

Paris, France - Avenue des Champs-Élysées, Arc de Triomphe de l'Étoile



The Avenue des Champs-Élysées and the Arc de Triomphe de l'Étoile in Paris, France. Numerous horse drawn carriages ride along the tree-lined streets. The Arc de Triomphe was commissioned by after the Napoleonic Wars, and was completed in 1836. The arch stands 165 feet tall and its base is decorated with four relief sculptures: The Triumph of 1810, Resistance, Peace, and The Departure of the Volunteers (commonly known as La Marseillaise). The names of major and minor military victories are engraved on the arch, with the names of those who died in combat underlined. The Arc later included the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and now honors all soldiers who fought for France, (1898).

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