **Cape Grace** was a cute hotel. I liked the decor, but it didn't blow us away. If we were to go back, I might want to check out the **Ellerman House**. But the spa and the bar at Cape Grace were good, so it's really hard to say something else might have been better. In terms of restaurants, our favorite was **La Colombe**. On safari we really liked **Singita Sweni**. I think we were a bit spoiled, because we were the only ones at the lodge the first night and had private drives the entire time. Our guide was super knowledgeable, and we saw all of the big animals. In fact, just on the way from the airport to the lodge the first day, we saw a ton: herds of zebra, buffalo, elephants, lions under a tree. The food was also great. We had a dinner out in the bush, which was cool. As Indagare mentioned, **Singita Boulders** was a bigger lodge. We shared drives at this lodge and probably would have preferred to go on our own. But I think we were just spoiled after going to Sweni first and being fairly alone.



In Johannesburg we checked out the **Saxon** hotel during our layover. This is definitely a nice place, and we just hung out outside and had dinner until we went back to the airport for our flight. The final leg of the trip, the Seychelles, was great. The **Four Seasons Seychelles** was really nice: our room, the beach, the spa. There was a fair number of families with young children (probably our only complaint). We rented a boat to take us around for the day and went to Coco Island and snorkeled, which was cool. Then on to La Digue to see the big turtles and the beach there (the island itself was a bit depressing). We definitely want to go back sometime in the future and check out **North Island** or **Frégate**. ■

For help planning your honeymoon or other romantic getaway, contact our bookings team by emailing [info@indagare.com](mailto:info@indagare.com) or 212-988-2611.

# Colorado Getaway

Indagare's **Lizzie McGirr** visited Dunton Hot Springs, the ghost-town-turned-luxury-resort in Colorado, and found mountain heaven. Next up: a tented camp.



Dunton Hot Springs

When I finally arrived at the front gates of Dunton Hot Springs, in Colorado, I had seen no more than four cars and twenty cabins during the last forty minutes of the drive. I truly felt as if I had been transported back to the 1830s and the original mining town of Dunton—it was just as owner Cristoph Henkel intended.

A Western mining-town-turned-high-end-resort, Dunton Hot Springs has an incredible sense of place—both historically and physically. In the 1800s its collection of cabins formed a small town, and to this day you can still walk down the road to the mines where the inhabitants of Dunton used to work. Through the

decades the place had fallen into disrepair, effectively becoming one of the West's many ghost towns, but what makes Dunton unique is its incredible natural setting, on 200 remote valley acres surrounded by the San Juan Mountain Range and next to natural nonsulphur hot springs. It was the combination of remote wilderness and hot springs that drew Cristoph Henkel, of Canyon Equities, to the Dunton property in 1994. Henkel planned to create a real-estate development, but he fell in love with the pristine, site, at 9,000 feet of elevation in the lower Rockies, and seven years later emerged with a unique luxury resort as a legacy for his children.



Clockwise, from top left: a bedroom in Potter House; a hot spring in the Bath House; Major Ross cabin; hiking the Calico Trail.

Today behind Dunton Hot Springs's immaculate ghost-town façade lies top-of-the-line comfort. Nine surviving cabins were restored and joined by other preserved dwellings from the same era. The Pony Express building, for example, which houses the spa and yoga rooms, came from 1800's Colorado Springs. By taking apart the cabins and rebuilding the foundations, Henkel was able to preserve the original logs while adding en-suite bathrooms, radiant floors and luxurious bedding. His wife, Katrin Bellinger, who is an art collector, filled the cabins with her personal collection and pieces sourced from all over the world, reportedly because she believed that each miner would have similarly

brought his personal valuables from around the country. Thanks to these details, each cabin has its own distinct character.

The property's most unusual feature is, of course, the hot springs that brought Henkel to Dunton in the first place. They do not contain sulfur (so they do not have the unpleasant smell of such springs). The combination of calcium bicarbonate, a dash of lithium and dissolved iron, which gives the water a reddish tinge, is said to open blood vessels to improve circulation. There are three options for soaking in the hot springs: inside the steamy bathhouse, in the outside pool with a view of the mountains or in the "source"—the hottest of the three, at 107 ►►

## active and adventure



degrees, where the spring comes up from the fault line. More-active pursuits include hiking in the incredible landscapes, horseback riding along the ridge, fly-fishing and lazing away a rainy day in the library. In the winter a helicopter can land in the middle of town to take skiers up into the nearby mountains; others can shuttle to Telluride to ski or stay in Dunton to

snowshoe, cross-country ski and hike.

In the course of preserving the entire valley surrounding Dunton, Henkel has come to own 1,600 acres, 500 of which are being developed into Cresto Ranch—a tented camp opening in the spring. Eight canvas cabins will be put up seasonally, all equipped with en-suite bathrooms and porches overlooking the river or meadow. This is just another incarnation of this historic property, whose remoteness and stunning landscapes make guests feel they have been transported to another era.

*All meals and drinks, excluding the reserve list, are included in the nightly rate. ■*

## Lost in Montana

Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and Idaho all have wonderful dude ranches, but the state that most inspires the Wild West imagination is Montana. Here are three exceptional properties to consider.



### **Best for Glamping:** ***The Resort at Paws Up***

This dude ranch located on 37,000 acres close to Missoula pioneered glamping (glamorous camping). The individual canvas tents in its Tent City, which is open from late May through early September, are equipped with king-size feather beds, private decks, electricity and rustic-chic furniture. A camping butler can assist with such activities as s'more-making. Large tents, suitable for families, are located right beside the Blackfoot River.



### **Best for Activities:** ***The Ranch at Rock Creek***

The privately owned Ranch at Rock Creek, set in 6,600 acres of Big Sky countryside, has lavish cabin accommodations, including two freestanding houses, and a laid-back atmosphere. Almost all the activities are covered by the nightly rate, making it easy to sample everything, including hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, sporting clays, paintball, archery and fishing, one of the main reasons to visit this part of Montana.

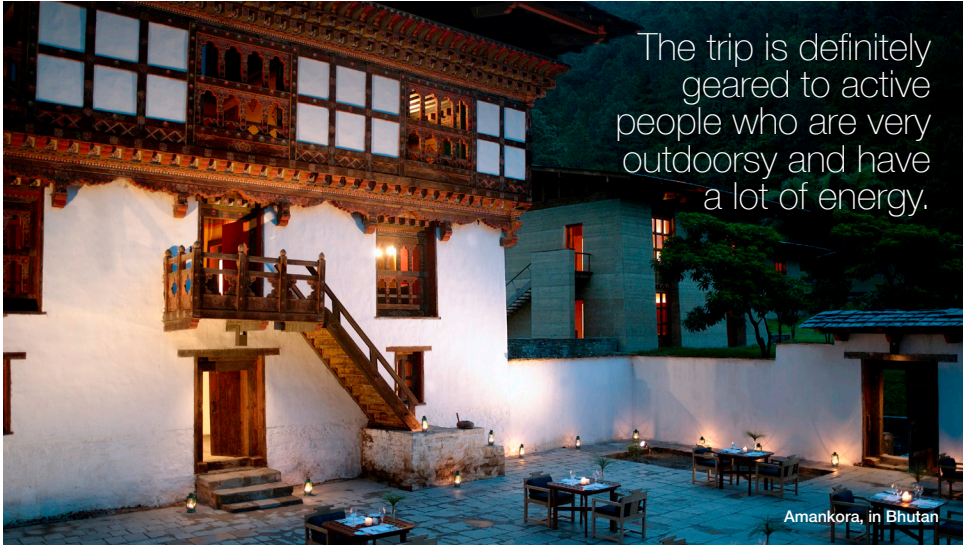


### **Best for Romance:** ***Triple Creek Ranch***

A member of the prestigious Relais & Chateaux collection, this luxe property set in the Rockies near Darby is perfect for couples (kids under the age of sixteen are not allowed). There's nothing rustic about the haute accommodations and activities, such as art and cooking classes, so Triple Creek is a good option for travelers who enjoy the great outdoors but prefer to return to a more refined setting at the end of a busy day.

# A Journey to Bhutan

Indagare member **Helen Millson** recently traveled to Bhutan with her father, discovering the beauty of this remote Himalayan kingdom.



In October 2011 my father and I wanted to take a trip with a lot of available activities that were not too extreme. Indagare organized a trip to Bhutan. Each day we had the option of hiking or biking through the countryside, culminating in visits to stunning temples and monasteries. At night, in addition to delicious dinners (including the region's famous yak meat), we were treated to cultural talks. One night a Buddhist monk came and talked to us about his religion.

There is an incredible sense of community in Bhutan. The king was getting married while we were visiting, and we were invited to a lot of the village festivals in honor of the wedding. We definitely got a sense of the country as a kingdom with a history and homogenous culture influenced by Tibet, Nepal, China and India. Luckily for us, most people speak English, because the Bhutanese language, Dzongkha, is unlike anything I've ever heard.

The service at the Aman resorts where we stayed was perfection. The staff took care of

all logistics, from airport transfers to transport among the five lodges we visited. We had our own guide and driver, which proved essential, since the drives were quite long. The lodges were beautiful and, despite being in rugged locations, were very comfortable.

One aspect of the trip that surprised me was its rigour. The elevation, ranging from 7,000 to 10,000 feet above sea level, added to the strenuousness. The trip is definitely geared to active people who are very outdoorsy and have a lot of energy. There was some good, though surprisingly pricey, shopping in the cities Paro and Timpu, including chunky silver jewelry, silk scarves and antiques. However, the item I was most grateful for was the Patagonia fleece jacket I brought from home. ■

#### **Bhutan: When to Go**

Many assume that Bhutan can be visited only in the spring or fall, but one resident says that summer and winter are unsung seasons: "Our winter is milder than in Europe or North America, and the summer monsoons don't affect much of Bhutan." For help planning a trip, contact our Bookings Team.

# Fab Finds

Souk experts Monique Brendel and Anna Loneragan pick six must-haves from around the world. All—and more—are available [www.indagare.com/souk](http://www.indagare.com/souk)



***From the Philippines:  
Filip + Inna***

A coat, magnificently embroidered from top to bottom by tribal women. With mother of pearl beads and brightly colored thread the result is breathtaking. Perfect over a black dress or jeans. An Indagare exclusive. \$750.



**From Cambodia: *Eric Raisina***

Supremely soft and functional stole, measuring 93 by 31 inches and handmade by artisans in Cambodia in one-hundred percent silk organza. \$250.



**From Kenya: *Adele Dejak***

Jerono Necklace strung with an assortment of horn beads on a cotton cord. \$260.



**From Kenya: *Elephant Collection from Shompole***

Cow horn cuffs showing 18K gold elephants under a night sky with diamond stars. Ten percent of profits go to the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust. \$1,150 (each).



**From Nicaragua: *Segovia***

Unique envelope clutches with an inside pocket, a padded interior and a magnetic closure. Available in purple, yellow, charcoal and mint colors. \$350.



**From India: *Irving & Fine***

Inca Dress made in one hundred percent silk crepe with stunning hand embroidery at the edges, along the neck, and back by design duo Irving & Fine. \$950.

# Making a Difference in Tanzania

After a trip to Tanzania, Anne Wells was determined to launch an organization that would bring about change. **Simone Girner** spoke to the social entrepreneur.



For Anne Wells, Tanzania was love at first sight.

“I adored everything: the vast landscape, the huge canopy sky, the scents and smells, the stampeding wildlife and, most of all, the people,” says the mother of three girls, who is based in Connecticut. As she explored the country, invited into locals’ homes and making connections and friendships, Wells became determined to launch an initiative that would give back to the place that had such a profound effect on her. The idea behind **UNITE** ([www.unitefnz.org](http://www.unitefnz.org)) is straightforward: identify local grassroots organizations and support them through fundraising and local training. Her interest in style also led to the founding of Ashé, an online

marketplace for a collection made by artists and craftspeople living and working in creative havens like Tanzania, Kenya and South Africa.

A trained journalist who has worked for nonprofits over the course of more than a decade, Wells is particularly interested in women helping each other across cultures and geography. Like the *New York Times* journalist Nicholas Kristof, she ascribes to the notion that lasting, real change can be achieved by educating girls, especially in the Third World. “*Half the Sky* is mandatory reading in my world,” Wells says of the bestseller that Kristof co-wrote with his wife, Sheryl WuDunn. Wells spoke to Indagare about her vision for UNITE.

## How is your trade/aid concept different from others’?

UNITE’s work is to serve the needs of our partner communities in Tanzania as they are presented to us. While our training workshops focus on community health, women’s health and business/microfinance, our fundraising efforts respond to the most pressing needs. For example, over the past years we have delivered hundreds of thousands of dollars in famine relief, medicines, bed nets, seedlings, solar lights, school supplies, teacher-training materials, generators, student scholarships, microloans, village bank funding, sports equipment, uniforms and more. We overlay needs assessments with what we feel is most feasible and possible.

### Can you talk a little about Ashé and its products?

Ashé Collection is a compilation of unique artistry sourced from various individuals and organizations across East Africa. The lines are chosen as much for their quality and style as for their commitment to community service and enriching the lives of local people and artisans. With the Tanzania Maasai Women's Art project, Italian designer Francesca Torri-Soldini visits Tanzania a few times each year to work with the Maasai women on the creation of a new line. Together they combine traditional Maasai artistry with Italian style to come up with unique, alluring and practical pieces.

### As the mother of three girls, how important to you is the advancement of girls?

A few years ago, with the support of local friends, I launched a youth group called Global Girls UNITE (GGU) to get our daughters more actively involved in this work. It has since evolved into an active group for middle- and high-school-age girls. We have chapters in Connecticut and increasing interest from across the country. The mission of the group is threefold: education, connection and



## Spotlight: Speaking of Animals

If you're taking kids on safari, a great exercise is learning the names for groups of animals and dreaming up new ones. A twinkle of starlings? An annoyance of bees? Here are some of the commonly known terms: A bask of **crocodiles**; a colony of **ants**; a crash of **rhinoceros**; a dazzle of **zebras**; a herd of **elephants**; a journey of **giraffes**; a leap of **leopards**; a murder of **crows**; a pack of **hyenas**; a parliament of **owls**; a pride of **lions**; a raft of **hippos**; a shrewdness of **apes**; a smack of **jellyfish**.

creative fundraising. We want our GGU girls to experience their personal power as global change agents. Currently, we are planning a GGU service trip to Tanzania for 2013.

### What are some of your favorite places in Tanzania?

Of course the most famous parks—the Serengeti, the Ngorongoro Crater, Lake Manyara and Tarangiri—are not to be missed. The coast is beautiful, too, and the spice tour on Zanzibar is worth the trip. But my favorite places to be in Tanzania are in the villages with my friends. This is why I work with so many Americans to ensure that their safaris are not limited to the parks and traditional tourist destinations.

### What are some other African places you still want to visit?

I would love to explore more areas of Tanzania, like the Selous, the entire coastline, Gombe to see the chimps, Mwanza. I would like to visit Lamu, off the coast of Kenya, Rwanda and Botswana. Really, there is not a spot in Africa I would not love to visit at least once. But I believe my heart will always bring me home to Tanzania. ■

#### Tanzania Insider Advice:

Indagare can offer recommendations on spectacular lodges, safari specialists and itineraries, from climbing Kilimanjaro to traveling to Mnemba Island.

For information or to book, members can call 212-988-2611 or email our Bookings Team.

# American Museophile

Some of the country's most memorable museums are in the most unexpected places. **Amelia Osborne** rounds up some of Indagare's favorite gems.



There is a common misconception that all the best cultural institutions in the U.S. are found in major cities and on the two coasts. In reality many gems are located elsewhere in the country and are well worth a visit. Take the Crystal Bridges Museum of Art, which opened in Bentonville, Arkansas, last November. Owned by Alice Walton, of Walmart fame and fortune, it showcases a selection of the heiress's renowned collection of American art. Over the past decade Walton has amassed important works and is said to now own more than 700 paintings, drawings, sculptures and prints by such artists as Bellows, Eakins, Pollock, Warhol and Wyeth. The decision to make this trove available to the public in off-the-radar Bentonville has already been the cause of much talk and speculation, as captured in a lengthy profile in the *New Yorker* last year. Whether Bentonville will become another Santa Fe remains to be seen, but the quality of the collection is irrefutable and will surely draw art lovers, as many other hidden spots across the United States do. Here are our top picks for lesser-known state-side museum gems.

## Arkansas: Crystal Bridges Museum

View American art from the Colonial period to the present day at Alice Walton's new museum in her hometown in the Ozarks. The landscape around the museum is just as much a draw as the art inside, thanks to the beautiful Crystal Spring. *600 Museum Way; Bentonville; (479) 418-5700.*

## California: Crocker Art Museum

When Indagare founder Melissa Biggs Bradley, recently visited Sacramento, California, her favorite discovery was the Crocker Art Museum. The institution was named for the Crocker family, who moved to California in the 1840s and whose collection of California art, European drawings and international ceramics is on display. *216 O Street; Sacramento; (916) 808-7000.*

## Colorado: Clyfford Still Museum

Located next to the acclaimed Denver Art Museum, the Clifford Still Museum opened in November 2011. It offers a fascinating retrospective of the oeuvre of Still, an American

painter who was one of the leading figures of Abstract Expressionism. *1250 Bannock Street; Denver; (720) 865-4317.*

### **Delaware: Winterthur Museum**

Winterthur presents an ideal opportunity for parents to introduce their kids to the tradition of collecting for a private home. Henry Francis du Pont's passion for amassing the best examples of American furniture and fine art is inspiring, as are the gorgeous gardens (Du Pont was a botanist by training). *5105 Kennett Pike; Wilmington; (800) 448-3883.*

### **Georgia: Michael C. Carlos Museum**

The Carlos Museum, on the Emory University campus, contains a wide array of artifacts, but its most fascinating items hail from ancient times: Egyptian, Greek, and Roman. The museum's bookshop is impressive, even for a university store, and the café is sunny and serves delicious food. *571 South Kilgo Circle Northeast; Atlanta; (404) 727-4282.*

### **New York: the Noguchi Museum**

Founded by renowned Japanese-American artist Isamu Noguchi to house his works, this serene museum is part beautiful outdoor sculpture garden, part indoor displays. Noguchi, who worked and lived here for many years, is one of the only artists in the world to have created a museum before he died; the pieces are displayed precisely to the artist's specifications. Don't miss the excellent gift shop and small café on the premises. *9-01 33rd Road (at Vernon Blvd.); Long Island City; (718) 204-7088.*

### **Texas: Chinati Foundation**

Minimalist artist Donald Judd fell in love with this remote area of West Texas and determined it to be the ideal location for his pieces to

remain in perpetuity. "Too often, I believe, the meaning of a work of art is lost as a result of a thoughtless or unsuitable placement of the work for display," Judd once said. And this setting is nothing short of stunning. *104 Highland Avenue; South Marfa; (432) 729-4406.*

### **Texas: Nasher Sculpture Center**

The phrase "jewel box of a museum" is certainly overused, but it perfectly fits Dallas's exquisite Nasher, both inside and out. The small, light-filled museum has just three galleries plus a leafy one-and-a-half-acre garden where modern and contemporary sculptures, by the likes of Rodin, Brancusi, de Kooning, Giacometti, Matisse and Moore, are on display. *2001 Flora Street, Dallas; (214) 242-5100.*

### **Vermont: Shelburne Museum**

Don't let the rural setting of this gem of a museum fool you; the Shelburne's collection has depth as well as breadth. American and Impressionist paintings reside alongside circus posters, colonial costumes, wooden decoys and quilts. *6000 Shelburne Road; Shelburne; (802) 985-3346. ■*



# Postcard from Harbour Island

Indagare insiders **Mary and Lucy Firestone** are passionate travelers, documenting their journeys on their blog. Here they revisit Harbour Island, in the Bahamas.



From left: The Firestone sisters; the beach at the Dunmore

Harbour Island is a place full of turquoise sea-drenched memories for us—from childhood vacations and festive New Year’s celebrations in our college years to Mary’s wedding. An island steeped in a glamorous beach history, this tiny little Bahamian refuge has retained much of the charm and allure that make it feel like a Robinson Crusoe-meets-*Vogue* getaway in the first place. Getting to Harbour Island is a commitment, part of the reason it has remained as it always was, with only a handful of boutique hotels, restaurants, bars, and shops set amidst candy-colored clapboard houses. After a two-year hiatus, we returned this past July for a visit that has left us more in love with the island and its people than ever before.

Our mission: a sister bonding trip to check out the newly renovated Dunmore Beach Club, under new ownership and with a shorter name, **the Dunmore**. The Dunmore was the scene of Mary’s wedding four years ago and has always been our favorite hotel on the island, thanks to its plum location on the pink-sand beach Harbour Island is famous for, and to its old-school,

preppy vibe. Prepsters do get facelifts, and last holiday season the Dunmore’s was unveiled. The property has undergone a massive renovation and upgrade. Interior-design darling Amanda Lindroth gave it a sleek, clean sophistication while maintaining the nostalgic island feel. In the guest cottages, sea fans adorn Lucite coffee tables, John Robshaw ikat prints are used throughout, and Molton Brown products perfume the sea air, all combining to create a breezy, chic barefoot elegance.

The pool and open-air pool pavilion are the two biggest and most dramatic changes. It feels almost decadent to have a pool Slim Aarons would have loved so close to a breathtaking three-mile beach with sublime, sandy-bottom swimming. Black-and-white-striped lounge chairs await poolside, while sea-green umbrellas compete for your attention steps below on the sand—tough decisions at the Dunmore.

For a change of scenery and for the show-stopping food, **the Landing** is our favorite spot for dinner. Located “in town,” it is on the harbor side of the island. We love sitting out on

its charming porch watching all the islanders whiz past on their golf carts, the main mode of transport. There's something almost European about the intimacy and style, which harks back to 1800, when the property was built. If it's too warm to sit on the plantation-style patio, the red-walled dining room and bar are incredibly sexy and cozy all at once. We love owner Toby Tyler's private wine label, Afro Head. He also makes a rum by the same name that is not only delicious but special, as it is made only in a very limited quantity.

After dinner one night we stopped in at **Blu Bungalow**, a wine and tapas bar in the heart of town. Owner Jeanine Sabatino has created a warm space with a maritime ambiance highlighted by capiz-shell chandeliers, driftwood art and an open-air deck. Blu Bungalow is one of the cutest bars we have ever been to.

We hit the shops to update our boho-glam island looks. India Hicks, a former fashion

model and a role model for us, runs **Sugar Mill Boutique** a few doors down from the Landing. It's stocked with beaded caftans, vibrantly colored bikinis, gold Grecian sandals and jewelry, as well as cool gifts. We had trouble not buying out the entire shop.

We also checked out newcomers to the Harbour Island shopping scene **Shine** and **Ruby**. Shine is a jewel-box boutique that appropriately sells handcrafted gems, as well as some expensive clothing. Be sure to visit Ruby, a well-edited children's-clothing shop, if you are parents or grandparents. Tracey Berry, co-owner of the Landing, opened Ruby for all of the stylish little people in your life. Harbour Island keeps getting better and better. We were already planning our next visit on the water taxi home. This little island embodies everything we want from a beach vacation: relaxation, natural beauty, laid-back sophistication and all with a celebratory feel. Till we meet again, Harbour Island! ■



Ruby boutique



## Bird's-Eye View

One of the 700-plus islands that make up the Bahamas, **Harbour Island** sits in multiblue waters sixty miles east of Nassau, the capital. Flights to North Eleuthera originate in Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Nassau. Bahamas Ferries also operates boats from Nassau daily. Taxis and water taxis from North Eleuthera to Harbour Island are readily available and inexpensive. Largely surrounded by reefs, Harbour Island is a paradise for divers and fishermen. And no visitor forgets Pink Sand Beach: three uninterrupted miles of sand as soft as cornstarch mixed with just enough coral to appear pink at sunset. It's among the prettiest on earth.

# Cabo Update

**Henley Vazquez** reports on why Cabo's sexiest newcomer, Capella Pedregal, is giving established power duo Palmilla and Las Ventanas a run for their pesos.



**S**cenic Cabo, in the Mexican state of Baja California Sur, initially drew writers, such as John Steinbeck, and sportsmen, like Ernest Hemingway and John Wayne, who came for the excellent deep-sea fishing that continues to be a major pastime in the area, even as almost everything else has changed. In 1973 the completion of the Mexican Federal Highway (*carretera federal*) No. 1, which runs the length of the Baja peninsula, helped usher in the first wave of tourism. A handful of prescient entrepreneurs, enchanted by Cabo's remarkable combina-

tion of desert land and ocean vistas, later invested billions in the region, building hotels, golf courses and residential communities along the Corridor, the twenty-mile strip of land between raucous Cabo San Lucas and the smaller, more charming San José del Cabo.

Until recently, Cabo was known for a trinity of luxury resorts—Las Ventanas, Esperanza and the One & Only Palmilla—all of which continue to draw high-end travelers who come to get away from it all. But the coast's newest resort, Capella Pedregal, has raised the bar when it comes to Cabo style, having placed itself in

direct competition with Las Ventanas. And from the looks of it, the newcomer is putting up a good fight.

Everyone knows the importance of first impressions. At the Capella Pedregal, the arrival road takes you through a mountain tunnel, where chandeliers cast a dim, almost eerie light on the roughly hewn rocks. You emerge from the tunnel at the resort with a direct view to the sea. As you blink your eyes, a butler opens the car door, welcomes you by name and hands you a margarita. As first impressions go, this is a pretty good one.

But what makes the Capella

Pedregal special isn't its initial impact but how well it wears. The decor is distinctly Mexican, blending modern design with more rustic touches. Beamed ceilings, carved-wood headboards and wrought-iron chandeliers look as if they had come straight out of a hacienda, but the luxury linens, deep soaking tubs, plasma televisions, Bose iPod docks and free Wi-Fi all belong to the modern era. Every room has ocean views as well as a terrace with a private plunge pool and fire pit. As beautiful as the resort's infinity pool and *palapa* bar are, the comfort and privacy of these terraces

may keep couples closer to home. Capella also offers three- and four-bedroom residences that are excellent choices for families. Like the hotel rooms, these residences all have private terraces and plunge pools.

The Capella can serve as either a romantic escape for couples or a luxurious resort for families. With a zero-entry family pool as well as the more adult-focused infinity pool (children aren't banned, but plastic pool toys are), the resort provides places where every guest will feel comfortable. Capella also offers a half- or full-day kids'

"The coast's newest resort property, Capella Pedregal, has majorly raised the bar when it comes to Cabo style."

club with such activities as Spanish lessons, cooking classes, scavenger hunts and castle-building "seminars." For couples, there are romantic beach dinners and a spectacular 100,000-square-foot spa whose treatment rooms sit in individual island pods in ▶▶



From left: An alfresco lounge and a guest room at Capella Pedregal

the spa pool. Other amenities include a fully equipped gym and two excellent restaurants.

With only sixty-six rooms, Capella is much smaller than Palmilla and Esperanza, and its finishes are newer, its amenities more generous, and the spa a real wow. I can't speak for the service at Capella's competitors (though I hear very good things), but it would be tough to top the friendliness and efficiency of the staff at Pedregal. Las Ventanas recently started a massive renovation on its spa and hired a new general manager, which may indicate that I'm not the only person to notice that a challenge has been issued.

**Indagare Tip:** Although the beachfront suites sit steps from the sand and have private beach butler service, our pick is the Corner Estrella Suites. Located on the top floor of the four-story buildings, the suites not only afford views of the sea but also have a second terrace that overlooks the small mountain behind the resort; they also feel a tad more open than the beach suites, which have windows only on the front. ■

[Read more reviews of Cabo resorts and tips on what to do in the region in Indagare's Cabo Destination Report. Indagare members planning a trip there can contact our Bookings Team.](#)

## Resort Style

Indagare's Monique Brendel selects fashion and accessories that will look great in beachy destinations, from Cabo to St. Barth's.



**1. From Haremliq:** *Cotton Caftan*

Exquisite Italian handkerchief linen block printed with distinctively Turkish floral designs called the Harem Flower. Simple, elegant and lovely. \$380.

**2. From Haremliq:** *Peshtamals*

Haremliq's peshtamals are meticulously made of the finest Egyptian cotton in the heart of Istanbul. With cotton terry on one side and a traditional stripe design on the other, these peshtamals are luxurious. \$75 (each).

**3. From Filip & Inna:** *Pilar Chambray Shorts*

Chambray shorts with brightly-colored traditional Philippine cross-stitch embroideries and mother of pearl beading are a warm-weather must. Colors and patterns of stitching are unique and may vary. \$180.

**4. From Melissa's Finds:** *Hacienda Clutch*

These chic, simple clutches from Mexico's Yucatan peninsula are handwoven on former sisal plantations. They have a magnetic closure under an oval horn embellishment. Profits go to support local Mayan community projects. \$36

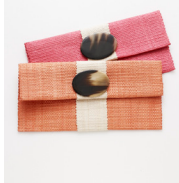
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# Preheater Dining New York City

We are often asked by members where to have memorable, delicious meals before theater, opera, dance or a concert. Here are some of our favorites.



## Broadway / Midtown

For modern Korean cuisine that has been deemed worthy of a Michelin star, head to **Danji** (346 W. 52nd St.; 212-586-2880), in Hell's Kitchen. Great Italian can be sampled in old-world interiors at **Orso** (322 W. 46th St.; 212-489-7212), **Becco** (355 W. 46th St.; 212-397-7597) and **Barbetta** (321 W. 46th St.; 212-246-9171). For a place as dramatic as the show you're about to see, book a table in the orchestrated circus ambiance of **Osteria del Circo** (120 W. 55th St.; 212-265-3636).

## Lincoln Center / Upper West Side

High-end diners should book at the **Lincoln** (42 W. 65th St.; 212-359-6500), in a gorgeous space overlooking the Henry Moore sculpture and reflecting pool, or at **Bar Boulud** (1900 Broadway; 212-595-0303), across the street from Lincoln Center in a space with high ceilings that can get noisy. More serene is Terrance Brennan's **Picholine** (35 West 64th St.; 212-724-8585), which also has a wine and cheese bar for a bite. On the second floor of the Empire Hotel, a Lincoln

Center neighbor, is **Ed's Chowder House** (44 W. 63rd St.; 212-956-1288), a white-leather-clad restaurant with a seafood-heavy menu.

## City Center and Carnegie Hall / Midtown

Two of the city's best restaurants—**The Modern** (9 W. 53rd St.; 212-333-1220), in the Museum of Modern Art, and **Le Bernardin** (155 W. 51st St.; 212-554-1515)—are within walking distance of both City Center and Carnegie Hall. Lovers of refined Italian cuisine should book at elegant **Marea** (240 Central Park South; 212-582-5100). More low-key (and less expensive) is the Greek restaurant **Molyvos** (871 Seventh Ave.; 212-582-7500). For something really relaxed, you can go to the **Burger Joint** (119 W. 56th St.; 212-708-7414), on the ground floor of the Parker Meridien hotel, which is always a fun scene. The neighborhood classic is **Michael's** (24 West 55th St.; 212-767-0555), which is particularly buzzy during lunch.

## The Joyce / Chelsea

Delicious tapas are served at **Boqueria** (53 W. 19th St.; 212-255-4160), while **Bottino** (246 Tenth Ave.; 212-206-6766), set in an old Chelsea hardware store, specializes in Tuscan fare. Chelsea mainstay **The Red Cat** (227 Tenth Ave.; 212-242-1122) is best for cocktails. The tiny Spanish restaurant **Tia Pol** (205 Tenth Ave.; 212-675-8805) is fabulous for small-plate cuisine if you are lucky enough to snag a table.

## Brooklyn Academy of Music / Brooklyn

The blocks around BAM offer world cuisine: **Berlyn** (25 Lafayette Ave.; 718-222-5800) serves refined German fare; **Stone Home Wine Bar** (87 Lafayette Ave.; 718-624-9443) specializes in Mediterranean-inspired dishes; and **Café Lafayette** (99 S. Portland Ave.; 718-858-6821) is the French bistro par excellence. ■

# Interview with a Travel Expert

Indagare's senior director **Henley Vazquez**, who has lived in Tokyo, Madrid and Boston, talks about her favorite destinations and shares travel tips and tricks.



La Réserve Ramatuelle

## What was your first really meaningful trip?

I'll never forget my first visit to Italy, as a college student. My mother and I drove the Mediterranean coast, from the ancient temples of Paestum to the shores of Lake Como. To this day, we reminisce about the small details: a perfect pasta lunch in Orvieto, climbing the still-smoldering Mt. Vesuvius, the drive around heart-stopping curves to the Cinque Terre. I can't wait to do the same trip with my daughter.

## What was a destination that surprised you?

Coastal California, for sure. I had never been until a few years ago, when my husband and I took a trip from San Francisco to L.A. I couldn't get enough of the landscapes in Big Sur and the Monterey Peninsula, and the food was beyond incredible. By the time we hit Santa Barbara, we were both ready to cancel our flight home.

## You lived in Tokyo. What were some of your favorite discoveries in the city?

Shinjuku Gyoen became my favorite park, a green oasis in Tokyo's center. You could go with

a picnic lunch and blanket and spend hours forgetting the urban chaos surrounding you. On the flip side, I loved the madness of Harajuku, with the wild teen street fashion and packed cafés blaring J-pop. My husband and I would go every weekend just to walk around and people watch. There's nothing like it in the world.

## You frequently visit Spain. What are some of your favorite places there?

I think San Sebastián might be my favorite city in the world. The food, the sea, the people—it's the ultimate Basque Country experience. I keep hoping someone will open a great hotel there, which would make it perfect. Galicia is an undiscovered region in the northwest that I might never have visited had I not married a Spaniard, but I now I love it. The seafood can't be beat, and the green mountains and rocky coast feel more Scotland than Spain. I'll also never tire of Barcelona and the cutting-edge food and design there. No one should miss a chance to try the tasting menu at Comerç 24 and late-night *montaditos* at Quimet y Quimet.

### **What were your favorite finds last year?**

I fell in love with La Réserve in Ramatuelle, near St.-Tropez. The hotel is so serene and restful, yet in ten minutes you can be dancing and drinking champagne at Club 55. My most memorable meals included freshly shucked oysters at Larsen's on Martha's Vineyard, haute Italian at New York's Marea and fresh guacamole and cold beers on the beach at sunset in Tulum.

### **To which destinations do you most like planning trips for members?**

I love planning trips to Argentina. It's the rare place where the experience actually exceeds people's expectations. I also love explaining the eccentricities of Japan and connecting mem-

"Istanbul is right for pretty much everyone. It combines culture, food and style with pampering hotels and a beautiful setting on the Bosphorus Strait."

bers with our amazing guide there. As silly as it may sound, I really enjoy helping people plan their simple Caribbean getaways as well. On the surface, a lot of the resorts and islands seem similar—blue water, palm trees, and so on—but there are big differences that makes one place a good match for certain families and a bad choice for others. It's fun to match make.

### **What are some trade secrets that most travelers don't know?**

Get a guide! No matter how savvy a traveler you are, you'll get so much more from a destination with a fantastic guide. Tokyo, for example, is very difficult to penetrate and can seem like an anonymous Asian supercity without the right "ambassador." But we have an amazing insider there who can arrange everything from a visit

to the famous Tsukiji Fish Market with a sushi chef to a backstage tour of a sumo stable. The connections are priceless. Also, be sure to share information about yourself and your family with a hotel. The management wants you to have a wonderful visit as much as you do, and telling it the names and ages of children, any allergies, what kind of paper you like in the morning or if you're a diet Coke addict and especially any special occasions you are celebrating on the trip gives it the opportunity to really personalize its service. Or tell us, and we will pass it on!

### **What destination is a slamdunk?**

Istanbul. The largest city in Turkey beautifully combines culture, food and style with pampering hotels and a beautiful setting on the Bosphorus Strait. A day that starts in ancient mosques, includes shopping the endless lanes of the Grand Bazaar and ends with cocktails by the Four Seasons pool overlooking the water as the call to prayer echoes through the city will seduce anyone.

### **Where are you dying to go next?**

I want to return to Italy and spend more time in Tuscany. And although I've done Patagonia on the Argentine side, I can't wait to get back and see it from the Chilean side. The new Tierra Patagonia at Torres del Paine national park looks amazing. To combine a few days there with time in the Atacama Desert would be ideal. I am also hoping to explore the American West. I grew up riding horses and would like to spend time on a ranch next summer with my kids. They won't be old enough to participate in all the activities, but I'd love to expose them early to balance out the urban upbringing they are having. ■



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Debut of two majestic suites: Honeymoon and Imperial

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# Paris for Families

The French capital is a wonderland to explore with kids. **Simone Girner, Melissa Biggs Bradley** and **Sandy Flick** report on creating the perfect family itinerary.

Paris may be known as the world's capital of romance, but in truth it's a city that truly charms kids. Just think of how many convinced Parisphiles you know whose love-at-first-sight story begins with: "My parents..." or "My Mom..." or "My grandparents took me." Paris is not the only European capital many of us first experienced with our parents—several of us initially toured Rome, London or Vienna with various family groupings. But for many that first trip to Paris with mom and dad or grandparents remains special because more than any other European metropolis, the French capital is about tradition and ritual. It's a city that invites revisiting—a lifetime's worth—and that somehow lets you return to *that* restaurant, *that* shop, *that* pâtisserie to revel in the delight of the initial discovery. Think of it as time travel.

The first time I visited the City of Light, I was seventeen and with my mother. It was conceived as a trip to kick-start an interest in French, a language I loathed with teenage fervor because of a mean teacher I'd had in middle school. But Paris worked its magic—and then some. By the end of the week, I had come to three major conclusions: one, I needed to give French another go (in college, I ended up minoring in it); two, at one point in my life, I would live in Paris (I did, twice, including a six-month stint working as an au pair for a Parisian family); and three, I traveled exceedingly well with my mom and that my memories of Paris would always include this

joint journey, her advice, our conversations and our explorations.

Today when I travel to the French capital, a city I know as well as my home, New York, I revive rituals established during that first trip: a visit to the Musée Rodin; a Berthillon ice cream on the quays of the Île St.-Louis; a nighttime boat ride past spotlighted monuments; writing postcards over a pastry at a classic *salon de thé*. Many of my Paris experiences are meaningful, discoveries I made while walking aimlessly by myself, living there with my husband, exploring with close girlfriends. But that first voyage will always stand slightly apart as the original, the debut. As Adam Gopnik writes so poignantly in *Paris to the Moon*: "What makes Paris truly beautiful is the intermingling of the monumental and the personal, the abstract and the footsore particular, it and you."

This edition of the *Indagare Magazine* focuses on Family-Friendly Paris, highlighting some of our favorite places and activities, from where to stay, shop and eat to what to see and do. We've included such tips as how to make the city come alive for children (p. 54), what French foods to try and where (p. 41) and what castles make particularly memorable day trips (p. 52). Many more suggestions can be found on the site in our in-depth destination report, and our Bookings Team will be happy to help plot out itineraries and journeys for Indagare members. *Bon voyage!* ~S.G.

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## WHEN TO GO

Although Paris is a year-round destination, it's best avoided in August, when tour buses clog the streets and Parisians leave for vacation, signaling the closing of many of the city's top restaurants, cafés and shops. The city's at its best in May and June and again in September and October.

## LAY OF THE LAND

Paris is divided into twenty arrondissements, or neighborhoods, that originate at the Louvre and spiral clockwise through the city. The 1st arrondissement encompasses the historic heart of Paris, including the Louvre, the Tuileries Gardens and the Place Vendôme. The higher the number, the farther the neighborhood is from the center of the city. The Seine River separates Paris into the Right and Left Banks. Among the city's famous attractions are the Centre Pompidou, in the 4th; the Champs-Élysées, in the 8th; and farther out, Montmartre, in the 18th, all on the Right Bank. On the Left Bank are the Sorbonne, in the 5th arrondissement, known as the Latin Quarter; St.-Germain-des-Prés, in the 6th; and the Tour Eiffel, in the 7th.

## GETTING AROUND

Paris is a walker's city par excellence, but its mass-transit system is also most efficient. Even if you don't normally use subways or buses, you'll want to in Paris, because they're often the fastest way to get around, as well as being safe, clean and surprisingly pleasant. The citywide Vélib bike system, with docking stations throughout, is another great way to explore. Daily, weekly and annual passes can be purchased for \$1.38, \$6.90, or \$40 respectively. The first half hour of every ride is free; beyond that, there are incremental surcharges, which are supposed to encourage frequent rotation of the bikes. Taxis are not easy to hail, so if you are covering a lot of ground, it's best to hire a driver.





Hôtel Le Bristol

## WHERE TO STAY

Whether to be based on the Right or the Left Bank depends on sensibility and what activities and sights are most important to you. Many families choose to be based Right Bank, home to the city's acclaimed palace hotels offering five-star amenities and round-the-clock attention. Right Bank hotels are also within walking distance of the Jardin des Tuileries and such sights as Notre Dame and the Louvre. Properties on the Left Bank are generally smaller and have fewer amenities, but they are in more charming, typically Parisian neighborhoods, like St.-Germain-des-Prés and the Latin Quarter. This abbreviated roundup showcases a handful of Indagare favorites on both banks. *Many more reviews and recommendations can be found in Indagare's Paris: Where to Stay.*

### Right Bank

#### Luxury

**+** **Hôtel Le Bristol**  
With its superb location on the Rue du Faubourg St.-Honoré, close to the best Right Bank shopping and within walking distance of many sights, the Bristol, featured in Woody Allen's *Midnight in Paris*, is one of Paris's top palace properties. Like graceful *piéd à terre*, the guest rooms have distinct decors, with Louis XV and XVI furniture and floral fabrics. The Bristol boasts the city's largest hotel garden; an indoor pool, a three-star *Michelin* restaurant and a La Prairie spa that opened last October. One Indagare member recently returned raving: "If only all hotels did hospitality this well." \$\$\$  
*8th arrondissement; 112 Rue du Faubourg St.-Honoré; 33 (0) 1-53-43-43-00.*

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#### **+** Indagare Plus

Members who book through Indagare receive preferential rates and/or special amenities at the properties with the Indagare Plus symbol. The hotels in this report are rated as \$\$\$ (expensive), \$\$ (moderately expensive) or \$ (reasonable).

## destination report: where to stay



### **Paris Musings:**

Until 1975 French *school kids* could buy a glass of wine with lunch in their school cafeteria.

### **+** Four Seasons Le George V

Although not as polished as the revamped Bristol, the George V gets solid reviews from families, thanks to its central location in walking distance to many Right Bank sights. The hotel's spacious pool is a nice amenity after a busy day of sightseeing. The slightly generic French decor of the guest rooms lacks originality and romance, but accommodations are spacious and impeccably maintained. \$\$\$ *31 Avenue George V, 8th arrondissement; 33 (0) 1-49-52-70-00.*

### **+** Le Meurice

A Philippe Starck renovation transformed this property into something of tourist attraction—the formerly serene lobby now buzzes with activity. But with its location, across the street from the Tuileries, and romantic rooms, it remains a good fit for first-time visitors and classicists. \$\$\$ *228 Rue de Rivoli, 1st arrondissement; 33 (0) 1-44-58-10-10.*

### Boutique

#### **Le Pavillon de la Reine**

Tucked into one of Paris's prettiest districts, the Marais, the Pavillon de la Reine feels like the home of a refined Parisian with exquisite taste in art and a knowledge of history. The fifty-four rooms and suites each have a unique decor, but all exude French charm. Located right in the wonderful Place des Vosges, the Pavillon is a good option for travelers who don't need the amenities of a larger palace hotel and who like the historic vibe and setting. \$\$ *28 Place des Vosges, 4th arrondissement; 33 (0) 1-40-29-19-19.*

### Left Bank

#### Boutique

#### **Hôtel Récamier**

Tucked into one of the Left Bank's most scenic spots (Place St.-Sulpice), Hôtel Récamier was renovated by veteran Paris hotelier Sylvie de



Lattre and talented designer Jean-Louis Deniot. The twenty-four rooms are pocket-sized but are all outfitted with sumptuous beds and high windows draped with silk curtains. Don't expect such five-star amenities as round-the-clock room service. The area is close to top shopping and restaurants, like Café de Flore, but it feels quiet and residential. \$\$ *3 bis Place St.-Sulpice, 6th arrondissement; 33 (0) 1-43-26-04-89.*

### Hôtel Duc de Saint Simon

Those looking for a Left Bank hotel within walking distance of shops and restaurants and offering old-world elegance and charm will like the Duc de Saint Simon. Most of the thirty-four rooms look onto a leafy garden. The hotel serves breakfast, but other meals have to be taken out. As in most Left Bank properties, rooms are on the small side, so it pays to splurge on a suite, especially if you are traveling with kids. \$\$ *14 Rue de St.-Simon, 6th arrondissement; 33 (0) 1-44-39-20-20.*

### Hôtel Lutetia

The Lutetia cannot compare with the Right Bank's palace hotels, but for families seeking a Left Bank location with more generous accommodations, it's the best option. Housed in a landmark Beaux Arts building near the department store Bon Marché, the 230-room Lutetia is centrally located and has such big-hotel amenities as twenty-four-hour room service and movies on demand (not found at the neighborhood's smaller boutique options). \$\$ *45 Boulevard Raspail, 6th arrondissement; 33 (0) 1-49-54-46-10.*

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More hotel reviews and options, including apartment rentals, can be found on Indagare. Members can contact our Bookings Team to talk to a travel expert about what property is right for their next trip: 212-988-2611.

## Rants & Raves

Indagare members weigh in on some of their most and least favorite hotels in Paris:

*"We loved the **Meurice** and had a great room. We also found the concierge very helpful."*

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*"We had two small adjoining rooms at the **Hôtel Saint Vincent**, in a perfect location on the border between the 6th and 7th arrondissements, and found the property perfect and well priced."*

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*"The **Four Seasons Le George V** treated us like royalty. After we checked out, my wife and kids had to wait for me while I picked up the rental car, and the staff invited them 'backstage.'"*

~

*"The **Crillon** was kind of tired (carpet and bath-room fixtures a bit outdated), but we got a great deal on rooms, so no complaining here."*

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*"We stayed at **Hôtel d'Aubusson**. Although the hotel was fine, next time I'd prefer to stay in **Relais Christine** around the corner since it's lighter and has some loftlike suites and a garden."*

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*"The **Hôtel Récamier** was amazing. The staff was so kind and accommodating to my family. Great location and such nice rooms."*

~

*"My favorite part about **Relais Christine** was its tucked-away location in one of the best neighborhoods. It felt as if I was going home at the end of the day and not back to a hotel."*

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**Trio of Newcomers.** Two palace hotels, the **Shangri-La** and **Mandarin Oriental**, debuted in 2011, while grande dame **Le Royal Monceau** reopened. Our staff has scouted the properties and knows the pros and cons of staying in them. Contact our Bookings Team.

## destination report: where to eat



**Paris Musings**  
*Le Procope is the oldest café in the world, opened in 1686.*



Angelina

## WHERE TO EAT

Here's the dirty little secret no one will tell you: the single slam-dunk Parisian bistro does not exist. It may have when Hemingway was around, but today the city's food scene is much more fragmented, and it's actually shockingly easy to have a bad meal in a capital renowned for its restaurant scene. You have to do due diligence to avoid the old-world eateries that are surviving on name recognition (Lipp, Bofinger), rather than food quality.

The good news is that a small food revolution has taken Paris by storm. A host of innovative young chefs has moved away from fussy dining and created smaller, more accessible venues. Paris also has the advantage for families that almost all restaurants are extremely accommodating to children. And since the standard bistro menu includes simply prepared dishes like chicken, *croque Monsieur* (a fanciful grilled cheese) and *steak frites*, it's easy to find something the kids will like (see sidebar page 39).

Here are some of Indagare's favorite family-friendly restaurants and cafés, organized by the kind of experience you can expect there. *Many more reviews and recommendations can be found in Indagare's Paris: Where to Eat.*

## Breakfast/Brunch/Break

### Angelina

This is Paris's most celebrated tea salon. Located just across from the Jardin des Tuileries, Angelina is a great place for breakfast or a light lunch, and it's famous for its rich hot chocolate). *226 Rue de Rivoli; 33 (0) 1-42-60-82-00.*

**What's Nearby:** Jardin des Tuileries, Musée du Louvre.

### Bonpoint Café

The café in the Bonpoint flagship store on the Left Bank is a charming place for lunch or tea if you are shopping in St.-Germain or strolling through the Jardin du Luxembourg. *6 Rue de Tournon; 33 (0) 1-56-24-05-79.*

### Café de Flore

Despite its popularity with tourists, this historic St.-Germain café still attracts an intriguing crowd of locals, including French celebrities. It's a nice spot for breakfast or lunch. Longtime rival Les Deux Magots is located across the street, but for habitués there's no competition. *172 Boulevard St.-Germain; 33 (0) 1-45-48-55-26. What's Nearby:* Jardin du Luxembourg, the galleries and shops of the sixth arrondissement.

### Carette

Prices at this famous tea salon (the original branch is at Place du Trocadéro) are steep, but the setting is exquisite: tables are set beneath the arcades of the Place des Vosges, whose famous past residents include Victor Hugo. *25 Place des Vosges; 33 (0) 1-48-87-94-07. What's nearby:* Musée du Carnavalet, Marais shopping.

### Fauchon Le Café

This eye-popping café is located on the first floor of the Fauchon flagship, on Place de la Madeleine. The funky interiors, with pale-pink tables and silver metallic banquettes, draw a hip crowd for lunch or tea. *30 Place de la Madeleine; 33 (0) 1-70-39-38-39. What's Nearby:* Rue St.-Honoré shopping, Jardin des Tuileries and the Opéra Garnier.

### Ladurée

There are several locations of this famous French tea house; the original, on Rue Royale, opened in 1862 and is the most historic. The Champs-Élysées branch (#75) had a serious fire in October 2011 and is currently being renovated. The Left Bank version on Rue Bonaparte (#21) is in the center of St.-Germain shopping. Ladurée is good for breakfast, lunch and take-away macaroons, known as some of the world's best. *16 Rue Royale; 33 (0) 1-42-60-21-79.*

## Lunch

### Breizh Café

Reservations are a must at this modern *crêperie*. The menu showcases a long list of innovative sweet crêpes and savory galettes, which hail from Bretagne, the abbreviation of which (BZH) inspired the café's name. *109 Rue Vieille du Temple; 33 (0) 1-42-72-13-77. What's Nearby:* Place des Vosges, Marais shopping, Musée Carnavalet.

### Café des Musées

The interior of this long-popular bistro is showing its age, but in that charming *je ne sais quoi* Parisian way. The menu is predictable but delicious and a very good value. *49 Rue de Turenne; 33 (0) 1-42-72-96-17. What's Nearby:* Place des Vosges, Musée Carnavalet, Musée Picasso, Marais shopping.

### Café Marly

Marly, in the courtyard of the Louvre, has a nice but unoriginal menu. Go for the prime view of I.M. Pei's pyramid and the only-in-Paris crowd. *93 Rue de Rivoli; 33 (0) 1-49-26-06-60. What's nearby:* Musée du Louvre, Notre Dame, Jardin des Tuileries.

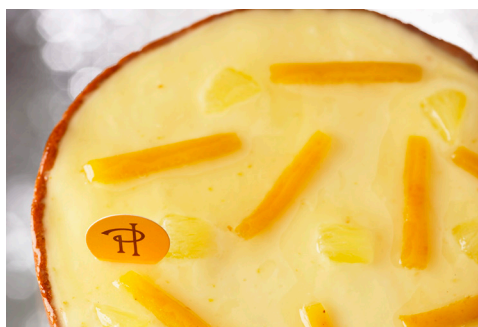
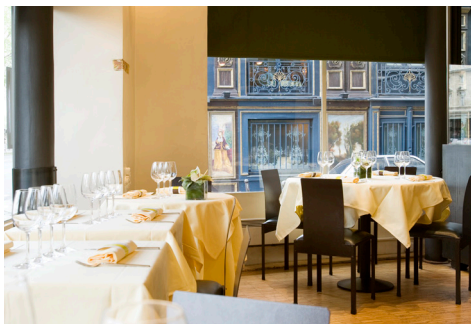


A soup at Ralph's

# destination report: where to eat



**Paris Musings**  
*Ladurée sells 137  
macarons every minute.*



Clockwise from top left: An entrée at Les Cocottes; the dining room of Les Bouquinistes; La Pâtisserie des Rêves; a Pierre Hermé pastry; Café de Flore.

PHOTOGRAPHS (FROM TOP LEFT): COURTESY LES COCOTTES; LE BOUQUINISTES; PATISSERIE DES RÊVES; PIERRE HERMÉ

## Georges

Georges occupies a modern space atop the Centre Pompidou and has giant windows, so you can play I Spy with kids, picking out all the great monuments as you eat classic French food. *19 Place Beaubourg; 33 (0) 1-44-78-47-99.*

**What's Nearby:** Marais shopping, Île de la Cité, Île St.-Louis.

## L'Avenue

An eternal hot spot, with good food and better people watching, L'Avenue sits at one of the Right Bank's best corners, where Avenue Montaigne and Rue François 1er meet. The menu of salads, soups, quiches and tartines makes it a good lunch spot. *41 Avenue Montaigne; 33 (0) 1-40-70-14-91. What's Nearby:* Champs-Elysées, Pont Alma (docking for Bateaux-Mouches).

## La Palette

This mainstay St.-Germain bistro, on a quiet *place* off the Rue de Seine, draws a wonderful mix of locals and visitors for lunch and aperitifs. The menu is simple but well prepared, with *croque Monsieur* sandwiches, large salads, quiches and plates of charcuterie and cheeses. *43 Rue de Seine; 33 (0) 1-43-26-68-15. What's Nearby:* Jardin du Luxembourg, St.-Germain shopping and galleries.

## Dinner: Classics

### Allard

This old-fashioned bistro would look at home in a Robert Doisneau photograph of prewar Paris, and has a menu to match, with heaping portions of delicious, unapologetically cholesterol-rich Gallic food. *41 Rue St.-André-des-Arts; 33 (0) 1-43-26-48-23. What's Nearby:* Jardin du Luxembourg, St.-Germain shopping and galleries.

### La Cigale Récamier

With its cozy dining room stuffed with piles of art books, La Cigale offers an old-world Paris dining ambiance. Soufflés are a specialty. Weather permitting, sit outside on a tiny place off of the Croix Rouge. *4 Rue Récamier; 33 (0) 1-45-48-86-58. What's Nearby:* Jardin du Luxembourg, St.-Germain shopping.

### Le Soufflé

From the white-jacketed waiters to the somewhat drab dining rooms, Le Soufflé makes diners feel as if they were time travelers. Its namesake speciality is a winner with kids; those wanting fewer eggs may opt for *escargots*, sole *meunière* or steak. *36 Rue Mont Thabor; 33 (0) 1-42-60-27-19. What's Nearby:* Tuileries, Rue St.-Honoré.

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## French Foodie

Kids may turn up their noses at frogs legs, stinky cheeses and foie gras, but luckily the French capital offers plenty of other goodies for little ones to eat. Here are six child-friendly culinary highlights for your next visit:

**Nutella-filled crêpes** from

**L'Avant Comptoir** (3 Carrefour de l'Odéon, Left Bank).

**Hot chocolate** at **Café de Flore** (p.39) or **Angelina** (p.38)

**Croque Monsieur** or omelettes at

**La Palette** (p.41, Left Bank).  
Homemade **ice cream** at

**Berthillon** (29-31 Rue St.-Louis-en-l'Île)

**Macaroons** at **Pierre Hermé**

(72 Rue Bonaparte, Left Bank)

Any **pastry** from **Pâtisserie des Rêves** (111 Rue de Longchamp, Right Bank)

## destination report: where to eat



### Paris Musings

Every year since 1918, hundreds of *Parisian waiters* race each other balancing a bottle and wine glass atop a tray during the *Course des Garçons*.



### Le Voltaire

This cozy, wood-paneled institution serves beautifully prepared standard French fare. The restaurant's setting, right on the Seine quay, is another draw. *27 Quai Voltaire; 33 (0) 1 42-61-17-49. What's Nearby:* Musée d'Orsay, Pont Royal, Musée du Louvre.

## Dinner: Local Spots

### La Régalade St.-Honoré

Chef Bruno Doucet has long enjoyed a foodie following thanks to a simple seasonal menu. The always-buzzing dining room is no frills but congenial. *123 Rue St.-Honoré; 33 (0) 1-42-21-92-40. What's Nearby:* Musée du Louvre, Ile de la Cité, Rue St.-Honoré shopping.

### Fish La Boissonnerie

This friendly bistro in the heart of St.-Germain serves food that's more sophisticated than you'd

expect, given the simple decor. The wine list could be the envy of many grand restaurants. *69 Rue de Seine; 33 (0) 1-43-54-34-69. What's Nearby:* St.-Germain shopping, Jardin du Luxembourg.

### Relais de l'Entrecôte

Around the corner from the Café de Flore, this restaurant specializes in steak and homemade fries served with a delicious sauce. The crowd is a good mix of locals and visitors. *20 Rue St.-Benoît; 33 (0) 1-45-49-16-00. What's Nearby:* St.-Germain shopping, Jardin du Luxembourg.

### Les Bouquinistes

Part of superchef Guy Savoy's empire, this restaurant has a riverside location (on the Left Bank), an unpretentious atmosphere and excellent food. *53 Quai des Grands-Augustins; 33 (0) 1-43-25-45-94. What's Nearby:* Ile de la Cité, Pont Neuf, St.-Germain shopping.

### Les Cocottes de Christian Constant

Near the Tour Eiffel, Constant's restaurant is an ode to home cooking served in sleek but casual surroundings. The menu focuses on salads, omelettes and *cocottes* (casseroles). It's a perfect blend of traditional and modern. *135 Rue St.-Dominique; 33 (0) 1-45-50-10-31. What's Nearby:* Tour Eiffel, Musée Branley.

## Dinner: Upscale

### Le Jules Verne

You arrive via private elevator to Alain Ducasse's restaurant on the second level of the Tour Eiffel. The food is beautifully presented and delicious; the sweeping city views are unbeatable. Reserve way in advance; lunch is easier to book than dinner. *Tour Eiffel, Avenue Gustave Eiffel; 33 (0) 1-45-55-61-44.*

### Apicius

Located in a *maison particulier*, this restaurant is one of Paris's best-kept secrets. The cuisine, by chef Jean-Pierre Vigato, is haute, and the setting is divine, complete with a garden. *20 Rue D'Artois; 33 (0) 1-43-80-19-66. What's Nearby:* Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées.

### Ralph's

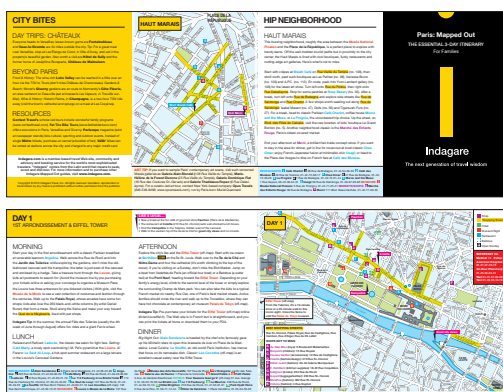
For a break from French food, head to this fabulous restaurant in the Ralph Lauren store. The menu offers such comfort food as grass-fed-beef burgers and New England clam chowder, and there's a terrace for alfresco dining. *173 Boulevard St.-Germain; 33 (1) 44-77-76-00. What's Nearby:* St.-Germain, Jardin du Luxembourg.

Many more restaurant tips and reviews, including where to reserve on Sunday and Monday (when many good options are closed), can be found at [www.indagare.com](http://www.indagare.com)



## Mapped Out: Paris for Families

We have designed itineraries for so many families (and benefited from their feedback) that we created a **Mapped Out: Paris**, an essential three-day itinerary for families. The Mapped Out series is part city guide, part city map, breaking the city down into three insider itineraries with hotel, restaurant and shopping suggestions marked on colorful maps for easy exploration. You can order **Mapped Out: Paris** (\$12.95) at the Indagare Souk. For a custom itinerary, which will include our favorite guides and family activities, Indagare members can contact our Bookings Team (non-members can read more about how to join here).



The *Mapped Out: Paris* guide features day itineraries with recommendations marked on maps.



## WHERE TO SHOP

With its many one-of-a-kind boutiques and specialty stores, Paris remains one of the world's shopping meccas. It's also a fun place to shop for and with children, especially for hunting down items you cannot find back home. Here are some of Indagare's favorite boutiques, grouped by neighborhood, which offer fabulous shopping for parents with kids. *Many more recommendations and reviews can be found at Indagare's Paris: Where to Shop.*

### Right Bank

The Right Bank has two main shopping districts: the 1st and the 4th arrondissements. In the former, the best boutiques are around Rue St.-Honoré and the Palais Royal. Don't miss **Rue St.-Honoré, Palais Royal, Rue Castiglione, Rue Cambon, Rue d'Alger, Rue du 29 Juillet**. In the 4th, called the Marais and extending north into the Haut Marais, the best shopping streets are **Rue des Francs-Bourgeois, Rue des Rosiers, Rue du Bourg-Thibourg, Rue Étienne Marcel, Rue Vieille du Temple, Rue Debelleyme, Rue Charlot, Rue de Bretagne** and **Rue de Saintonge**.

#### Antoine et Lili

This boho-chic boutique, on the scenic Canal St.-Martin, carries a colorful assortment of fashion, accessories and design. It's a fun spot to shop for children and with tweens or teens who have had enough of sightseeing. **For all ages.** *10th arrondissement, 95 Quai de Valmy; 33 (0)1-40-37-41-55.*

#### Au Nain Bleu

Arguably Paris's best toy shop, this old-world boutique opened in 1836 and continues to

delight young visitors. The displays of wooden toys, dollhouses and kiddie costumes alone are worth the trip to the shop, located near the Madeleine and the Fauchon flagship. **For children.** *8th Arrondissement; 5 Boulevard Malesherbes; 33 (0)1-42-65-20-00.*

#### Bonpoint

Marie-France Cohen, the founder of this well-known brand, has set the standard for fine French children's clothes. The store has several branches; this one is convenient to other shopping along Rue St.-Honoré. **For Children.** *15 Rue Royale; 33 (0) 1-47-42-52-63.*

#### Colette

Still ground zero for cool French style, this longtime concept store is an inspiring place for fashion, accessories and design. **For all ages.** *213 Rue St.-Honoré; 33 (0) 1-55-35-33-90.*

#### Marché aux Oiseaux (Bird Market)

If you are traveling with children, take them to see the rows of feathered friends at the sprawling bird market on Sundays (there are also other small animals on sale). The market is set on the quays surrounding Place Louis Lépine. **For all ages.** *Île de la Cité.*

#### Le Grand Bonton

Gorgeous children's store Bonton took over a huge space on Boulevard des Filles du Calvaire, and the capacious rooms are filled with the company's children's clothes as well as small toys. **For children.** *5 Boulevard des Filles du Calvaire; 33 (0) 1-42-72-34-69.*

#### Meert

This wood-paneled pâtisserie, on a quiet corner of the Haut Marais, will make everyone feel

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### Indagare Tip:

One way to explore Paris's arrondissements is by visiting a different chocolate shop in each. Indagare's top picks include **Jean-Paul Hévin** (231 Rue Saint-Honoré), in the 1st arrondissement; **Jacques Genin** (133 Rue de Turenne), in the 3rd arrondissement; and **Patrick Roger** (108 Boulevard St.-Germain) in the 6th arrondissement.

## destination report: where to shop



### Paris Musings

The Tour Eiffel weighs the equivalent of 450,000 French poodles standing on top of each other.



like a kid again. The elegant room showcases such treats as handmade chocolates, caramels and old-fashioned candies. **For all ages.** 16 Rue Elzévir; 33 (0) 1-49-96-56-94.

### Merci

Credited by many with kick-starting the now buzzy Haut Marais neighborhood, Merci has multiple levels, each of them stuffed with chic fashion, accessories and design. Parts of the store's proceeds go to benefit charity. **For all ages.** 111 Boulevard Beaumarchais; 33 (0) 1-42-77-00-33.

### Violette & Leonie

Come here to dig for vintage fashion, ranging from elegant labels like Isabel Marant, Vivienne Westwood and Tara Jarmon to occasional pieces

from such big names as Lanvin, Chanel and Yves Saint Laurent. **For all ages.** 27 Rue Poitou; 33 (0) 6-63-80-15-12.

## Left Bank

When it comes to shopping for and with kids, the Left Bank beats the Right hands-down. The boutiques that line Boulevard St.-Germain and the smaller streets around it are original and fun. The best shopping streets in this neighborhood, roughly the area bordered by the Bon Marché, Jardin du Luxembourg and the Seine, are **Boulevard St.-Germain, Rue Bonaparte, Rue du Sèvres, Rue des Sts.-Pères, Rue du Bac, Rue du Cherche-Midi, Rue du Four, Rue du Vieux Colombie, Rue Jacob and Rue Madame.**

### Biba

A sliver of a boutique near Le Bon Marché, Biba has a young collection of girly fashion you won't see anyone wearing back home. **For teens.** 18 Rue Sèvres; 33 (0) 1-45-48-89-18.

### Deyrolle

Part cabinet of curiosities, part shop, the famous taxidermy Deyrolle is fascinating for kids. You can find everything from boxes of butterflies and beetles to stuffed tigers and elephants. A Paris must. **For all ages.** 46 Rue du Bac; 33 (0) 1-42-22-30-07.

### Du Pareil Au Même

Styles at this chain of low-priced children's clothes run the gamut from dressy to *décontracté* (casual), for children from 3 months to 14 years. The fashion displays a French flair, and you won't see other children in the U.S. sporting anything like it. There are several locations, but the most convenient is the one on Boulevard St.-

Germain. **For children.** *6th arrondissement, 168 Blvd. St.-Germain, 6th; 33 (0) 1-46-33-87-85.*

### La Grande Épicerie

Introduce kids to an incredible range of French culinary products with a visit to the massive food court of Le Bon Marché. It's a great place to stock up for a picnic in the nearby Jardin du Luxembourg. **For all ages.** *38 Rue de Sèvres; 33 (0)1-44-39-80-00.*

### Marie Papier

Tween and teenage girls will appreciate this colorful modern boutique. Wood shelves are piled high with paper in dozens of hues plus notebooks, clipboards and albums bound in various types of cloth, paper and leather. **For all ages.** *6th arrondissement, 26 Rue Vavin; 33 (0) 1-43-26-46-44.*

### Sennelier

Take budding artists to this old-world shop on the Seine, which has been selling paints, brushes and artist's tools for more than a century. You can also choose from a selection of beautiful sketchbooks and albums. **For all ages.** *6th arrondissement, 3 Quai Voltaire; 33 (0) 1-42-60-72-15.*

### Serendipity

Elisa de Bartilat and Laurence Simoncini founded Serendipity because they couldn't find the hip modern baby furniture they wanted

for their own kids. Favorites include fake-fur rugs, funky diaper bags, metallic beanbags and pillows embroidered with words like *love* and *baby*. **For children.** *6th arrondissement, 81-83 Rue du Cherche-Midi; 33 (0) 1-40-46-01-15.*

### Zef

Italian Mariu de Andreis's bright boutique exudes an air of innocence with its cheery space, its old-fashioned toys and its racks of traditional children's clothes with a bit of flair. **For children.** *6th arrondissement, 55 bis Rue des Sts.-Pères; 33 (0) 1-42-22-02-93.*

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Many more shopping recommendations can be found at [Indagare](#). Our travel experts can also arrange tours with personal shoppers who specialize in everything from vintage fashion to antiques.



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## Indagare Tip:

One of Paris's fabled covered shopping *galleries*, the **Passage Jouffroy**, about an eight-minute taxi ride from the Pompidou, has many old-fashioned gift and children's boutiques. **Pain d'Épices** (29 *Passage Jouffroy*) carries an incredible assortment of beautifully made dollhouse accessories—a sure hit with children.

## WHAT TO SEE & DO

Divided by the Seine and split into several unique neighborhoods, Paris is a walker's paradise, which is a blessing and a curse for travelers with children in tow. On one hand it's an easy city to explore on foot, with lots of gardens and parks throughout for breaks; on the other, smaller kids in particular will not be able to—or want to—keep up with an adult touring schedule. Dividing the city into doable chunks is key (see sidebar on Indagare's *Mapped Out: Paris* guides, p. 43).

Here are some of Indagare's favorite activities—from museums to sights, listed by location—that are fun for children and make for an active but nicely paced itinerary. *Many more suggestions can be found in Indagare's Paris: What to See & Do. Members can contact our Bookings Team for help crafting the perfect Paris itinerary: 212-988-2611.*

### Right Bank

#### **Garden:** Jardin des Tuileries

Laid out in the 17th century by André Le Nôtre, the Jardin des Tuileries is flanked by the Place de la Concorde and the Musée du Louvre. There are pony rides, a trampoline and the annual Fête des Tuileries (usually mid-June through mid-August), a fair with lots of rides, including a Ferris wheel. Art lovers should visit the Musée de l'Orangerie, where Monet's water-lily cycle is on display. **Nearby break:** Angelina (p. 38)

#### **Museum:** Musée du Louvre

The best way to tour the Louvre is with a guide who can help break down the overwhelming offerings (35,000 works of art and some 12 miles

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### Indagare Tip:

Buy **Pariscope**, a weekly magazine listing all cultural, sporting and outdoors events, and a **Plan de Paris** (sold at every newspaper stand) to navigate the city like a local. If you plan on using the **métro**, purchase a **carnet**, a booklet of ten tickets.





At the annual summer Fête des Tuileries

## destination report: where to see & do



### Paris Musings

The ghost of *Marcel Proust* is rumored to haunt the Jardins des Champs-Élysées.

of walkways) into manageable bits and bring the history of this former royal palace alive for kids. The second-best way is to devise your own treasure hunt highlighting some of the best-known works, including Leonardo's *Mona Lisa*, Veronese's massive *Wedding Feast at Cana*, the Winged Victory of Samothrace and Michelangelo's *Dying Slave* and *Captive Slave* sculptures. **Nearby break:** Café Marly (p. 39) or Les Fines Gueules brasserie (43 Rue Croix des Petits Champs). Rue du Rivoli; 33 (0) 1-40-20-53-17.

### On the Water: Paris by Boat

A cruise on the Seine is a delightful way to see the city with minimal effort. The well-known Bateaux Mouches ([www.bateaux-mouches.fr](http://www.bateaux-mouches.fr)) depart from Pont de l'Alma; Vedettes du Pont-Neuf ([www.vedettesdupontneuf.com](http://www.vedettesdupontneuf.com)), which use

smaller boats, departs from the tip of Île de la Cité near Pont Neuf.

### Museum: Musée Pompidou

Riding the escalator to the top floor of this Rogers-Piano-designed museum is always entertaining, as are the major modern-art exhibitions. Visit the museum's Galerie des Enfants, on the ground floor, for art-related games for children; on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, the museum holds special workshops for kids (they are conducted in French, but most focus on hands-on art projects and are easy to follow).

**Nearby break:** Dame Tartine (2 Rue Brisemichette) and Georges (p. 41) for lunch. Place Georges Pompidou; 33 (0) 1-44-78-12-33.

### Museum: Musée Carnavalet

Pick just a few highlights to show your kids from the fascinating collection of this museum of Parisian history, located in a 16th-century mansion. It includes everything from wooden punts used by the Parisii, the tribe that inhabited the islands in the Seine before the Romans arrived, to a re-creation of Marcel Proust's decidedly odd cork-lined bedroom. **Nearby break:** Carette tea salon (p. 39) or Café des Musées (p. 39). 23 Rue de Sévigné; 33 (0) 1-44-59-58-58.

### Museum: Musée de la Mode et du Textile

Fashion-interested teens will adore touring the extraordinary collections, which are arranged by theme and period, allowing visitors to pass through eras. Highlights include a magnificent history of textile innovations and haute couture by such designers as Paul Poiret and Elsa Schiaparelli. The museum is part of the Louvre complex, so a visit can be combined with other sightseeing. **Nearby break:** Angelina Tea Salon (p. 38) or Café Marly (p. 39). 107 Rue de Rivoli; (33 1) 44-55-57-50.



# Child Friendly Reading List

"Here is what Eloise does in Paris: everything. The effect is rawther extraordinaire. If you come to Paris with Eloise, you will always be glad you did." ~Eloise in Paris



## PICTURE BOOKS

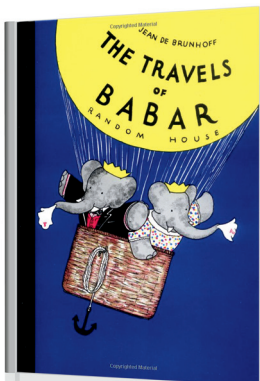
**Madeline series, Ludwig Bemelmans, 1984**  
These charmingly illustrated books are a great way to get children excited about going to Paris.

**This Is Paris, Miroslav Sasek, 1959**  
This illustrated tour was reissued a few years ago, and it's a wonderful introduction for young readers to the city, its residents and its monuments.

**Chasing Degas, Eva Montanari, 2009**  
This is the story of a young ballerina who mistakenly swaps satchels with painter Edgar Degas, leading to an imaginative and colorful introduction to the work of the French Impressionists.

**Paris in the Spring with Picasso, Joan Yolleck, 2010**  
Descriptions of Gertrude Stein's circle of friends will make kids feel as though they have been invited to one of the author's inspiring get-togethers.

**Babar series, Jean de Brunhoff and Laurent de Brunhoff, 1930s-present**  
Follow the king of elephants as he discovers his world of Paris and beyond.



**Eloise in Paris, Kay Thompson and Hilary Knight, 1999**  
Our favorite mischievous young New Yorker visits the City of Light with Nanny and Skipperdee, wreaking havoc along the way.

## CHILDREN'S BOOKS

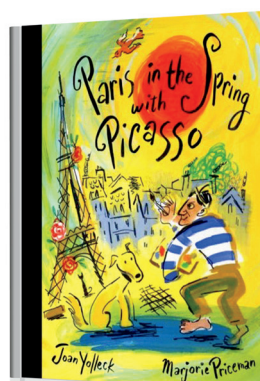
**Nicholas, René Goscinny and Jean-Jacques Sempé, 1959**  
A series of illustrated chapter books about the misadventures of a French school boy.

## CLASSICS

**The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Victor Hugo**  
A Hugo classic, this novel is a fascinating look at the fabled church and life in 15th-century Paris.

**A Moveable Feast, Ernest Hemingway**  
Hemingway's love letter to the city and his years as an ex-pat in the 1920s, alongside such notable figures as F. Scott Fitzgerald, James Joyce and Gertrude Stein.

**A Tale of Two Cities, Charles Dickens**  
The Dickens classic surveys the period from the outbreak of the French Revolution to the dramatic storming of the Bastille.



**Paris in the Twentieth Century, Jules Verne**  
Written in the late 19th century, Verne's famous "lost novel," which tells a futuristic tale of Paris in the 1960s, was not rediscovered and published until 1994.

**Paris to the Moon, Adam Gopnik, 2001**  
A modern-day classic by *New Yorker* staff writer Adam Gopnik, who lived in Paris with his wife and son, this is hands-down one of the best books about Paris's loveliest corners, including the Jardin du Luxembourg and taxidermy shop Deyrolle. *Read an interview with Gopnik on page 58.*



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**Paris Musings**  
The Place des Vosges held  
jousting tournaments and  
duels in the 18th century

### Walk: 18th arrondissement (Montmartre)

The bohemian neighborhood around Basilique du Sacré-Coeur is like a microcosm of Paris. Start on the early side to beat the crowds around the basilica. Once you're walking through the backstreets, it's easy to escape the throngs. Take the *métro* (line number 2) to Anvers, and take the funicular up to Sacré-Coeur. Walk around the soaring white basilica, and make your way to Place de Tertre, where aspiring artists set up their easels (yes, it's touristy but kids will enjoy the colorful scene). Snake your way toward Rue Lepic, and head down the hill. You will pass Moulin de la Galette, the dance hall depicted in paintings by Renoir, Van Gogh and Toulouse-Lautrec.

Continue down Rue Lepic and have a coffee at Les Deux Moulins (#15), the café made famous in the film *Amélie*—it's a bit touristy but still a fun place to get a hot chocolate or tea. Backtrack up the street and turn right into Rue des Abbesses, walking on until you reach Antoine e Lili (90 Rue des Martyrs), a charming boutique for fashion and gifts (p. 45). Continue into Rue d'Orsel, then make your way back down to Boulevard du Rouchouart and Anvers *métro* station.

### Left Bank

#### Sight: Tour Eiffel

Arguably the best view of the Tour Eiffel is from the Champ de Mars after 8 P.M., when the iconic structure begins sparkling for five minutes every hour (the robe of 20,000 lights was added in 1999). But it's also fun climbing the cast-iron structure. You can prepurchase tickets online ([ticket.toureiffel.fr](http://ticket.toureiffel.fr)). The Web site is in French, but it is straightforward enough, and you can print tickets at home or download them to your PDA. For a memorable splurge, book a table at Le Jules Verne (p. 43), on the second level.

**Nearby break:** Les Cocottes (p. 43) and La Fontaine du Mars (129 Rue Saint-Dominique). *Champs de Mars*.

#### Garden: Jardin du Luxembourg

Even more than the Jardin des Tuileries, this park is truly a children's paradise. The plantings change seasonally, and the park is brilliantly designed to offer a variety of activities. Sit beside the main fountain for people watching, and send a rented wooden sailboat across the calm waters with your children. The Luxembourg also offers pony rides, puppet shows for children, even beekeeping courses. **Nearby break:**



### Indagare Tip:

Everyone heads to **Versailles** (for a great meal en route stop in Les Etangs de Corot). Two lesser-known gems in central Paris are **Château Malmaison**, the former home of Joséphine Bonaparte, and **Hôtel de Sully**, in the Marais. Impressive **Fontainbleu** and **Vaux le Vicomte** (left) are both thirty-four miles outside the city.



A view of Notre-Dame

Pierre Hermé pâtisserie (p. 41) or Le Rostand (6 Place Edmond Rostand).

### **Walk: 6th arrondissement**

This walk encompasses the *real* Left Bank. Start at the corner of the Rue du Bac and Quai Voltaire, and head south on the Rue du Bac. Continue until you reach **Le Bon Marché** (p. 47), then go up Rue St.-Placide until you get to the Rue du Cherche-Midi. If you want a timeout, stop at **Le Nemrod Café** (51 Rue du Cherche-Midi), then turn left on the Rue du Cherche-Midi.

Continue across Boulevard Raspail, and follow it until it becomes the old Rue du Dragon, which ends at Boulevard St.-Germain. Turn right, and perhaps enjoy a coffee at the **Café de Flore** (p. 39). Turn left upon leaving the café and head down Boulevard St.-Germain until you reach the heart of St.-Germain-des-Prés and Rue Bonaparte. Turn left on Rue Bonaparte, stopping at **Pierre Hermé** (p. 41), then follow Rue Bonaparte to the Seine, where this walk ends.

## The Islands

### **Sight: Sainte Chapelle**

Tucked away on the Île de la Cité, this 13th-century chapel rarely attracts the crowds that at other churches do, and the massive stained-glass windows depicting scenes from both the Old and New Testaments are remarkable.

**Nearby break:** Berthillon ice cream (p. 41).  
4 Boulevard du Palais.

### **Sight: Notre Dame**

Head to Notre Dame early to beat the crowds that normally flock to this famous cathedral, one of the world's most profoundly moving, which was commissioned in 1160 by Bishop Maurice de Sully. Is climbing the 422 steps in the north tower worth waiting on the long lines? Yes, for the views and for coming face-to-face with the church's enormous bells en route. Also look out for the assortment of gargoyles, some skinny with shoulders hunched, others chomping on grapes and chicken. **Nearby break:** Berthillon ice cream (p. 41). *Place du Parvis de Notre Dame.*

# Insider Access with Indagare

**Indagare's Bookings Team** can help plan your whole trip. For members, there is no bookings fee. Here are some of the special activities we can arrange in Paris.



**M**any of Paris's attractions that delight children the most are widely accessible: the boats in the Jardin du Luxembourg; the trampoline in the Tuileries; the sandboxes on the Place des Vosges. But although the City of Light isn't tricky to navigate, unlike, say, Istanbul or Marrakech, many activities are still best toured with an insider. Says Indagare's Henley Vazquez: "No matter how savvy a traveler you are, you'll get so much more from a destination with a fantastic guide."

Indagare's favorite travel experts and guides can help arrange unique tours focused on everything from history and art to fashion and food. Here are some of the special programs we have pulled together for members in the past and tips we gathered from specialists along the way.

## History Lessons

While the Musée Carnavalet offers a fabulous overview of **Parisian history**, nothing beats touring with a guide who can answer questions and make the stories come to life, especially for kids. One of our favorite guide companies spe-

cializes in walking tours that incorporate history and the city's famously beautiful **architecture**. Imagine if the buildings could talk, the stories they would tell—this is what the interactive tour, which includes stops at Victor Hugo's home, the Hôtel de Sully and remnants of the city's medieval wall, is all about.

## Art Behind the Scenes

Getting kids interested in Paris's incredible museums is easier than you might think with interactive touring. This might entail a scavenger hunt through the **Louvre**, chasing after the collection's most famous works or its more hidden gems (harder to find!). In the **Pompidou**, kids can be part of interactive workshops at the Atelier des Enfants. Older kids will love finding the best-known Impressionist works in the **Musée d'Orsay** or getting an insider fashion tour at the **Musée de la Mode**.

## Culinary Paris

A great way to get kids engaged in a culture is through its culinary offerings. Indagare can



organize a host of culinary tours, including chocolate walks, **pastry-making** workshops and **cooking classes**. A popular tour starts at one of the city's amazing markets, where kids are handed a list of ingredients (in English and French, *bien sûr*) and asked to hunt for the seasonal bounty (which will later be turned into lunch for the family).

### **Fashionable Paris**

Tweens and teens will want to explore Paris's fashionable side, especially the cool boutiques in the Haut Marais, around Rue Étienne Marcel and on the Left Bank. Paris is one of the world's **fashion** capitals, but getting good deals and turning up finds require a bit of digging and insider savvy. Indagare's favorite personal shopper can organize tours around **vintage fashion, shoes, French designers**—even **chic bébé**.

### **Beating the Lines**

A good guide company can help you skip lines at many of the major museums and monuments. Even if that's not possible, it can make the wait

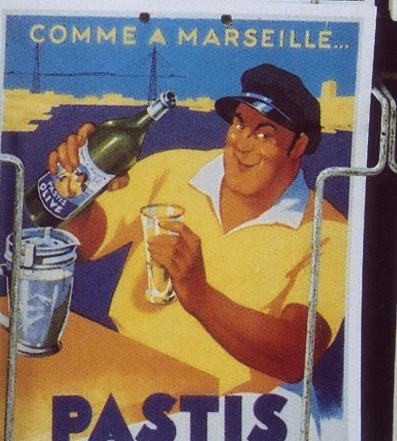
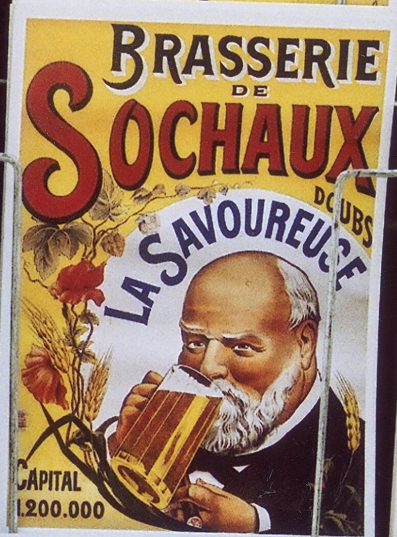
more enjoyable. For instance, Paris's famous **catacombs** don't offer special access (you cannot book in advance or skip the lines, no matter who you are). However, Indagare's favorite guide recently took a family of members and let them enjoy breakfast at a nearby café while he waited in line. They joined him after breakfast when the site opened.

### **Out of Town**

A great way to balance a sightseeing-heavy itinerary is to get out of the city for a day trip. Another Indagare-preferred tour specialist organizes fabulous bike tours through Paris and, even better, out to **Versailles**. The château is surrounded by an enormous garden-park, and with bikes visitors are able to see a lot of it while avoiding crowds. Lunch is a picnic, sourced at the local market, in the château's garden, a serene place in the impressive setting.

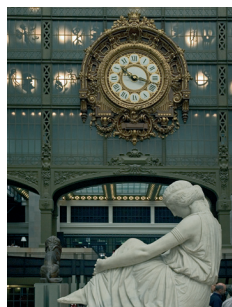
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# Paris Puzzle

Put the first letter of each answer in the blanks below to get a French sentence.



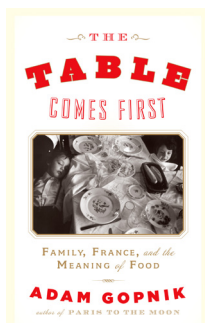
- \_\_\_ The first name of the French author most renowned for his science-fiction writing. Also the first name of Alain Ducasse's restaurant (p. 43) atop of the Tour Eiffel.
- \_\_\_ The word for Paris's districts. See p. 45 for a great way to explore them (and explaining the way they work to kids).
- \_\_\_ It is where Berthillon (p. 41) is located and has some of the city's most beautiful quays for strolling. Tip: Its restaurant La Crêperie is a good spot for a quick lunch.
- \_\_\_ There's one at Hôtel de Ville, in the Tuileries, and the one in the Jardin du Luxembourg (p. 52) was designed by Charles Garnier (architect of the Paris Opéra). We're looking for the English word.
- \_\_\_ The first name of the artist who famously painted ballerinas and horse races and whose most important works are on view at the Musée d'Orsay, the fabulous museum housed in a former train station.
- \_\_\_ The artist Daniel Buren outfitted parts of this unique square with 260 black-and-white columns (forming a maze beloved by children). Its arcades are shopping troves.
- \_\_\_ This Paris bridge, one of 36, serves as a measuring instrument for water levels, thanks to the statue of a soldier at its base. Other famous Paris bridges include Neuf, Arts and Alexandre III.
- \_\_\_ The French phrase for Left Bank. Take a Bateaux Mouche (p. 50) at night to see why Paris is also known as the City of Light.
- \_\_\_ The name of the travel company that can create special itineraries, recommend the best hotels and help you make memorable journeys. Tip: Paris is one of its all-time favorite and best-known destinations.
- \_\_\_ The name of this French dish, which can be served as an entrée or dessert, means "to blow" or "to puff." A great rendition is served at La Cigale Récamier (p. 41).

ANSWER KEY: \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: 1. Jules Verne. 2. Arrondissement. 3. Île St. Louis. 4. Merry-Go-Round. 5. Edgar Degas. 6. Palais Royal. 7. Alma. 8. Rive Gauche. 9. Indagare. 10. Soufflé.

## Q&A with Adam Gopnik

The award-winning author and *New Yorker* writer talks about his newest book, *The Table Comes First*, about dining traditions and about hypermnesia in Paris.



### How long has *The Table Comes First* been in the works?

In one way, for 25 years, because I started writing about food when I started at the *New Yorker*, in 1986. The idea of actually doing a book using this material came to me two years ago. I was thinking about what book I really wanted to write, something I really thought about all the time. And food was what I kept coming back to.

### You wrote memorably about living in Paris. How do you experience it when you return?

It's a complicated experience now, because our love of Paris as a place is loaded with nostalgia for the children's childhoods, because that was where our kids, Luke especially, grew up. He's a wonderful seventeen-year-old now who plays the electric guitar, but we still see the four-year-old playing in the Luxembourg Gardens. There are so many places in Paris filled with—I think the word is *hypermnesia*—too much memory. The first thing the kids like to do when we arrive in Paris off an overnight flight is get a really good omelet in a French café and a Nutella crêpe around Place St.-Germain-des-Près.

### If you could keep three restaurants open forever in Paris, which ones would they be?

Stipulating that we could keep them all at a top level of excellence: Le Grand Véfour, the oldest

of my three picks, has a wonderful chef, and the most beautiful room. The Brasserie de L'Île, on Île St.-Louis, is a simple place with a great spirit. And Balzar has had a change in owners but seems to have settled in well now. Those aren't necessarily the first places where I would go to eat, but I would be brokenhearted if any of them vanished from the world.

### What's your family's favorite holiday tradition or dining ritual?

My wife might be the only person I know who genuinely loves roast turkey, so I do a big brined turkey for Thanksgiving and Christmas. I like to do a very American Thanksgiving, with Brussels sprouts, sweet potatoes and pecan, dried-cherry, cornbread and sausage stuffing. My children tease me, saying that anything we do twice is a tradition for me, but we really do have a Thanksgiving tradition. We get the turkey from the wonderful butchers in the Grand Central market and take it home on the subway. Some people hang meat in a smokehouse to give it a special taste. Ours is smoked-in-the-subway turkey.

### Besides your family, who would be some of your ideal dining companions?

Oscar Wilde, Samuel Johnson, Kenneth Tynan and Orson Welles. But it would be a horrible mess, because you can only have one dominant talker at any dinner party, as I have learned from experience. You can get away with two if they complement each other in some way. So there would be some utter awkwardness and mutual resentment, but I would like to see them all together, because they're great wits and great writers and all loved good food.

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Read the complete interview with Gopnik, as well many more Paris insiders, at [Indagare](#). Members who need help with their next trip, can contact our team; non-members can read more about the benefits of joining.

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*~ M.F.K. Fisher*