

My visit at Père Lachaise cemetery, Paris, June 2012.

Last June I was in Paris with my girlfriend and we had 5 days to spend in Paris. Among other cool things, we went to the famous Père Lachaise Cemetery. It is a very cool cemetery, one of the nicest I ever saw. « Opened » in 1804, it is very large and has more than one million people buried in it!

And is the place where France's most famous people wants to sleep forever, and this attracts wealthy people. If you know French culture a bit, this place has many famous people. And there is also that bard Morrison, but the grave itself is no longer the psychedelic circus as it was before.

There are also many war and holocaust memorials, and many are thoughtful and moving.

I've been to Paris may be ten times in my short life, and it was my first visit there, but it won't be my last. I was moved by the place.

A great source of inspiration for gothic thoughts, as well as eerie funerary architecture, and morbid poetic ideas.

Contrary to most North American cemeteries, nearly everything is above the ground. There are mini gothic chapels built in the early days of the cemetery that are extremely beautiful. Some of the statues are breathtaking in the funerary genre.

Ravenloft and gothic fans should head there if they find themselves in the Paris area. It reminded me of the cemetery we described in the Souragne report.

If you want a virtual visit on this place, [click here](#).

I took about 40 pictures, but here's a selection !

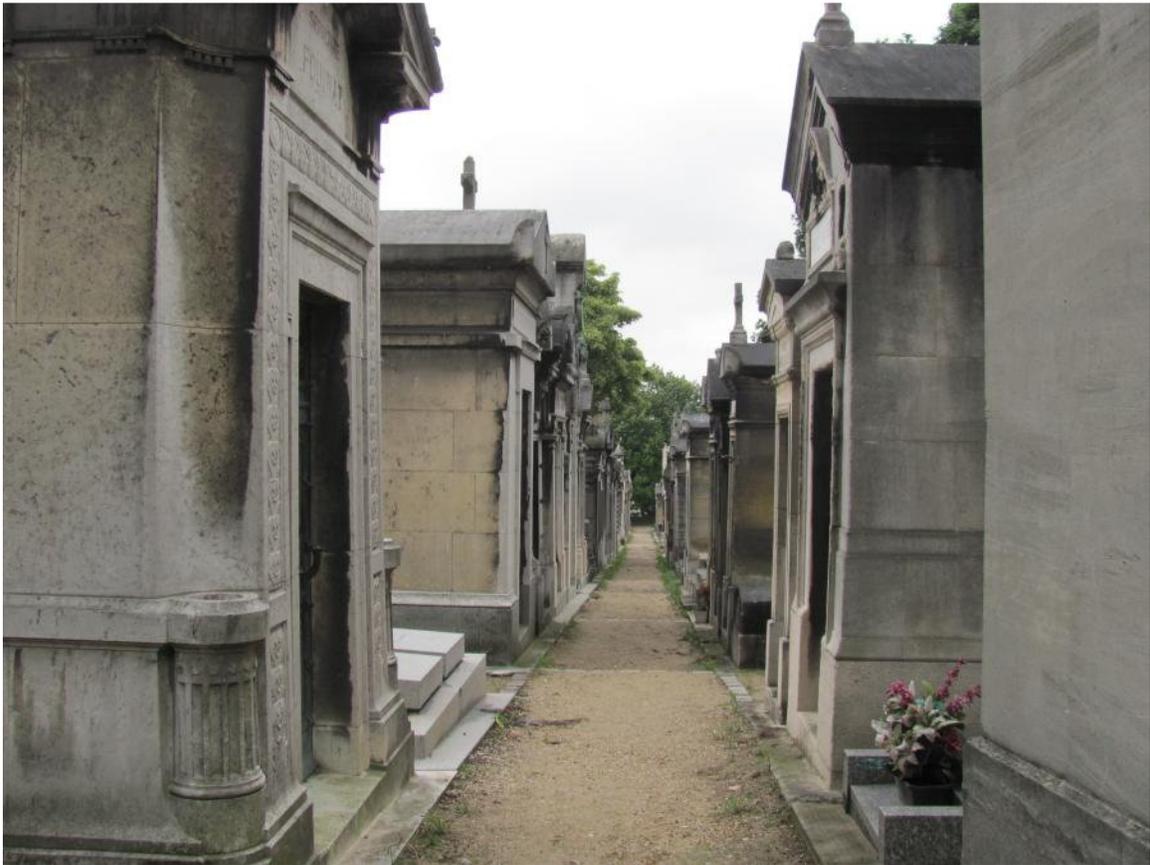
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PS: next visit in Paris, the Catacombs! ;)



















And there is the famous Raspail mausoleum (well famous if you are a Dead Can Dance fan!). It is a 3D sculpture of someone (something?) ghostly, or in a shroud, like if it was exiting the mausoleum. Eerie!





And this sculpture eroded by time is quite strange, like if it was frozen in time before it could speak.





I don't know these guys, but their names sounded very cool in a Ravenloft game, and it's sure I'll use them in my game some day!

