





The Jackal Story and the Tour

In case you need to refresh your memory about the Jackal story, below is the brief summary

The Story

 The film presents a thrilling story of the fictitious attempt on the life of President Charles de Gaulle in early 1960-s. What makes this story so exciting one to watch (and to read – the book!) is the cat-and-mouse situation, when all the security forces of France attempted to prevent a crime which hasn't yet been committed. 

A dazzling blend of high-stakes pursuit, masterful intelligence work, audacious disguise, and relentless psychological chess—*The Day of the Jackal* remains one of the most sophisticated thrillers ever conceived. In barely two and a half hours of screen time, Fred Zinnemann's film delivers an unbroken chain of tension: a clandestine conspiracy, a nameless assassin, a nation on edge, and a race against time that still feels breathlessly modern.

Frederick Forsyth's novel and its celebrated 1973 adaptation are unmatched in their mysterious allure, taut suspense, and almost forensic attention to detail. What sets this story apart from every other spy, action, or political thriller?

A few of its singular qualities:

- **A foundation in real history.** The narrative is anchored in the genuine 1962 attempt on the life of President Charles de Gaulle—one of the most dramatic political episodes of post-war Europe.
 - **Moral ambiguity at its finest.** The conspirators see themselves as patriots; the French security services employ methods that are, at times, decidedly extralegal. The story refuses to offer simple heroes or villains.
 - **A brilliant leap of intuition.** A single inspired deduction by French intelligence analysts uncovers a conspiracy so secret that it might otherwise have remained invisible.
 - **A crime that has not yet occurred.** Inspector Claude Lebel is tasked with identifying and stopping an assassin whose name, face, and nationality are unknown—and astonishingly, he succeeds.
 - **A duel of minds.** Every ingenious move by the Jackal is countered by Lebel's quiet brilliance. Their indirect confrontation forms one of the most compelling cat-and-mouse narratives ever written.
 - **A world of espionage brought vividly to life.** Seduction, surveillance, forged identities, clandestine travel, master gunsmithing, and international intrigue—each element is rendered with Forsyth's trademark precision.
 - **A landmark of international cinema.** A British–French production directed by an American master, the film brought together some of the finest actors and craftspeople of its era.
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The Tour

A conspiracy in the shadows. A nameless assassin. A nation on the brink.

Few stories capture the elegance and danger of Cold War Europe as vividly as *The Day of the Jackal*. Now, you can step directly into that world.

Our **immersive tour** traces the Jackal's movements across five countries, revealing the real streets, cafés, hotels, and landmarks that shaped both the novel and the 1973 film. These are not mere filming locations—they are the living stage on which Forsyth's masterwork unfolds.

Stand in the very square where de Gaulle survived an assassin's bullet. Wander through the Provençal hotel where the Jackal seduced his way into safety. Cross St James's Park, imagining the quiet tension of British intelligence at work. Raise a glass in the Paris café where the Jackal calculated his final shot.

Every stop is paired with historical insight, film stills, and narrative context, allowing you to **experience the story** with a depth impossible from the page or screen alone. We present 34 scene descriptions for you!

It is a journey into the architecture of suspense—an elegant pursuit through Europe's grand boulevards, hidden alleys, and timeless landscapes.

Follow the Jackal. Trace the investigation. Live the thriller.

Fortunately for admirers of the story, many of the film's outdoor locations remain instantly recognizable today. We have traced, verified, and curated these sites, pairing them with the corresponding scenes and historical context to create an immersive, ready-to-enjoy travel experience.

Imagine standing precisely where the characters once stood—seeing what they saw, walking the same streets, and inhabiting the same atmosphere of quiet tension and elegance.

Among the highlights:

- **Place du 18 Juin 1940, Paris**
Stand where de Gaulle himself stood in the film's closing sequence and look up to the very dormer window from which the Jackal's bullet narrowly missed its mark.
- **Hotel Bastide de Tourtour & Le Negresco**
Spend a night in the Provençal hotel where the Jackal met Madame de Montpellier, or in the legendary Negresco in Nice, from which he telephoned Valmy. Or indulge in both for the full cinematic experience.
- **St James's Park, London**
Sit on the same bench where Thomas and Lloyd debated the assassin's identity, with Westminster's timeless skyline as your backdrop.
- **Café de l'Esplanade, Paris**
Enjoy a drink in the very café where, in Forsyth's novel, the Jackal contemplated his vantage point—an ideal moment for photographs and quiet reflection.

A Journey Across Western Europe

The story unfolds across five countries—France, the United Kingdom, Belgium, Austria, and Italy—each among the most beautiful, cultured, and welcoming destinations in the world. Following the Jackal's route



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allows you not only to immerse yourself in the narrative, but also to enjoy the architectural splendour, culinary delights, and natural beauty of Western Europe.

This is more than a tour. It is a curated experience for travellers who appreciate history, cinema, literature, and the thrill of stepping directly into the world of a classic.

Your Invitation

Choose our pre-planned *The Day of the Jackal* tour, enrich it with your own additions, and enjoy the rare pleasure of exploring Western Europe while tracing one of the most elegant and suspenseful stories ever told. It is a journey through history, film, and imagination—a perfect blend of culture, mystery, and adventure.

We will help you to re-live the Jackal's experience – without his demise, of course!



🎬 Then



📸 Now

Above: a preview of the journey — then and now — as you follow the Jackal's trail.

