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“Since moving to Paris, I’ve discovered San Francisco-to-Paris transplant Lili Weigert guides us to

RIT'S EASY TO FALL IN LOVE with Paris. I moved here from San Francisco (remember my earthquake cottage from the premier issue) and it didn't take me long. Eventually I gravitated to what became my favorite neighborhood: Marais, where, I discovered the relaxed style of my former cottage in the colorful windows and on the beautifully stocked shelves. This romantic neighborhood of narrow cobblestone streets, Medieval homes, elegant boutiques, and lively outdoor cafés overflows with fun cottage shops. They're more fresh and urban than old and country.

Reserve a day for cottage shopping. There are great deals on Paris if you know where to look (see “Get There,” page 81). Whether you carry your purchases back with you or have them shipped (most Parisian shops make it easy) you'll find some exquisite pieces. Follow my guide through the Marais, and when your day of shopping is done, you'll feel right at home in my adopted neighborhood.

Your day begins in the third *arrondissement* (or ward—Paris has 20) when you emerge from the Métro at St. Paul (line 1) or Chemin Vert (line 8). Head straight to Café Hugo on the Place des Vosges. Sit out under the arcade and have breakfast overlooking the most beautiful square in Paris.

Start shopping at **BENSIMON COLLECTION**. This large, bright store has a cozy bedroom set up in a whitewashed cavern downstairs. Vibrant pillows and bedding line the walls, quirky lamps perch on shelves, and colorful rugs cover the floors.

Continue several blocks down the rue des Francs Bourgeois to **LES 2 MILLE FEUILLES**. This charming boutique feels like a country cottage. Multicolored fabric fills the rooms, covering >



LIL'S FAVORITE SHOPS

- Bensimon Collection**, 8 rue des Francs Bourgeois; 011-33-1-42-77-06-08
- Les 2 Mille Feuilles**, 59 rue des Francs Bourgeois; 011-33-1-44-54-89-15
- Les Mille Feuilles**, 2 rue Rambuteau; 011-33-1-42-78-32-93
- L'Argenterie**, 19 rue de Turenne; 011-33-1-01-42-72-04-00
- Carrelages du Marais**, 46 rue Vieille du Temple; 011-33-1-42-78-17-43
- Côté Marina**, 75 rue Vieille du Temple; 011-33-1-48-87-71-60
- Obetti**, 77 rue Vieille du Temple; 011-33-1-42-71-48-60
- Repérages Maison**, 5 rue des Blancs-Monteaux; 011-33-1-42-77-61-50
- Mariage Frères**, 30 rue du Bourg Tibourg; 011-33-1-42-72-28-11
- Buzz**, 8 rue du Trésor; 011-33-1-44-54-80-26

a hotbed for cottage style

shops where lovers of all things cottage feel right at home



CAFÉ HUGO



BUZZ

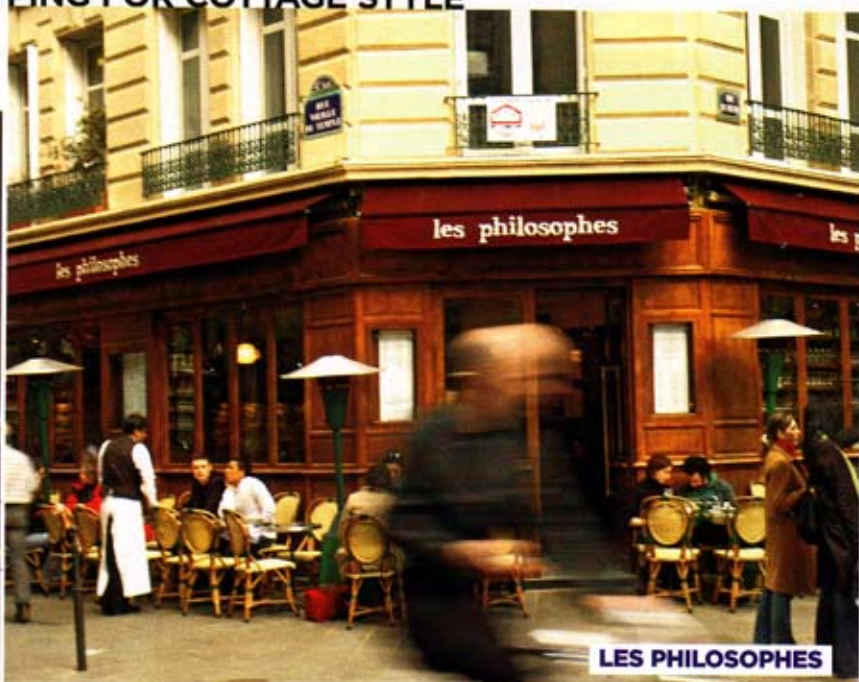


LES 2 MILLE FEUILLES

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LE LOIR DANS LA THÉIÈRE



LES PHILOSOPHES



CARRELAGES DU MARAIS

"Your inspiration will come from effortlessly chic French design, and the ideas and pieces you bring home will always remind you of France."

furniture and walls. Bolts are cut to order on a large wooden table.

Nearby, at the corner of rue Rambuteau and rue des Archives you'll find this shop's sister store, **LES MILLE FEUILLES**, spanning the rounded corner of a 19th-century mansion. The fragrance of fresh-cut flowers wafts through crystal chandeliers and glass vases, while ceramics displayed along rustic wooden shelves tempt the senses of sight and touch.

For a traditional French bistro lunch, make your way back to Place du Marché Ste. Catherine, a beautiful square surrounding tall elm trees. You can dine outside at **AU BISTROT DE LA PLACE**.

Your next stop is **L'ARGENTERIE**. Antique silverware, trays, tea sets, and serving dishes cram the small store. The owner, J.P. de Castro, buys from hotels, estate sales, and auctions all over France. Ask for a Poinçons guide that traces each piece of silver's stamp back to 1798 and a two-page handout on the proper way to dine. "Silverware will always be the most beautiful ornament of the table," it begins.

Next, **CARRELAGES DU MARAIS** offers great ideas for your kitchen and baths. The beautiful tiles here recall 17th-century country villas.

Continue north on rue Vieille du Temple to **CÔTÉ MARINA** and **OBEITI**. These are both cozy, intimate shops with things that are easy to take home—pretty ceramics, colored glass bottles, napkins and tablecloths, and bath accessories.

Around the corner you'll find **REPÉRAGES MAISON**, a cottage shop with a slight Asian influence. Glassware and ceramics, vases, and pillows in

earth tones are displayed on dark wood shelves over bamboo mats.

For hot tea and something sweet, head over to **LE LOIR DANS LA THÉIÈRE**. A wooden hutch in this lively, bohemian restaurant displays picture-perfect tarts, pies, and pastries. The back room is nonsmoking—a trend you'll notice more and more in Paris. Once you've had a cup of tea, you may want to buy some loose tea to take home. Make your way to the northern end of the tiny rue du Bourg Tibourg. Enter the elegant, world-famous tea shop **MARIAGE FRÈRES**. Peek into the café with Provence-yellow walls and sunlight pouring in through an immense antique skylight.

Next stop is **BUZZ**, on a dead-end pedestrian alley off rue Vieille du Temple. Buzz regularly shows classic cottage objects: locally crafted art, furniture, fabrics, and accessories. Everything is displayed against a whitewashed backdrop with original beams and arches.

An unforgettable spot for dinner is **LE DÔME DU MARAIS**. Originally a large pawnshop dating back to 1777, it was turned into a restaurant in 1981. Reserve a table in the domed dining hall where auctions once took place. For after-dinner drinks, head back to where rue Vieille du Temple intersects with rue du Trésor and get a table, preferably outside, at **LES PHILOSOPHES**. The old-school French bar/bistro is a popular staple of the Marais and a great spot to end your day with some people-watching and relaxing—just one more thing the French seem to have perfected, effortlessly. >

TOP 10 WAYS TO GET FRENCH STYLE (IN THE MARAIS)

- BEST TARTARE:** **Ma Bourgogne**, 19 Place des Vosges; 011-33-1-42-72-38-98
 - BEST PLACE TO SIT ON THE GRASS:** Place des Vosges
 - BEST ICE CREAM:** **Berthillon** (so French, they close in August), 31 rue St. Louis en l'Île
 - BEST WINE SHOP:** **Les Caves du Marais**, 64 rue François Miron
 - BEST PLACE TO HEAR JAZZ:** **Les Septs Lézards**, 10 rue des Rosiers
- ### (IN PARIS)
- BEST RESALE:** **hercheminippes**, which occupies a bunch of shops for different categories—toys, women's clothing, household items—all on rue du Cherche-midi, numbers 12, 109, 110, 111, and 124.
 - BEST GALLERIES FOR EMERGING ARTISTS:** **rue Louise Weiss** (Métro Chevaleret)
 - MOST ROMANTIC BRIDGE:** **Pont Neuf**
 - BEST DIVE BAR:** **Le Zorba**, 137 rue du Fbg-du-Temple (Métro Belleville); 011-33-1-42-39-68-68
 - PRETTIEST DEPARTMENT STORE (for home decor):** **Galeries Lafayette Maison**, 35 bd. Haussmann; 011-33-1-42-82-34-56

GREAT EATS (for pricing key, see p. 81)

- **BEST BREAKFAST (\$)**
Café Hugo, 22 Place des Vosges; 011-33-1-42-72-64-04
- **CLASSIC BISTRO (\$\$)**
Au Bistrot de la Place, 2 Place du Marché Ste. Catherine; 011-33-1-42-78-21-32
- **WARM AND RELAXED (\$)** **Le Loir dans la Théière**, 3 rue des Rosiers; 011-33-1-42-78-21-32
- **LEAVE THE KIDS AT HOME (\$\$\$)**
Le Dôme du Marais, 53 bis rue des Francs Bourgeois; 011-33-1-42-74-54-17
- **TAKE IN THE SCENE (\$\$)**
Les Philosophes, 28 rue du Vieille du Temple; 011-33-1-48-87-49-64

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GET THERE

■ AIRLINE INFO

For a price chart of flights departing from major U.S. cities to European airports, including Charles de Gaulle in Paris, try 1800flyeurope.com.

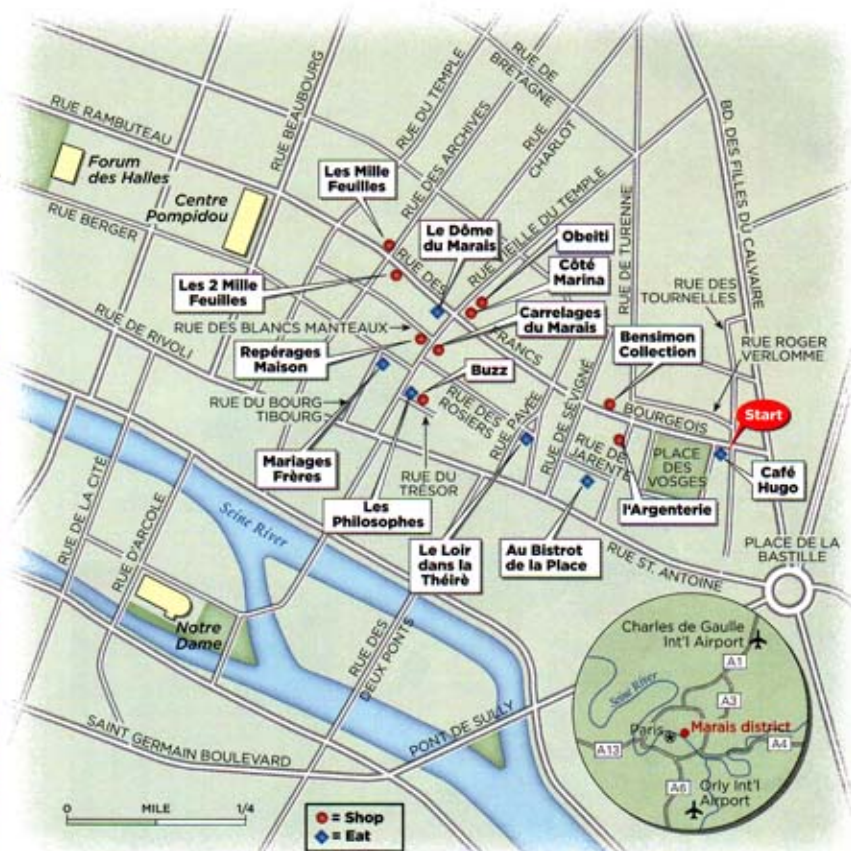
■ **LODGING:** Click on eurocheapo.com; the site ranks hotels by neighborhood and price.

GET AROUND

■ **THE MÉTRO** is the cheapest and easiest way to get around. You can buy a carnet (10 tickets, 10.70€) or a hebdomadaire (unlimited rides for one week, 15.70€). Taxis are hard to hail at night, and they can be expensive because the meter starts as soon as staffers take your call.

■ **GET FUNDS** (Call your bank for current rates.)

■ **EUROS TO DOLLARS** (1€ = \$1.29)



PACK YOUR BAGS

“These are cozy, intimate shops with things that are easy to take home”

SLEEP

■ **CHARACTER AND CHARM: \$-\$\$**
HÔTEL LES DEGRÉS DE NOTRE DAME, 10 rue des Grands-Degrés, Fifth arrondissement; 011-33-1-55-42-88-88 or lesdegreshotel.com (Métro: St-Michel or Maubert-Mutualité). Across the river from Notre Dame, this vintage hotel is a gem. Its 10 rooms feature original paintings, antique furniture, and exposed wooden beams (Rooms 47 and 501 have views of the cathedral). They also have an adorable restaurant and, a few streets away, two studio apartments where you can live just as Parisians do.

■ **HISTORY AND CONVENIENCE: \$\$**
HÔTEL SAINTONGE MARAIS, 16 rue de Saintonge, Third arrondissement; 011-33-1-42-77-91-13 (Métro: Filles-du-Calvaire). Hotel services: Concierge. Nonsmoking rooms. Room service. TV.

■ **ISLAND IN THE SEINE: \$\$-\$\$\$\$**
HÔTEL DU JEU DE PAUME, 54 rue Ste.-Louis-en-l'Île; 011-33-1-4326-1418 or jeudepaume.com (Métro: Pont Marie). Just a 10-minute walk from the Marais via the Pont Marie Bridge, you'll find this small hotel gem on Ile St. Louis that maintains a center-of-it-all feel combined with an island's sense of retreat.

■ **HIGH DESIGN IN THE MARAIS: \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$**
VILLA MALRAUX, 6 rue des Archives; 011-33-1-53-01-90-90 or villamalraux.com (Métro: Hôtel de Ville). Clean, stark rooms with bold, contrasting colors, flat-screen televisions, and Internet access make the Malraux a popular, accessible option in the Marais.



EAT

■ **PERFECT FOR A WARM DAY (\$)**
CHEZ JANOU, 2 rue Roger-Verlomme; 011-33-1-42-72-28-41

■ **UPSCALE JEWISH DELI (\$\$)**

CHEZ MARIANNE, 2 rue des Hospitalières St. Gervais; 011-33-1-42-72-18-86

■ **AUTHENTIC AND UNPRETENTIOUS (\$)**
GOLDENBERG, 7 rue des Rosiers; 011-33-1-48-87-20-16

■ **COZY AND ROMANTIC (\$\$)**
LE DOS DE LA BALEINE, 40 rue des Blancs Manteaux; 011-33-1-42-72-38-98

■ **RELAXED BISTRO (\$\$)**
LE MARCHÉ, 2 Place du Marché Ste. Catherine; 011-33-1-42-77-34-88

■ **GREAT COCKTAILS (\$)**
LE ZORBA, 137 rue du Fbg-du-Temple (Métro Belleville) 75010, 011-33-1-42-39-68-68

READ UP ■ RESTAURANT GUIDE:

LE PUDLO FRANCE 2005 by Gilles Pudlowski—Must-have for foodies; bookstores nationwide

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- TROUVEONLINE.COM
- MAISOUI.NET
- GREATSTUFFBYPAUL.COM
- WISTERIA.COM

EXPLORE THE MARAIS

- **THE OLDEST HOUSE IN PARIS (1407)**, 51 rue de Montmorency
- **MUSÉE PICASSO**, 5 rue de Thorigny
- **MAISON EUROPÉENNE DE LA PHOTOGRAPHIE**, 5-7 rue de Fourcy
- **LES ENFANTS ROUGES (OUTDOOR FOOD MARKET)**, 39 rue de Bretagne
- **VICTOR HUGO'S HOUSE**, 6 Hôtel de Rohan-Guéméné, Place des Vosges

FIND PARIS STYLE IN THE USA

Our resident French shopping guru, style editor Heather Chaddock, reveals her 10 favorite places to find French cottage style, without the jet lag.

1. **FRENCH GENERAL**, 323/462-0818 or frenchgeneral.com
2. **HOMESTEAD STORES**, 830/997-5551 or homesteadstores.com
3. **ANTHROPOLOGIE**, 800/309-2500 or anthropologie.com
4. **BOUNTIFUL**, 310/450-3620
5. **JOHN DERIAN**, 212/677-3917 or johnderian.com
6. **UNCOMMON MARKET**, 214/871-2775
7. **BASIC FRENCH**, 845/758-0399 or basicfrenchonline.com
8. **THE BUTLER AND THE CHEF**, 415/626-9600
9. **SOUTH OF MARKET**, 843/723-1114 or southofmarket.biz
10. **FARMER'S WIFE**, 336/274-7920

Sleep prices reflect lowest standard rate per night: \$: Under \$100 \$\$: \$100-\$150 \$\$\$: \$150+

Eat prices reflect entrée costs: \$: Under \$10 \$\$: \$10-\$20 \$\$\$: \$20+ B: Breakfast L: Lunch D: Dinner