



Finding France Amongst the Peachtree Streets
- *Paris in Atlanta Promotion Celebrates French Cuisine
and Culture With Special Offers* -

ATLANTA (Dec. 17, 2002) – Experience the flavor of Paris without going overseas at *Paris in Atlanta*, a four-month-long cultural event through March 16 sponsored by the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau (ACVB) and the High Museum of Art.

Paris in Atlanta is created around the High Museum of Art's exhibit, "Paris in the Age of Impressionism: Masterworks from the Musée d'Orsay." Through March 16, 2003, works of the Impressionist era from artists such as Manet, Van Gogh and Cézanne from the Musée d'Orsay in Paris are making their continental debut at Atlanta's High Museum of Art. *Paris in Atlanta* celebrates the French life and culture with special promotions at restaurants, giving visitors a chance to experience a taste of Paris in the heart of the South.

Located in convenient midtown Atlanta, **Après Diem** celebrates "Paris in Atlanta" by offering a choice of Fruit & Fromage or Pâté with one VIP ticket for just \$24.95. This eclectic coffee house and bistro offers a range of dining experiences, from people-watching on the patio to an intimate, romantic dinner inside, to just lounging in one of their plush couches in the bar.

Warmly lit, intimate and friendly, **Babette's Café** is located in Atlanta's historic Inman Park neighborhood. Locals refer to this neighborhood favorite as "a little piece of Europe in your own backyard." Babette's is celebrating "Paris in Atlanta" by offering a three-course, all-inclusive dinner for \$65 per person, Tuesday through Sunday evenings during the exhibition and includes VIP tickets to the exhibition.

Brasserie Le Coze offers an array of imaginative, yet traditional French cuisine including celebrated seafood dishes and award-winning desserts. Located in the heart of Buckhead, this Atlanta favorite boasts specialties such as yellowfin tuna carpaccio and roast leg of lamb sandwich. Monday through Saturday, take part in a three-course lunch or dinner with a glass of wine for \$45 per person and receive VIP exhibition tickets.

Selected as one of "One America's Best Restaurants" by Gourmet Magazine, **JOËL** is one of Atlanta's most acclaimed restaurants featuring healthy inspired French cuisine with Asian and Mediterranean influences. Chef Joël's menu reflects his extensive culinary experience in Paris, the South of France, Asia, London and, most recently, as executive chef at the Dining Room at the Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead. JOËL celebrates "Paris in Atlanta" with Chef Antunes' prix fixe menu, glass of wine and a VIP ticket to the High Museum of Art's "Paris in the Age of Impressionism"

exhibition for \$50 per person. The offer is valid Monday through Thursday, excluding holidays and special events.

An intimate neighborhood bistro, **Le Giverny** is offering a three-course dinner with a glass of wine for \$55 per person Monday through Thursday, complimented by VIP tickets to the exhibitio.. Enjoy gourmet French cuisine in a relaxed, candlelight setting and be sure to sample the much talked about Croque Monsieurs and mussels.

Located in downtown Decatur, **Sage** offers upscale contemporary fare in an upbeat, casual environment. Their extensive wine list completes the experience of fine French dining in an informal environment. On Sundays, enjoy brunch at Sage with a complimentary glass of champagne and receive VIP exhibition tickets for \$55 per person.

Philippe's Bistro will offer a champagne brunch for two as well as a three-course, prix fixe French dinner through March 16, excluding holidays and special events. Champagne brunch for two costs \$64 and includes two complimentary VIP tickets to the exhibition. Chef Philippe Haddad's fine cuisine is complimented by an eclectic piano bar and extensive wine list, making this Peachtree Hills bistro a unique experience.

For culinary art in an atmosphere that celebrates the spirit of its namesake, visit **Van Gogh's Restaurant and Bar**. Voted "Best Restaurant Just North of the Perimeter," Van Gogh's offers a unique three-course, prix fixe French dinner that includes two VIP tickets to the High Museum of Art. This special deal is valid Monday-Thursday, excluding holidays and special events.

To top of the dining experience, be sure to visit **Cortex Midtown Spa and Salon** and celebrate "Paris in Atlanta" with a Sea Salt Glow. This 45-minute treatment uses Thalassotherapy, marine based treatments initiated in France more than 200 years ago. This European water treatment is detoxifying, hydrating, and intensely relaxing, not to mention convenient to the High Museum of Art. Bring in a High Museum ticket stub and receive 50 percent off a second service for yourself and a friend.

All offers are valid through the end of the exhibit, March 16, 2003. For more information on *Paris in Atlanta* events go to www.parisatlanta.org, or to book a package, visit www.atlanta.net.

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Babette's Café, 573 N. Highland Avenue, 404.523.9121, www.babettescafe.com

Brasserie Le Coze, 3393 Peachtree Road, in Lenox Square next to Neiman Marcus, 404.266.1440

JOEL, 3290 Northside Parkway (in the Forum Building), 404.233.3500,
www.joelrestaurant.com

Le Giverny, 1355 Clairmont Road, 404.325.7252

Sage, 121 Sycamore Street, 404.373.5574, www.thebistros.com

Philippe's Bistro, 10 Kings Circle At Peachtree Hills, 404.231.4113,
www.philippesbistro.com

Van Gogh's Restaurant and Bar, 70 West Crossville Road, 770.993.1156,
www.knowwheretogogh.com

Cortex Midtown Spa and Salon, 1121 Peachtree Walk, 404.607.0700,
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