

## 10 MORE TRIPS AN HOUR FROM PARIS BY TRAIN

### GARE DU NORD

#### 1. Nesles la Vallée



9 km circular walk through Van Gogh countryside to former artists' village with 12C church, café, returning via Neolithic burial cave hidden in woodland. Option of shorter 6½ km walk to cave, bypassing the village.

**48 minutes**

### GARE DE L'EST

#### 2. Coulommiers



Medieval market town with canals, market, restaurants, Coulommiers Brie cheese. Optional 4½ km detour to well-preserved 12C hilltop 'Commanderie' of the Knights Templar, returning via country walk and park.

**62 minutes**

### GARE DE LYON

#### 3. Ballancourt



3 km river and country walk to island restaurant on the Essonne and visit to family-owned Château du Saussay. Optional 5 km country walk to old town of La Ferté-Alais, via fishermen's chalets and gardens past hidden sections of the river only accessible on foot.

**67 minutes**

4. **Greze sur Loing**



12 km country and river walk from former artists' village of Bourron with 11C church, café, to village of Greze sur Loing, where Corot, Robert Louis Stevenson, Delius and Strindberg stayed, with 12C bridge, church and ruined tower, restaurant, then canal towpath walk to Nemours station.

**57 minutes**

5. **Nemours**



Picturesque old town on River Loing with 11C church, 12C castle, restaurants.

Optional 4½ km detour to award-winning under-visited Musée de la Préhistoire set in woodland with optional spectacular hilltop return route.

**65 minutes**

6. **Château-Landon**



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9 km canal/country/river walk from Souppes, lively market town on the River Loing with 12C church, restaurant, to ancient hilltop stronghold of Château-Landon, birthplace of the Plantagenets and a medieval pilgrimage site. 11C abbey and church. Optional return by scenic bus ride via Fontainebleau station at Melun.

**74 minutes**

**CHATELET-LES HALLES**

7. **Eragny sur Oise**



*Courtesy of Saara Marchadour*

1 km walk to riverside fondue restaurant. Optional 1 km detour to Eragny village and return from different station or continuation of 6½ km riverside walk past reproductions of Impressionist paintings to 13C Abbaye de Maubuisson with tea-room in chapter house, returning from St Ouen l'Aumône. Option of shortening riverside walk by returning from Pontoise or St Ouen Quartier de l'Eglise.

**34 minutes**

**ST MICHEL-NOTRE DAME/CHATELET-LES HALLES**

**8. Petit Jouy**



3 km country walk from the Musée de la Toile de Jouy, renowned 18C textile factory founded by Oberkampf, to Jouy en Josas. Café-restaurant with garden, Oberkampf's house/workshop, 13C church with unusual 12C Madonna. Return from Jouy en Josas station or optional 2 km river and country walk back to Petit Jouy station.

**48 minutes**

**ST MICHEL-NOTRE DAME/GARE D'AUSTERLITZ**

**9. Dourdan**



Medieval former capital of the Hurepoix region, with spectacular 13C walled castle and 12C church. Optional 1 km walk along the little River Orge and/or optional 5 km country and river walk to waterlily ponds in nearby forest.

**67 minutes or 40 minutes from Austerlitz**

**GARE DE MONTPARNASSE**

**10. Maintenon**



Old market town on the River Eure. Visit to Château de Maintenon, home of Mme de Maintenon, with majestic ruined arches of Louis XIV's abandoned aqueduct crossing its park. Optional 5½ km country and river walk to see Neolithic dolmens.

**50 minutes**