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Great Streets of the World

From LONDON to SAN FRANCISCO

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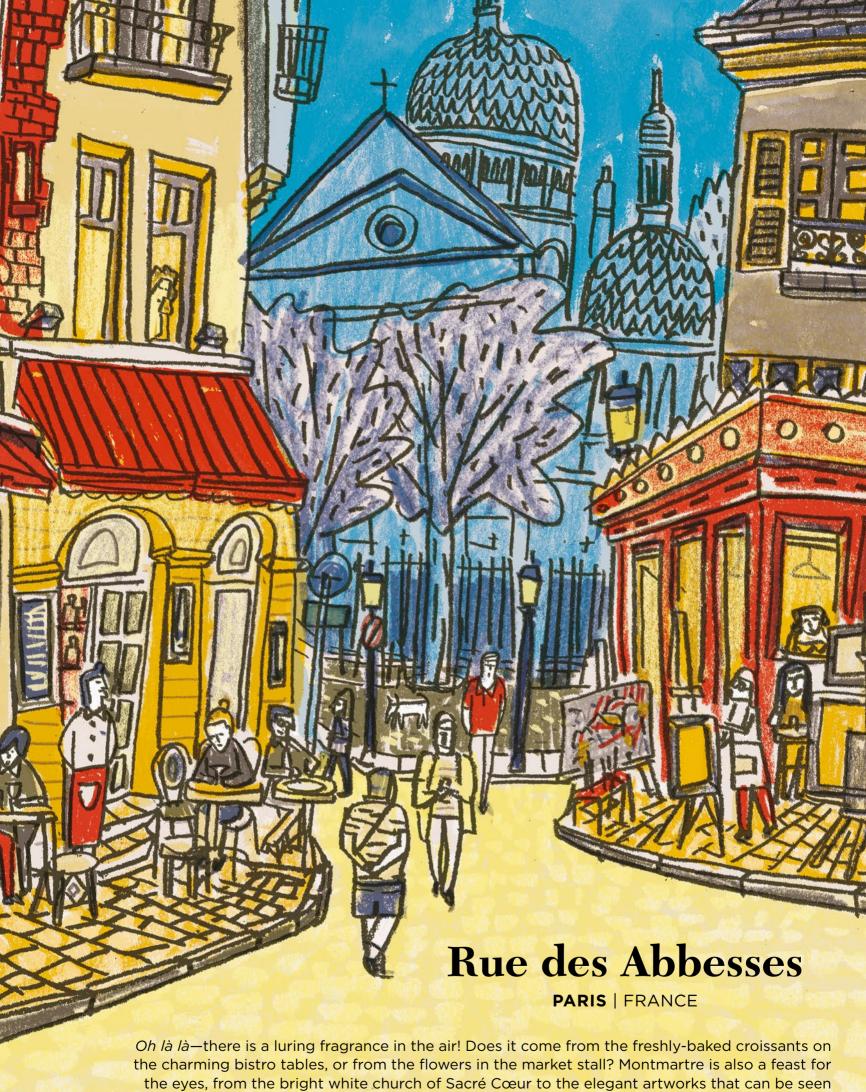
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Oh là là—there is a luring fragrance in the air! Does it come from the freshly-baked croissants on the charming bistro tables, or from the flowers in the market stall? Montmartre is also a feast for the eyes, from the bright white church of Sacré Cœur to the elegant artworks that can be seen everywhere. Since the 19th century, this charming district in Paris has attracted painters from all over the world. Some of them became world famous, including Pablo Picasso and Vincent van Gogh. Today, artists place their easels right on the street, and tourists can even peer over their shoulders as they work. In the evenings, the view of Paris from Montmartre hill is breathtaking.



Grand Canal

VENICE | ITALY

This street may be the strangest one of all! And that's because it is not really a street, but a canal. The city of Venice is unique in the world. It was built on marshy ground in the middle of a lagoon. Venice's beautiful buildings are supported by millions of tree trunks—or "piles"—that are sunk deep into the ground. Magnificent palaces, churches and houses would collapse into the water without this wooden foundation. The 118 islands that make up Venice are connected by more than 400 bridges. Instead of cars or buses, boats take people from one part of the city to another. The most elegant of these boats, called gondolas, are very popular with tourists.



