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with magnificent displays of furniture, rugs, wallpaper and fabrics. You'll also find a bookshop and café.

17 rue de Sèvres, 6th ·
10.30am–7pm. Closed Sun.

La Hune

BOOKS / LATE / OPEN SUN

A smart new address for St-Germain's emblematic bookshop. Specialised in art and literature, it's been providing inspiration for elevated Left Bank conversations since 1949.

18 rue de l'Abbaye, 6th ·
10am–8pm (10pm Fri, Sat).

India Mahdavi

INTERIORS

Check out the dramatic 'petits objets' showroom of the Parisian interior design darling (furniture is up the street at #3).

19 rue Las Cases, 7th ·
www.india-mahdavi.com ·
11am–7pm. Closed Sun.

Jérôme Dreyfuss

BAGS / MENS

The flagship of the Paris accessories virtuoso: an understated South American theme complements the bold bag designs, accessories, plus a luxe line of leather jackets. Monsieur Dreyfuss for men is across the street.

4 rue Jacob, 6th (+ branches) ·
www.jerome-dreyfuss.com ·
11am–7pm (closed 2–3pm);
Sat, 11am–7.30pm. Closed Sun.

Marie-Hélène de Taillac

JEWELLERY

A rainbow of coloured bling gives unique style to the collections designed by the French fine jewellery designer and made in Jaipur.

8 rue du Tourmon, 6th ·
www.mariehelenedetaillac.com ·
11–7pm. Closed Sun.

Mellow Yellow

SHOES

Get noticed with the fun, bright and colourful collections from this young Parisian shoe brand.

13 rue des Canettes, 6th (+ branches) ·
www.mellowyellow.fr ·
10.30am–7.30pm. Closed Sun.

Pâtisserie Sadaharu Aoki

CAKES / OPEN SUN

Exciting flavour combinations and superlative puff pastry from the Tokyo-born master.

35 rue de Vaugirard, 6th (+ branches) ·
www.sadaharuaki.com ·
11am–7pm; 10am–6pm Sun. Closed Mon.

Pâtisserie des Rêves

CAKES / OPEN SUN

A stylish setting for big-shot pâtissier Philippe Conticini's beautifully crafted cakes and pastries.

93 rue du Bac, 7th (+ branches) ·
www.lapatisseriedesreves.com ·
9am–8pm (6pm Sun). Closed Mon.

Pierre Hermé DONT MISS

CAKES / MACAROONS / OPEN SUN

Pierre Hermé is the Rei Kawakubo of the macaroon world, inventing flavour concepts like strawberry and wasabi. His cakes are extraordinary too.

72 rue Bonaparte, 6th (+ branches) ·
www.pierreherme.com ·
10am–7pm (7.30pm Thu, Fri; 8pm Sat).

Poilâne DONT MISS

BREAD / MYTHIC

A French family-run bakery becomes an international empire built on sourdough bread cooked in wood-fire ovens. (The apple tarts are good too.)

8 rue du Cherche-Midi, 6th (+ branches) ·
www.poilane.fr ·
7.15am–8.15pm. Closed Sun.

Les Puces de Vanves

MARKET / OPEN SUN / VINTAGE

Calling all bargain hunters, this is the city's best-value, and most charming, flea market.

Avenues Marc Sangnier & Georges Lafenestre, 14th ·
pucesdevanves.typepad.com ·
Open Sat & Sun, 7am–2pm.

Ralph Lauren

FASHION / MENS / OPEN SUN / WOW

Forget the fashion, come to the American designer's flagship to gape at the opulent 3-storey, 17th-century mansion it's displayed within.

173 bd St-Germain, 6th ·
ralphlaurenstgermain.com ·
10.30am–7pm; 1–7pm Sun.

Robert Clergerie

SHOES / MYTHIC

Discreet luxury from another iconic French cobbler, with fabulous recent collaborations with Carven or NY's Opening Ceremony.

5 rue du Cherche-Midi, 6th (+ branches) ·
www.robertclergerie.fr ·
10.30am–7pm. Closed Sun.

Saint Laurent Paris

FASHION / MENS

Fashion icon Hedi Slimane returns to fashion after leaving Dior Homme back in 2007, signalling a new chapter both in his own career – his first foray into womenswear – and for the legendary label.

6 place St-Sulpice, 6th (+ branches) ·
www.ysl.com ·
11am–7pm. Closed Sun.

Shakespeare & Company

BOOKS / LATE / OPEN SUN

Books and bohemia: this cult bookshop stays faithful to the much-missed patron George's utopian values ('Be not inhospitable to strangers, lest they be angels in disguise').

37 rue de la Bûcherie, 5th ·
www.shakespeareandcompany.com ·
10am (Sun 11am)–11pm.

Sonia Rykiel

FASHION

The emblematic St-Germain designer's flagship, where she's branched out from stripes to sex toys. Find Sonia By and kidswear round the corner at 4, 6 rue de Grenelle.

175 bd St-Germain, 6th (+ branches) ·
www.soniarykiel.fr ·
10.30am–7pm. Closed Sun.

Swildens NEW

FASHION

A new Left Bank store for the low-key Parisian label with a bohemian, vintage edge.

18 rue du Vieux Colombier, 6th
(+ branches) · www.swildens.fr ·
10.30am–7pm. Closed Sun.

Verbrenil NEW

BAGS

Today's woman on the go will go for the contemporary vibe of this new Made-in-France luxury bag label, here in their only shop in the world.

4 rue de Fleurus, 6th · verbrenil.com ·
11am (2.30pm Sat)–7pm. Closed Sun–Wed.

Zef

KIDS

Edgy Paris fashion for ze enfants.

55bis rue des Sts-Pères, 6th
(+ branches) · www.zef.eu ·
10.30am–7pm. Closed Sun.





Deyrolle

MYTHIC / STUFFED ANIMALS

A unique, magical taxidermied world of butterflies and beetles, but also lions or zebras, birds, and other cabinets of curiosity.

46 rue du Bac, 7th ·
www.deyrolle.com ·
10am–7pm. Closed Sun.

Jardin du Luxembourg

DON'T MISS / MYTHIC / PARKS & GARDENS

No visit to the Left Bank is complete without a trip to this delectable garden.

Jardin des Plantes

DON'T MISS / PARKS & GARDENS

These magnificent botanical gardens, dating from 1640, feature a menagerie, different natural history museums including a paleontology museum with its dinosaur skeletons, or the beautiful greenhouses, renovated in 2010 and boasting one of the world's most extensive collections of tropical and desert flora.

La Pagode

FILM / WOW

This charming 19th-century Japanese-style pagoda and garden has been devoted to indie cinema since the 50s. 57bis rue de Babylone, 7th ·
www.etoile-cinemas.com



HANGOUTS

India Mahdavi

The Paris-based international architect and designer's signature style is a maximalist mash-up of colour, pattern, shape and texture. She's responsible for some of our favourite interiors in Paris – from Hôtel Thominieux, to Jean-François Piège's signature restaurant, or the café Germain – but in London too, with for example the exquisite overhaul of Sketch's main dining room The Gallery. India's elegant furniture and home accessories collections, the fruit of her interior design projects, are on show and sale in two separate boutiques that echo and complement each other. She shared with us a list of spots that she particularly loves in Paris, most of them just a stone's throw from her Left Bank HQ on Rue Las Cases.
www.india-mahdavi.com

Stouls

This boutique opened last September. I helped the designer Aurélie Stouls develop the identity. She designs a collection of leather clothing that you can wash in the machine! The pants are like a second skin, like a pair of jeans. I wear mine every day.
www.stouls.net

Ami

I think this boutique is a success. It sells a contemporary men's wardrobe made with beautiful fabrics. I take my son here. But even for women, the clothes are appealing.
www.amiparis.fr

La Laiterie Sainte Clotilde

Right by the office, this restaurant run by Jean-Baptiste and Catherine is a local fave. You run into everyone there, and the short menu changes daily. 64 rue de Bellechasse, 7th.

Shakespeare & Company

Everyone wants stories today. Family stories, community stories. It's a club, a special place dedicated to reading and the poetry of life, with an enormous selection of books.
shakespeareandcompany.com

Castel

Recently taken over by a gang of Parisians and redecorated by André. It's fun, it's very Left Bank, it's like a nocturnal Café de Flore: you bump into everyone!
www.castelparis.com

Silencio

I go out at night more often now that there are places like this and Castel. A cultural site, centred on ideas and exchange, it has a great programme.
silencio-club.com

Galerie Laurent Godin

I like the programme at this little independent gallery. I've bought quite a few pieces, by Vincent Beaurin or Gonzalo Lebrija for example. The galerist has a good eye.
www.laurentgodin.com

Marché Biologique Raspail

Markets are an important part of life for Parisians. I go to this organic market every Sunday. 9am–3pm Sunday ·
Boulevard Raspail, between Rue du Cherche Midi and Rue de Rennes, 6th.



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