

Chapter 1 : 28 FUN Things to Do in Paris (Catacombs, Party and Castle)

About Stuff Parisians Like. In the tradition of the New York Times bestseller Stuff White People Like, a tongue-in-cheek homage to Parisians. To be mistaken for a Parisian, readers must buy the newspaper Le Monde, fold it, and walk.

Little by little the blog became quite popular. He later began thinking about writing a book but not about turning his blog into a book. Berkeley Books had other ideas and chose to release *Stuff Parisians Like*: It climbed to bestseller status. I am pleased to have gotten Olivier to answer a few questions for me about his blog-to-book journey. When his agent proposed his book idea to Berkley Books, the publisher choose to publish his blog. The continuity of style from post to post eliminated the need for much editing. You booked your blog repurposed posts. How many posts did you use from your original blog? I included in the book almost all of the posts that were on the blog. Plus I wrote 50 new entries just for the book. So what percentage of your book ended up repurposed posts as opposed to new content? How did you then organize them, or did you keep the flow that you originally constructed? What we wanted was to mix it up as much as possible! I wanted to hop from one surprise to the next. What kind of editing did you need to do to make the blog posts work in a book? Did you need to add transitions, revise for flow from one post to the next, rewrite because of the different timeline, etc.? Not much at all. My focus was really on the quality of each article. I was lucky enough that no transition was needed from one to the next. The key for good readability was a continuity in both style, and humor. How humorous does that sound, now? How did blogging a book or booking your blog make you a better writer? When you write a blog, you see soon enough if people come visit your blog, if they come back, if they eagerly wait for your next post. Those are not only great signs but also, in my case at least, wonderful encouragements to simply keep writing. Did booking your blog make you a better blogger? I was never much of a blogger, but publishing the book actually made it even worse. What advice would you offer to aspiring writers who might want to turn their blogs into books or blog a book? I would say two things: My second tip is simply due to the rhythms of the publishing industry. What one thing did you do that increased your traffic or brought in more unique visitors? I guess I was lucky that people just liked what I wrote. How long did it take for you to gain blog readers, and can you pin point any certain event that created a tipping point when readership increased noticeably? You are traditionally published. How did your blog-to-book deal come about? My agent was actually pitching another book I had been working on a wine book, since wine is my day job. And focus on the quality of what you do. Despite all the talking about social media, I believe that people respond to the same things on and offline. He was born and raised in Paris.

Chapter 2 : Stuff Parisians Like | A French American Life

Stuff Parisians Like Posted on January 31, by A French American Life Olivier Magny, a native Parisian, writes with an insider's knowledge yet the unique ability to pull back and see the irony and humor of his own culture from an outsider's perspective.

While Sundays have the same flavor everywhere in the Western world, Parisians dread it more than any other Westerner. While other Westerners might dislike the bittersweet feeling of a weekend ending, a new work week soon to be started, Parisians just loathe Sundays altogether. Parisian Sundays are not bittersweet. Weekends for Parisians are not strictly moments of rest: Each weekend, Parisians need to accomplish things worth sharing with their friends or colleagues on Monday. Weekend descriptions always start in energy with Friday nights, Saturdays and Saturday nights. Weekend description at that point get thrilling: Monday morning coffee break turns into a fascinating social rundown. But the description stalls when Sunday is to be reported. So dimanches in Paris come in three forms: People going shopping in Le Marais on Sundays may well live in Paris but cannot be considered Parisians. Part of the Parisian identity is knowing that le dimanche is a lost day and not having any form of hope about it. Parisians know that if reality is gray, a movie theater is a good place to try to reset its color for a while. And the hope to keep sliding down that sweet toboggan for the rest of your Sunday. Paris is the city in the world with the greatest number of cinemas: Parisians "discretely" remain romantics. Sunday being a day of minimal social efforts, the film will usually not be followed by a drink. Friends who share a movie on Sunday have reached a form of friendship that does not weigh itself down with unneeded exchanges. No extra conversations needed "the line was long enough: Demain sera un autre jour. This Sunday movie has a Sunday taste. Good enough for the Sunday souls. Thankfully, sometimes, a good movie strikes the Parisian. In Paris more than anywhere else, a good movie irradiates the soul, it makes life shine simply more. With compelling simplicity, the much anticipated clear spell then cheekily seems to accomplish the impossible: Sound like a Parisian:

Chapter 3 : paris breakfasts: Stuff Parisians Like

'il est en speed car il a squeeze un gros meeting entre lunch avec son boss et un conf call avec son CEO'/he is late because he scheduled a big meeting between a lunch with his boss and a conference call with the CEO.

It became a prosperous city with a forum, baths, temples, theatres, and an amphitheatre. As the Frankish domination of Gaul began, there was a gradual immigration by the Franks to Paris and the Parisian Francien dialects were born. Under the rule of the Capetian kings, Paris gradually became the largest and most prosperous city in France. Paris in the Middle Ages , Paris in the 16th century , and Paris in the 17th century By the end of the 12th century, Paris had become the political, economic, religious, and cultural capital of France. In the late 12th century, Philip Augustus extended the Louvre fortress to defend the city against river invasions from the west, gave the city its first walls between and , rebuilt its bridges to either side of its central island, and paved its main thoroughfares. By comparison, London in had 80, inhabitants. This king made several improvements to the capital during his reign: The king would end his life in the capital, assassinated in a narrow street near Les Halles marketplace in To demonstrate that the city was safe from attack, the king had the city walls demolished and replaced with tree-lined boulevards that would become the Grands Boulevards of today. Paris was the financial capital of continental Europe, the primary European centre of book publishing and fashion and the manufacture of fine furniture and luxury goods. On 14 July, a mob seized the arsenal at the Invalides , acquiring thousands of guns, and stormed the Bastille , a symbol of royal authority. The architect, Charles Garnier , described the style simply as "Napoleon the Third. In , as the revolution turned more and more radical, the king, queen, and the mayor were guillotined, along with more than 16, others throughout France , during the Reign of Terror. The first railway line to Paris opened in , beginning a new period of massive migration from the provinces to the city. After months of blockade, hunger, and then bombardment by the Prussians, the city was forced to surrender on 28 January On 28 March, a revolutionary government called the Paris Commune seized power in Paris. The Commune held power for two months, until it was harshly suppressed by the French army during the "Bloody Week" at the end of May Late in the 19th century, Paris hosted two major international expositions: It was the birthplace of Fauvism , Cubism and abstract art , [56] [57] and authors such as Marcel Proust were exploring new approaches to literature. The city was also bombed by Zeppelins and shelled by German long-range guns. None of the children came back. On 17 October , an unauthorised but peaceful protest demonstration of Algerians against the curfew led to violent confrontations between the police and demonstrators, in which at least 40 people were killed, including some thrown into the Seine. Thousands of Parisian blue-collar workers joined the students, and the movement grew into a two-week general strike. Supporters of the government won the June elections by a large majority. The May events in France resulted in the break-up of the University of Paris into 13 independent campuses. It was highly controversial, and it remains the only building in the centre of the city over 32 storeys high. After many modifications, the new area, named the Metropolis of Grand Paris , with a population of 6. The city is spread widely on both banks of the river.

Chapter 4 : A Frenchman's blog: "Stuff Parisians Like" | Francophilia Gazette

September 2, / 17 Comments / in Stuff Parisians Like / by Olivier Magny So after weeks of cyber-brainstorming, we found a title for SPL in French: Dessine-moi un Parisien will be released November 4.

May 24, at 6: Carbaret Show at Moulin Rouge Do you want to do something really Paris-like, something unique and different? To make it even better: During the show you will enjoy half a bottle of Champagne as you relish an extravagant delight. This is an awesome activity for a girls night out, a hen or stag party and even as a coupe thing to do! And that tells you quite something. Discover one of the most surprising architectural pieces of the 20th century, built inside out. Admire one of the most important collections of modern and contemporary art in Europe and marvel at the stunning rooftop view, from where you can see iconic Parisian landmarks. This is especially interesting for the design and art lover. The building itself is also beautiful with its outside-tube, worth it to walk by at least! Taste the best cocktail in Paris Similar to the craft coffee revolution, craft cocktails are becoming increasingly popular among foodies and visitors alike. While the general online recommendations are good, check out the up-and-coming bar la Resistance in the Marais neighborhood. Plus, its central Marais location puts you in a great position to try some of the food in our next suggestion! Eat non-Parisian food We told you, there will be more best places to eat. Shopping in the Marais Far from the glitz and glamour and crazy, touristy crowds of the Champs Elysees or the Grands Magasins Galeries Lafayette and Printemps , the Marais is a much more interesting place to shop. You can go the way up to the La Fayette Gallery. The roof top terrace is free to visit and comes with an awesome panoramic view. This is one of my favorite free things to do in Paris! Merci is a local favorite, with the famous car in the courtyard, but Fleux is equally cool, with four different physical stores on the same block and a wide range of items and prices. Wander through the street markets Is there anything more French than a classic street market to buy fresh produce, meats and cheeses? Notre Dame but with an Audio Guide.

Chapter 5 : Read Stuff Parisians Like by mail4gmail - Issuu

Olivier Magny's new book, *Stuff Parisians Like*, might give you some insights. Pour yourself a glass of wine and enjoy a good laugh with this excerpt, or better yet, have Olivier pour you one at his Parisian wine bar, O Chateau, and have a good laugh with him.

Chapter 6 : How "Stuff Parisians Like" Went Blog-to-Bestselling-Book

NPR coverage of *Stuff Parisians Like*: Discovering the Quoi in the Je Ne Sais Quoi by Olivier Magny. News, author interviews, critics' picks and more.

Chapter 7 : NPR Choice page

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Chapter 8 : Things to do in Paris - Live Paris like a local - Home

Despite Paris being a big city, each arrondissement is almost like a small town, having several 'market streets' lined with specialized, independent shops. Paris is known for its boulangeries, but they also have shops which just stock cheese and dairy, honey shops, butchers, fishmongers, fruit and veg and all manner of other things.

Chapter 9 : THE 15 BEST Things to Do in Paris - (with Photos) - TripAdvisor

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