## PALATIAL PARIS

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## DID YOU KNOW?

- Paris, France's capital, is its largest city and is one of the most populated metropolitan areas in Europe. Its name was derived from the Gaulish tribe, the *Parisii*, that was indigenous to the area when it was still called *Lutetia*, or *Lutèce* in French.
- The two oldest and most famous gardens in Paris are the Tuileries Garden and the Left bank Luxembourg garden.
- The city has been a popular destination since the 11th century, but only began developing its tourist sector in the 19th century, with the advent of rail travel to and from the area. Today, it is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world, with attractions such as the Eiffel Tower receiving an average of 6 million visitors annually, the Louvre welcoming around 15,000 visitors per day, and the Notre Dame attracting about 12 million visitors each year.



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## **PALAIS GARNIER**

This 2,200 seat opera house has undergone many name changes, beginning with the "Académie Nationale de Musique – Théâtre de l'Opéra" in 1875, later re-named the "Théâtre National de l' Opéra de Paris," and now known as either the Palais Garnier, Opéra de Paris, Opéra Garnier or simply the Paris Opera. It is located in the aptly named Place de l' Opéra area of Paris and is an architectural marvel that has inspired buildings from Poland to Brazil. The Opera house also inspired the famous Gothic story written by Gaston Leroux in 1909, "The Phantom of the Opera." Its opulent interior is distinguished by the Grand Staircase and a central chandelier that weighs over 6 tonnes, while the front façade celebrates great composers from Mozart to Beethoven with bronze busts amidst its columns.