



# Found! The best place for coffee in Paris

For the city that can claim to have invented the commercial Espresso machine, you really have to look to find a decent caffeine fix in Paris. Coutume Cafe is a welcome break from the unimaginative and a must for every traveler looking for a coffee fix.

Any serious coffee drinker in Paris should know the name 'Coutume', for since opening its doors in 2011, Coutume Cafe has been top of the list for French coffee connoisseurs and travellers looking for a sip of home.

Coutume Cafe is a Franco-Australian creation. From ristretto to soy based, Australian coffee drinkers will feel right at home whatever they order. The Parisian predilection for fine food and drink is no secret, but I was surprised to see French coffee culture has missed a beat. The likes of Coutume, Ten Belles and Cafe Craft are changing this though. The craft coffee revival is alive in Paris, and Coutume Cafe is an award winning example of how art can meet science in a cup.

Situated in Paris' 7th arrondissement on the chic Rue De Babylone (a short walk from St. Francois Xavier metro), the cafe is the flagship of a growing number of Coutume branded labs and workshops that stretch as far as Tokyo. Step inside and you'll find industrial and purposefully austere decor. The chemical symbol for coffee adorns the menu and beakers and flasks line the walls. If *Breaking Bad's* Walter White started making coffee, this would be his work space.

But Coutume is not just about the coffee. Delectable cookies and cakes satisfy the sweet tooth. For something more filling, the menu caters to most tastes and all budgets. The kitchen updates the menu often. On a recent visit (November 2014), they offered homemade chips with fresh cream and chives, Squid donuts served with crayfish and frayed suckling lamb shoulder with eggplant all for under €10. The homemade foie gras was the most expensive item on the menu: €13.

It should be no surprise that Coutume cafe does a roaring trade. Weekdays are quieter, but there's still a crowd at meal times. Come at peak times like Saturday or Sunday lunch and you may struggle to get a seat. This award winning and sometimes overflowing cafe must be doing something right.

*Coutume Cafe: 47 Rue de Babylone, 75007 Paris, France. Take line 13 to St. Francois Xavier metro station and walk down Rue de Babylone. Opposite the Carrefour Express.*

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