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Shop 'til You Drop In Paris

By Audrey Akeman

If you want to combine the perfect shopaholic experience with a beautiful city break, Paris is the place to go. Fashion capital of Europe if not the world, this glamorous city is the epitome of elegance, luxury and quality. Whatever you're looking for - whether it's clothes, furniture, antiques, art or books, you'll find an incredible selection.

Fashion

Before you hit the shops it's handy to have a bit of an understanding of French fashion jargon. Here's a quick glossary to help you out.

Haute couture was born in Paris. Beyond the reach of most pockets, it refers to high-quality, bespoke dressmaking and tailoring, produced by the most exclusive designer houses. Garments are custom designed and made for each client and usually cost tens (if not hundreds) of thousands of euros. Few people across the world can claim to have bought a haute couture piece - even the gowns worn by Hollywood stars at the Oscars are usually borrowed pieces. More often than not, haute couture garments are made as marketing tools to show off the designer's flair and creativity and boost their reputation at the haute couture fashion shows. Haute couture is a very strictly governed trade, whose rules and regulations are protected by law. There are currently around 10 fashion houses entitled to use the haute couture label, most of which can be found in and around rue du Faubourg-St-Honoré and avenue Montaigne in Paris city centre.

For most of us, the only affordable way to buy designer clothes is by buying items from prêt-à-porter or ready-to-wear collections. This means that the garments are industrially produced on a large scale to standard sizes and are purchased off the rack. Most of the haute couture houses create prêt-à-porter collections, which are usually limited editions and still rather expensive. However, other fashion houses create mass produced prêt-à-porter collections, making designer clothing accessible to the masses.

Paris also has plenty of small, independent designers selling creative and unusual pieces at affordable prices. There are lots of wonderful boutiques around place des vosges in the chic and upmarket Marais quarter.

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If you're looking for value for money, you'll find all the good high street shops and department stores (grand magasins) in Paris, such as Galeries Lafayette and Printemps.

Antiques and Art

Antique and art shopping in Paris is much like clothes shopping. Some of the most exclusive dealers in the world can be found in the city, particularly around the rue du Faubourg–St–Honoré alongside the haute couture fashion designers. However, there are also plenty of small independent dealers all over the city where you can pick up exquisite items at more affordable pieces. St–Germain–des–Prés is a great area for browsing around small art galleries and antique shops.

Books

Paris is a booklover's dream. There are branches of France's best and most popular bookstore, FNAC, all over the city. FNAC sells everything from books and music to stationery and concert tickets. If you're looking for something rare or unique, check out the bouquinistes or bookstalls dotted along the bohemian and intellectual Left Bank of the Seine - or walk into the heart of the Quartier Latin and you'll be surrounded by second hand booksellers.

Markets

The French still love to shop in markets for good quality fresh produce or just to pick up a bargain. There are food markets all over the city - here's a list of some of the main markets and their specialities:

rue Lepic - fruit and vegetables rue de Seine - bakery goods and flowers Marché st Ouen - flea market selling antiques and second hand clothes rue Poncelet - patisseries, bakeries and cooked and cured meats

Marché St Germain - organic produce, international produce rue de Buci - flowers Marché de la Porte de Vanves - bric-a-brac

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Paris Hilton Sedu Hairstyles

By Maya Marxtan

"Paris the Heiress" is famous for her too many scandals as well as for the controversial Paris Hilton Sedu hairstyles. It seems that Paris Hilton had everything - Sedu short hair styles and long ones. We are proud to declare that Paris Hilton may join the Sedu celebrity hair styles club.

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Before we learn more about the Paris Hilton sedu hairstyles we are obliged to give you a short description of Miss Hilton. She was born on 1981 as the proud and rich grad daughter of Conrad Hilton the founder of the Hilton hotels.

Paris Hilton likes celebrities - You may ask Leonardo DiCaprio and Edward Furlong or watch her famous sex tape. Some say she is a trouble maker and recently Sir Elton John banned her from future Oscar parties. You can guess why.

Following is a description of some of the famous Paris Hilton Sedu Hairstyles:

1. New style bob cut - In my opinion, this is the best Sedu short hair style Paris Hilton goes with. The length of her hair is just above the shoulder and the combination of her beautiful face and this round haircut is almost perfect.
2. A wax funky style haircut - This Paris Hilton Sedu hairstyle is unique. It is a typical Sedu celebrity hair style but not typical at all for Paris Hilton. The hair is pinned tightly back and high giving her a princess look.
3. Long blond hair. Probably the most common Paris Hilton Sedu hairstyle is long hair extensions hairstyle.
4. Half up half down Sedu celebrity hairstyle - This is a relatively easy to make hairstyle and one of the pretty ones. This Paris Hilton hairstyle looks much more natural than the other ones.

By the way, according to the latest rumors from Paris Hilton hair stylists and hair dressers, her hair is in a bad condition because of the constant makeovers and changes it is going through.

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