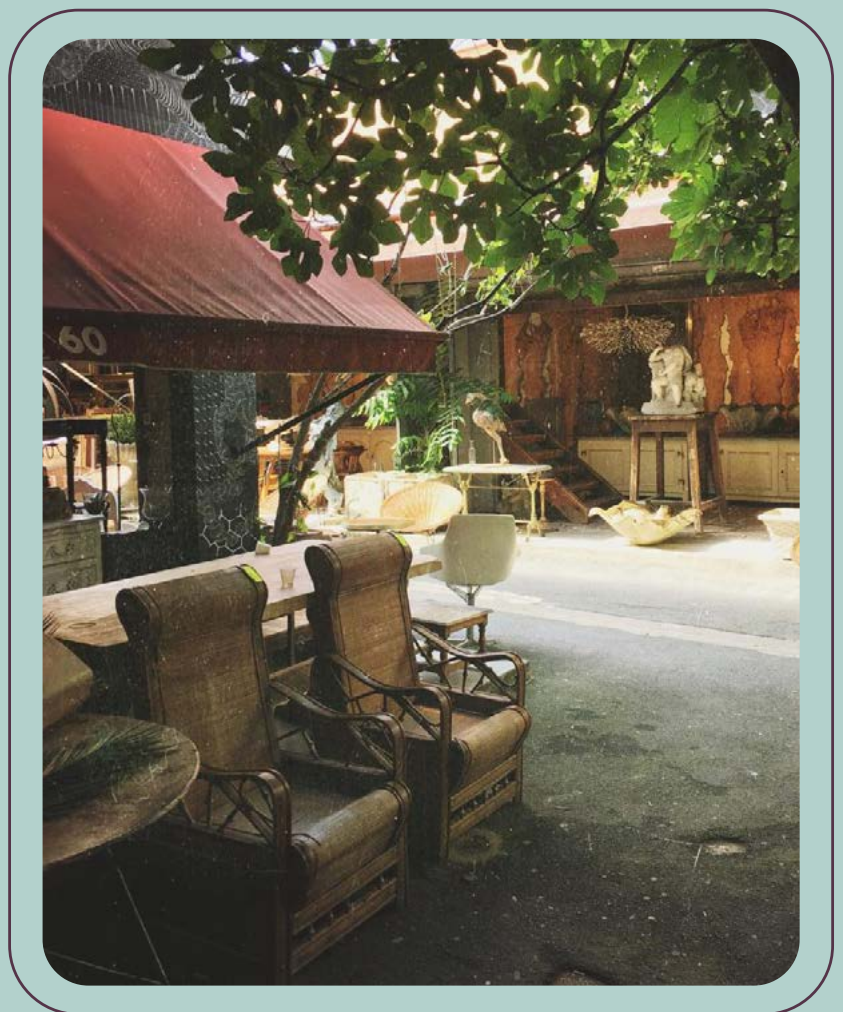


SHOPPING LIKE
A COLLECTOR IN

Paris



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How does one shop for souvenirs in Paris without feeling like a tourist?
How do you bring home something meaningful, something unique
you discovered down the rabbit hole that won't declare "I Heart Pa-
ris" in giant letters across your chest?

I figured some of you collectors might be interested in seeing my little black
book of addresses for shopping like a collector in Paris...

Where to shop at Les Puces de Saint-Ouen



Les Puces



On a sunny day in Paris, there is no better place for the Parisian flâneur to wander than les Puces (the flea market) of Saint-Ouen. The epicentre of authentic Paris, le *Marché aux Puces de Saint-Ouen* is an ideal little society of its own, made up of fifteen smaller markets, each with their own unique village-like ambience, preserved by an intellectual and cultivated community of vendors who make it all happen.

You'll want to track down a few spots in particular within the legendary flea market, which is divided up into several smaller markets, each with their own name and character. The flea market is open every weekend and can be reached by Uber or metro (Porte de Clignancourt). Once out of the underground, it can seem a little dicey – but just head straight for the *Marché Vernaison* at 99 rue des Rosiers (about an 8 minute walk, follow your GPS).



Marché des Vernaïson

IN THE MARCHÉ DES VERNAISON



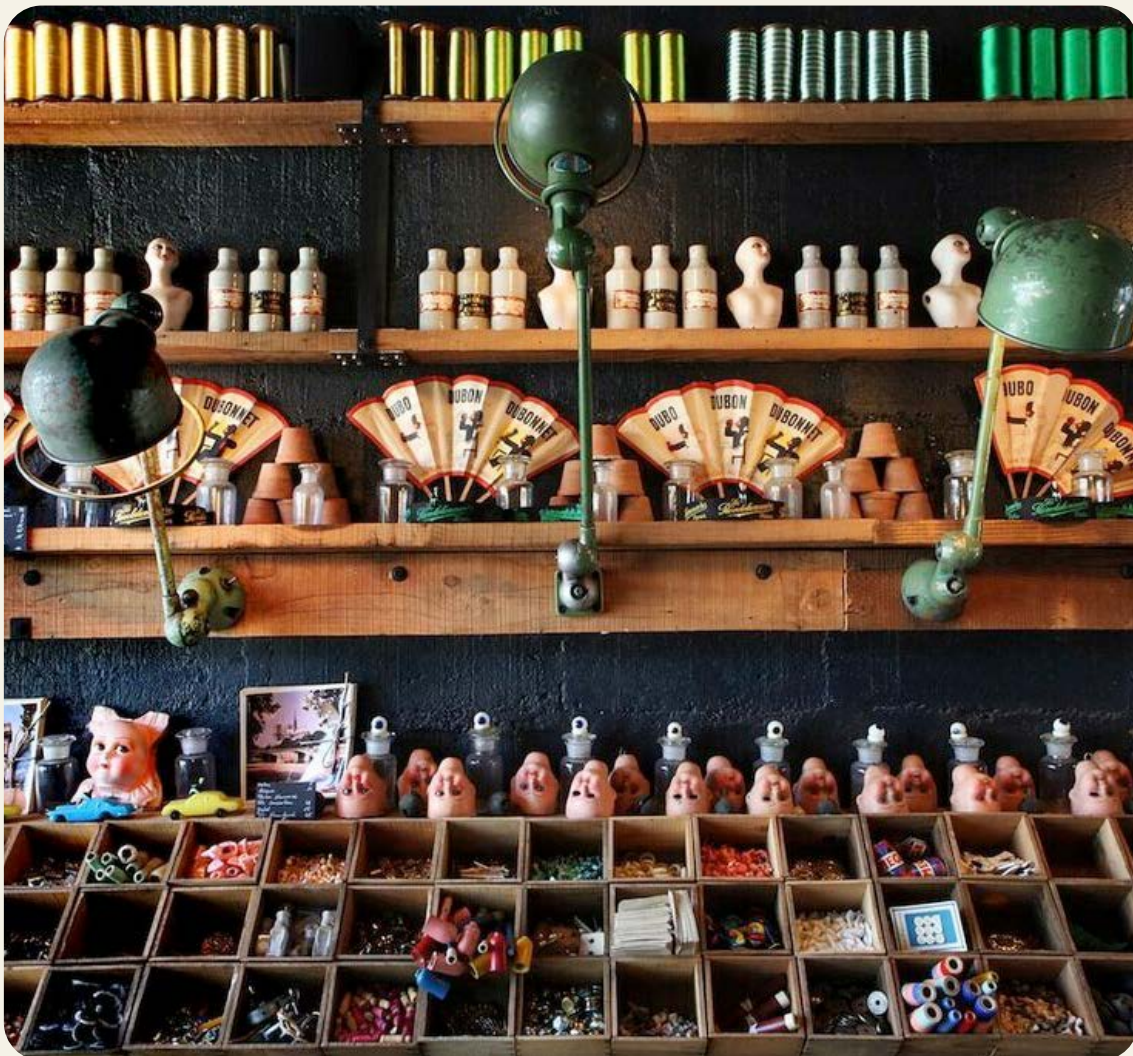
An open-air maze of tiny alleys (allées), the Marché Vernaïson is the historic cradle of the Puces de Paris Saint-Ouen, with 300 stands and boutiques.

Open Sat & Sun 10am-6pm, Mon 10am-5pm; 99 rue des Rosiers, 93400 Saint-Ouen).
Look out for...

TOMBÉE DU CAMION



The name literally translates as 'fallen off the truck', this company owns several stands in the market that specialises in vintage deadstock by the truckload, from spare toy parts and missing pieces from your childhood that you never knew you'd lost, to bizarre novelty items and a great selection of vintage costume jewellery. Dive into bucket loads of treasure at Allée 1, Stands 29, 30, 31 and Allée 3 stands 107 and 108 bis.



Tombée du Camion

THE PAUL MAUREL GALLERY



An excellent collection of vintage posters, from the early Perrier ads to Art Deco Grand prix prints. Browse their collection at Allée 1 Stand 41.



The Paul Maurel gallery

TENENBAUM



Pick up a tiny bottle of Chanel Number 5 at this stand where you'll find nothing but miniature vintage perfume bottled galore. (Allée 3 Stand 144).



IN THE MARCHÉ DAUPHINE



Located in a glass-roofed building opposite the Marché Vernaison, digging through archives in the Marché Dauphine is addictive. You can lose hours here flicking through 1950s pocket guides, vintage luggage labels and even 1930s pornography that's rather difficult to ignore. I do most of my rummaging for vintage photographs upstairs on the first floor,



Marché Dauphine

specifically the stands between No. 211 and 218, and shop for 1930s fashions (or earlier) at Falbalas (Stand 254, 255, 256, 284 & 285). Downstairs you'll also find a bead, button and bric-a-brac haven at Daniel et Lili, located at stand 128 on the ground floor, in front of the orange Futuro House (a big 1960s spaceship).

(Marché Dauphine is open Friday mornings, Sat & Sun 10am-6pm, Mon 10am-5pm; 134 rue des Rosiers, 93400 Marché aux Pucés de Saint-Ouen; Métro: Porte de Clignancourt; marche-dauphine.com).



Futuro House



In the Marché Paul Bert Serpette

IN THE MARCHÉ PAUL BERT SERPETTE



There's a bit of everything in this indoor & outdoor market. Half open air and half covered and cozy market, it's all very high quality (and pricey) at Paul Bert. Fabulous art deco armchairs, fine mid-century dining tables, vintage Chanel suits and costume jewellery are elegantly displayed here by the most established sellers of Les Pucés.

(110 Rue des Rosiers, 93400 Saint-Ouen, Sat-Mon, 10am-5pm)

In the covered area of this market, which has several vintage fashion dealers of Chanel and other heritage brands, you'll find Le Monde du Voyage – Louis Vuitton trunks from another time piled up nearing the ceiling, oozing with untold stories and faraway travel tales. Helen is friendly, familiar and British and one-half of Le Monde du Voyage, which she runs with her French husband Alain, who inherited the business from his parents. To see what they have in stock, visit their website [here](#). You can find them at Stand 15, Allée 3. For more vintage fashion and couture (think YSL blazers and Alaïa dresses), seek out Les Merveilles de Babelou which is located at Stand 13 and 77 Allée 1.

MARCHÉ JULES VALLÈS



This is one of the least-frequented markets of *Les Puces*, but as luck would have it, this is also the cheapest part. You can find paintings for under 10 euros and great mid-century kitchen tables in need of a good polish but that fit within your budget.

(7 and 9, rue Jules Vallès 93400 Saint-Ouen, Thur and Friday from 7am - 12 pm, Sat & Sunday from 9:30am to 5:30pm. Monday 10:30am to 3.00pm).



Marché Jules Vallès

STAND-ALONE STORES OF THE FLEA MARKET



Maison Roland



Chez Sarah

RUE DES JULES VALLÈS



At the other end of the open lot where Marché Jules Vallès is situated, don't miss the warehouses on *Rue des Jules Vallès*. Even if you're not in the market for a giant bronze horse or an old Parisian lamp post, it's worth a stop into the outdoor depot of sculptures that time forgot at **Maison Roland** at number 20 Rue des Jules Vallès. Next door is **Chez Sarah**, an Aladdin's Cave of vintage fashion as well as other stores down a covered passage at 18 Rue Jules Vallès. And across the road is **Entrepot Claude** is a great big mess of a warehouse packed with armoires, chandeliers, vintage radios, and armchairs just waiting to be bargained out of there.

(23 Rue Jules Vallès).

MY DISCOVERIES



If you're looking for some vintage decor inspiration, this two-storey antiques shop displays furniture and objects with incredible artistry. Slightly pricey, but well worth a look around to borrow a few ideas.

(3 Rue Paul Bert – 93400 – Saint Ouen).

Maison ORIGINES – Antiques set inside an old house with an asian garden and colonial decor throughout.

(99 Rue des Rosiers, 93400 Saint-Ouen).



The Other Flea Market across town



Vanves market



Puces de Vanves is Paris' alternative flea market to the legendary Puces de Saint Ouen. Every weekend, rain or shine, just a few hundred metres from the Parc Montsouris on avenues Marc Sangnier and Georges Lafenestre, 400 second-hand traders come to sell their wares. If you're serious about getting the best deals, you have to get up early – after a quick cup of coffee, aim to get to the Vanves flea market by 7am. Unlike the famous Saint-Ouen Flea market, stalls are open air. If you really want to shop and bring something home, there's more of a chance of you bringing back some loot from Vanves, where you can dig through lots of little trinkets, find an affordable piece of art or even a pair of vintage Chanel pumps at a good price.

(14 Avenue Georges Lafenestre, 14eme, Sat & Sun 7am-2pm).

Curiosity Shops, Design & Specialty Addresses in Paris



A painting of Drouot

HOTEL DROUOT



This is one of the world's oldest public auction houses. It might sound intimidating but you and I are just as welcome to snoop around this auction house as any fine art dealers or antique collectors. Items in a sale are typically displayed the day before and the morning before the auction begins (typically they start bids from 2pm). There's something for all budgets, just make sure you have your credit card or cash ready if you bid. Winning bidders pay right then and there on the spot in the auction room. And check the commission fees before bidding (listed on each sale catalogue – it can be up to 25%). You can move from room to room freely, checking in on the action over three different floors. So it's basically a free art museum too. I recommend downloading the Drouot smartphone app from the App store to follow along with the auction schedules.

(9 Rue Drouot, 9eme, Mon-Fri 11am-6pm)

WEEKEND THRIFTING



On any given weekend there are always local *brocantes* (nomadic antiques markets) pitching their tents somewhere in Paris; it's just a matter of finding out where. In early June, there's a particularly spectacular brocante that sets up shop around the fountain of Place Saint-Sulpice.

(Check the brocantes calendar on vide-greniers.org/75-Paris).

Instead of yard sales, Parisians have what's called a 'Vide Grenier' or a 'Vide Dressing', which literally entails emptying their attics and closets. But of course Paris doesn't exactly have much yard space, so neighbours and groups of friends traditionally get together on weekends to organise a big communal street sale on the local boulevard, or sometimes they set up shop in an empty gallery space they've rented for the day. There is treasure to be found.

(Most are listed on Vide-Greniers.org/75-Paris for household goods and Vide-Dressing.org/75-Paris for spring-cleaning closets).



CURIOSITIES AT L'OBJET QUI PARLE



The owner of this charming little antiques shop treats his front window like an art installation, full of curious objects that really will speak to you.

(86 rue des Martyrs; 18eme, open 1-7.30pm, closed Mon, [website](#)).



L'Objet qui Parle

TINY BOOKS AT LIBRAIRIE MINIMA



A shop that specialises in the peculiar niche of miniature books, old & new.

(5 Rue de l'Echaudé, 75006 Paris, open Mon-Sat 2pm-7pm, closed Wednesday, [website](#)).



Librairie Alain Brieux

MACABRE TREASURES AT LIBRAIRIE ALAIN BRIEUX



A lesser-known but equally rewarding cabinet of curiosities specialising in medical and rare anatomy ephemera, historical scientific instruments and antique botanical prints.

(48 rue Jacob, 6eme, open Monday to Saturday until 10am-6.30pm, except Sat opening time of 2pm, daily lunchtime closing between 1-2pm, [website](#)).



Design et Nature

FANTASY TAXIDERMISTRY AT DESIGN & NATURE



Behind the stunning Place des Victoires, this taxidermy shop will stop you in your tracks. They also specialise in rare skeletons and mythological Minotaur-esque taxidermy.

(4 rue d'Aboukir, 2eme, Monday to Friday 10-7pm, Sat 11-7pm, [website](#)).

THE ONE AND ONLY DEYROLLES



The church of Paris taxidermy, legendary curiosity cabinet since 1831 and a favourite Parisian hang-out of indie film director Wes Anderson.

(46 rue du Bac, 7eme; Monday to Saturday 10am-7pm, closes for lunch on Mondays, [website](#)).



Deyrolles

MAPS AND PRINTS AT GALERIE MARTINEZ FLEUROT



In the heart of Saint Germain, this corner gallery has some truly unique antique prints and maps, particularly of Paris and its monuments.

(97 rue de Seine, 75006, Open Tues – Sat 10.30am-7pm).



Galerie Martinez Fleurot



Librairie F Jousseume

ANTIQUE & VINTAGE BOOKS AT LIBRAIRIE F JOUSSEAUME



A bookstore nestled in the covered passages of Galerie Vivienne, a collector's haven in itself, thumb through 17th century books, vintage postcards and literary souvenirs.

(Galerie Vivienne, 2ème, Mon-Saturday, 11am-7pm).

BISTRO CHAIRS AND PARISIAN DECOR AT PHILIPPE MODEL



Maison Gatti is one of the few surviving sources for authentic Parisian bistro chairs. If you're keen on owning a piece of Parisian history yourself, you can custom order a chair on [Maison Gatti's website](#) but in Paris proper, you can also pick up a (rare) collection they created for the staple Pigalle boutique, [Philippe Model maison](#).

(19 Rue Racine, 75006 Paris).



Philippe Model



Didier Ludot

VINTAGE COUTURE AT DIDIER LUDOT



In the centre of Paris, in the elegant gardens and covered marble arcades of the Palais Royal, a seventeenth-century royal enclave sealed off from the busy boulevards near the Louvre, you'll find your one-stop shop for the best vintage couture in Paris. Browse the time-capsule boutiques that still have their artisanal shop signs from a hundred years ago, and it just so happens that one of these boutiques is home to the king of vintage haute couture– Didier Ludot. He sells perfect-condition pieces from every decade – an Yves Saint Laurent suit from the '70s or a Chanel jacket from the '50s.

(24 Galerie Montpensier, Jardin du Palais Royal, 1er; didierludot.fr; Mon-Sat, 10.30am-7pm).

Other high end vintage boutiques in Paris I can recommend are: *Les Trois Marches* de Catherine B in (1 Rue Guisarde) and Ragtime (23 Rue de l'Échaudé) both in the St Germain neighbourhood and *La Jolie Garde Robe* in the Marais.

(15 Rue Commines, 3eme).

THE CRAFT OF FASHION



Whether you're a designer, a stylist, or just fancy trying your hand at making your own clothes, at the *Marché St Pierre* in Montmartre you'll be spoilt for choice with unique fabrics and haberdashery to get your creative groove back.

(2 rue Charles Nodier, 18ème; marchesaintpierre.com).

If you happen to be interested in costume design – or your first tailored suit – the vintage boutique *Casablanca* is famous for reproducing old suits and shirts that they just don't make like they used to. Housed in an old boulangerie behind the *rue Oberkampf* and specialising in clothes and accessories from the 1930s to the 1970s, a lot of the pieces in *Casablanca* eventually end up on stage at the Opéra Garnier or the Théâtre du Châtelet. You can have your own stunning three piece suit tailored for a very reasonable price and know that you're in very good hands.

(17 rue Moret, 11ème; casablanca polo.com).



Marché St Pierre



Maison Duvelleroy

MIDCENTURY DESIGN AT BELLE LURETTE



A mid-century antiques shop located in a mini antiques village within the city, a favourite with prop-hunters.

(5 rue du Marché Popincourt, 11eme; open Tues-Sun from 12-7pm on weekdays & from 2pm on weekends).



Didier Ludot

THE LOST ART OF FANS AT MAISON DUVELLEROY



Preserved in an attic for decades, the archives of the very same house that crafted fans for Queen Victoria and the Empress of Russia, lie waiting inside antique cabinets behind the lemon yellow shop front of Maison Duvelleroy. Here, we discover the last great house of French fan making still in existence after 190 years, today inspiring a style revival for handheld art. Duvelleroy is one of the only French fan makers to have survived after World War II. For the everyday accessory, Duvelleroy offers a **rainbow of fashion fans, starting from €39** as well as a bespoke collection. Each season, they collaborate with a new emerging designer. They also make excellent house gifts for an eclectic hostess. Don't forget to ask to see the archives!

(14 rue Amélie, in the 7th arrondissement, or discover the house at Maison-Duvelleroy.com).

THOUGHTFUL FASHION TRINKETS AT BRIGITTE TANAKA



When I heard the man who ran the tiniest antiques shop in Paris (stuck to the side of a church) had retired, I was sure it would be overtaken by another soulless luxury boutique. But alas, it's new occupant is just as, if not more whimsical than the last. Brigitte Tanaka's little cabinet of curiosities is filled with delightfully hand-picked vintage accessories, charming jewellery and beautiful homewares. Seek her out next to the Église Saint Roch, one of the most beautiful churches in Paris and it's where all the fancy Parisian families still congregate on Sundays in their best vintage Yves Saint Laurent.

(18 Rue Saint-Roch, 75001, Mon-Sat, 11am-7pm).



Brigitte Tanaka



Cire Trudon

BEAUTIFUL CANDLES AT CIRE TRUDON



If you're in the market for candles, look no further than *Cire Trudon* where they make wax busts of famous French figures like Napoleon and Marie Antoinette. There are three shops in Paris.

GIFTS FOR HIM AT A L'ORIENTAL



Founded in 1818 and now one of the oldest shops in the city, *A l'Oriental* is a Parisian treasure chest of antique smoking pipes. Nestled amongst the boutiques of Palais Royale, it could easily moonlight as a tiny museum dedicated to the gentleman's essential accessory of yesteryear.

(19/21 Galerie de Chartres, Palais-Royal, 1er; Monday to Friday 9am-6pm, closes at lunchtime).



A l'Oriental



Officine Universelle Buly 1803

GIFTS FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL AT OFFICINE UNIVERSELLE BULY 1803



Modelled after a traditional nineteenth-century French pharmacy, with antique apothecary cabinets and gorgeous floor tiling, the decor of this jewel box of a shop is reason enough to enter. This Parisian perfume and cosmetics brand dates back 200 years. Pore over the beautiful vintage packaging and don't miss the drawers full of natural-honeycomb sponges, boar-bristle brushes and traditional boxwood combs. Go on, spoil yourself or someone else.

(6 rue Bonaparte, 6eme; open Monday to Saturday, 10-7pm).



Vintage Camera Kiosk

VINTAGE CAMERA KIOSK



On the sidewalk of boulevard Saint-Michel, you'll find an old Parisian newspaper kiosk turned *Vintage Camera Shop*. The friendly shopkeeper of this tiny makeshift boutique, Hassan, is there most days of the week and has a truly stunning collection of antique photography equipment, most of it still in perfect working condition.

(Newspaper Kiosk at 25 boulevards Saint-Michel, 6eme).

QUIRKY PARISIAN SOUVENIRS AT MARIN MONTAGUT



A Parisian cabinet of curiosities by a talented whimsical illustrator, offering reimagined antique glassware, printed ceramic tableware, globes with his signature astrological motifs, citrus-scented candles, and cushions and lively scarves printed with iconic memories of Paris.

(48 rue Madame, 6eme, [website](#)).



Marin Montagut

CERAMICS AT KLIN D'OEIL



Curating the coolest ceramics from the most talented young artisans, as well as art and home decor, this a great little boutique for picking up a unique gift or just a really great accent piece for your living room.

(6 Rue Deguerry, 6eme, [website](#)).



Klin d'Oeil

CHARITY SHOPPING



Emmaüs is the French version of Salvation Army or the Red Cross. They have shops all over Paris, selling all manner of recycled second hand goods, from furniture, bric-a-brac, records, books and clothes to cookers, fridges, electrical goods, French antiques and bicycles, but these are the ones I'd suggest going for a rummage through...



Emmaüs

L'appartement Emmaüs

5 Rue Curial 75019 Paris – Métro Riquet

Boutique Alternatives de Paris Charonne

54 Rue de Charonne 75011 Paris – Métro Ledru Rollin or Charonne

Boutique Alternatives de Paris 20ème

105 Boulevard Davout 75020 Paris – Métro Porte de Montreuil

Boutique Alternatives de Beaumarchais

22 Boulevard Beaumarchais 75011 Paris – Métro Bastille

Boutique Alternatives Emmaüs Paris Turbigo

74 Rue de Turbigo 75003 Paris – Métro République

Boutique Alternatives Emmaüs Quincampoix

35 rue de Quincampoix, 75004 Paris – Métro Chatelet, Les Halles et Rambuteau



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