

TRAVEL TALES

HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE JEWISH TRAVELLER

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PARIS, FRANCE: In our last column we told you about where to stay and dine in Paris (<http://en.parisinfo.com/discovering-paris>), the capital of France with a large Jewish community of 350,000 people. If you are looking at a trip for next summer, start planning now. Here are some recommendations for your itinerary.

BATEAUX MOUCHES: The Bateaux-Mouches (<http://www.bateaux-mouches.fr/en>) offer daily departures throughout the day and in the evening. You can choose the dinner or simple tour options. The experience allows you to discover all of the magic of the banks of the River

Seine, which are enhanced, in no particular order, by the most prestigious monuments which have marked history.

BIG BUS TOUR: In the first day or two of your trip be sure to get tickets for the famous hop-on, hop-off bus tours (<http://eng.bigbustours.com/paris/home.html>). This allows you to explore the city's top tourist attractions at your own pace. Throughout the ticket validity period, you can hop-on and off the buses at any of the Big Bus stops.

NOTRE DAME: Notre-Dame de Paris (<http://www.notredamedeparis.fr/-English>), a masterpiece of faith, art and

and history, is the cathedral of the Catholic archdiocese of Paris. Access is free of charge every day of the year, during the opening hours.

ARC DE TRIOMPHE: Located at one end of Paris's most famous avenue, the Champs Elysees, the Arc de Triomphe Paris (<http://www.arcdetriompheparis.com>) triumphal arch is older than the Eiffel Tower, but is somewhat new in the tradition of building arches to celebrate victories. The Centre des monuments nationaux has almost 100 historical monuments all over France open to the public. Readers can log on to www.tourisme.monuments-nationaux.fr/en for full details.

THE WORLD FAMOUS OPERA HOUSE: The Palais Garnier (<http://visitepalaisgarnier.fr>), a magnificent 1,979-seat opera house, was built from 1861 to 1875 for the Paris Opera. The cost is 10 and six euros for adults and children/students respectively. You can also rent an audio guide, which comes on an Ipad and is good for two people. We were mesmerized by what we saw.

THE MUSEE D'ORSAY: Internationally renowned for its rich collection of impressionist art, the Musée d'Orsay (<http://www.musee-orsay.fr>) also displays all western artistic creations between 1848 and

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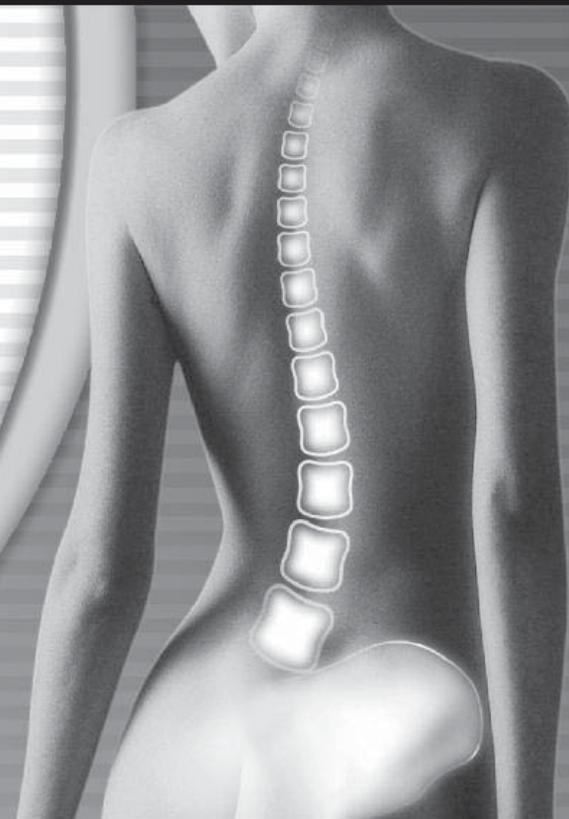
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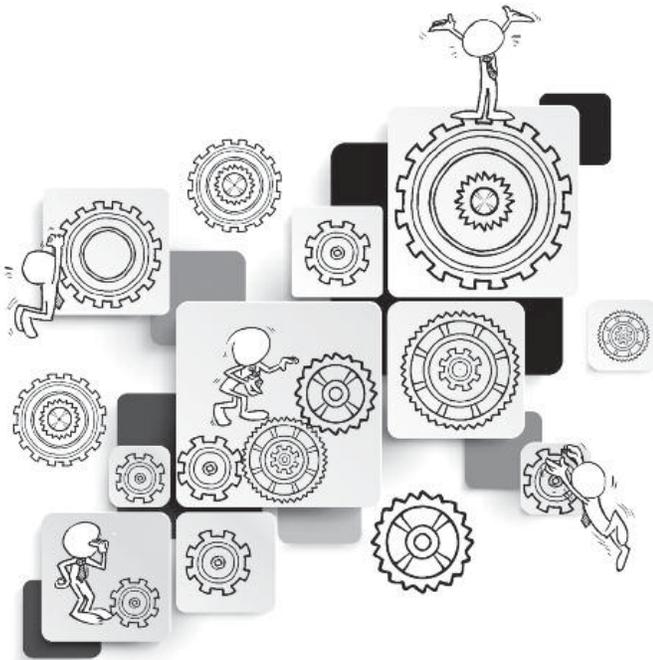


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1914. Its collections represent all expressive forms, from painting to architecture, not forgetting sculpting, decorative arts and photography. You're sure to be dazzled by the beauty of what you will see.

MOULIN ROUGE: The Moulin Rouge (www.moulinrouge.fr) is quite simply the most famous cabaret in the world! Located in the Monmartre District, there are dinner and show options. You will be entertained by a troupe of 80 artists, including 60 Doriss Girls recruited world-wide; a male and female acrobatic team; and a ventriloquist. This revue, called "Féerie," is performed twice a night.

LIVE MUSICAL THEATRE: I strongly recommend an evening at the Mogador Theatre (<http://www.stageentertainment.fr/theatre-mogador>). Founded in 1913, the Mogador is a performance venue of 1800 seats located a few steps from Paris's department stores and Palais Garnier Opera House. Since 2005, the venue has been run by the Stage Entertainment group and the eclectic program favours musicals: The Lion King (1,300,000 spectators), Mamma Mia! (2011 and 2012), Sister Act (2013) and most recently the French version of Beauty and the Beast (La Belle et La Bête).

THE ORIGINAL GRÉVIN: While there has been a Grévin Museum (www.grevin.com) at Montreal's Eaton Centre since April 2013, the one in Monmartre is the original. In fact, only one other exists in the world – in Prague, Czech Republic. This is a fabulous wax museum, with a specific French feel in terms of many of the actors and historical figures featured.

JEWISH MUSEUM: Located in the Marais dis-

trict, in one of the most beautiful mansions in Paris, the Musée d'art et d'histoire du Judaïsme (www.mahj.org) retraces the historical evolution of the Jewish community through their cultural heritage and traditions. It is specifically dedicated to the history of the Jews of France, while at the same time presenting the European and North African communities, which have shaped present day Jewish life in the country. As well as cultural art pieces, textiles and manuscripts, the museum showcases unique documents on intellectual movements, art and history, including the archives of the Dreyfus affair.

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