



Fashion Brunch – Paris

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The selection of gourmet treats...

If I had known I might score a pair of new Louboutins for €80 I'd have arrived earlier. Instead, I took my time pitching up at [La Rotonde](#), one of Paris's hottest new venues; the restored 18th century architectural gem combines a bar, restaurant and events space overlooking the Bassin de la Villette in the gritty-but-trendy Stalingrad neighbourhood. For a leisurely Sunday between girls, it doesn't get any better than this: round trips to a scrumptious brunch buffet before exploring a vintage and designer treasure trove? *Oui!* And we weren't alone; founder Tiyi Kalmary's simple but enterprising idea to fuse food and *fringues* at her monthly [Fashion Brunch](#) has attracted a steady stream of Parisian fashionistas since the event launched last summer.

At €35, it may not be an outing for those on a budget (especially if you plan to do more than window shop), but the fee includes brunch and access to the *friperie* upstairs. Gourmets will be pleased with the excellent variety of sweet and savoury goodies – even the fussiest of eaters are catered to. If the city's usual brunch menus typically go for around €20, rest assured that La Rotonde's selection is considerably more exciting (and did we mention all-you-can-eat?).

After eating, brunchers are invited to head to the cosy galleries of La Rotonde's upper floors; rails of vintage threads and accessories are complemented by the handmade jewellery and trinkets from emerging designers.

Bold earrings by multiethnic label [Bezemy Mailan](#) stood out for their tribal-meets-80s-meets-Art Deco vibe. Meanwhile, shoppers hovered around the [Dingue de Lunettes](#) (Crazy About Glasses) stand, browsing an impressive range of vintage eyeglasses and sunglasses.

You'll find pricey restored treasures on some stands, while others just wish to clear out their closets and this is where most of the bargains can be found; I snapped up an emerald green beaded blouse for ten euros, while my friend took a shine to a leather mini for just five. And I had no qualms about parting with €80 for a pair of black Louboutin pumps (a gift for the seller who couldn't fit into them, apparently) – never worn, the smooth red soles were still impeccable.

Many young designers set up shop here to test the waters and eventually make a name for themselves. Marion Labourdette is the charming *créatrice* behind [Sage et Sauvage](#); offering jewellery fabricated using a curious melange of chains, tassels, studs, feathers and leather. Other highlights included [Origami Gems](#) (delicate creations involving the Japanese art of paper folding) and [June](#) (vibrant, ethnic-casual pieces crafted by a French-Cameroonian).

Whether you're a vintage novice or devotee, there's a good chance you'll find that something special; between them, the Fashion Brunch stallholders cater to a range of tastes. One piece of advice: pace yourself at the brunch buffet, or at least be prepared to shop a while to aid digestion! After all, if both your wardrobe and tastebuds are satisfied, you know it's been a good day.



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Fashion Brunch is held on the first Sunday of every month from 11:30am until 5:00pm at La Rotonde, 6-8 Place de la Bataille de Stalingrad 75019 Paris. €35 buffet brunch and boutique entrance, €2 boutique entrance. For more information, see the [Fashion Brunch website](#).