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Here at the Messy Nussy Chic clubhouse, we're firm believers in a proper party. Whether it's an intimate, cocktail hour for your handful of besties, or you're throwing a veritable bash, we're always looking for incredibly unique places to celebrate. If you've ever found yourself in the party-planning shoes, whether that's for a colleagues retirement celebration, a sleek birthday soiree, or responsible for the venue of your best friend's destination wedding, this eBook was written for you...

We've scoured the city's ballrooms, back rooms, basements and barges for all shapes and sizes of spaces. We'll start with the smallest, most intimate rooms for rent, and on from there in capacity. Let's tour them together and start planning your *fête*!

Keeping it intimate



Laperouse



In this section you'll find your hidden wine cellars and intimate dining rooms for invitation only dinner parties and birthdays with a really exclusive guest list. (6-20 people)

COSY & PRIVATE DINING ROOMS

Why not give your party a French Libertine dress-up theme and invite your guests to dine in one of the intimate salons of Laperouse, where 18th century courtiers and their courtesans dined, even before the French Revolution...



Laperouse

The restaurant famously catered specifically to married gentlemen in centuries past who wanted to discreetly entertain Parisian courtesans with champagne and expensive gifts. The owner installed lavish private rooms for his patrons and the restaurant instantly became an institution. The private rooms of Laperouse Paris, open since 1776, are still there today, and you can even book the historic wine cellars.



Laperouse

(51 Quai des Grands Augustins, 75006; Capacity: 30-300; laperouse.com;
+33 1 43 26 68 04)

Chez Julien is a picture perfect restaurant in a historic building along the Seine (with probably one of the most instagrammable facades) serving classic French fare. But upstairs, it's hiding a sumptuous private dining room with red velvet details for up to 20 people, connected to a secret cocktail lounge. offers a luxury feel with red velvet details and delicious, classic French fare.

(Rue du Pont Louis-Philippe 75004; Capacity: 6 to 20 people. Réservations for the private Salon: +33 6 15 05 35 58; 1, chezjulien.paris/privatisation-1)



Chez Julien

One of the most chic but little-known private dining rooms in Paris is the *Salle à Manger* at **Le Square Trousseau** brasserie. It's cosy, luxurious and very romantic in candlelight, but could also work perfectly for a wedding brunch. The room has a large dining table for sixteen and also has its own private bar and entrance from the street, so it feels like your own tiny restaurant. They'll create a custom menu for you too. Prices range from 60 to 100 euros per head, depending on how much wine you order.

(1 Rue Antoine Vollon; 12ème; Capacity: up to 16 people; Reservations for the private room: +33 (0)1 4343 0600; squaretrousseau.com)



The private room at Le Square Trousseau

Pollop has multiple chic and sleek rentable spaces: intimate dinner in their swanky dining room for 14-20 people? Check. Charming private brunch with 10-14 in front of a wall of books? check! Or just say "full pollop!" and rent the whole space for up to 50 people for an all-out soiree. Could work very nicely for a book launch or a company soirée.

(15 Rue d'Aboukir, 75002; Capacity: ranging from 14-50; Reservations: **Pollop.fr/#privatisations**; 01 40 41 00 94)

Inside a colossal old textile workshop behind the Grand Boulevards, **Bam-bou** is giving theatrical “opium den” chic, hiding plenty of cosy nooks & crannies to explore, including a cozy salon with a fireplace, a secret fumoir behind a wall in the billiard room downstairs, and a leafy courtyard space as well.

(23 rue des Jeûneurs, 75002; Capacity: small parties and large parties, call for more info +33 1 40 28 98 30; Bambouparis.fr)



Bambou



Canal Saint Martin

ON THE WATER



For a day thing, if the weather is nice, you could rent a **private boat (or two) on the charming Canal Saint Martin**. The **Marin d'Eau Douce** provides a picnic (champagne included) and it's far more affordable than you would think because it's not the Seine. Great for a low key friend's birthdays, especially popular with kids, and it's a really fun time and no boat licence needed – easier than driving a bumper car!

(Bassin de la Villette, 37 quai de la Seine 75019; Capacity: from 5-11 people; Call or book online: +33 9 70 71 40 60; Boating-paris-marindeaudouce.com/birthday/)

If you'd rather be motorboated around in luxury and you have a bigger budget, you could have drinks on your own pontoon boat with a chauffeur starting at 50 euros per person. Take things up a notch with your own private Riva boat and live La Dolce Vita on the Seine.



Green River Cruises

How about a dinner party in an underwater wine cave? Floating opposite the Eiffel Tower, **Francette** has a dining “chef’s table” below deck. Surrounded by the boat’s supply of wine, you can seat 4 to 10 people. is an airy and chicly designed restaurant on a large boat moored under the shadow of the Eiffel Tower.

(Port de Suffren, 75007 Paris; Capacity: multiple rentable spaces from 6-10+; francette.paris; +33 06 68 94 26 82)



The wine cave at Francette

For an anniversary dinner, make plans for dinner on **Le Calife**, an old boat of the Belle Epoque, which is also available to privatise for a much larger affair. It sets sail from below the Pont Neuf and sails past the Eiffel Tower as it sparkles.

Le Calife: Port des Saints-Pères, 6eme; 01 43 54 50 04; calife.com.



Le Calife

La Nouvelle Seine moored next to Notre Dame is available for hire and even comes with its own theatre below deck, where a burlesque troupe performs every weekend.

La Nouvelle Seine, 3 Quai de Montebello, 5eme, 01 43 54 08 08; lanouvelleseine.com.



Le Jardin Flottant

Le Jardin Flottant is literally a floating garden on a barge, a bohemian and charming option for summer celebrations with a capacity ranging between 30 to 250.

Bateau El Alamein, 10 Port de la Gare, 13eme; Au pied de la BNF; 06 88 99 20 58; bateauelalamein.com.

OFF BEAT AND UNDERGROUND



So, there's planning a party and then there's planning a party in a secret abandoned location in Paris. A candlelit banquet in an abandoned chateau or a 1940s swing ball in a secret Cold War bomb shelter – does that kind of thing sound up your alley? If you're interested in exploring the Paris catacombs or anything else truly underground in this city, I can only recommend that you become involved in the world of *We Are the Oracle*. A secretive group that surfaced in the French capital a few years ago, "WATO" throws once-in-a-lifetime soirées for Parisians looking to party somewhere a little more off the grid. If you're wondering how to meet some of Paris's urban explorers and fellow enthusiasts of the underworld, this is how. The master of ceremonies – or as he might prefer to call himself, 'le conspirateur' – has a knack for pinning down the most impossible locations you could imagine to host extravagant private shindigs. This young sir goes by the name of Foulques (pronounced 'Foolk') and has become a close confidante of mine over the years in Paris, so don't be shy about getting in contact as a friend of a friend (that's me). Test the waters and get in touch at Agence-wato.com.



An underground event staged by We Are the Oracle

Once upon a time King Louis XV's sommelier ordered the construction of a magnificent mansion and established a wine supply business in these caves under the centre of Paris. The spaces extended, through a network of tunnels, as far as the Louvre. Now, their intimate, candlelit settings are perfect for privatisation. Les Caves du Louvre offers events from a private wine tasting, wine making class, to private dinners.

(52 rue de l'arbre sec 75001; 1 40 28 13 11; Capacity: small groups, request a quote online for more information: Cavesdulouvre.com)



Les Caves du Louvre



Les Frigos

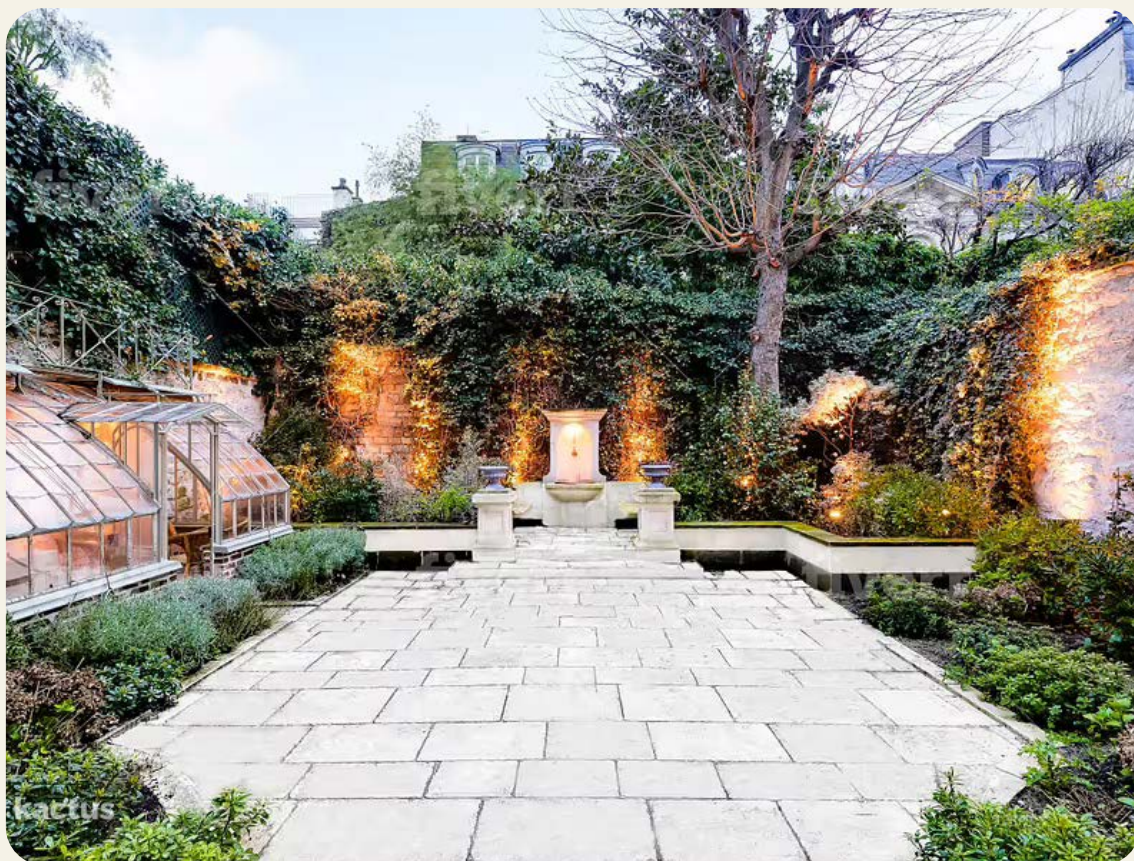
There's an enormous old building in the 13th infamously claimed by squatters back in the 1980s that's known as Les Frigos. It became a home to a large bohemian community, and one of its progeny has brought a gourmet supper club into its walls. The Office, created by the elite Ferrandi school alum Emilie Suzanne-Birot, caters for an open table of up to twelve guests. You can either reserve a seat amongst new friends for €40 a head or privatise the whole table for your entourage.

(Escalier B, 3ème étage, 19 rue des Frigos 75013; Les-frigos.fr/noms/; to reserve dinner; resa.theoffice@gmail.com)



Les Frigos

Mid-Sized Jamborees



Hotel de Montgascon

AL FRESCO AFFAIRS



Tucked right behind the Musee d'Orsay, **Hotel de Montgascon**, the last home of French playwright, novelist (*Bonjour Tristesse*), and screenwriter, Françoise Sagan, has a sublime private garden worthy of her novels. She often was seen with Truman Capote and Ava Gardner so we'd imagine quite a glamorous affair here, where the capacity ranges between 10 and 80. The sumptuous interior reception rooms look like the kind of place Capote and his swans would have enjoyed cocktails until the early hours.

(6 rue Georges Ville 75116, Capacity: from a table for 10 to a cocktail hour for 80; Inquiries: Kactus.com/salles/hotel-de-montgascon)



La Vigne de Paris Bagatelle

What if you could treat your guests to a party in the only private vineyard in Paris? Hidden in the Bois de Boulogne, La Vigne de Paris Bagatelle is a little-known but very special Parisian winery; one of the rare domaines making and selling «*vin de Paris*» in a former Maharaja's mansion, neighbour to the Duke and Duchess of Windsor's former residence. It's available for parties and weddings with the possibility to seat up to 170 people and welcome up to 350 for cocktails, overlooking the vines.

(lavignedeparisbagatelle.fr)

How about a whole villa in the heart of Paris to yourself? **Hotel Particulier de Montmartre** is a beautiful countryside villa once belonging to the Hermès family, turned-hotel away from the crowds in Montmartre. Outdoor garden & winter garden spaces can accommodate up to 150.

(23 Av. Junot Pavillon D, 75018 Paris, hotelparticulier.com/?lng=en)



Hotel Particulier de Montmartre



Treize au Jardin

For a lovely brunch, my mind also goes straight to **Treize au Jardin**, right on the edge of the Jardin de Luxembourg, next to the romantic Medici fountain. Treize is run by an amazing American chef, Molly who mixes North Carolina deliciousness with French influence. You could also talk to her about doing a little cocktail thing or catering your event at a different venue.

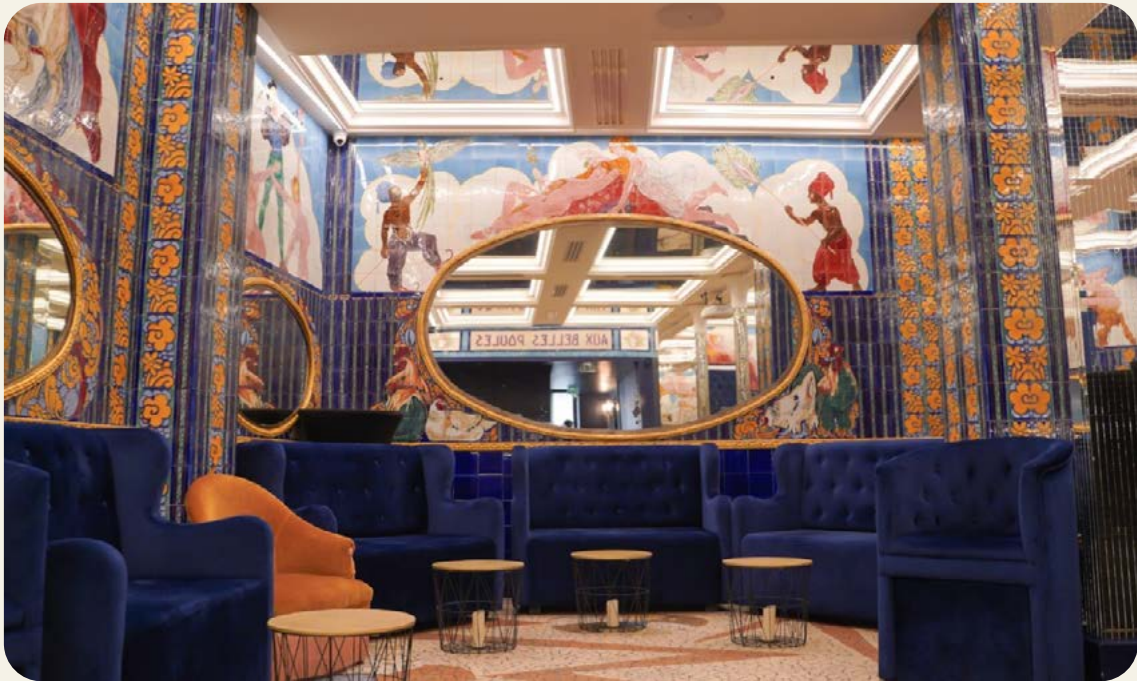
(5 Rue de Médicis, 75006; Capacity varies; Inquiries: admin@treizeaujardin.com; treizeaujardin.com)

Caché & Amagat are two restaurants hidden down a cobblestone alleyway converted from an old warehouse, opened by talented chef Sylvain Roucayrol, sharing a very charming exterior; a green cobblestoned courtyard lit with garlands. Caché offers a menu “around the sea and the Mediterranean”, while Amagat offers tapas accompanied by Catalan wine (where the chef is from).

(13 Villa Riberolle, 75020; Capacity varies from large tables to full restaurant, call for more details: +33 06 09 31 61 62; cache-paris.com)



Caché



Aux Belles Poules

DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY



Let's do the time warp to a former 1920s brothel house. Built in 1904, Aux Belles Poules was one of the city's most famous dens of debauchery during the *Années Folles*. A forgotten Art Deco treasure that was rediscovered in 2011, the venue's amazingly well-preserved walls are covered with magnificent erotic mosaics and huge mirrors. Available to rent for birthdays, stag or hen nights, New Year Events, the capacity is up to 65. A listed historic monument, the owner also offers historical experience such as a storytelling lunch where you and your guests can learn about the unknown history of Parisian brothels.

(32 Rue Blondel, 75002; Capacity: up to 65; Inquire by phone or email: +33 01 40 15 95 66; contact@auxbellespoules.fr; auxbellespoules.fr/en)

MID-SIZED JAMBOREES

Decorated like a 1960s Parisian mod's apartment, the lobby of **Le Pigalle**, a party hotel for the hip, has a buzzing restaurant that gets taken over by effortlessly stylish locals after dark. With a DJ and a red velvet pole-dancing lounge, it's the perfect introduction to the cool kids of South Pigalle. It has a large bar to privatise.

(9, rue Frochot 75009; Double rooms to stay, large bar for a party, inquire at the bottom of the webpage: Lepigalle.paris/en/ground-floor)



Le Pigalle



Serpent A Plume

If Margot Tenenbaum went to a nightclub in Paris, it would probably be Serpent A Plume. You can start your night here in the restaurant under the arches of the iconic Places des Vosges, and head downstairs to the dance-floor and cocktail bar where the vaulted medieval cellar has been given an 80s glow up with some seriously enviable design pieces and pre-Columbian art (Parisian interiors darling, Vincent Darré worked on the layout of the basement space). Alexander Keys Rash is the American in Paris behind this “cafe cocktail pyjama party”, as he calls it, and credits Wes Anderson as one of his primary inspirations in creating the space and concept (there is also a shop where you can purchase some very on-brand silk pyjamas). The music is eclectic and that is Alex’s intention. They also have a jacuzzi if you fancy a dip – pack a bikini in your clutch? A fashion week party would be very well suited here. (24 Place des Vosges, 3ème; Closed Monday and Tuesday; Dinner reservations serpentaplume.com)

(24 Pl. des Vosges, 75003; Email for private events details: serpent@plume.fun; serpentaplume.com)

At *Le Piaf* you'll be dancing on the tables by the end of the night. The red velvet banquettes and white tablecloths might seem a little old-fashioned, but this brasserie-cum-nightclub is a whole lot feistier than it looks. Expect to be singing French disco classics with the rest of the restaurant by dessert. Ticks all the boxes for a group birthday dinner or a very sexy red wedding!

(38 Rue Jean Mermoz, 75008, Capacity: 100 for dinner, 160 for cocktails, 180 for dancing; Inquire online paris-society.com/en/table/le-piaf/)



Le Piaf

Speaking of dress code, how about committing to a full Belle Epoque bash at [Pachamama](#)? This true-to-era 19th century ballroom sits in a building designed by Gustave Eiffel himself, near Bastille. The full space is over four floors and can be rented for anywhere from 30-1000 people.

(46-48 Rue du Faubourg Saint-Antoine, 75012; Pachamama-paris.com)

MID-SIZED JAMBOREES

Maybe Studio 54 is more your kinda theme. *Dragons Elysées*, is one of those fabulously kitsch Chinese restaurants that never left the 1980s. Just Google it. There's a live aquarium underneath the floor, need I say more? I know someone who had a disco-themed wedding here. It was epic.

(11 Rue de Berri, 75008; +33 01 44 07 26 17; Dragonselysees.com)



Dragons Elysées

PARTY ON CLOUD 9



The rooftop of Hotel Sourire de Passy offers Eiffel Tower views that would make for a stunning and exclusive cocktail party, or you can rent out the whole mansion for a work retreat weekend. You can seat up to 50 people for a dinner.

(29 Rue des Marronniers, 75016 Paris; ourirepassy.com)



Sourire de passy



Bar a Bulles

Moulin Rouge-themed party anyone? **Bar a Bulles** - is a rooftop bar space at the back of **the iconic Moulin Rouge**. They have a huge space and throughout various rooms, can accommodate anywhere from 100-1000 people.

(4 Cité Véron, 75018; Capacity 100-1000; Inquiries: privatization@lamachinedumoulinrouge.com; Lamachinedumoulinrouge.com)



Le Perchoir

For a hip rooftop terrace setting, how about one of the **Perchoir group's venues**, for example, there's the **Pavillon Puebla**, an old Belle Epoque pavillon right in the middle of the impressive Parc des Buttes Chaumont or *Le Perchoir*, their **hip rooftop venue in the 11th**.

(Capacity varies depending on address, all inquiries: leperchoir.fr/en)



Rooftop Grenelle

How about an 80s theme? **Rooftop Grenelle** has an unbeatable view with Eiffel Tower but it's set in a slightly outdated 80s glass building – so we say – make it a 1980s dress code! The capacity ranges from 25 to 90 people.

(1 Quai de Grenelle, 75015 Inquiries: +33 1 44 37 42 00; rooftopgrenelle.fr/en)

With knock-out views of the Sacre Coeur and the Eiffel Tower, check out *Hotel Rochechouart*, an elegant, design-centric new boutique hotel in the ninth with a privatisable bar for between 10 to 80 people.

(55 Blvd Marguerite de Rochechouart, 75009, Inquiries: hotelrochechouart.com)



Hotel Rochechouart

Le Big Bash



Musée des Arts Forains



These places are meant to explore, vino in hand. Some of them can accommodate smaller groups, but if you're looking for a venue with big capacity, take a look at these options...

LIKE A PERIOD DRAMA SET IN PARIS

Parisian art students have a beautiful secret hidden within the walls of a school that counts Renoir and Degas as former students. The frieze-covered tunnel of the *École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts de Paris* is a portal to an open-air Florentine Renaissance villa in Paris, a little piece of paradise laid out around a fountain surrounded by romantic outdoor statues. Its real name is *Cour du Mûrier*, after the Chinese mulberry tree planted there in 1816. Imagine saying your vows here!

(14 rue Bonaparte, 6eme, Capacity: 200; Inquire and reserve here: beauxartsparis.fr/fr/privatisations/cour-du-murier)



Cour du Mûrier



Musée Jean-Jacques Henner

The dress code should be “time travel” at the 19th century artist’s house-turned-museum that is *Musée Jean-Jacques Henner*. The space seems born for a luxurious, Agatha Christie style murder-mystery party, in period-specific garb of course. Good to know: the winter garden is available to hire for parties, as well as life drawing workshops to entertain your guests.

(43 Av. de Villiers, 75017 Paris, Capacity: a lot! Over 200 metres squared of space; Inquire here: musee-henner.fr/en/venue-hire)



Le Pavillon des Canaux

FRENCH CHARM IN THE CITY

Covered in beautiful street art murals, the canal-side **Le Pavillon des Canaux** is set up like a cosy countryside home, complete with a terrace, kitchen, bedrooms, living rooms, bathrooms, and plenty of nooks and crannies, any of which you're welcome to claim as your hang-out spot. **They can take 200.**

(39 Quai de la Loire, 75019; Capacity: 200; Inquire here: Pavillondescanaux.com/privatisation/; +33 7 80 91 52 93)

The Musee de Montmartre has a fabulous garden overlooking the rolling hills outside Paris and the vineyards of Montmartre. The garden can take 250.

(12 Rue Cortot, 75018; Capacity: 50-350 depending on space; Inquiries: Musee-demontmartre.fr/organiser-un-evenement-au-musee-de-montmartre; +33 1 49 25 89 39)



The Musee de Montmartre

MINI VERSAILLES

These are for romantic, dreamy events in which you want a more classic feel. If the idea of a countryside chateau in Paris has ever been on your mood board, there's the [American Centre for Art and Culture](#), a mansion left to Paris by an American philanthropist (Mona Bismarck) situated across the river from the Eiffel Tower, with a stunning garden.

(34 avenue de New York, 75116; Inquire for more details: info@americancenterparis.org or +33 1 47 23 38 88)



Hotel Mona Bismarck



The courtyard of Le Petit Palais

If "budget" isn't even in your vocabulary for your fairytale wedding or party, *Le Petit Palais* and its spectacular interior courtyard cafe is also available for hire, available to seat up to 300.

(Avenue Winston Churchill Paris, 75008; Capacity: up to 600 for cocktails, 300 seated; Inquiries: kactus.com/salles/cafe-le-jardin-du-petit-palais)



Palais Vivienne

For those parties where only chandeliers illuminating gold gilding will do: *Palais Vivienne*. Bonus: duck away from the crowds, drink in hand, and find Vivienne's cabinet of curiosities...

(36 rue Vivienne, 75002; Capacity: meals up to 150, cocktails up to 300. Inquiries: keysvenue.com/le-palais-vivienne)

DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE



The Musée des Arts Forains is my favourite museum in Paris, possibly the world, an Alice in Wonderland type of place, it's the result of one man's fascination with rare funfair objects, games, toys, theatrical props and other lost treasures dating back to the 1800s, set in the nineteenth-century wine storehouses, where old train tracks still run through the cobblestoned streets in between the pavilions.



Cour du Mûrier



Cour du Mûrier

They have lots of experience doing privatised events and regularly work with caterers they can recommend. Here, you could turn your own party into a veritably private fairground.

(53 Av. des Terroirs de France, 75012; Arts-forains.com/en/venue-hire; +33 1 43 40 16 22)

You could mistake Le Comptoir General for a forgotten, once grand African hotel, a social club in Senegal or a Stanley Kubrick film set. They offer many packages including various configurations of dinner, dancing, lunch and cocktails. Depending on the program, they can accommodate anywhere from 10-250.

(80 Quai de Jemmapes, 10ème; Lecomptoirgeneral.com)



Le Comptoir General

La Cartonnerie is a former workshop with an authentic, time travelling aesthetic that's used primarily as a space for creative events and exhibitions. There are many spaces to rent for many different group configurations, but we've seen events like craft markets, immersive theatre and creative product launches take place here. Possibilities are quite endless.

(75011; Inquiries: Arnaud BOURET + 33 (0)1 43 55 06 7; lacartonnerieparis.com/espaces; info@lacartonnerieparis.com)



Le Cartonnerie



Le Hasard Ludique

Le Hasard Ludique is a converted Belle Époque ghost station with a train platform that doubles as an open air café terrace. They can take from 280 to 800 people depending on what space you choose, which includes the trackside area, but also a performance stage area inside the old station.

(128 Av. de Saint-Ouen, 75018; Inquiries: lehasardludique.paris/privatiser-le-hasard-ludique and +33 1 42 28 35 91)

How about a pool party? This old 19th century luggage factory in Belleville can host up to 120 people. More info at zazostudio.com.



Zaza Studio

La Bellevilloise is a former communist workers' union, now host to a music club, bar, restaurant and exhibition space, where events range from craft markets to swing balls and jazz brunches, and has a rentable space with a rooftop terrace.

(19-21 Rue Boyer, 75020; Kactus.com/salles/la-belleilloise: +33 1 46 36 07 07)

The Icing on the (Wedding) Cake



Hotel de Montgascon



Reach out to a local singer named Margot who offers her services with proposal & elopements in Paris. She can show up anywhere with her ukelele to serenade you through a mini «ceremony» or whatever you have planned with her very sweet renditions of songs like “La Vie en Rose”.

Also, no matter what venue you're at, if you have some little accents you'd want to add – you could also dress it up with the help of someone like Madame de la Maison, run by a lovely American girl who collects vintage plates, glassware, linens etc and helps style dinner parties & events of all sizes, for a very reasonable price.



Madame de la Maison

Need a cake? Call upon Clove Bakery.

Olga Tereschchenko is an award-winning wedding hair stylist.

How about an American swing band in Paris, Ze Buci Bees? Or search here to find the local artist perfect for your event.

HAPPY CELEBRATING!



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Have any specific questions we can help with?

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