

Why are so important these places around the world?

1. THE OPERA HOUSE

The style is monumental and considered typically Beaux-Arts, with axial symmetry in plan and eclectic exterior ornamentation with an abundance of Neo-Baroque decorative elements. The opera building has 1,979 seating capacity which makes it one of the largest theaters in the world.



2. THE EIFFEL TOWER

Built by Gustave Eiffel to commemorate the centenary of the French Revolution, it is presented at the Exposition Universelle in Paris in 1889. 324 meters high, it is one of the most visited monuments in the world with nearly 7 million visitors a year.



3. THE SACRE COEUR

The Sacré-Coeur Basilica is a majestic immense building in Roman-Byzantine style located on top of the Montmartre hill. Due to its location on the highest point of Paris, the basilica is one of the most noticeable landmarks in Paris.



4. NOTRE DAME

It is widely considered one of the finest examples of French Gothic architecture in France and Europe.



5. THE PANTHEON

The Pantheon Paris is one of the most noticeable monuments of the city. Once a church, today it is a mausoleum where martyrs and illustrious Frenchmen are buried. This is a vast neoclassic building, modelled on the Pantheon in Rome.



6. ARC DE TRIOMPHE

Napoleon commissioned Jean Chalgrin the design of a triumphal arch dedicated to the glory of imperial armies. Built in the 19th century, it is the largest monument of its kind in the world.



7. LES INVALIDES

The impressive building complex of Les Invalides is a masterpiece of French classical architecture. Originally built as a hospital and retirement home for disabled soldiers, it now houses four museums, all relating to the military history of France.



8. MUSÉE DE CLUNY

The building occupies the space of some ancient Roman thermal baths, which were destroyed by the barbarians and of which only the frigidarium is preserved.



9. PLACE RÉPUBLIQUE

At the centre of the Place de la République is a 31 feet (9.4 m) bronze statue of Marianne, the personification of the French Republic



10. CEMETERY PÈRE LACHAISE

It is the largest cemetery in Paris. With more than 3.5 million visitors annually, it is the most visited necropolis in the world and was the first garden cemetery, as well as the first municipal cemetery in Paris.

