#
Intrepid Urban Adventures - Paris Gourmet Marais Tour

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**Highlights:**

- Wander through the best preserved medieval neighbourhood in Paris

- Sample a selection of some of France’s best wines or brandies

- Indulge in plates of cheese or charcuterie and taste a creation from Paris's most famed macaron chef

- Discover the centre of the city’s Jewish and gay communities

- Spot the hidden squares, tucked-away alleyways, and marvellous churches of Marais

**Description Summary:**

The best-preserved medieval area in Paris, the heart of the Jewish community, the centre of the gay scene — the neighbourhood of Marais is as eclectic as the gastronomic treats you’ll try on this tour! Get ready to eat, drink, and explore your way through the city’s gourmet charms!

**Description:**

Local Impact: How you will help the local community by joining this tour: All of the bars, restaurants and stores you visit on your tour are 100% owned and run by locals. Your tour includes a wine-tasting in a wine bar owned and run by Nadine, a professional sommelière. Most of her wines are organic and respect biodynamy principles and the meat and dairy products she serves come from ethical farms. During your tour you will will pick up some responsible travel tips from your guide, such as where to find fresh water when you need to fill up your bottle, or where to shop in a sustainable manner..

Join a local guide to discover the enigmatic charms of France’s capital on this enlightening Paris city tour that pairs secret local hangouts with delicious food and wine — a winning combo! You’ll start your Paris tour in front of the Centre Pompidou, Europe largest modern art museum, nestled in an impressive contemporary building. Then move on pass Notre-Dame to the Hôtel de Ville, the city’s town hall, on the square where public executions were once carried out. Learn about the horrible death of Robert-François Damiens, the infamous man who tried to assassinate King Louis XV. We’ll then move on to the little tangled streets of the Marais to spot beautiful medieval churches, corbelled houses, and narrow lanes. We’ll also pass by an iconic bakery whose baguette was elected one of the best in Paris and we’ll try our first pastry, a delicious meringue known as a ‘merveilleux.’ Next, we’ll visit Rue Saint-Croix-de-la-Bretonnerie, one of the oldest streets in the Marais, and today the centre of the French gay scene. You’ll learn how this part of city, once sordid, became synonymous with trendy Paris, and a shopping hub for fashionistas and the core of “bobo” culture. While we’re here, we’ll stop and sample a delicious macaron from one of Paris’ most famous pastry chefs. Just a street away is Rue des Rosiers, the heart of the Jewish community. It’s a vibrant pedestrian street full of falafel stands and delicious Jewish-influenced delis. We’ll enter a fabulous chocolate store to taste a butter-filled pastry, called Kouign Amann, a specialty from Brittany. Our Paris tour will then take us back to the South Marais, where stands the longest remaining piece of the 12th-century defensive wall of Paris. After a walk through impressive Saint-Paul’s church, we’ll stop in at a local wine bar, where we’ll get a professional wine tasting. We’ll sample some iconic French liqueurs like Cognac and Armagnac or “Old Plum” brandy. To accompany our drinks, we’ll also taste some delicious French cheese or charcuterie treats. From there we’ll move on to Paris’ oldest and certainly most beautiful square, la Place des Vosges, home of France’s national writer, Victor Hugo. From there, it’s only a short walk to our final destination, la place de la Bastille, the former prison that was captured on July 14, 1789, triggering the French Revolution. The area nearby is full of bars and restaurants, leaving you with plenty of options for carrying on with your evening in the City of Lights!

**Inclusions:**

Local English-speaking guide

2 different pastries and the best macaron in Paris

A platter of French cheese or charcuterie Wine and liquor tasting.

**Exclusions:**

Additional food and drink

Souvenirs and items of a personal nature

Tips and gratuities for your guide

### Locations:

**Pickup:**
none

**Starts Notes:**
123 Rue Saint-Martin, 75004 Paris (opposite the Pompidou centre by the "Centre Culturel de Serbie"). Your guide will be holding a Paris Urban Adventures' sign.

### Cancellation

**Cancellation Policy:**
standard

**Cancellation Cut-off:**
24
hours

**Cancellation Notes:**
Up to 24 hours before the beginning of the activity: full refund
Less than 24 hours before the beginning of the activity or no-show: no refund

### Pricing

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