



Paris, China

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- An obscure town in China has built itself in the image of Paris. See if you can spot the difference

According to Oscar Wilde, "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery", and so the French capital ought to be flattered indeed. The small city of Tianducheng in China (built just 13 years ago) boasts an Eiffel Tower replica and 31km² of convincing Parisien architecture, landscaping and fountains. Photographer Francois Prost became fascinated with the 'duplicature' movement in China and traveled there to capture the phenomenon. His resulting images, presented side by side with the French originals, are playful if a little unsettling. Is this flattery... or is it just weird?

Francois Prost is a French photographer, art director and graphic designer based in Paris. His work has won numerous awards.