



The Magic of Magnasco

Swirling landscapes a woman sitting in her bed receiving a host of what seem to be guests as bedlam plays out in the rest of the room, the intriguing and at times macabre works of the Genovese artist Alessandro Magnasco are being showcased at the Galerie Canesso. Twenty paintings, some being shown in Paris for the first time, by the artist whose career straddled the 17th and 18th centuries, have been brought together for the show devoted to the anti-conformist painter Magnasco, whose works are original and highly extravagant. He is regarded as one of the precursors of Goya and the Expressionists and one of the fathers of the fantastic. His paintings are peopled with small figures seemingly engulfed in the landscape or setting surrounding them.

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ART GALLERIES

Galerie Bartoux Ellysées

A contemporary art gallery on the Champs-Élysées presenting paintings and sculptures by internationally renowned artists. Open seven days a week. 26 ave des Champs-Élysées (8^e), 01.42.89.41.21. M^o Franklin D. Roosevelt

Galerie Canesso

This gallery has a fine selection of Old Master and Italian paintings. Its museum-quality works date from the Renaissance to the 18th century. A host of themes are found in the paintings ranging from religion and mythology to landscapes and portraits. 26 rue Laffitte (9^e), 01.40.22.61.71. M^o Chaussée d'Antin-La Fayette

Galerie Olwen Forest

Gallery exhibiting vintage costume, couture jewels and Art Deco crystal jewellery, as well as jewels created by designers such as Elsa Schiaparelli and Coco Chanel. Jewellery made for the cinema and a selection of vintage jewels telling the story of rock and roll. Permanent exhibition Erotica/Exotica, featuring vintage pieces juxtaposing the two themes. From Sat-Mon. St-Ouen Flea Market, Marché Serpette, 110 rue des Rosiers, Saint-Ouen. 01.40.11.96.38. M^o Porte de Clignancourt

Galerie Tamenaga

Impressionist and modern paintings by masters including Cézanne, Renoir, Bonnard, Klee, Chagall and Picasso, as well as contemporary international art including a romantic ensemble by Jean Pierre Cassigneul. Tues-Sat 11am-7pm. 18 ave Matignon (8^e), 01.42.66.61.94. Mon-Sat. M^o Franklin D. Roosevelt

Opera Gallery

Modern Masters: Botero, Chagall, Léger, Calder and Picasso, and a selection of contemporary artists: Brasiler, Corda, Mach, Kusama and Joe Black. Art pieces exhibited in a gallery space ideally situated in the Triangle d'Or. Open Mon to Sat 10am-7:30pm; Sun 11:30am-7pm. 62 rue du Faubourg St-Honoré (8^e), 01.42.96.39.00. M^o Concorde

ATTRACTIONS

Aquarium de Paris (Cinéaqua)

Discover the world of the sea at this delightful aquarium. Daily 10am-7pm, first Sat of the month until 10pm, last tickets one hour before closing. 5 ave Albert de Mun (16^e), 01.40.69.23.23. M^o Iéna

Disneyland Paris

With 2 Disney Parks, filled with more than 50 attractions, shows and parades, a day at Disneyland Paris will set pulses racing among even the most seasoned thrill-seeker. Around 35 min from Paris by train (Nation station), RER A to Marne-la-Vallée/Chessy

Parc Zoologique de Paris

This beautiful zoo presents in 16 natural environments some 1,000 animals, birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and fish representing 180 species. Entrance located at the corner of the ave Daumesnil and the Route de Ceinture du lac Daumesnil (12^e), 01.40.79.31.25. M^o Château de Vincennes then 46 bus to zoo.

Pavillons de Bercy

Discover a decorative and diverse wonderland replete with a Theatre of Marvels, a fantastic garden and a museum devoted to rides and attractions found in amusement fairs from 1850 to 1950. 53 ave des Terrains de France (12^e), 01.43.40.16.15. M^o Cour Saint-Emilion

BOAT CRUISES

Bateaux Parisiens

Giant glass-roofed tour boats departing every hour on the hour, 10am-10pm (except 1pm & 7:30pm). Lunch and dinner cruises also available. Port de la Bourdonnais (7^e), 08.25.01.01.01. M^o Trocadéro

Bateaux-Mouches

The legendary company has been offering cruises on the Seine river for decades. Double-deck boats provide an unusual approach to Paris monuments. Departures every 45 min, 11am-9pm. For dinner cruises please see the Dining section. Pont de l'Alma (8^e), 01.42.25.96.10. M^o Alma-Morceau

Batobus

A sleek "shuttle boat" making 8 stops including the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, the Jardin des Plantes and the Town Hall. 10:30am-7pm. 08.25.05.01.01

Vedettes du Pont Neuf

These hour cruises on the Seine offer a discovery of the city's leading monuments. 10:30am-noon & 1:30pm-10:30pm, boats 30 min apart. Square du Vert Galant (1^e), 01.46.33.98.38. M^o Pont Neuf

River Limousine

Take in a private cruise on the Seine on board a custom-built luxurious boat replete with a

salon and a bottle of champagne. Reservations required. 06.86.07.87.37

Yachts de Paris

The most luxurious of all the river boats. Private cruises, parties, receptions as well as nightly gourmet dinner cruises. Port Henri IV (4^e), 01.44.54.14.70. M^o Pont de Sully

DAY TRIPS

Château de Fontainebleau

A residence of the French kings from the 12th to the 19th century, this royal château is famous for its superb Renaissance decor by Italian artists. Wed-Mon 9:30am-5pm. 01.60.71.50.70. SNCF Grandes Lignes from Gare de Lyon to Fontainebleau-Avon (40 min), then a short bus or shuttle ride from the station.

Château de Versailles

Louis XIV's magnificent palace, with the Hall of Mirrors, Grand Appartements and Le Nôtre's superb gardens. The Chateau is open Tue-Sun 9am-6:00pm. Gardens open daily 8 am to sunset; free. Avenue Rockefeller. 01.30.83.78.00. RER C to Versailles Chateau Rive Gauche

Château et Domaine de Chantilly

North of Paris, a 16th century royal château with a beautiful park and a fabulous art collection. Mon-Sun 10:30am-5pm. 03.44.57.40.40. SNCF at the Gare du Nord (25 min) or RERD to Chantilly-Gouvieux (45 min) then take the free bus no. 15 marked "Senlis" to the château.

Château de Vaux le Vicomte

This unique estate with its 17th century castle and formal French gardens is one of the most beautiful in France. The castle's vast French gardens, punctuated by fountains and water basins, are regarded as royal gardener Andre Le Nôtre's masterwork. By car 55 km from Paris. Maincy 77950. 01.64.14.41.90

Musée National du Château de Malmaison

This delightful 17th century castle on the outskirts of Paris was the rural home of Josephine and Napoleon Bonaparte. 10am-12:30pm/1:30pm-5:45pm/Until 6:15pm Sat & Sun. Closed Tues. Ave du château de Malmaison. 01.41.29.05.55. Metro or RER to la Défense then bus 258 to the stop. Château

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