

TREASURES OF THE MARAIS WALKING TOUR

WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS

- Explore a classically hip Parisian *quartier* on this small group tour
- Retrace the history of the Marais from the medieval times
- Discover the illustrious private mansions & squares from the 1600's
- Pinpoint the area's best shops and restaurants for the end of your tour

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Dazzling arrays of **private mansions, hidden courtyards & gardens**
- Fascinating stories from an engaging local Marais specialist
- Vibrant scenes of today's Paris set against breathtaking backdrops

THE ITINERARY

Your trip through the heart of the historic Marais will begin at the Hotel de Ville and the esplanade which was the site of public executions back in the days. Then it'll be time to delve further into the Marais to see original wood-framed domestic medieval architecture, a truly rare find in Paris!

After surveying striking remnants of medieval ramparts and cobblestone alleys, you'll be led into a secret locals-only series of courtyards, which is one of the most charming and overlooked parts of the Marais. Peaceful French countryside village atmosphere – and remarkable shopping opportunities - guaranteed. A walk inside a spectacular nearby church will reveal legends and curiosities you have to see to believe!

You'll then go arrive at the elegant Place des Vosges, the second oldest square in Paris and home to many historic characters through the ages such as writer Victor Hugo, Colette and dancer Isadora Duncan. Not less than 36 private mansions were originally built around this royal square! Today, VIPs only can afford this royal address, and you might spot a celebrity or two during the tour.

Your guide will then take you along the heart of the historical Jewish quarter, the charmingly medieval Rue des Rosiers. WWII is long over, and you'll experience today's bustling and fashionable Marais artery! Next up is the Marais' most gorgeous secluded garden that most Parisians don't even know about, perfect for picture perfect souvenirs and a snack after your tour !