

## Saint Germain Chocolate Crawl, 6th Arrondissement - Tom Mahood, January 2016

The core of this info comes from Chocoparis.com, which just from its name suggests it might be a site you may want to have a look at, right? Anyway, after doing their version of the walk I updated it with a new shop and expanded the directions a little. And I added the extra credit portion with three more shops. So what you'll find below is a mixture of me and them.

This walk starts at the Saint Sulpice Metro station, line 4 on Rue du Vieux Colombier. It ends at the Saint-Germain de Pres Metro station, also line 4. The total length of the basic walk is only about **1.2 miles** (2 kilometers) from Metro station to Metro station. Clearly this isn't an excessive distance **for seven friggin' chocolate shops!** Note that all distance measurements were taken from Google Earth, so if you find an error, it couldn't possibly be me.

The chocolate shops are listed below, and which days they are closed, if any. The info was accurate as of when I wrote this sucker. If you want their full operating hours, well that's what the Internet is for. You should check before walking. You wouldn't want to miss out on ANY chocolate, would you?.

- [Pierre Hermé](#) (72, Rue Bonaparte), open daily
- [Gerard Mulot](#) (76, Rue de Seine), closed Wednesday
- [Arnaud Larher](#) (93, Rue de Seine), closed Monday
- [Pierre Marcolini](#) (89 Rue de Seine), closed Sunday
- [Chocolat de Neuville](#) (29, Rue de Buci), open daily
- [Ladurée](#) (21, Rue Bonaparte), open daily
- [Debaube & Gallais](#) (30, Rue des Saints Pères), open daily

Extra credit portion for chocolate obsessives (Increases total distance to **1.6 miles**):

- [Chocolat Chapon](#) (69, Rue de Bac), open daily
- [La Pâtisserie des Rêves](#) (93, Rue de Bac), closed Monday
- [Angelina](#) (108, Rue de Bac), open daily

1. From the Saint Sulpice Metro station go east two blocks (400') on Rue du Vieux Colombier to Rue Bonaparte then turn left to number 72 (only about 70'), where you'll find **Pierre Hermé** aka "The Picasso of Pastry." This is the first stop.

2. Upon exiting Pierre Hermé, turn right along Rue Bonaparte, then turn immediately left back onto Rue Saint-Sulpice, continuing in the same direction before turning off to Pierre Hermé.

3. Keep going straight on Rue Saint-Sulpice until Rue de Seine, the first 4-way intersection (1,000'). Note that the cross street has two names here, Rue de Seine on the left and Rue de Tournon on the right. Turn left onto the Rue de Seine.

4. **Gérard Mulot** is one block (125') ahead on the left at 76 Rue de Seine (at the corner of Rue Lobineau). Mulot's store is a combined boulangerie, pâtisserie and chocolate shop with outstanding baked goods. A wiser person might never leave this place.

5. Almost across the Rue de Seine from Mulot's and just to the left is **Arnaud Larher**, at 93, Rue de Seine, a combination chocolate shop and pâtisserie.

6. From Larher's, continue along Rue de Seine another 100' and on the right you'll find Belgian chocolatier **Pierre Marcolini**, at 89, Rue de Seine.

7. Leaving Marcolini's shop, go right along Rue de Seine.

8. After 150' you'll come to the very large Boulevard Saint Germain which you'll want to cross to the far side of, then turn left. Continue along Boulevard Saint Germain for one block (250') until Rue de Buci. Turn right on Rue de Buci. **Chocolat De Neuville** is in one block (200') on the right at number 29.

9. Leaving Neuville, continue just 150' along Rue de Buci and take the first left, at our old friend Rue de Seine.

10. Walk along Rue de Seine one block (260') until Rue Jacob (at the small plaza), then turn left onto Rue Jacob. Continue three blocks (750') along Rue Jacob until reaching Rue Bonaparte.

11. On the corner, on the right hand side, is **Ladurée**, both a pastry shop and a chocolate shop (the chocolate shop entrance is next door to the pastry shop). Ladurée is famous for inventing the double-sided macaron, and well....it's Ladurée.

12. Leaving Ladurée, go right and continue again along Rue Jacob for two more blocks (630') until reaching Rue des Saints-Pères, a busy street. Cross to the far side of Rue des Saints-Pères and turn left.

13. In 400' you'll come to **Debauve & Gallais** on the left at number 30, just before Rue Perronet. This is Paris's oldest chocolate shop, operating in the same place since 1818.

14. Leaving Debauve & Gallais, go right until Boulevard Saint-Germain in one block (350'). You've reached a crucial decision point!

If you've had enough walking (or can't carry any more chocolate) then just turn left on Boulevard Saint-Germain and continue along it until the Eglise Saint-Germain (da big church), about 950'. There you will find the Saint-Germain de Pres Metro station (line 4) and you're finished. And you're a wimp.

However if you're serious about chocolate I've included a few bonus sites worth the walk, but they add another half mile or so to the adventure.

So for extra credit:

15. Turn right on Boulevard Saint-Germain and walk for 3 blocks (1,200').

16. Reaching the large, six way intersection with Rue de Bac/Rue Paul-Louis Courier/Boulevard Raspail, turn left onto Rue de Bac. It's one of the smaller of the streets. Make sure you pick the right street.

17. The next three blocks along Rue de Bac (1,000'), are a target-rich opportunity of chocolate shops. Within the first block, before Rue de Grenelle you'll pass another **Pierre Marcollini** shop on the right at number 78 and just past it on the left at number 69 is **Chocolat Chapon** with very high reviews on TripAdvisor.

18. Continuing into the third block along Rue de Bac, just past Rue de Varenne, you'll come to **La Pâtisserie des Rêves** ("The Pâtisserie of Dreams", must any more be said?) on the left at 93 Rue de Bac, which supposedly has some of the best éclairs in Paris.

19. Another 200' past the La Pâtisserie des Rêves on the right is **Angelina** at 108 Rue de Bac. Angelina's is known for its Mont Blanc dessert and exceptionally thick hot chocolate.

OK, that's it, now you're really done. The easiest way to waddle out of here in a chocolate stupor is to turn around and retrace your path three blocks up Rue de Bac, to the big six way intersection with Boulevard Saint-Germain. The Rue de Bac Metro station (line 12) is here. If you want to get back to line 4, you can turn right on Boulevard Saint-Germain and walk 0.4 miles to the Saint-Germain de Pres Metro station (line 4) next to the Eglise Saint-Germain.

Alternatively, don't leave. Really, can the rest of the world offer you more than you've just found in these few blocks? Just know that chocolate poisoning isn't a real thing. I think.