

and the Conciergerie, where famous prisoners like Marie Antoinette and Robespierre were held during the French Revolution.

Feeling more energetic? Then set out to discover the city's cobbled nooks and crannies with Paris Bike (parisbiketour.net). Choose a tour of the Right or Left Bank, then pedal round the city like a real Parisian following your local guide who will feed you historical anecdotes and cultural tidbits en route.

RIDE A LEGEND

Star of a dozen films, including *The Revenge Of The Pink Panther* and the James Bond classic *For Your Eyes Only*, the Citroen 2CV – with its roll back canvas roof and ribbed bonnet – was once the city's emblematic car. For a novel way of seeing the city, sign up for a chauffeur driven 2CV Paris Tour (viator.com) and enjoy panoramic views from the seat of this legendary vehicle that was originally designed as a cheap runaround for French farmers.

SIGHTSEE FROM THE SEINE

For centuries the surging Seine river was a buzzing artery carrying goods to and from the city's heart, so it's not surprising that some of Paris'



Place de la Concorde

greatest monuments are easily accessible from the water. Take a river shuttle cruise (shuttle-paris.com) and you can tie up outside the Louvre, step ashore for lunch at the top of the Eiffel Tower, then carry on downstream to spend a magical hour wandering around the world famous cathedral of Notre Dame.

SHOP FOR HAUTE COUTURE

Paris, the home of haute couture, is all about style, so if you'd like to dress like a Parisian while paying discount prices for your Chanel, Louis Vuitton and Dior, sign up for a Chic Shopping tour (chicshoppingparis.com) and follow your expert guide to select resale shops that sell cut-price haute couture, and elite stores that cater to the film and fashion industry.

FOLLOW THE SCENT TRAIL

Some of the world's top perfumes were created in Paris, so why not visit some of the city's most exclusive scent stores? With Neela Vermeire's Perfume Paths walking tour (perfumepaths.com) you'll visit Guerlain, Hermès and Fragonard, then learn to pick out the best fragrance to suit your own style and personality.

CHAMPAGNE AND SHOWTIME

When night falls over the Seine and the city lights up, you can enjoy some of that Gallic razzle-dazzle with an after-dinner Paris By Night Illuminations Tour (viator.com). After visiting all the illuminated Paris sights, monuments and squares, your sparkling soirée culminates at the spectacular Moulin Rouge, home of the French cancan for more than a century, where you'll sit back and sip a complimentary glass of champagne, and be wowed by the sumptuous sets and sequin-costumed beauties of this world famous show.

