

## Shop until You Drop in Paris

Size Conversion dresses, suits, coats	
American	French
2	36
4	38
6	40
8	42
10	44
12	46
Women's Shoes	
6	36
7	37
8	38
9	40
10	41
11	42

Paris is alive ! There are more clubs, restaurants and shops than any one person can visit, so sit down now and plan, plan, plan!

French shops are more formal than their American counterparts. When you enter a shop be sure to greet the owner with 'bonjour' and then ask if she speaks English. Touching store displays is frowned upon so ask for assistance and preface your request with "s'il vous plait".

A nice pair of slacks, a jacket, an elegant top and a comfortable pair of walking shoes are classic shopping gear for the sophisticated Parisians - shorts, sneakers, etc. are a 'no no'.

We cover four shopping areas: rue du Faubourg St. Honore from Ave Montaigne to rue

Royale; five blocks along Ave Montaigne from the Champs-Elysees south to Ave George V; Place des Victoires, a compact circle near the Louvre that requires a minimum of walking; and finally, we cross the River Seine to more relaxed shopping on the left bank along Boulevard Saint Germain.

A stroll down any of these streets will make your mouth water.



Hotels Convenient to Shopping:

Hotel Ritz  
Place Vendome, 1er  
Tel: 01 43 16 30 30

The Bristol  
112 rue du Faubourg  
St. Honore, 8e  
Tel: 01 53 43 43 00

Hotel Castille  
33-37 rue Cambon  
Tel: 01 44 58 44 58

Le Parc  
55-57 av. Raymond-  
Poincare, 16e  
Tel: 01 44 05 66 66

Hotel Montalembert  
3 rue Montalembert  
Tel: 01 45 49 68 68

### Seasonal Sales:

Jan - Feb & June - July

### Transportation:

The Metro system in Paris is convenient and easy to use. If you will be in Paris for a while, purchase a 10 pack of metro tickets called a 'carnet'. Taxis are available but be mindful of the taxi queues - you can only hail a taxi if there is no taxi queue nearby.

### Store Hours:

Mon - Sat 10-7. Department stores remain open until 9 pm on Thursdays or Fridays and are open on Sundays during the Christmas season. Shops in tourist areas, museum shops, etc. are open on Sundays year round.

### Currency Conversion:

We suggest making most store purchases by credit card to be sure of getting the most competitive exchange rates. Next to your credit card, the best rates are at bank ATM machines, which are convenient and easy to use.

Traveler's checks can be cumbersome but if you must, make sure you get them denominated in francs.

### VAT Refund

Foreigners are entitled to a 13% - 18% tax refund on purchases made in Europe.

For details pick up a free brochure on the Global Refund, available in most hotels and stores.

**rue du  
Faubourg St.  
Honore**

The rue du  
Faubourg is  
filled with great  
shops! Wear  
comfortable  
shoes and be  
prepared to do a  
lot of walking. A  
more formal  
atmosphere  
than the Left  
Bank, so make  
sure you dress  
accordingly.

**DIRECTIONS:**  
Take the #8, 12  
or 14 Metro line  
to Madeleine  
station or a taxi  
to the  
intersection of  
Rue Royale and  
Rue du  
Faubourg Saint-  
Honore

*Christian La Croix  
studied art history at  
the Sorbonne in  
Paris before joining  
Hermes. In 1987 he  
opened his own  
couture house in  
Paris.*

**Christian La Croix**  
366 rue Saint Honore,  
Tel: 01 42 61 39 08

Fabulous colors! This two level shop  
is filled with sexy knits, dresses for  
play and evening and an assortment  
of 'dressy casual' clothes. Christian La  
Croix has a way of taking average  
materials and creating something  
extraordinary with them. Great  
combinations of knits and sequins,  
dressy and casual, there's something  
for everyone.

Average price for a pair of trousers:  
\$250  
Best for: Dressy casual wear  
Sizes: 0-10

Good Selection of Dresses, Skirts,  
Trousers, Shirts.

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## Other Paris Shops:

Size Conversion dresses, suits, coats	
American	British
2	4
4	6
6	8
8	10
10	12
12	14
Women's Shoes	
6	4 1/2
7	5 1/2
8	6 1/2
9	7 1/2
10	8 1/2
11	9 1/2

### **A-poc**

47 rue des Francs-Bourgeois

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Issey Miyake's laboratory style  
boutique.

### **Balenciaga**

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#### *Jean-Paul Gaultier*

*One of the most  
influential French  
ready-to-wear  
designers of our time.*

*His clothers are  
humorous, showy  
and extremely clever  
- a mixture of tomboy  
zest and film star  
glamour.*