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Tour #4



From the conference venue (marked by a red pin) follow on this map the black dots; the walk will end at the RER station *Musée d'Orsay* (line C).

You will discover the artistic Left Bank, incl. a lot of art galleries *rue Mazarine*, *rue des Beaux-Arts*, *rue de Seine* and *rue Jacob*.

More details in the following pages.

For cheese's lovers: *Androuet 37 rue de Verneuil*, but for sweets: *Ladurée* (macarons) *21 rue Bonaparte*



Pont Neuf

The *Pont Neuf* is the oldest standing bridge across the river Seine in Paris; it was inaugurated in 1607. Until the end of the 18th century, the bridge was the center of Paris, lively with both crime and commerce, as well as social commentary. At the point where the bridge crosses the *Île de la Cité* stands a bronze equestrian statue of Henry IV to who the square nearby is dedicated through his nickname *Le Vert Galant*.

Saint Germain l'Auxerois and the Louvre



The church was founded in the 7th century. On the night of the 23rd of August 1572, the sound of its bell, called "Marie", marked the beginning of the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre.

In front of it, the Louvre is one of the world's largest museum with nearly 35000 objects, from prehistory to the 21st century. It is housed in the Louvre Palace originally built as a fortress in the late 12th century by Philippe Auguste (remnants visible in the Sully crypt), then transformed into a royal residence from 1364. The building faced many other transformations till the 18th century when it was decided to devote the buildings to arts.

It will not be reasonable to visit the museum during this tour but you can admire the *Cour Carrée*, cross it to the glass *Pyramide* designed by I.M. Pei and to the *Arc de Triomphe du Carroussel* celebrating the Napoleon's military victory at Austerlitz in 1805.



The ***Pont des Arts*** is a pedestrian bridge to the *Cour Carrée* of the *Palais du Louvre*. In recent years, many tourist couples have taken to attaching padlocks with their first names written, or engraved, on them to the railing on the side of the bridge, then throwing the key into the Seine river below, as a romantic gesture. However, part of the parapet has collapsed under the weight of the growing number of these attached love locks. The view on the *Pont Neuf* is worth-seeing.



Institut de France

The *Institut de France* is a French learned society, grouping five academies, the most famous of which is the *Académie française*. It was established in 1795.



Abbaye de Saint Germain des Prés

The abbey was founded in the 6th century by the son of Clovis, Childebert the 1st. It gave its name to the whole neighboring quarter. The tomb of philosopher René Descartes is located in one of the church's side chapels.



Musée d'Orsay

The museum is housed in the former Gare d'Orsay, a Beaux-Arts railway station built between 1898 and 1900. It holds mainly French art dating from 1848 to 1915, including paintings, sculptures, furniture, and photography, notably the largest collection of impressionist and

post-impressionist masterpieces in the world (Monet, Manet, Degas, Renoir, Cézanne, Seurat, Sisley, Gauguin and Van Gogh).

1, rue de la Légion d'Honneur
open daily (except Monday) 9:30am-6:00pm
Admission: 11€

