

Bienvenue à Paris

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Please, feel free to contact us if you have specific questions.
In this document you'll find some tips and advice for your time in Paris.

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Staying in Paris

Here is our **Paris map**
If you're just in town for a quick trip: **Paris on the Quick**

For places to stay in the city **Airbnb list**

visit.andrewandann.com for other city maps

Transportation



Prepare Your Trip to Paris

From the CDG airport to our house: An Uber from CDG to us costs ~90€.
*From Orly, Uber is ~30€ and is much faster than taking the train to us.

The airport train ticket is 14€ one way into the city.

Directions from CDG to our house

Take the RER B (blue) south to Paris - Gare du Nord. At Gare du Nord you'll transfer across the same platform (you do not need to go up the stairs).

Take the RER D (green) south to Juvisy or Viry Chatillon and transfer to another RER D to Ris-Orangis. It takes about 1 hour and 30 mins from the airport.

Purchase Tickets

Tickets can now be purchased using your phone. Go to the Wallet app on your phone. **Add a card + > transport > Paris Navigo**.

Download the **Île-de-France Mobilités app** to buy tickets. Tap your phone (even if it's off) at the turnstiles for the metro, buses, and trains.

Weekly pass : 32€

Day pass: 12€

Either Airport: 14€

Metro/Train/RER: 2.50€

Bus/Tram: 2€

With the Metro-Train-RER Ticket you can connect to other services for up to two hours after first validation as you enter the network, until you exit a station.

Navigation Apps

Apple Maps or Google Maps has built in info for transportation directions. We also use an app called IDF Mobilités on **iOS**, **Android**, **Citymapper**.

SIM cards for visitors - Most carriers in the US now have international plans. If those are too expensive you can find prepaid cards from Orange or SFR at the airport. **eSIM cards** are a new easier option. Normal prices are ~25€ for 10GB/month.

What to See

See all of our lists of things to see in **Paris here**.

Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Invalides, Opéra Garnier, Notre Dame. All the big tourist attractions can be covered in one afternoon with **Sandeman's free walking tours** which meet at La Fontaine de St. Michel.

Angelina's hot chocolate near the Louvre.

Ladurée macarons: There are several locations throughout Paris and numerous flavor options. Keep your box as a souvenir!

The Louvre: Save most of a day for this. It is the largest museum in the world after all. It's closed on Tuesdays.

Musée d'Orsay: Many people's favorite museum in Paris. It was originally a train station but was later converted into a modern (not too modern) art museum. Closed Mondays.

Sacre Coeur and Montmartre: Absolutely gorgeous part of Paris. There are usually street performers and the atmosphere is wonderful. It sits above the rest of the city.

La Fontaine de Belleville: A small Parisian café that hosts jazz on Saturdays. Go in the afternoon for a cup of coffee in the Fall or Pastis in Summer and listen to some jazz.

The Latin Quarter: Great atmosphere and street food. Check out Le Caveau de la Huchette from La La Land.

Les Passages: Covered shopping that transforms you into another era. Great when the weather outside is dull.

La Mosquée by Gare d'Austerlitz: Travel to the Orient for the afternoon in the salon du thé. In spring and summer, enjoy the open courtyard and in winter sit on beautiful cushions around tin tables inside.

Versailles: Take a day to see this amazing palace and its gardens. The little town is full of galleries, shops, restaurants, and a cute little market.







Here's a list of our favorite books about France.

My Sweet Life in Paris
Mastering the Art of French Eating
A Year in Provence
My Paris Kitchen

What to Eat



Chez Gladines €€

Our all-time favorite! There are 5 locations in Paris.
French-Basque cuisine with a great bang for your buck.
Try the filling salads and escalope de veau if you're hungry.

Le Chateaubriand €€€

129 Avenue Parmentier, 75011

Well worth it! Great fusion of nouveau and classique. Reservations are necessary (they speak English).
+33 01 43 57 45 95 or online



Bouillon Pigalle €€

22 Bd de Clichy, 75018

Super classic french dishes, very affordable, in a trendy atmosphere..

Du Pain et des Idées €

34 Rue Yves Toudic, 75010

Wonderful bakery with traditional breads and pastries. Closed on the weekends.



Maoz Falafel €

In the heart of the Latin Quarter. A lot of kebab places are around, but this falafel is made to order and you get to dress your own from the toppings bar.

Berthillon €€

Served and located all over Île Saint-Louis. Amazing gelato and ice cream. Try a seasonal fruit, caramel au beurre salé (Salted caramel), or gianduja à l'orange (chocolate with candied orange).

More Lists of our favorite places to eat in Paris.

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Useful Info

- Start with Bonjour! Be respectful and polite. It makes a huge difference in how you are treated.
- In America people smile and say hello to everyone. This weirds the French out. They are really only friendly to... friends. It's still polite to say hello and goodbye to workers or waiters when entering establishments.
- Order free tap water at a restaurant by asking for "une carafe d'eau" (car-afe doe)
- Paris water fountains look a little different than in the States. They are more like actual green enamel fountains. Some of the best water in Europe. Refill a water bottle, but be careful Paris also doesn't have many public bathrooms. Most cost a Euro or your best bet is to use one when you go out to eat.
- Gypsies, usually in draped clothing, sometimes come up to you to ask for something. Just smile and say no. Don't linger as they might try to distract you and try to pickpocket. Around tourist areas there are common scams using postcards, bracelets, or clipboards. Just be aware of your surroundings, we haven't had too much trouble.
- Some metro doors don't open automatically, for these you pull up a little lever or push a button on the doors and they will open.

Things to Say

bonjour = good day

bonsoir = good evening

bonne journée [bun joor-nay] = have a good day

bonne soirée [bun swaar-aye]= good evening

"pardon" when you need something or bump into someone

"merci" = thank you

"de rien" = you're welcome



Useful Phrases

ou est ...? [oo ay] = Where is...?

je voudrais... [jeh voo-dray] = I would like...

oui [oo-wee] = yes

non [no] = no

les toilettes [lay twah-let] = the toilets

s'il vous plait [see voo play] = please

Champs-Élysées [shomz el ee zay]