

Shop until You Drop in Paris

Size Conversion dresses, suits, coats	
American	French
2	36
4	38
6	40
8	42
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12	46
Women's Shoes	
6	36
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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**

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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

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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.*