

Some less obvious tourist attractions in Paris

- Cour St. Emilion: a restored wine market now filled with restaurants and shops.
- Parc Bercy: nice large designed park with bridges and picnic niche. Includes the Cinémathèque.
- Promenade Plantée: a walk of 4.7 km in 12th arrondissement, between Opéra Bastille and the Boulevard Périphérique along a former railway line. Goes over the Viaduc des Arts, with nice designer shops.
- Arenes de Lutèce (Roman ruin, 5th arrondissement)
- Archeological diggings under Notre Dame
- Summer festival: <http://www.quartierdete.com>
- Canal St. Martin. Nice by foot/bicycle/boat. Between République and La Villette. Working canal locks!
- Covered passages. Beautiful 19th century equivalent of malls. 10-12 & 11 Boulevard Montmartre, 4 & 40 rue des Petits-Champs, 145 rue St Denis, 9 place de la Madeleine, 6 rue de la Grande-Batelière, 46 rue du Faubourg St Denis, 5 boulevard des Italiens, 19 rue J-J Rousseau, 4 rue Vivienne, 2 place du Caire.
- boat from Bastille to La Villette, partly under Paris.
- Cite des Sciences, La Villette, special space for children on reservation, surrounded by big park with play areas and near Cite de la Musique (music museum). Outdoor films in the summer.
- Palais de la Decouverte – very grand building, near Grand Palais, spectacular science demonstrations
- Other science museums: CNAM (technology: old instruments, e.g. astronomical, attractive)
- Paris Miniature. France-themed park south of Paris. A bit hard to get to, but a lot easier than visiting all of France. Models of all the chateaux, rivers, trains going all around, Alps, harbors with boats.
- Val de Grace (near RER stop Port Royal).
- Big photographs on north fence of Jardin du Luxembourg.
- Paris Plage: pretend-beach on the Seine, mid-July to mid-August.
- La Conciergerie.
- Musée Marmottant. Impressionists (including some famous paintings by Monet) without long wait.
- Fondation Louis Vuitton art museum
- Basilique St. Denis, where kings of France are buried. Nearby is an archeological site, and there is a lecturer in English in the church.
- Musée Zadkine, 100 bus rue d'Assas, Port Royal RER little tiny museum
- Top of Tour Montparnasse offers slightly better view than top of Tour Eiffel. Fancy restaurant costs only 37 euros for Saturday lunch.
- Jardin de l'Atlantique. Park on top of Gare Montparnasse. Fountains to play in and tennis courts.
- Catacombs ● Dali museum at Montmartre.
- St.-Germain-en-Laye. Via RER A, nice town with castle.
- Aquaboulevard: big waterpark near metro Balard, with waves, hot tub, slides. Can be very crowded.
- Batobus: Boat along the Seine. Get a ticket for one or more days and get on/off when/where you want.

A bit further:

- Van Gogh sites at Auvers, from Gare Saint Lazare.
- Chateau at Amboise (where Leonardo da Vinci spent two years) and/or Chateau at Blois (magic museum and show). Both about two hours away by train.