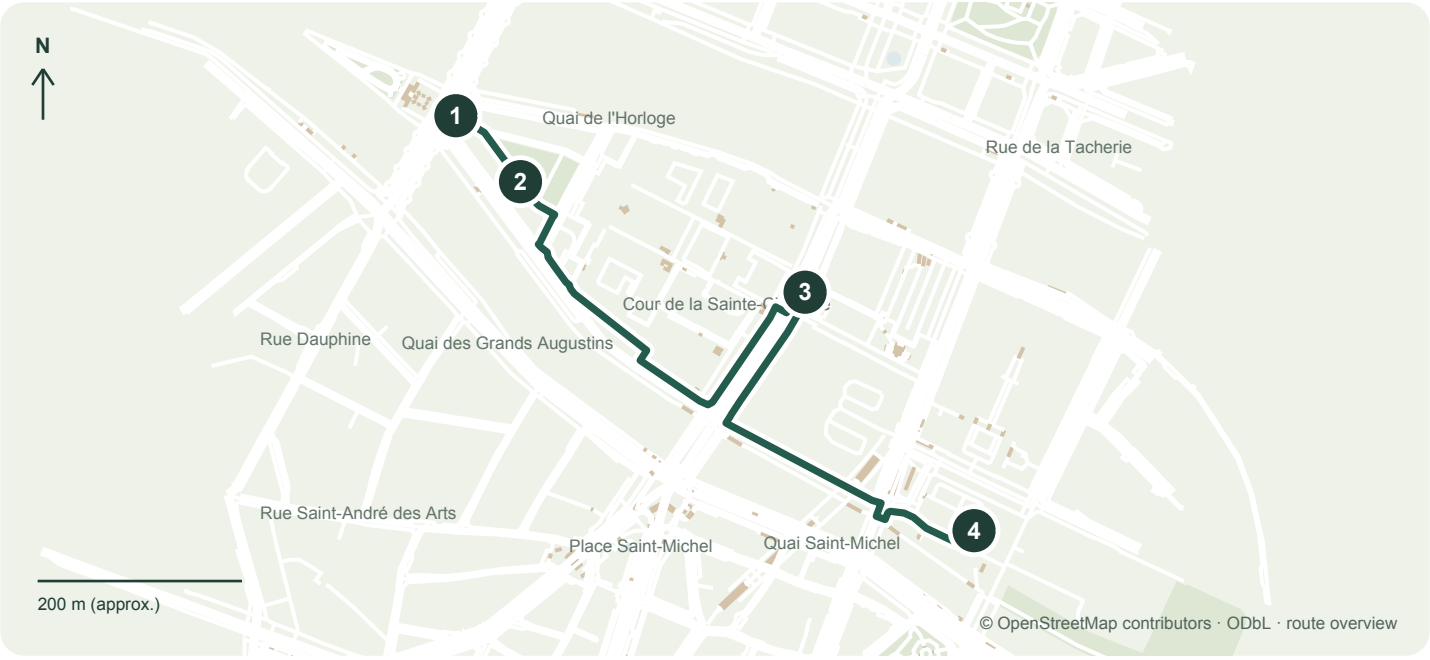
A FIRST WALK · FREE PRINTABLE GUIDE

Île de la Cité, bridge to cathedral

Discover a small part of central Paris from Pont Neuf to Notre-Dame, using the island's public streets and squares. River views, a quiet triangular square and monumental façades make four distinct stops.

1.04 km / 4 stops / 40-65 min with pauses / one way



1. Pont Neuf, island end

2. Place Dauphine

3. Palais de Justice exterior

4. Notre-Dame public forecourt

Start & finish

Start at the island end of Pont Neuf beside Place du Pont-Neuf. Finish in the public area in front of Notre-Dame. Check the current pedestrian signs rather than trying to pass through closed gardens.

Make it shorter

Visit Pont Neuf and Place Dauphine, then return to the bridge. This avoids the busier cathedral end of the island.

Desk-reviewed 30 October 2026. Not field-tested. Follow current local signs.

Look closer at each stop

01 Pont Neuf, island end

Begin where the bridge meets the island. Look along the Seine in both directions from the pavement, then notice how the bridge connects the two banks through the island.

Next: 91 m to stop 2. Route includes Rue Henri Robert, Place Dauphine.

02 Place Dauphine

Enter the triangular square and compare its quieter scale with the bridge. Walk around the public edges and respect café seating and residential entrances.

Next: 484 m to stop 3. Route includes Place Dauphine, Boulevard du Palais.

03 Palais de Justice exterior

From Boulevard du Palais, look at the gates and large institutional façades. The walk uses the public pavement; security lines and building interiors are separate.

Next: 461 m to stop 4. Route includes Quai du Marché Neuf - Maurice Grimaud, Rue de la Cité.

04 Notre-Dame public forecourt

Finish with a view of the cathedral’s western front from the area open to pedestrians. Keep routes clear for visitors and follow signs around any works.

Underfoot & access

Paved streets, cobbles and road crossings. The route stays at street level and does not require riverbank stairs. Works and crowd controls near Notre-Dame can change the final approach.

Before you go

The cathedral interior, Sainte-Chapelle and Conciergerie are separate visits. This route does not pass through Square Jean XXIII, whose access has been affected by works. Follow current local barriers and signs.

Sources & route review

Paris tourism: around Notre-Dame

Paris tourism: Notre-Dame access

Paris tourism: Square Jean XXIII notice

Map: OpenStreetMap / Valhalla pedestrian routing. Distances follow the mapped line; suggested visit times include pauses and are editorial estimates, not a timed on-site walk.