

# France

<b>US State Dept Travel Advisory</b>	The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in France due to terrorism and civil unrest.  <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html</a>
<b>Passport/Visa Requirements</b>	For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.  <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html</a>
<b>US Embassy/Consulate</b>	[33] (1) 43-12-22-22; US Embassy in Paris, 2 Avenue Gabriel, 75008 Paris, France; <a href="https://fr.usembassy.gov/">https://fr.usembassy.gov/</a> ; <a href="mailto:Citizeninfo@state.gov">Citizeninfo@state.gov</a>
<b>LGBTQIA+ Travelers</b>	<a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html</a>
<b>Telephone Code</b>	33
<b>Local Emergency Phone</b>	Ambulance: 112, 15; Fire: 112, 18; Police: 112, 17
<b>Vaccinations</b>	The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for France: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, rabies, tickborne encephalitis, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, and COVID-19.
<b>Climate</b>	<a href="http://www.who.int/">http://www.who.int/</a> Generally cool winters and mild summers, but mild winters and hot summers along the Mediterranean; occasionally strong, cold, dry north-to-northwesterly wind known as the mistral
<b>Currency (Code)</b>	Euros (EUR)
<b>Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)</b>	230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, E   <b>Type C</b>  <b>Type E</b>
<b>Major Languages</b>	French
<b>Major Religions</b>	Christian (overwhelmingly Roman Catholic), Muslim, Buddhist, Jewish
<b>Time Difference</b>	UTC+1 (6 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March, ends last Sunday in October
<b>Potable Water</b>	Yes
<b>International Driving Permit</b>	Suggested
<b>Road Driving Side</b>	Right
<b>Tourist Destinations</b>	Eiffel Tower; Louvre Museum; Notre-Dame de Paris; Palace of Versailles; Côte d'Azur; Mont Saint-Michel; Loire Valley Châteaux; Provence; Normandy; Brittany; Carcassonne; Avignon; Alsace (includes Colmar and Strasbourg); Notre-Dame de Chartres; Caves of Vézère Valley; Grotte Chauvet, Ardèche River and Pont d'Arc
<b>Major Sports</b>	Soccer, tennis, cycling, basketball, handball, rugby
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	French people are proud of their country and language and prefer to communicate with one another in their native tongue.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	Tips are not necessary, but appreciated and you may always round up for good service. In nicer restaurants, a tip of 5% is sufficient. Tip taxi drivers 10% of a total fare. Bellhops, room service, and housekeeping appreciate a tip between 1-3 euros.
<b>Souvenirs</b>	Designer fashion, perfumes, wine, porcelain items, lavender goods, soap, kitchen items
<b>Traditional Cuisine</b>	Crêpes — thin wheat or buckwheat flour batter pancakes filled with either sweet (chocolate, preserves, cream etc.) or savory (ham, sausage, cheese, mushroom, etc.) ingredients