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# Day in Paris

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On the 9th of January 2013, I went to Paris for a trip to visit two museums. They are **Musee de la musique** and **Musee du quai Branly**. But before the tour of the museums, we went to a bookstore which is called **Shakespeare And Company**.

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The bookstore sells English books mainly. But it also sells some Asian books. I saw there are some Japanese and Chinese designer books. The prices of the books here are suitable. You can find old books here too. Their prices are cheaper !! A pity is that I bought nothing. (cry...)

The bookstore is a very old place. I like the upstairs. It is a library which offers a comfortable reading room with many old books. What I like it the most is there are a bookshelf of "staff recommended". The staff wrote a memo to explain why it is recommended and stick on the book. I think that is a very good idea to share the opinion of books. I remembered that when I was in Hong Kong, I did the same thing when I was a librarian at school. The readers would write feedbacks on my memo to agree or disagree with my opinions.

## After the visit of the bookstore, it was time to go to the museums !!!

The **Musée de la musique** is housed within the **Cité de la musique**. There are over 1000 period instruments and art objects which are rare and extraordinary pieces. I like the harpsichords and the clavichords of the 18th century. They are really intensive and meticulous. Because I learn piano, I really wanted to have a try on them !!! But that is impossible (T^T) as the public is of course not allowed to touch the objects in the museum.

The museum is divided into 5 parts : 17th century (birth of the opera), 18th century(music of the Enlightenment), 19th century (Romantic Europe), 20th century(history on the move) and Music of the world(different instruments of the world). I met my friend **Koto (an instrument of China)** in the Music of the world !

And at the **Django Reinhardt exhibition**, I found a piece of music I like very much.

It is **Topsy**. (Come and click in to hear it : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sYrFWPyWiaw->)

Actually, I understood nothing because all is in French. But music is not a language, I enjoy the music. There are little boxes for the audience to enjoy the songs of Django.

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## Then, we went to Musée du quai Branly !

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We visited an exhibition of Aborigines paintings. I found it is interesting. It is a bit like Chinese characters, pictograms, different images symbolize different meanings. I could guess the meaning that image which looks like a wave is water ! But the other images are too difficult to understand...

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I felt a bit bored with those painting although there are mystery stories behind them. Those painting with white dots that made my eyes feel uncomfortable. Because of that, I went to another topic exhibition "Des histoires tressées par les cheveux". I was shocked to see a cape entirely woven out of human hair. It is a very interesting exhibition . One could never have imagined that hair could be such a fascinating theme for an exhibition !