## **Shop until You Drop in Paris**

Size Conversion dresses, suits, coats	
<u>American</u>	<u>French</u>
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Women's Shoes	
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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 Montaignefrom 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

#### **VAT Refund**

francs.

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 Sorbornne 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

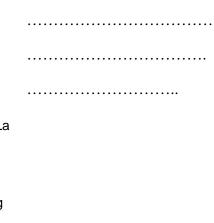
Fabulous colors! This two level shop is filled with sexy knits, dresses for play and evening and an assortment of 'dressy casual' clothes. Christian La Croix has a way of taking average materials and creating something extraordinary with them. Great combinations of knits and sequins, dressy and casual,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



### **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 01.44.54.07.05 Issey Miyake's laboratory style boutique.

# Balenciaga

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 misture of tomboy zest and film star glamour.