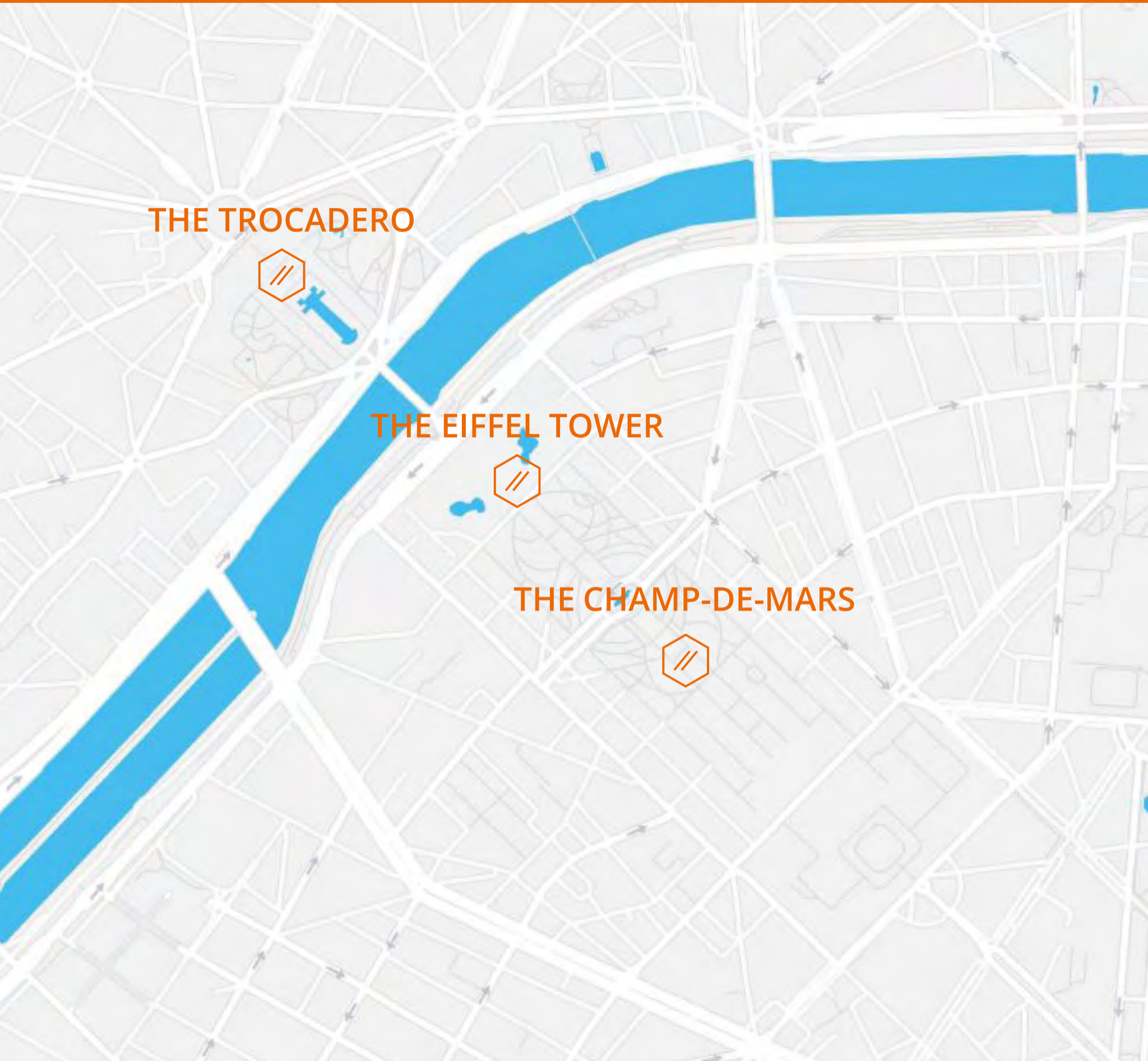


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THE EIFFEL TOWER,
THE CHAMP-DE-MARS
AND THE TROCADERO

THE TOUR: THE EIFFEL TOWER, THE CHAMP-DE-MARS, THE TROCADERO



Length:


- 2H30 walking
- ½ day with the Eiffel Tower visit
- The whole day with the Eiffel Tower visit and the Palais de Chaillot's museum.


Public: All

Means of transport: by foot

 **Access for persons with reduced mobility:** yes

Total distance: 4,5 km

 **Starting point:** At the bottom of the Eiffel Tower (Champ de Mars – Tour Eiffel RER station line C, or Champ de Mars bus stop lines 69 or 87)

 **After crossing the Avenue de New-York, you will be on the place de Varsovie (Warsaw Square) at the south end of the jardins du Trocadero (Trocadero gardens). Reach the Palais de Chaillot esplanade passing by the stairs or the side alleys that weave in the gardens.**

The jardins du Trocadéro (Gardens of the Trocadero)

The gardens were created for the universal exhibition of 1878. Jean-Charles Alphand (structural engineer who worked a lot for Paris embellishment) staged waterfalls, plants, rocks and small paths. They were restructured in 1937 at the same time as the palais de Chaillot. The gardens slope gently down to the Seine with a stunning view over the Eiffel Tower.

Numerous sculptures dating back to the 1930s punctuate the setting. They are so many stone and bronze women, men, gods, animals... Do not try to find coherence between the style and the theme because there is none.



In the middle stands the Fontaine de Varsovie (Fountain of Warsaw).

The waterfall effect basins are equipped with twenty water canons giving a remarkable and fresh watershow. The tourists and Parisians like it very especially during hot summer days when it becomes an improvised pool... On each side stands a sculpted block created for the universal exhibition of 1937 called La joie de vivre « Zest for life » (on the right) and La jeunesse « The Youth » (on the left).

The aquarium of Paris - Cinéaqua

The aquarium is located in the former quarries that used to house a part of Napoleon's cavalry.

During its construction in 1867, it was the biggest aquarium in the world.

Modernised for the exhibition of 1937, it received only game fishes. Closed in 1985, rebuilt and reopened in 2005, the aquarium of Paris offers now more than 500 species of fish coming from the whole world, twenty-five sharks and numerous workshops, shows and activities. The entry is situated on the right (with your back turned to the Seine).

> *Practical information Cinéaqua*



L'AQUARIUM D'EAU DOUCE, DANS LE PARC DU TROCADÉRO.

The aquarium in 1879



Stop for a while on the two terraces in between to admire this wonderful view: gardens, Eiffel Tower, Champ-de-Mars and the military School!

Then, reach the Parvis des droits de l'homme (Human Rights Parvis), name given to the Trocadero's esplanade in 1985, as a souvenir of the signature of the universal Declaration of Human Rights by the UN's general assembly (United Nations) that took place in the Palais de Chaillot in 1948. It is nowadays a place for gatherings and demonstrations of all kinds.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights

https://youtu.be/dm_KVv6i6i0

It also took place on the Trocadero's esplanade

<https://youtu.be/7uI9w-2-kEQ>

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The impressive Palais de Chaillot dominates the esplanade. It houses three museums, namely the **Musée de l'Homme** (ex-Trocadero palace's former Ethnography museum, the only one that kept a 1938 glass roof), the **Musée de la Marine** in Passy wing (to the right when one faces the Eiffel Tower) and the **Cité de l'Architecture et du Patrimoine** in Paris wing (to the left). The site also receives the **Théâtre National de Chaillot** in the central underground parts.

> The museums' practical information