



Chalonge Meudon Workshop

**Meudon Castle, CIAS, Observatoire de Paris at Meudon
France**



LOCAL-PRACTICAL INFORMATION

HOW TO REACH MEUDON OBSERVATORY

Address : 5, Place Jules Janssen, F-92 190 Meudon .Tel:
01.45.07.75.30 .Fax: 01.45.07.74.69

► Longitude : 2 ° 14' East . Latitude : 48 ° 48' North . Altitude : 162m

Meudon Observatory is located Place Jules Janssen , in Meudon at the top of the Avenue du Château.



By train. The best way for visitors to reach Meudon Observatory is from Paris-Montparnasse train station and to stop at Bellevue station (recommended stop). The travel duration by train from Paris Montparnasse to Bellevue station is about 12 minutes. Recommended way is the following:

By train (French railways - SNCF): At Paris-Montparnasse station, take the train going to Sèvres or to Versailles-Chantiers, Rambouillet,

Chartres, (which frequency is every 15 min.). Make sure that the train stops at the Meudon or Bellevue stations. Get out at the 4th station: Bellevue (after Vanves-Malakoff, Clamart and Meudon stations)

EXPANDED INFORMATION : Trains to Meudon BELLEVUE Station from PARIS MONTPARNASSE Station ("Gare Paris Montparnasse"):

At SNCF (Railway) Paris Montparnasse Station : To take the trains to Meudon Bellevue, follow the indications:

Suburban Trains ("Trains Transiliens" ,"Ile de France") : (DO NOT Take "Grandes Lignes")

Follow the escalator or stairway placed at the CENTER of the Station till the first level where the pannels/screens show the departure times and destinations of the trains "Transiliens" (Meudon, Bellevue should appear in these destinations, frequency of the trains: 15min) together with the number of the corresponding train plateforme ("Quai").

TICKET MACHINES: You can buy tickets to Bellevue from the BLUE or the GREEN automatic machines. (Yellow machines are not good). Touch 'billets Ile de France' on the screen. You can buy one carnet with 10 one-way tickets for 18 euros. They can be used in both directions Montparnasse --> Bellevue and Bellevue --> Montparnasse.

There are also many blue and green machines al the level 0 (ground level) and two machines at level 2 near platforms (quais) 10-17. At level 0 there is a counter (guichet) where you can buy tickets to a railway employee.

Then, with your ticket, you go through the turnstile to the the platforms (panels indicating again train destinations, times and platform numbers) and then one escalator more to the train platform level.

PLEASE NOTICE: If you enter the Gare Montparnasse Not from the Main Entry, But from Avenue du Maine (the shortest way if you come from Hotel Campanile) you get at level 2 and you should walk till platforms ("Quais") 10-17 where you can see the departure times and tracks of the trains to Bellevue. You can buy your ticket there from the blue or the green machine.

Once in Bellevue, outside Bellevue station, turn left (passing the church aside the station) and take the green Avenue du Château bordered by trees: the entrance of the Observatory is on the top of the hill. About a 10/15 minutes walk to reach the gates of the Observatory. [There is also a mini bus (circular local line) from the Bellevue station to the Observatory].

If you stop at the Meudon station: outside the station, turn to the right, after 200 m turn again to the right to take avenue Corbeiller [where the Meudon Municipality is located (Mairie de Meudon)], ahead up to the top of the hill along avenue Corbeiller, rue Jacqueminot, lined with stately chestnut trees.

Once arrived, use the map of the Observatory campus: Chateau Grande Coupole CIAS where the meeting takes place, (building 9 in the map) is on the terrasse (take the staircase in the garden at the left after the entry and then at the left straight on the road along the terrasse bordered by the chestnut trees).

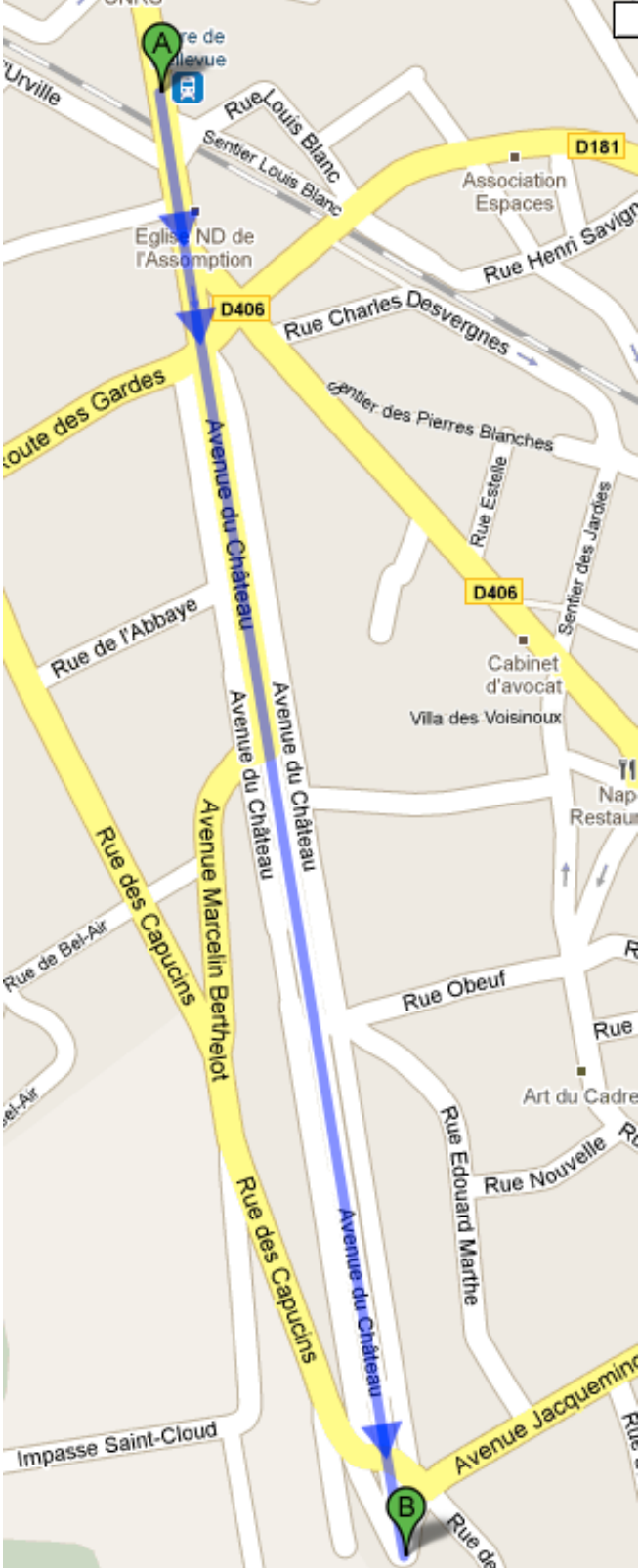


By car there are 2 possible routes : Take the périphérique, exit at Quai d'Issy, then go towards Issy les Moulineaux, Sèvres and finally Meudon Take N 118, from the Pont de Sèvres, going towards Chartres Orléans, exiting at Meudon Sèvres and then going towards Meudon.

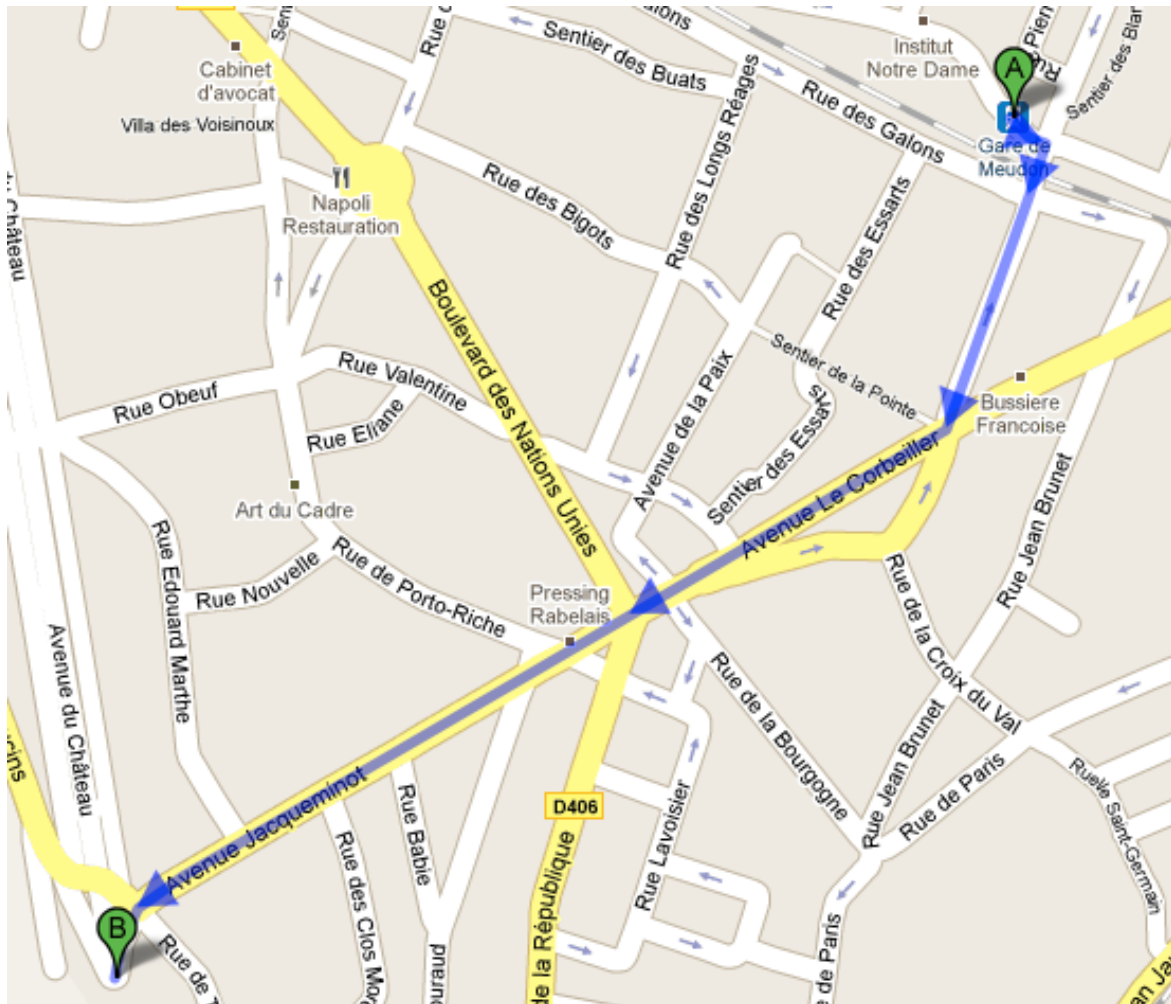
MEUDON MAPS

- Maps from the train stations Bellevue or Meudon to the Observatory:

Arriving at Gare SNCF de Bellevue from Montparnasse.



Arriving at Gare SNCF de Meudon from Montparnasse:



HOTELS IN PARIS MONTPARNASSE

[Hôtel Montparnasse-Daguerre](http://www.hotelmontparnassedaguerre.com/); 94 rue Daguerre, Paris, 75014
<http://www.hotelmontparnassedaguerre.com/>

[Hôtel Campanile - Maine Montparnasse](#); 146 Avenue du Maine, Paris, 75014

Hotel l'Aiglon, 232 boulevard Raspail, metro Raspail, Paris 75014

Tel. 33 (0) 1 43 20 82 42, aiglon@espritfrance.com, <http://www.paris-hotel-aiglon.com/>

Hotel Delambre 35 rue Delambre, metro Edgar Quinet, tel. 33 (0) 145389176, delambre@club-internet.fr

[Hôtel du Maine](#); 16 Rue Maison Dieu, Paris, 75014

[Hôtel Ibis](#); 71 boulevard de Vaugirard, Paris, 75015

Hotel Delambre 35 rue Delambre, metro Edgar Quinet, tel. 33 (0) 145389176, delambre@club-internet.fr

Hotel de la Paix, 225 boulevard Raspail, metro Raspail, tel. 33 (0) 143353263, rela@hoteldelapaix.com

Mercure Raspail Montparnasse, 207 bd Raspail, Paris 75014 .Tel.33 (0). 14320-6294, fax 33(0).14327-3969.

Hotel du Midi, 4, Av. René Coty, Paris 75014. Metro : Denfert-Rochereau. tel. 33(0).14327-2325. fax 33(0).14321-2458.
<http://www.midi-hotel-paris.com/>

SOME RESTAURANTS IN PARIS MONTPARNASSE

La Closerie des Lilas, 171, boulevard Montparnasse. Tel. 014051-3450. Open everyday till 1 am.

Formerly a Café littéraire had as customers Baudelaire, Verlaine, Gide, Jarry, Apollinaire, Modigliani, Hemingway, Lenin and probably Trotsky. Keeps a literary crowd of customers like Philippe Sollers. The present chef Jean-Pierre Cassagne has renovated the house and the excellent meals. Besides the restaurant there is 'brasserie' where meals are also served. Menu 43 euros (including wine), à la carte 90 euros.

La Rotonde Montparnasse, 105 bd. Montparnasse, Tel. 0143266884. Open every day from 12 am till 1pm.

www.rotondemontparnasse.com Typical parisian restaurant since 1911. Seafood, oysters, famous Salers entrecote, good fish, selected Auvergne cheese and good desserts. Landmark of the Montparnasse district had as regular customers artists, musicians, writers and politicians: Modigliani, Picasso, Soutine, Cocteau, Diaghilev, Debussy, Nijinski, Stravinsky, Man Ray (and Kiki), Breton, Aragon, Prevert, Queneau, Hemingway, Gershwin, Henry Miller, Scott Fitzgerald. Meetings of Trotsky with fellow bolcheviks in the first floor room to organize the 1917 russian revolution were often interrupted by the french police. Menus 35 and 43 euros.

La Coupole, 102 bd. Montparnasse, Tel. 0143201420. Open every day from 12 am till 1 pm.

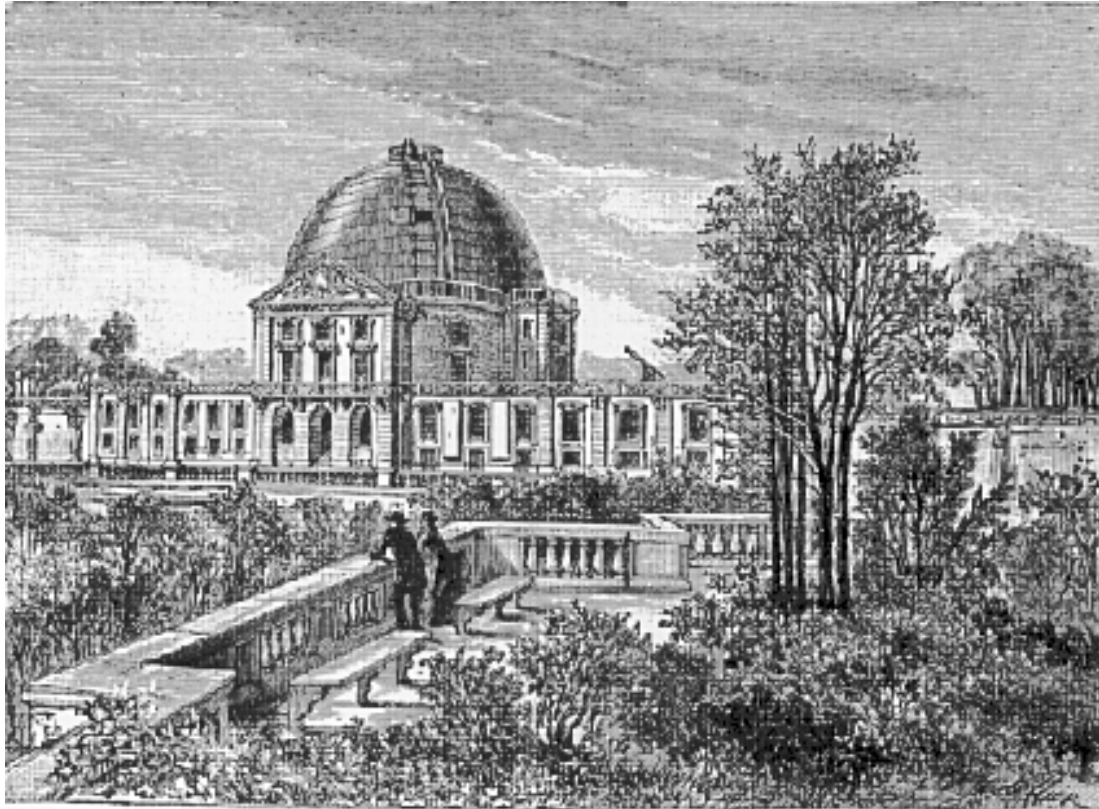
Typical Art Deco parisian restaurant open in 1927. Seafood, salmon rilletes, abundant sauerkraut, fresh codfish a la plancha, entrecote with french frites, lamb curry india style, excellent desserts. Among regular customers in the past: Cocteau, Prevert, Sartre, Beauvoir, Picasso (who met here Dora Maar), Matisse, Piaf, Montand.

THE PARIS OBSERVATORY AT MEUDON :

A BRIEF HISTORY

At present the Observatoire de Paris owns three campuses: Paris, Meudon and the radioastronomy station at Nançay. More than 700 scientists, technicians and administrative staff work there.

The history of the present Meudon Castle (Château de Meudon) starts several centuries ago.



L'Observatoire d'astronomie physique, à Meudon.

The new Château de Meudon over where the cupola of the Meudon Observatory is installed was built in 1706 by the great architect Jules-Hardouin Mansart in orders by King Louis XIV for his son the Grand Dauphin. This was the last important project realized by Mansart. The gardens and water fontaines were constructed under the plans by Le Nôtre. Important visitors stayed in the Château de Meudon in the XVIII century as the Zar of Russia Peter the Great and the King of Poland Stanislas Leszczyski.

After the French Revolution, a workshop to construct military balloons was settled in the area. These balloons played an important rôle in the Fleurus battle against Austria in 1794. Napoleon restaured the Château de Meudon and the Empress Marie-Louise and their son (the King of Rome) lived in the Castle.

The terrasse was used by the prussians to shell Paris during the siege of 1870. The Château de Meudon took fire at that time.

In 1876 the astronomer Jules Janssen created the Meudon Observatory and in 1893 a refraction telescope was installed over in the Castle.

CULTURAL EVENTS

Museums at Meudon

Potager du Dauphin 15 rue de Porto- Riche, 92190 Meudon
<http://chateau-meudon.wifeo.com/le-potager-du-dauphin.php>

Espaces culturels : 01 55 64 08 81.

Parc ouvert tous les jours : de 8 h à 20 h (jusqu'au 30 septembre), de 8 h à 18 h (jusqu'au 31 mars)

Musée - Atelier Rodin , **Villa des Brillants** Beaux-Arts. House-workshop and garden of the artist. Original casts of the work of the great sculptor. The Tomb of the sculptor with one his versions of "The Thinker".

Musée d'Art et d'Histoire de la Ville de Meudon Beaux-Arts – Histoire

Fondation Arp à Clamart 1.8 km (sud-est limit of the Meudon forest). House-workshop and garden of the artists Jean Arp and Sophie Taeuber who designed the house in 1960. Epured Cubism. Abstraction and Dadaisme. Kandinsky "Blaue Reiter" mouvement of 1912. Max Ernst, Tristan Tzara, Constructivist Théo Van Doesburg. Original and asttonishing constructions in the "Triangle des Châtaigniers" (Chestnuts Triangle) designed by Chemetov, Déroche and Lecaron architects.

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