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A selection of the top events by Paris Upperside

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Paris and its surrounding area : Events Calendar

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Major exhibition celebrates 70 years of Dior Fashions

July 5 – January 7

We are now living in the golden age of the blockbuster fashion exhibition. Even in that context, it is unusual to see a show of such ambition as the 32,000 sq ft homage to France's best-known couturier – Christian Dior: *Designer of Dreams* – which opened at the **Musée des Arts Décoratifs** in Paris on Wednesday July 5th. The show is thematic, intermingling Christian Dior's creations with the classical busts, Renaissance paintings and surrealist sculptures that inspired Dior and its artistic directors. This lavish and comprehensive exhibition invites visitors on a voyage of discovery through the universe of the House of Dior's founder and the illustrious couturiers who succeeded him: Yves Saint Laurent, Marc Bohan, Gianfranco Ferré, John Galliano, Raf Simons and, most recently, Maria Grazia Chiuri.

La Nuit aux Invalides

July 6 - September 2

La Nuit aux **Invalides** is an impressive sound and light show in the courtyard of Invalides highlighting the monument's history (Louis XIV, Napoléon, Charles De Gaulle).

Paris Plage

Through September 3

Paris Plage : sandy beaches, palm trees, volley balls and bikinis -- on the Seine! **Along the Right Bank quays and Hôtel de Ville**. This year's edition of the Paris Plages will feature many fun activities. Free entry, 9am-midnight.

Collection of Alicia Koplowitz – from Zurbarán to Rothko

Through July 10

One of the city's most charming small museums at the **Musée Jacquemart-André**, in the 8tharrondissement, presents a collection of 52 works from the outstanding collection of Alicia Koplowitz – from old masters like Zurbarán, Tiepolo and Goya to modern works by Gauguin, Van Gogh, Picasso, Modigliani, Rothko Giacometti and Bourgeois.

July 13-14 Bastille Day

If there is one event not to miss in Paris, it is the French national holiday! This festive occasion brings people together and offers 2 days of exceptional free entertainment: a military parade, public dances at local fire stations, an outdoor operatic concert, and most of all, breathtaking fireworks. Every year, this world-class fireworks display is eagerly-awaited. For 30 minutes, the Eiffel Tower becomes the focus of a magical sound and light show – a dazzling sight for children and adults, Parisians and visitors. Come and enjoy the show and experience some of the magic of Bastille Day in Paris!

Haute couture from Balenciaga

Through July 16

The **Musée Bourdelle** is a charming exhibition space in Montparnasse which was once the studio of the sculptor Antoine Bourdelle, is housing an exhibition of *haute couture* from Balenciaga, with over a hundred pieces from the Palais Galliera collection and the archives of Maison Balenciaga. The exhibition is part of a Spanish season by Paris' museum of fashion, **Palais Galliera**, with other exhibitions to follow through the year.

Le Gouvernement des Parisiens. Paris, ses habitants, l'État, une histoire partagée

Through July 22

Le Gouvernement des Parisiens. Paris, ses habitants, l'État, une histoire partagée is a free exhibition at **Hôtel de Ville**, with almost 300 documents, sculptures, posters, photographs and more from the Louvre, d'Orsay, Carnavalet, Petit Palais and National Archives.

Tour de France

Through July 23

Since 1975, the finish line for the Tour de France has been at the Arc de Triomphe on the **Champs Elysées**. Join the crowd of Parisians and tourists alike to see the winner of the race. Expected arrival time on July 23th: 5:30pm.

Auguste Rodin Centenary Exhibition

Through July 31

This year marks 100 years since the death of sculptor Auguste Rodin, and there is a calendar of worldwide events to mark the occasion. The centerpiece is the *Centenary Exhibition* at the **Grand Palais**, with 200 works by the master himself as well as sculptures and drawings by contemporaries such as Bourdelle, Brancusi, Picasso, Matisse and Giacometti. Entry €13.

Paris Jazz Festival

Through July 30

The 24th annual Paris Jazz Festival takes place all summer; come enjoy traditional Parisian and international jazz music in the **Bois de Vincennes's Parc Floral**. Concerts are free.

Open Air Cinema Festival

July 20-August 20

Open Air Cinema Festival takes place again this summer at the **Parc de la Villette** from Thursday through Sunday night, starting at sunset (9:30pm-10:15pm depending on the week). Free entry.

Les Soldes! Big sales!

Through August 8

Les Soldes is the annual summer sales take place this year for five weeks throughout France, primarily in clothing stores, but pretty much everything is on sale now. And although most bloggers still get all frothy at the news, the sales are no longer just twice annually, so it's not the big deal it used to be.

Fête des Tuileries

Through August 27

The 31st annual Fête des Tuileries funfair with carnival rides at **Tuileries Gardens** starts today, free entry, rides with individual tickets. Plenty of food stands, too!

The Holocaust and Comics

Through 30 October

The Holocaust and Comics (*Shoah et bande dessinée*), at the **Mémorial de la Shoah**, explores how artists working in this popular art form – from French and Belgian *bandes dessinées* to American superhero comic books to Japanese manga – have tackled the Holocaust. Free entry.

Les meilleurs ouvriers de France
(Best French artisans)

Through November 5

At the always fascinating **Musée des Arts et Métiers**, the exhibition *Les Meilleurs ouvriers de France* looks at the craft and expertise of the best of French artisans – jewelers, watchmakers, embroiderers, workers in glass, wood and textiles. Guided tours in French at 3.30pm every day.

Summer festivals

Summer on Les Berges de la Seine

There's always something going on at Les Berges, the **Left Bank** pedestrian walkway along the Seine from the Musée d'Orsay to the Musée Quai Branly (7th), and the **Right Bank** from the Pont Sully to Pont Neuf, including concerts, art installations, workshops, kids' events, ping pong, sports activities (zumba, yoga, climbing), etc.