

# Avenue des Champs-Élysées

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If you visit Paris then you simply must visit the well known Avenue des Champs-Élysées as this is the most vibrant location in Paris.

Tourists and local Paris residents will find a large selection of different types of shopping and entertainment venues at this Paris attraction. The avenue runs from the Place de la Concorde to the Place de l'Étoile, location of the Arc de Triomphe, and forms part of the line of the Axe historique.

The Champs-Élysées were originally nothing but fields, in fact the name translates to "Elysian fields", until 1616 when Marie de Medici decided to build a long tree-lined pathway. In 1724, the avenue was extended up to the Place de l'Étoile.

By the late 1700s, it had become a fashionable avenue where Queen Marie Antoinette strolled with her friends and took music lessons at the grand Hotel Crillon. The Champs-Élysées became city property in 1828, and footpaths, fountains, and gas lighting were added. Over the years, the avenue has undergone numerous transitions, most recently in 1993.

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