

THE TRAVEL GUIDE

Featuring

Paris, France





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Whether you want to visit a new city, take a cruise, or learn how to make a new dish, we're dedicated to helping you discover some of the best experiences during your vacation!

Are you ready for your next vacation?!

We created this Travel Guide with curated content from world travelers and destination experts to provide you with travel tips and some best practices to start exploring and discovering the destination before you even begin your vacation!

As you flip through the pages, you'll see information about local history, culture, language, weather, highlights of some popular tours, packing checklists, and much more.

Feel free to browse through the information provided, but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out and contact me about your trip. We can't wait to hear from you soon!

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Know Before You Go

DOCUMENTS NEEDED:

A valid **passport** and an **ETIAS visa waiver** is required when visiting France starting sometimes in 2024; an ETIAS is a travel authorization or visa waiver.

AIRPORT:

Charles de Gaulle Airport is the main international airport in Paris.

Orly Airport is the second international airport in Paris.

Beauvais-Tillé Airport is the airport of Beauvais, serving as the Paris airport for budget airlines.

FAMILY TRAVEL TIPS:

- Book a kid-friendly private tour if you're visiting a large museum.
- There are many cobblestone streets, and you want to avoid large crowds, so take a compact stroller if you must.
- Consider taking the red-eye flight so kids can rest along the way.
- Plan ahead, but don't over plan. We recommend sleeping on your first morning and having a light itinerary.

History & Culture



KNOWN FOR:

One of the most stunning cities on earth is Paris. The **Eiffel Tower**, **Notre Dame Cathedral**, and the **Louvre Museum** are among well-known landmarks. It is known for being a romantic and culturally rich city. The city's high-quality food and café terraces are also well-known.

FUN FACTS:

- Because it was one of the first towns in Europe to install street lights, Paris is known as the "city of light."
- Paris is the picnic capital of the world, which may be due to the city's 450 parks and gardens. The Tuileries Garden and the Luxembourg Garden are two of the most well-known parks and gardens in Paris.
- Despite being one of Europe's most populous cities, Paris only has one stop sign, which is placed in the 16th arrondissement at the end of a construction company's road.
- There is a Statue of Liberty in Paris. A smaller version, symbolizing the friendship between France and the United States.

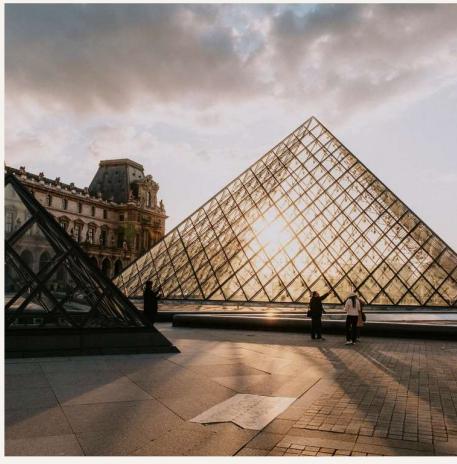


Language

Paris and the rest of France both speak French as their official language.

Common Phrases to Know:

Good morning/ hello	Bonjour!
Welcome	Bienvenue
Mrs. /Mr. /Miss	Madame/Monsieur/Mademoiselle
Pardon, excuse me	Pardon, excusez-moi
Do you speak English?	Parlez-vous anglais?
I do not speak French	Je ne parle pas français
See you later!	À tout à l'heure!
Thank you/Thank you very much	Merci/Merci beaucoup
Goodbye!	Au revoir!
You're welcome	De rien
Can you help me?	Pourriez-vous m'aider?



Weather

Paris is best visited from June to August and September to October. Both the summer and the fall have their highs and lows. From June to August, the weather in Paris is almost always perfect.

Currency



The currency in Paris, France is Euro.

T I P S

A 15% service tax is typically applied to both food and beverage items which helps to pay for employee benefits. This tax does not go to the employee which means that in Paris, a tip is given solely to express gratitude for excellent service. Tip as you see fit!

Do's & Don'ts



DO'S



Throw yourself a picnic if you have the time and opportunity! Check out the lawns of the Eiffel Tower and the stairs at the Sacre Coeur in Montmartre for great picnic locations.



Say "Bonjour" when engaging with another person.



Visit the famed flea markets in Paris to locate something truly unique to take home as a souvenir.



Take advantage of the various free museums, festivals, and concerts available in the city.

DON'TS



DON'T rely on credit cards. When it comes to electronic payments (credit cards), most European shops are slightly behind the times.



DON'T eat at restaurants near tourist attractions. Look for more authentic, genuine establishments that aren't "tourist priced."

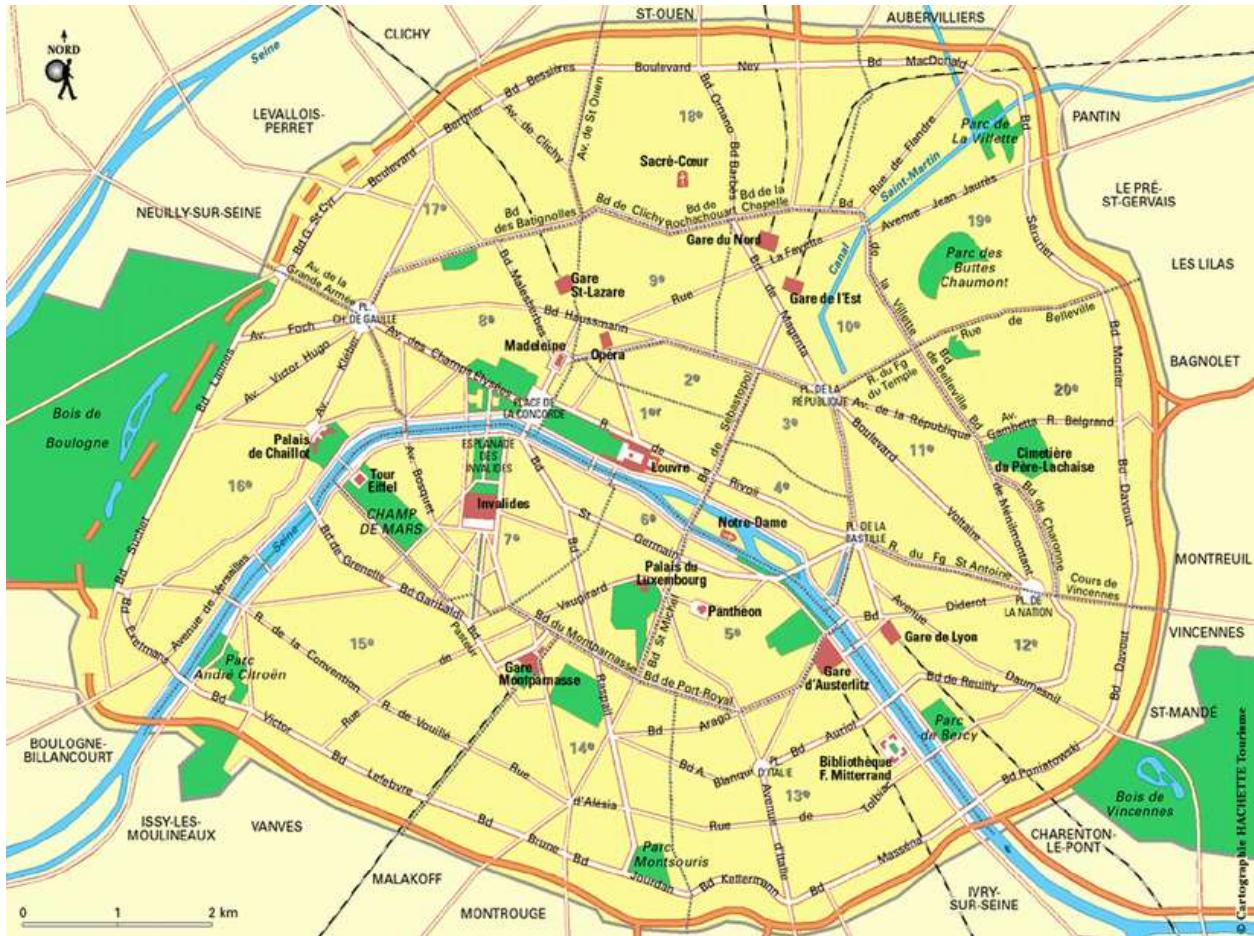


DON'T carry all of your valuables with you. Utilize your hotel safe and try to secure your passport as best as possible.



DON'T connect to free Wi-Fi every time you get a chance. Savor the destination -- enjoy your vacation!

Local Map



Transportation



Paris Metro

The fastest way of getting around Paris is with over 16 interconnected lines and 133 miles of lines.



Paris City Bus

One of the most common ways to get around Paris is by city bus.



Taxi

Paris has around 20,000 cabs operating around the clock.

Festivals & Events



CANDLELIGHT EVENINGS

As dusk falls, the fountains begin to play, and the party concludes with a fireworks display of gold and silver, during which an actor reads a text by Jean de La Fontaine.

Month to Visit: MAY



OPEN AIR OPERA

The show is staged at renowned locations throughout Paris, such the Château de Vincennes, the Domaine de Sceaux, the Château de Fontainebleau, and the Hôtel National des Invalides.

Month to Visit: JUNE

MUSICAL FOUNTAINS SHOW AT THE PALACE OF VERSAILLES

As they stroll about the grounds of Versailles, visitors are invited to discover the palace's fascinating water features, which play to the melody of baroque music.

Month to Visit: APRIL



THE MARCHE DES FIERTÉS LGBT

This event is a festive and enjoyable occasion with the goal of defending equal rights, rejecting prejudice, and supporting everyone's right to live their lives as they desire.

Month to Visit: JUNE



LA DÉFENSE JAZZ FESTIVAL

During the Ile-de-France business district's annual jazz festival, the courtyard is transformed into an open-air music arena.

Month to Visit: JUNE

Local Flavors ☕



Croissants

Croissants will brighten up your morning whether you serve them with coffee, orange juice, or on their own.



Escargots

The escargots are served in their shells, packed with delightful garlic, herb, and butter mixture.



Macarons

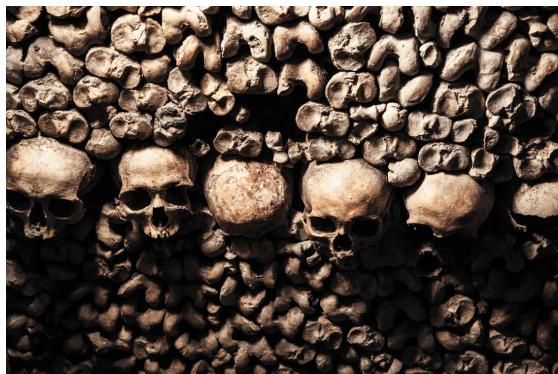
Light and airy almond flour shells are filled with a creamy, delectable filling.



Onion soup

The caramelized onion and beef broth are gratinéed and topped with crusty croutons and a slice of Gruyère cheese. Trust us it can be as comforting as it gets.

FEW OF THE POPULAR TOURS



Paris Catacombs Tour

Explore Paris' underground "Empire of the Dead" and learn all about its history. Choose from a variety of convenient start times throughout the day, travel to the Paris Catacombs on your own schedule, and save time with skip-the-line tickets.



Paris Moulin Rouge Cabaret Show

During a spectacular evening in the City of Lights, feast your senses on the bright color and charm of the 'Féerie' show at Paris' legendary Moulin Rouge. Take a seat in the evocative theater and get ready for a spectacular display of drama, dance, and music.



Paris Hop-On Hop-Off Tour

A Hop-On Hop-Off tour of Paris makes sightseeing in the French capital simple. Take advantage of hop-on, hop-off service at any stop along the route and take in the sights from an open-top, double-decker bus. Many travelers also like to use these buses as a mode of transportation as well.



Bateaux Parisiens Seine River Gourmet Dinner & Sightseeing

On a luxurious Bateaux Parisiens riverboat, float past the city's famous attractions like the Eiffel Tower, Louvre Museum, and Ile de la Cité. Enjoy a magnificent 3-course lunch while taking in the splendor of Paris from the Seine.

Choose Your Own Adventure



MUSEUMS/ HISTORY



MUST-VISITS



PARKS/ RECREATION



- **Eiffel Tower**

It is one of the most visited landmarks in the entire world, receiving over 6 million visitors annually, and stands 324 meters tall. Gustave Eiffel designed it to commemorate the centennial of the French Revolution.

- **Notre Dame Cathedral**

It is widely regarded as one of France's and Europe's greatest examples of French Gothic architecture. This chapel is a sight to behold, with its entrances encircled by his numerous sculptures and gargoyles that grace the roof.

- **Louvre Museum**

The Louvre is the world's most visited art museum. This ancient building, a former royal palace, is located in the heart of Paris and has a total area of 210,000 square meters, including 60,600 square meters for exhibitions.

- **Champs Elysées / Arc of Triumph**

On the top of the Arc are the names of 558 generals as well as their major triumphs. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of France is located beneath the Arc de Triomphe. The garden is the world's biggest natural flower garden, covering over 72,000 square meters and including over 45 million blooms and plants.

- **Palace of Versailles**

This enormous collection of structures, grounds, and terraces is a must-see for any visitor who will be enchanted by the luxurious accommodations, opulent decor, furniture, and gilded Renaissance pieces of art.

- **Cruise on the Seine**

Find the greatest way to see the City of Lights by taking a Seine boat, especially at night. The monuments are gradually illuminated as the sun sets.

- **Disneyland Paris**

If you're a Walt Disney fan, a visit to Disneyland Paris is a must. The resort has two theme parks: Disneyland, where you can see Sleeping Beauty's castle, and Walt Disney Studios, where you can meet your favorite Disney characters and visit your favorite Disney attractions.

- **Watch Moulin Rouge**

Known for its cabaret, The Moulin Rouge is the true home of the famed French Can-can. The cancan, which began as a courting dance, gave rise to the cabaret, which is found today in many countries throughout the globe.

- **Bustling Boulevards and Legendary Cafés**

A City of Lights trip would be incomplete without a stop on a lively sidewalk patio or inside a famous café. It's the ideal people-watching spot in Paris, as well as a chance to envision the momentous meeting that took place here.

Local Neighborhoods

CHARONNE



Charonne has a cool, village-like feel with its tapestry of old industrial buildings and winding residential streets, accentuated by gardens and cobbled passageways.

MONTPARNASSE



Montparnasse was formerly the center of the artistic world, where Picasso and Matisse enjoyed the many cafés and brasseries.

LATIN QUARTER



The Latin Quarter is undeniably iconic, located on the edge of the Seine river, with its bookstores and cafes brimming with students from Sorbonne University.

MONTMARTRE



Residents love to shop at the Traiteurs on Rue des Abbesses and dine at the fashionable café LouLou Montmartre, which boasts some of the best panoramic views of Paris' rooftops.

LE MARAIS



The neighborhood of Le Marais hosts a maze of narrow alleyways known for its beautiful architecture and buzzy ambiance. The streets are filled with Renaissance houses, clubs, and international cuisine from around the world.



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