

# **ON THE CITIES' ROOFTOPS**









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Today, half of the world population lives in the cities. In a few years, three of demographic explosion urges the cities to meet a major challenge, namely rether the purpose of this series is to depict several large capital cities or international roofs!

A 'high-flying journey'... 24 hours on the cities' rooftops! 5 cities, 5 portraits to discover unusual, extravagant, 'forbidde innovations.

People have always been attracted by roofs. They make them dream as they are for the passer-by who, below, walks in the street and can't satisfy his curiosity special visual perspectives to discover and admire the city's shape. The roofs of reach for most of the people.

If the roofs have often been a no man's land full of satellite dishes or limited to r over by enthuasiats, now transformed into sports fields, now in night playground

Roofs have now become coveted and inspiring places! From Paris to Tokyo, from New York city to Buenos Aires, there is an unsuspec



Today, roofs can tell a great deal on the cities' character, on their way of meet of the 21st Century, but also on their image by their inhabitants and visitors.

But it's not only a question of habitat, certain jobs and lifestyles are only to be for and literaly, finds either a shelter or a place to express its passions, to live or related to colourful characters.

Some characters who will open the doors of these cities' parts between sky are and confidential, now collective and participative, revealing their best stories a most amazing discoveries.

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puarters of the population will live in urban areas. Such a nink their living spaces.

Il megacities with an original and often exclusive angle: their

#### n', sometimes mythical, steeped in history and

e mysterious and fascinating places, apparently unreachable most of the time: what is going on up there? Roofs offer f the highest towers' or historic buildings are places out of

oofers and chimney sweeps, they have gradually been taken nds, synonymous with a new space of freedom.

cted and often thrilling life on the roofs...



ing economic, social, demographic or ecological challenges

ound on these extraordinary places and a fauna, figuratively ax. We will explore different practises and lifestyles through

nd earth. They are the keepers of these spaces, now unique nd daily life in this often idyllic setting that is prone to the

# ON THE ROOFTOPS OF PARIS ...



The sun is rising over one of the world's most beautiful cities, Paris. Let's get up high for a history lesson on the Dome des Invalides where we will invoke the memory of two famous founders of Paris: Louis XVI and Napoleon the 1st.

Next landing: the roofs of the Paris Opera with Remy and Bruno. The roofs of the temple of music and dance house a new kind of ballet: a bees' one! These guys have got several beehives in Paris, where they live.

We'll then have a lunch break on the roof of the AgroParis Tech school with Nicolas. This experimental garden was born a few years ago to measure the effects of air population on crops.



The surface that could be transformed into vegetal areas in Paris represents 320 hectares, providing more than 200 000 inhabitants with fresh vegetables.

Next stop with Bonom who gives us a graff lesson. This mysterious artist paints all kinds of animals and chimeras on the roofs of Paris, with a paint bomb, rollers and brushes. Bonom belongs to this small group of artists who are not prone to height fear.

A totally different activity is expecting us on the roofs of the 11th district of Paris with the school Jogaki, an air performance of capoeira, an emblematic sport from Brazil coming originally from Angola and which has invaded the planet for the past few years. Countless aficionados are now fond of this art.

The day ends on the Wanderlust, a trendy café of the Design and Fashion City, which offers an open-air cinema screen and a hen house! Its huge vegetal terrace is one of the most exciting and unexpected perches in Paris, with an all-round view on the Seine, the Gare de Lyon and the contemporary buildings of Bercy district looking like London city.

This series offers surprising and lively encounters, a large range of situations, settings and atmospheres on the roofs of:

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