

A photograph of a Parisian street, likely in the Marais district, looking down towards the Sacré-Cœur Basilica. The street is lined with tall, ornate buildings. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The text 'THE PARIS Playbook' is overlaid in the center. 'THE' is in a small, white, sans-serif font. 'PARIS' is in a large, white, serif font. 'Playbook' is in a white, cursive script font. The Sacré-Cœur is visible in the distance, its golden dome and white facade standing out against the sky. The street is filled with cars and a few pedestrians, giving it a sense of life and movement.

THE PARIS *Playbook*

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BONJOUR!

We're Marcus & Chelsey



Welcome to our Paris travel guide! After exploring over 70 destinations across France, we're excited to share our insider tips and tricks for making your Paris trip truly unforgettable. Whether it's your first time visiting or you're a seasoned traveler, this guide is packed with insights to help you experience the best of Paris.

Inside, you'll find 100+ recommendations on what to eat, see, and do, along with our top picks for accommodations, easy day trips from Paris, and answers to frequently asked questions. To make planning easier, we've also included 2-day and 4-day itineraries for inspiration.

Bon Voyage!



INTRODUCTION

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide is designed to help you enjoy Paris to the fullest, whether you're here for a weekend or a longer stay.

We recommend reading it through first to get a complete picture of what Paris has to offer. You'll be able to discover the attractions, restaurants, and experiences that best suit your interests.

Along with individual recommendations, you'll find our sample itineraries to help you plan.

Save our **restaurant**, **boulangerie** and **attractions** Google Maps for ease of planning.

Clickable Icons



Google Maps location pin.



Video resource on the experience or location mentioned.



Link to the website to make a booking or reservation.



Link to our Google Maps.



PRE-TRIP PLANNING

Get ready for your Paris adventure before you even set foot in the city. From sorting out the best time to visit and booking your dream accommodation to key things to know ahead of your trip, this guide will ensure you're fully prepared. Planning ahead will save you time and stress, so you can focus on enjoying everything Paris has to offer once you arrive!

PRE-TRIP PLANNING

BEST TIME TO VISIT

Paris is a year-round destination, but each season offers a unique experience.



Spring (March to May): Pleasant weather with blooming flowers. Ideal for strolling through gardens and parks. Temperatures range from 10°C to 18°C (50°F to 64°F).



Summer (June to August): Warm and bustling with tourists. Great for outdoor activities but expect crowds. Temperatures range from 17°C to 25°C (63°F to 77°F), with occasional heatwaves pushing temperatures higher.

Note:

Apart from hotels, it is common for accommodations such as Airbnbs to **NOT** have air conditioning. Make sure to check if you're travelling during the summer months.



Autumn (September to November): Mild weather with fewer tourists. Perfect for enjoying the city's autumnal charm. Temperatures range from 11°C to 18°C (52°F to 64°F) in early autumn, cooling to 6°C to 12°C (43°F to 54°F) by November.



Winter (December to February): Cold but magical, especially during the holiday season with festive lights and markets. Temperatures range from 2°C to 7°C (36°F to 45°F), though it can occasionally drop below freezing.

ANNUAL EVENTS BY SEASON



SPRING

- Nuit des Musées
(Museum Night)
- Foire du Trône
- Printemps des Rues

SUMMER

- Fête de la Musique
- Paris Jazz Festival
- Cinéma en Plein Air
(Outdoor Cinema)
- Tour de France
- Paris Plages

AUTUMN

- Journées du Patrimoine
(Heritage Days)
- Techno Parade
- Nuit Blanche

WINTER

- Christmas Markets
(Marchés de Noël)
- Festival d'Automne
(Autumn Festival)
- New Year's Eve on the
Champs-Élysées

PRE-TRIP PLANNING

AIRPORTS

Paris is served by three major airports - **Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG)**, **Orly Airport (ORY)** and **Beauvais-Tillé Airport (BVA)**. If you're an international traveler, you'll most likely find yourself landing at CDG airport.



CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT (CDG)

Located 26 kilometers (16 miles) northeast of Paris. The largest airport serving international long-haul flights. **If you're flying from the US, Asia, or other continents, CDG is likely where you'll land.**



ORLY AIRPORT (ORY)

Located 13 kilometers (8 miles) away, it's the closest to the city center and primarily handles **domestic and European flights**.



BEAUVAIS-TILLÉ AIRPORT (BVA)

Located 85 kilometers (53 miles) away, the furthest airport from Paris. Mainly **serves low-cost carriers like Ryanair and Wizz Air**, and handles mostly budget European flights.

PRE-TRIP PLANNING

GETTING FROM CDG TO CITY-CENTRE VIA PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Roissybus

This dedicated bus service runs between CDG and Opéra in central Paris. From there, you can take the metro to your accommodation. The journey takes about 60 minutes and costs approximately €13.

HOW TO GET TICKETS?

Online: Through the official Paris transport (RATP) app

At the Airport or Bus Stop: Via self-service ticket machines located at CDG terminals and at Roissybus stops, where you can pay by card or cash.

Onboard the Bus: Buy a ticket directly from the driver when boarding the Roissybus, but note that payment is by card only.

Rer B Train Service

The most convenient and affordable option. The RER B train connects CDG to central Paris in about 35 minutes. Trains run every 10-15 minutes and a one-way ticket costs around €13.

HOW TO GET TICKETS?

At the Airport: Via ticket machines located in CDG terminals near the RER B station entrances.

Ticket Counter: Via one of the manned ticket counters, usually located near the RER station entrance.

Mobile App: You can use the official "Bonjour RATP" app to purchase digital tickets.

PRE-TRIP PLANNING

GETTING FROM CDG TO CITY-CENTRE VIA TAXI



Taxis are readily available at designated stands **outside** the terminals and operate at a **fixed rate**. The journey typically takes about 45 minutes, depending on traffic. Remember to only take the official taxis **outside** the terminal. If a driver approaches you while you're **in** the terminal, they are not official and may try to charge you more.

You can expect to pay:

- **€56** for Right Bank (Rive Droite) destinations
- **€65** for the Left Bank (Rive Gauche) destinations

HOW TO TELL WHICH BANK YOU'RE ON?

The **Right Bank (Rive Droite)** includes many of Paris's commercial centers and upscale neighborhoods, such as the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and parts of the 8th and 9th arrondissements. If your accommodation is near landmarks such as the Louvre Museum and Champs-Élysée, you're likely on the Right Bank.

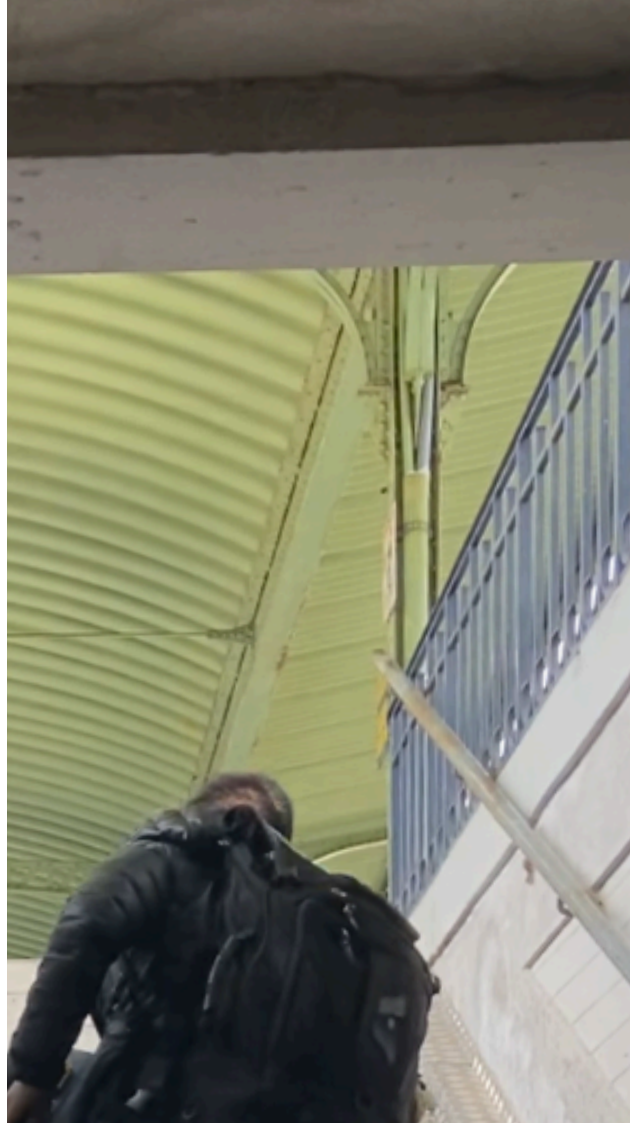
The **Left Bank (Rive Gauche)** is known for its historical and cultural significance. It includes arrondissements like the 5th, 6th, and 7th. If your accommodation is near landmarks like Notre-Dame Cathedral or the Sorbonne University, you are likely on the Left Bank.



ACCESSIBILITY IN PARIS METROS

The Paris Metro, while extensive and efficient, is not the most accessible for travelers with mobility challenges. Many stations lack elevators or escalators, and navigating stairs is often required. Although some key stations offer improved accessibility, the majority do not.

If you can't carry your luggage up stairs or have mobility issues, consider taking the Roissybus or a taxi instead.



Marcus
struggling

Where To Stay?

HOTELS WITH EIFFEL TOWER VIEWS

- [Pullman Paris Tour Eiffel](#)
- [Hôtel Beige](#)
- [Hôtel Balzac](#)
- [Shangri-la Paris](#)

BUDGET-FRIENDLY HOTELS

- [Hôtel De La Porte Dorée](#)
- [OKKO HOTELS Paris Rosa Parks](#)
- [Hôtel Des Batignolles](#)
- [Hôtel Marignan](#)

HOTELS IN CENTRAL ARRONDISSEMENTS

- [Temple de Jeanne](#)
- [Hôtel Charles V](#)
- [Hotel Britannique](#)
- [Grands Boulevards Experimental](#)
- [Hôtel Saint-Paul Rive-Gauche](#)



PARIS FOR FIRST TIMERS

Visiting Paris for the first time is an unforgettable experience, with iconic landmarks like the Eiffel Tower, Notre-Dame, and the Louvre awaiting your discovery. In this section, we'll guide you through the must-see sights and hidden gems that capture the essence of Paris.

FOR FIRST TIMERS

PARIS MUSEUM PASS



WHAT IS IT?

The Paris Museum Pass is a convenient way to explore many of the city's top museums and monuments, offering unlimited access to over 50 attractions, including the Louvre, Musée d'Orsay, and the Palace of Versailles.

Our Tip:



This is one pass we highly recommend, especially if you're visiting Paris for the first time.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The pass comes in 2-day, 4-day, and 6-day options, giving you flexibility based on how long you'll be in the city. It's a great deal if you **plan to visit multiple sites**, saving you both time and money with skip-the-line entry at most locations.

70€

2-DAY

90€

4-DAY

110€

6-DAY

WHO IS IT FOR?

The pass is cheaper than getting individual tickets from the museum and monuments, so we'd recommend getting it to save money. This is perfect if you're visiting for the first time and want to see the monuments, or if you are visiting **at least 2 sites/day**.



GET YOUR PARIS MUSEUM PASS HERE

cheapest option we found

ICONIC MONUMENTS

THE EIFFEL TOWER



The most recognized symbol of Paris, the Eiffel Tower is an absolute must. Whether you admire it from the ground, picnic in the Champ de Mars, or take the elevator to the top for a panoramic view, this landmark is an unforgettable experience.

ASCENDING THE EIFFEL TOWER

The first ascensions start at 9AM and continue in 30-minute intervals. You'll want to arrive 15-30 minutes earlier to avoid missing your allocated timeslot. There are two levels on the Eiffel Tower. Depending on which level you want to visit and how you want to ascend, the prices vary.

To access the second level:

- Stairs (14.20€)
- Elevator (22.60€)



GET YOUR TICKETS

Paris Museum Pass: ✕

To access the summit:

- By stairs to the second level and elevator to the summit (26.90€)
- By elevator from the first level to the summit (35.30€)

BEST EIFFEL TOWER VIEWING SPOTS

- Trocadéro
- Champ de Mars
- Along the Seine
- Tour Montparnasse
- Galeries Lafayette Rooftop

WATCHING THE EIFFEL TOWER SPARKLE

There is no fixed time for when the light show begins as it varies **depending on the time the sun sets** daily. This could be as late as 11 pm during the summer and as early as 4.30 pm during the winter. The sparkles only last 5 minutes, and happen every hour after dark.

NOTRE-DAME CATHEDRAL



Located on the Île de la Cité, this Gothic masterpiece is famous for its stunning architecture, intricate stained glass windows, and historical significance. Recently reopened, make sure to make a reservation ahead of time to visit the Cathedral, as it can get quite busy. Reservations open two days before (ie. If you're going on a Wednesday, you can make a reservation on Monday).



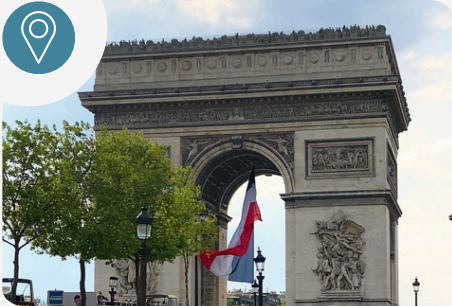
MAKE RESERVATION

Not compulsory but highly recommended

THINGS TO SEE

ICONIC MONUMENTS

ARC DE TRIOMPHE



Standing at the top of the Champs-Élysées, the Arc de Triomphe honors those who fought and died for France during the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars. Climb to the top for a spectacular view of the 12 grand avenues radiating out from the Place de l'Étoile.



GET YOUR TICKETS

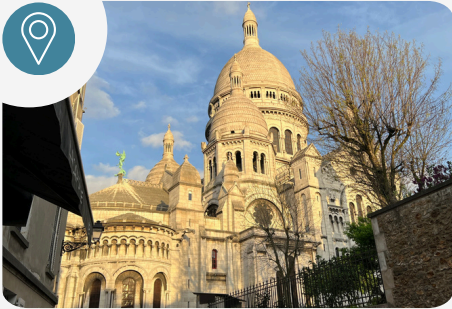
Paris Museum Pass: ✓
Reservation required: ✗



FOR PMP HOLDERS

Reservation required: ✗
Upon arrival, head to the entrance and scan your pass.

SACRÉ-CŒUR BASILICA



Perched atop Montmartre, the highest point in Paris, the Sacré-Cœur Basilica offers not only a stunning view of the city but also a serene place of worship. The white-domed basilica is a symbol of both faith and resistance, and its surrounding area is rich with artistic history. Located at the top of Montmartre, we'd recommend taking the funicular instead of climbing the long flight of stairs.



PURCHASE TICKETS DIRECTLY ONSITE

Paris Museum Pass: ✗
Reservation required: ✗

Do you love dogs?

Make sure to check out **Square Nadar**, a quaint little dog park just beside the Sacré-cœur. It's the perfect place to sit down, rest your legs and just soak in the atmosphere.



VISITING THE DOME

While visiting the church interior is free, you'll have to buy a ticket to visit the dome. The only way to visit the dome is to climb a narrow 280-step staircase, hence this is not suitable for people with mobility issues.

PANTHÉON



Situated in the Latin Quarter, the Panthéon is a neoclassical building that serves as the final resting place for some of France's most famous figures, including Voltaire, Rousseau, and Marie Curie. Its grand dome also offers a beautiful view of the city.



GET YOUR TICKETS

Paris Museum Pass: ✓
Reservation required: ✓



FOR PMP HOLDERS

Reservation required: ✗
Upon arrival, head to the entrance and scan your pass.

THINGS TO SEE

ICONIC MONUMENTS

SAINTE-CHAPELLE



This is a stunning Gothic chapel known for its breathtaking stained glass windows, which depict over 1,000 biblical scenes in vibrant detail.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Please come at least 30 mins before your allocated time slot because there will be a queue to enter. If you end up missing your time slot, you will have to wait in line for a very very very long time.



GET YOUR TICKETS

Paris Museum Pass: ✓
Reservation required: ✓



FOR PMP HOLDERS

Reservation required: ✓
Reserve via this link and select the "I already have a ticket" option.



OPÉRA GARNIER



A masterpiece of architecture and opulence, the Opéra Garnier is one of the most breathtaking buildings in Paris, both inside and out. With its grand staircase, velvet-lined boxes, and Chagall-painted ceiling, stepping inside feels like entering another era. Even if you're not catching a show, it is still well worth it just to wander and take it all in.



GET YOUR TICKETS

Paris Museum Pass: ✗
Reservation required: ✓

LES INVALIDES



Originally built as a hospital and retirement home for war veterans, Les Invalides is now best known as the resting place of Napoleon Bonaparte. The golden dome is hard to miss, and inside, you'll find grand military museums and ornate tombs that reflect France's storied past. Highly recommend checking out the spectacular **Aura Invalides Experience** while you're there.



GET YOUR TICKETS

Paris Museum Pass: ✓
Reservation required: ✗



FOR PMP HOLDERS

Reservation required: ✗
Upon arrival, head to the entrance and scan your pass.



THINGS TO DO

EIFFEL TOWER PHOTO SPOTS

01 TROCADÉRO GARDENS

Located directly across the Seine, this is the most iconic viewpoint for capturing the Eiffel Tower. However, this is the spot we would **NOT** recommend unless you are committed to waking up extra early.

02 L'HOWEA

This quiet, charming street offers an intimate view of the Eiffel Tower between classic Parisian buildings, creating a beautiful contrast of architecture.

03 PONT DE BIR-HAKEIM

This bridge provides a picturesque view of the Eiffel Tower framed by the bridge's arches. It's a favorite for photographers thanks to its unique perspective over the Seine.

04 PONT D'IÉNA

With its clean lines and unobstructed view, this spot allows for striking shots of the iconic landmark against the backdrop of the Seine.

05 RUE DE L'UNIVERSITÉ

This quiet, charming street offers an intimate view of the Eiffel Tower between classic Parisian buildings, creating a beautiful contrast of architecture.

06 PONT ALEXANDRE III

With its ornate bridge and stunning river views providing a dramatic and elegant backdrop, Pont Alexandre III is a fantastic spot for photographing the Eiffel Tower,



PARIS FOR MUSEUM LOVERS

THINGS TO SEE

FOR MUSEUM LOVERS

If you're short on time, here's a quick summary on the museums we would recommend based on your interests.

IMPRESSIONIST & POST-IMPRESSIONIST ART

For lovers of 19th and early 20th-century art, check out **Musée d'Orsay**, **Musée de l'Orangerie**, and the **Petit Palais**. These museums highlight masterpieces by artists like Monet, Renoir, and Degas, showcasing the brilliance of the Impressionist movement.



MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY ART

For fans of modern and contemporary art, visit **Centre Pompidou**, **Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris**, and **Fondation Louis Vuitton**. These museums feature groundbreaking works from artists like Picasso, Kandinsky, and international contemporary creators, showcasing bold, innovative expressions of the 20th and 21st centuries.

CLASSICAL ART AND SCULPTURE

If classical art and sculptures are your thing, explore the **Louvre Museum**, **Musée Rodin**, and **Musée Jacquemart-André**.

These institutions offer a journey through centuries of artistic excellence, with masterpieces from ancient civilizations, Renaissance paintings, and iconic sculptures like Rodin's *The Thinker*.



MUSEUMS IN PARIS



THE LOUVRE

Home to iconic masterpieces such as the Mona Lisa, the Venus de Milo, and the Winged Victory of Samothrace, the Louvre is the largest art museum in the world. It's easy to spend an entire day exploring its vast collections but you have to be selective. It is said that if you spend one minute looking at every art piece in the Louvre, you will spend months to years being here!



NON-PMP HOLDERS

Book your skip-the-line tickets here.



FOR PMP HOLDERS

A reservation is **required** to visit.
Reserve your slot here.



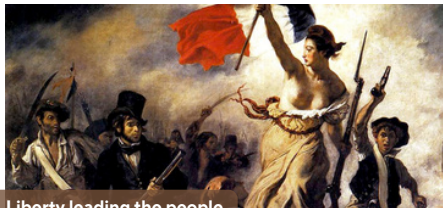
DON'T MISS OUT ON



Mona Lisa



Winged Victory of Samothrace



Liberty leading the people



The Coronation of Napoleon



The Oath of the Horatii



MUSEE D'ORSAY

Housed in a stunning former railway station, Musée d'Orsay is known for its impressive collection of 19th and early 20th-century art. It features masterpieces from renowned artists such as Monet, Van Gogh, Degas, and Renoir, with a focus on Impressionism and Post-Impressionism.



GET TICKETS HERE

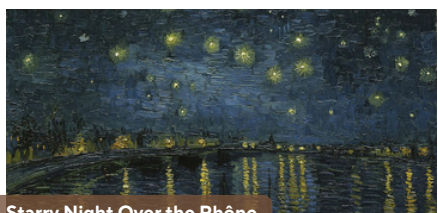
Paris Museum Pass: ✓
Reservation required: ✓



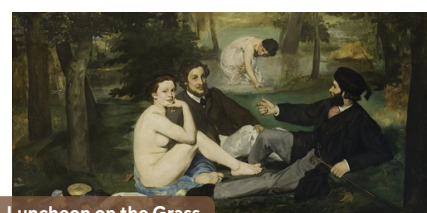
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Reservation required: ✗
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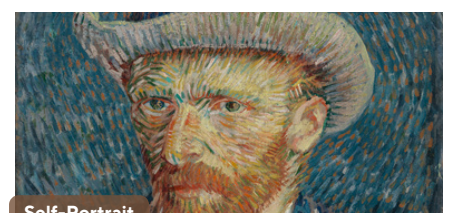
DON'T MISS OUT ON



Starry Night Over the Rhône



Luncheon on the Grass



Self-Portrait

MUSEUMS IN PARIS



MUSÉE DE L'ORANGERIE

If you're someone who loves peaceful art moments without the overwhelming crowds, this is a must-visit. Nestled in the Tuileries Garden, the Musée de l'Orangerie is renowned for its stunning display of Monet's water lilies, offering an intimate space to experience Impressionist and Post-Impressionist masterpieces.



GET TICKETS HERE

Paris Museum Pass: ✓
Reservation required: X



FOR PMP HOLDERS

Reservation required: X
Upon arrival, head to the entrance and scan your pass.



MUSÉE RODIN

Housed in a charming 18th-century mansion, the Musée Rodin showcases the iconic sculptures of Auguste Rodin, including The Thinker. Don't forget to spend some time on a relaxing stroll through the tranquil gardens!

Our Tip:



Musée Rodin was one of the museums we managed to visit for **free** on the **first Sunday of the month**. Unlike the other museums, you **don't have to reserve** a slot in advance, so if you're visiting on the first Sunday of the month, it's worth checking out.



GET TICKETS HERE

Paris Museum Pass: ✓
Reservation required: X



FOR PMP HOLDERS

Reservation required: X
Upon arrival, head to the entrance and scan your pass.



HÔTEL DE LA MARINE

Overlooking Place de la Concorde, the Hôtel de la Marine is a stunning 18th-century monument with lavish rooms, immersive exhibits, and sweeping views from its loggia. This is one of our personal favourites!



GET TICKETS HERE

Paris Museum Pass: ✓
Reservation required: X



FOR PMP HOLDERS

Reservation required: X
Upon arrival, head to the entrance and scan your pass.



MUSÉE DES ARTS ET MÉTIERS

Tucked away in the Marais, the Musée des Arts et Métiers is a hidden gem that showcases centuries of innovation — from vintage cars to early flying machines. It's quirky, fascinating, and perfect for curious minds who love a good invention story.



GET TICKETS HERE

Paris Museum Pass: ✓
Reservation required: X



FOR PMP HOLDERS

Reservation required: X
Upon arrival, head to the entrance and scan your pass.

MUSEUMS IN PARIS

FREE MUSEUMS

These are some museums in Paris that are free all year round.



MUSÉE D'ART
MODERNE DE LA
VILLE DE PARIS



MUSÉE CARNAVALET



MUSÉE DE LA VIE
ROMANTIQUEVALET



MAISON DE BALZAC



PETIT PALAIS

FREE ENTRY FOR YOUTHS

Visitors up to 18 years old (all nationalities) and EU citizens from 18 to 26 enjoy **free entry** to many major Paris museums year-round. If you're one of the lucky eligible ones, make sure to take advantage of this! However, for sites where booking a time slot is mandatory, you must make a free reservation for "under 18s" before visiting.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Many other museums in Paris, including the Louvre and the Musée d'Orsay, offer free admission on the **first Sunday of each month**. To book a free ticket, you have to **book a month in advance** on the individual website of each museum.

THINGS TO SEE

OFF-BEAT FINDS

Paris has a way of surprising you when you least expect it (usually when you take a wrong turn or wander without a plan). Over the years, we've found a few spots that don't always make the typical must-see lists but ended up becoming some of our personal favorites.

GRANDE MOSQUÉE DE PARIS



Don't just visit churches and cathedrals in Paris. This mosque is one of Paris's most beautiful hidden sanctuaries and a peaceful escape from the city buzz. Wander through the mosaic-covered courtyard, sip mint tea in the tiled tearoom, or relax in the serene gardens.

ÉGLISE DE LA MADELEINE



This neoclassical church often flies under the radar, but it's worth a stop. Don't miss out on the charming flea markets that pop up nearby. Right across the street is **Lavatory Madeleine**, a historic Art Nouveau toilet. If you're into quirky finds, this would be fun to check out.

MUSÉE DE MONTMARTRE



Whenever we're in Montmartre and want to escape the crowds, this is where we go. It's tucked away in a quiet corner, and we always linger a bit too long in the gardens, soaking in views of Paris's last remaining vineyard and imagining what the artist life must've been like here.

ARÈNES DE LUTÈCE



Who knew Roman ruins existed in Paris in the middle of the Latin Quarter? This ancient amphitheatre is hidden in plain sight, and it's a peaceful spot to people watch. We often see families playing ball or children running around here, and it's amazing to see all life within these Roman ruins.

PASSAGE BOURG L'ABBÉ



Tucked between two busy streets, this quiet little passage feels almost forgotten, in the best way. It's one of those places you stumble into and feel like you've uncovered a secret. With its vintage charm and low foot traffic, it's perfect for a slow wander or a quick photo. Make sure to also check out **Passage des Panoramas**.

RUE MONTORGUEIL



We always find ourselves coming back to Rue Montorgueil. Bustling with local life, lined with bakeries, seafood spots, wine bars, and cheesemongers, it's where we go when we want a slice of everyday Paris. Check out the oldest Pastry shop at **Stohre**, pick up food specialties at **G. Detou** and cheese at **La Fermette**.



PARIS FOR FOODIES

Exploring Paris as a foodie is a true delight, with its world-renowned cuisine and vibrant food scene ready to satisfy every palate. In this section, we'll take you on a culinary journey through the city's best restaurants, markets, and local specialties, so you can experience the rich flavors that make Paris a food lover's paradise.

WHEN IN PARIS...



There is no shortage of gastronomical experiences you can find in Paris. From the highly-rated Michelin restaurants to the humble (but delicious) bistros and local bakeries - there's something for everyone.

Whether you're craving the rich flavors of classic French cuisine like boeuf bourguignon and coq au vin, or you want to indulge in a flaky, buttery croissant fresh from a neighborhood boulangerie, the options are endless.

Don't forget to treat yourself to a cozy café experience, where you can sip on espresso and people-watch like a true Parisian. Whether you're a foodie at heart or just looking for a memorable meal, Paris delivers on every level.

Short on time?

A food tour is the perfect way to discover local flavors and iconic dishes without the hassle of planning. We recommend joining a Paris food tour to sample delicious foods and learn how French history has shaped the way we enjoy food in Paris today.

Explore the Marais and Quartier Montorgueil on a **Chocolate and Pastry tour**, or wander through the Left Bank on a **Latin Quarter Food Tour**. For a view of the iconic Paris monuments, the **Seine River Cruise** is not to be missed!



PARIS FOR FOODIES

BOULANGERIES & PATISSERIES



full list here

If you like bread and pastries, you're in for a big treat when in France!

Below are some honourable mentions for our favourite establishments in Paris.

For a full list of our recommendations, refer to the map.



▶ **LA MAISON D'ISABELLE**

Famed for being the winner of the best croissant of 2018, this is arguably the best croissant in Paris and our personal favourite. You'll be able to smell it before you see it.



47ter Bd Saint-Germain, 75005
Paris, France

▶ **STOHRER**

This is the oldest pastry shop in Paris founded in 1730 by the inventor of the Baba au Rhum. Their pastries are delicious and the interior is gorgeous. Definitely worth a visit.



51 Rue Montorgueil, 75002
Paris, France



LA FAVRIQUE AUX GOURMANDISES

Winner of the 2019 best croissant of Paris, this one is a true hidden gem. Croissants are flaky and light on the palate. It's quite out of the way, but worth a visit if you happen to be in the area.



82 Rue de l'Amiral Mouchez, 75014
Paris, France





▶ MILLE & UN

This French-Korean bakery won the award for best flan d'Ile-de-France 2023 and rightfully so. The flans are rich, with a creamy custard center. We really enjoyed the sesame flan too!

📍 32 Rue Saint-Placide
75006 Paris, France

CARTON

Winner of the best croissant in 2022, this one is another favourite of ours. Buttery, flaky, and not too dense. They also serve other pastries, sandwiches, and salads. Perfect for a quick bite with outdoor seating.

📍 6 Bd de Denain
75010 Paris, France



▶ DU PAIN ET DES IDÉES

Famous for their pistachio escargot pastries, we also really enjoyed their pain au chocolat. A bit on the pricier side compared to other places but worth a try!

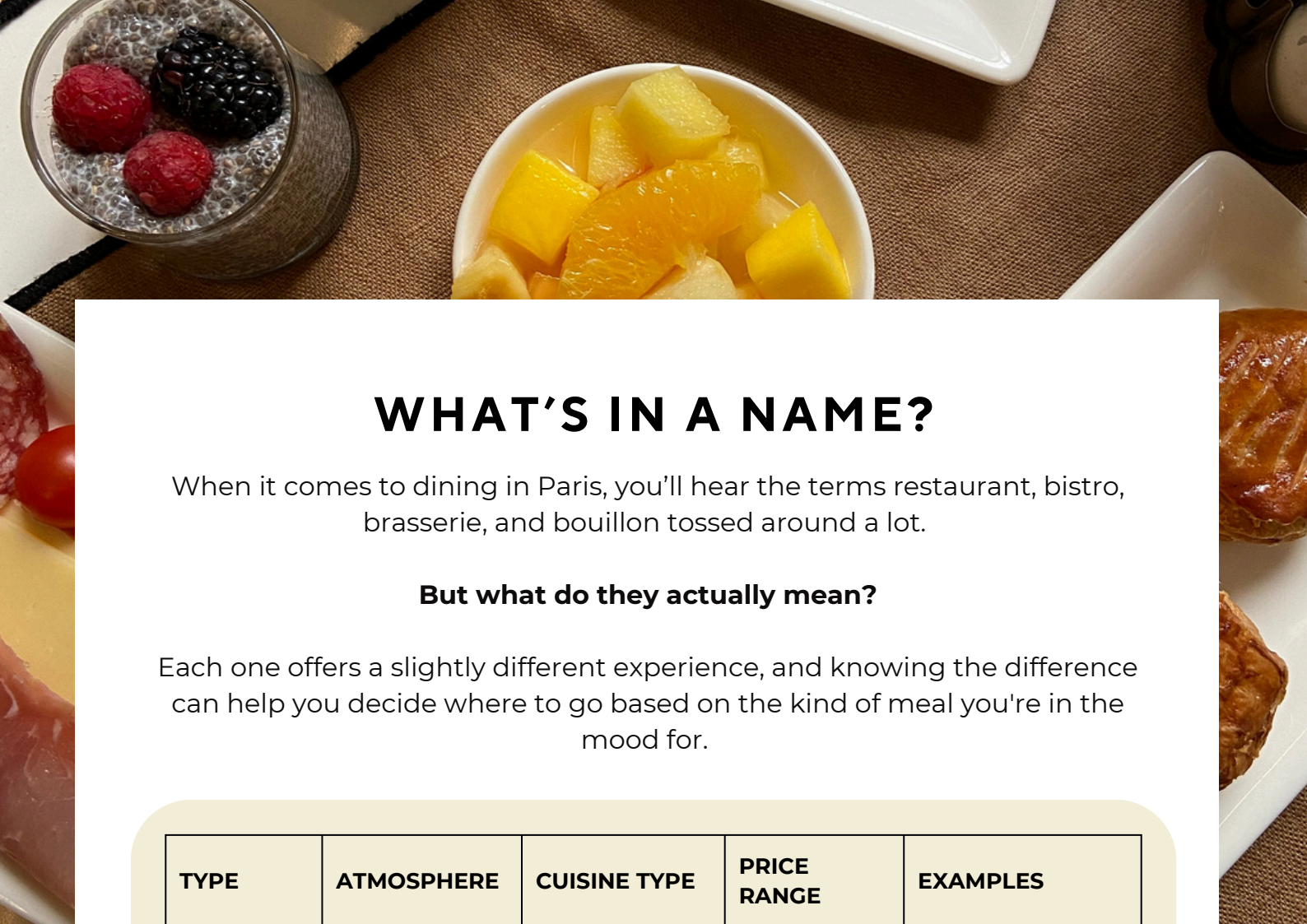
📍 34 Rue Yves Toudic
75010 Paris, France

LA PANIFACTURE

Probably the best flan we've had in Paris. Huge portion, very creamy and not too sweet. Highly recommend this spot. We enjoyed their pain suisse too.

📍 104 Rue Saint-Maur
75011 Paris, France





WHAT'S IN A NAME?

When it comes to dining in Paris, you'll hear the terms restaurant, bistro, brasserie, and bouillon tossed around a lot.

But what do they actually mean?

Each one offers a slightly different experience, and knowing the difference can help you decide where to go based on the kind of meal you're in the mood for.

TYPE	ATMOSPHERE	CUISINE TYPE	PRICE RANGE	EXAMPLES
Restaurant	Varies (usually more formal)	Diverse	High to moderate	Le Gabriel, Au Bourguignon du Marais
Bistro	Cozy, casual	Traditional French	Moderate	Bistrot Paul Bert, Le Bistrot Du Perigord
Brasserie	Lively	Extensive French	Moderate to high	Brasserie Des Prés, Brasserie Dubillot
Bouillon	No-frills	Classic French comfort food	Low	Bouillon Pigalle, Bouillon Chartier

MEAL TIME IN PARIS

Lunch time is typically from 12 PM to 2 PM and dinner from 7 PM to 10 PM, Some restaurants close in the afternoon between lunch and dinner. For places that serve food all day, look out for “service continu” or continuous service.

PARIS FOR FOODIES

RESTAURANTS, BISTROS, BOUILLONS & BRASSERIES

full list here



▶ **BOUILLON CHARTIER**

Bouillon Chartier is a spot where you can enjoy classic French food without spending a fortune. It's been around since 1896, with a cool vintage vibe and quick service. Perfect if you're looking for a laid-back, authentic Parisian meal that won't break the bank, but if you're looking for a gourmet dining experience, this is not it.

 59 Bd du Montparnasse
75006 Paris, France

▶ **BRASSERIE DES PRÉS**



BOUILLON PIGALLE

This is a trendy spot in Montmartre where you can enjoy classic French comfort food at super-affordable prices. It's casual, lively, and always packed with locals and tourists alike. Perfect for a no-fuss meal with friends after a day of exploring.

 22 Bd de Clichy
75018 Paris, France

LOULOU

A stunning restaurant housed in the Musée des Arts Décoratifs. They have a gorgeous terrace that provides a wonderful dining atmosphere. Order the truffle pizza, it was amazing!

 107 Rue de Rivoli
75001 Paris, France

Brasserie des Prés is a chic, modern brasserie in the heart of Saint-Germain-des-Prés. It's got a stylish vibe and offers a mix of classic and contemporary French dishes, making it a great place for a relaxed yet sophisticated meal. One of our favourites!

 6 Cr du Commerce Saint-André
75006 Paris, France



▶ **BRASSERIE DUBILLOT**

A fun and quirky spot serving traditional French dishes with a modern twist. With its playful decor and cozy atmosphere, it's perfect for a laid-back dinner with friends or a casual date night.

📍 222 Rue St Denis
75002 Paris, France



PIZZERIA POPOLARE

By the same people behind the Instagram-famous Pink Mama, we preferred the food at Pizzeria Popolare. Queues are long so make a reservation. We loved the truffle pizza & burrata!

📍 111 Rue Réaumur
75002 Paris, France



▶ **AU BOURGUIGNON DU MARAIS**

This place serves one of our favourite beef bourguignons in Paris. The meat is tender and stewed to perfection. A hearty French classic you have to try!

📍 52 Rue François Miron
75004 Paris, France



▶ **FACETTE**

Enjoy fresh, seasonal ingredients and creative dishes with a gorgeous view of the Seine. The Portobello confit was amazing and something we still think about very often.

📍 69 Port de la Rapée
75012 Paris, France

PARIS FOR FOODIES

LIGHT BITES



▶ **AU P'TIT GREC**

Serving up sweet crepes and savoury galettes with generous fillings. This is the spot to grab a no-frills quick bite if you're in the area. You can customize your own toppings too!

📍 9 Rue Victor Cousin
75005 Paris, France



▶ **CARACTÈRE DE COCHON**

Huge selection of hams, terrines & pates. Sandwiches are not stuffed like the ones from Chez Alain Miam Miam, but more of a classic jambon-beurre (ham & butter) situation. Sounds simple but somehow really hits the spot.

📍 42 Rue Charlot
75003 Paris, France



📍 26 Rue Charlot
75003 Paris, France

📍 39 Rue de Bretagne
75003 Paris, France

▶ **CHEZ ALAIN MIAM MIAM**

Miam is how the French say "yum", and this store is truly "yum yum". This is one of our favourite sandwiches in Paris because they are huge and generously stuffed with quality ingredients. We usually share 1 sandwich between 2 people. Their Nutella crepes are a wonderful indulgent treat too!

There are 2 locations you can visit - this standalone store or a smaller one located in the Marché Couvert des Enfants Rouges.

PARIS FOR FOODIES

FOR CHOCOLATE LOVERS



▶ ANGELINA

A quintessential experience of dining in the beautiful tea room. Famous for its hot chocolate. If you're on a budget, you can get the hot chocolate to go - it's cheaper! They have multiple outlets.

📍 226 Rue de Rivoli
75001 Paris, France



CARETTE

Another great spot for a rich and decadent cup of hot chocolate. We found the seating in this particular one a bit cramped, but they have multiple outlets. you can check out.

📍 4 Pl. du Trocadéro
75016 Paris, France



PLAQ CHOCOLAT

An artisanal chocolate spot where they oversee the process of making the chocolate from the beans to the products you see in the shop. A great edible souvenir!

📍 4 Rue du Nil
75002 Paris, France



▶ CHAPON CHOCOLAT MOUSSE BAR

Think rich, decadent chocolate mousse generously scooped in front of you. You get to choose the intensity of chocolate here. A divine treat for chocolate lovers.

📍 69 Rue du Bac
75007 Paris, France

OTHERS



VEGETARIAN OPTIONS

We've not personally tried these restaurants but they have come highly recommended by our followers and local friends, so we thought we'd add them to this guide for your reference.

[Wild & The Moon](#)

[Le Potager du Marais](#)

[Biglove](#)

[Faubourg Daimant](#)

[Tasty Veggies](#)

ASIAN FOOD

[Supermian Paris](#)

[TranTranZai](#)

[The Hood](#)

[Gros Bao](#)



Our Tips for dining out:

- One of the **cost-effective** ways to dine out in France is to go for **lunch instead of dinner**. Set meals are known as “formules” and are usually only available during lunch. In a formule déjeuner (lunch set), you can choose either an **entree + main** or **main + dessert** for a reduced price. Or if your wallet permits, get an **entree, main, and dessert**!
- If the waiter asks you “still or sparkling”, the free answer is always “**Une Carafe d'Eau, S'il vous plaît**”. Tap water is completely safe to drink in France and it is mandatory for a restaurant to serve it to patrons when asked.

PRATICAL INFORMATION

In this section, you'll find everything you need to make your visit to Paris as smooth as possible. From essential tips on navigating the city's public transport and understanding local customs to helpful key phrases in French and advice on staying safe, this guide has you covered.

PRATICAL INFORMATION

THE BASICS



LANGUAGE

French is the official language, but many people in tourist areas speak English. Learning a few basic French phrases can go a long way in enhancing your experience.



ELECTRICAL OUTLETS

Paris uses the European standard Type C and Type E plugs, with a voltage of 230V. Be sure to bring a travel adapter if needed.



CASH OR CARD?

While cards are widely accepted, especially in tourist areas, it's a good idea to carry some cash for smaller purchases like at Farmers' markets or local bakeries.



SAFETY

Paris is generally safe, but be mindful of pickpockets, especially in crowded tourist areas. Keep belongings secure, avoid displaying valuables, and stay cautious at busy landmarks and on public transport.



CURRENCY

The official currency in France is the **Euro (€)**.



TIME ZONE

Paris operates on GMT+2



COUNTRY CODE

France's country code is +33
In case of emergencies, dial 112



TIPPING

Tipping isn't obligatory in France. However, you are welcome to leave a small amount (around 5-10%) if you've received exceptional service or for rounding up the bill.



TAP WATER

Tap water is safe to drink throughout France & is served in every restaurant.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

ESSENTIAL VOCAB

 English	 French
Do you speak English?	Parlez-vous anglais?
Hello / Good morning / Good afternoon	Bonjour
Good evening (usually after 5pm)	Bonsoir
Excuse me	Excusez-moi
Please	S'il vous plaît
Thank you	Merci
Goodbye	Au revoir
The bathroom, please?	Les toilettes, s'il vous plaît?
I would like ____.	Je voudrais ____.
The check, please.	L'addition, s'il vous plaît.

PRATICAL INFORMATION

GETTING AROUND

Unless you've booked a highly central hotel or plan to rely on taxis, you'll likely need to navigate Paris' extensive public transportation system. This section will guide you through the various transport card options available, helping you choose the one that best suits your travel needs.



METRO



BUS



RER

3 MAIN FORMS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN PARIS



Metro: The Metro is the most efficient way to navigate the city with over 300 stations and 16 lines.



RER (Réseau Express Régional): The regional express train system connects Paris with its suburbs and major landmarks like Disneyland Paris and Versailles.



Buses: Paris' public buses offer a scenic way to travel around the city, providing routes that cover areas not accessible by the Metro or RER.

GETTING AROUND

TYPES OF TRANSPORT CARD



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NAVIGO DÉCOUVERTE CARD

A personal, rechargeable smart card that offers unlimited travel within selected zones of Paris and the Île-de-France region.

Key Features:

- **Weekly or monthly passes:** Unlimited travel for a set period within chosen zones.
- **Covers all transport modes:** Valid on metro, buses, trams, RER, Transilien trains, and even some regional trains within the selected zones.
- Best for visitors **staying for a week or more**, & those who are planning trips to areas outside central Paris, like Versailles or Disneyland Paris.

Note:

Weekly pass sales run from Monday to Thursday, with validity based on purchase day (e.g., buy on Wednesday = valid Wed-Sun).

A passport-sized photo is required to create the card at any ticket counter.

Our Tip:

Bring a passport-sized photo from home to avoid potential language barriers and save time.



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mobile!



NAVIGO EASY CARD

A reloadable smart card that works on all forms of public transport in Paris, including the metro, buses, trams, and RER trains within central Paris.

Key Features:

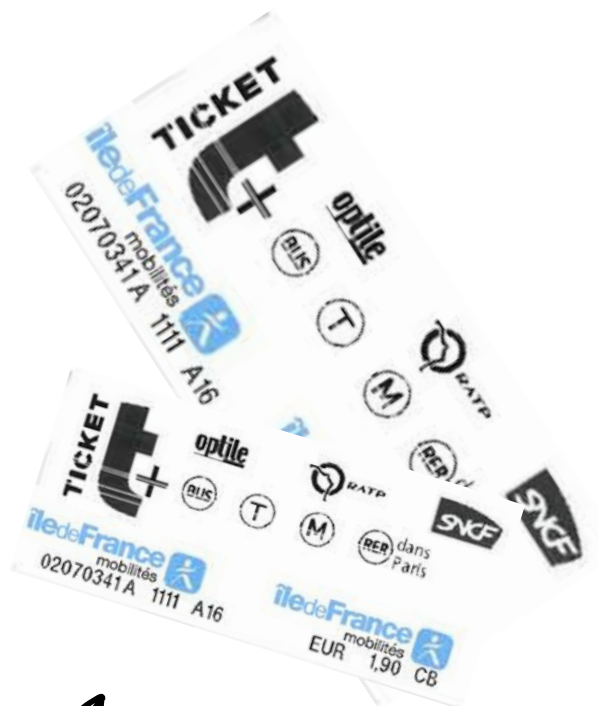
- **Pay-as-you-go:** Load single tickets, day passes, or 10-ticket booklets (carnets) onto the card.
- Best for **short-term visitors** who want flexibility in purchasing single trips or day passes without committing to a full week.

SINGLE TICKETS (T+ TICKETS)

Paper tickets are valid for a single journey on the metro, bus, tram, or RER within central Paris.

Key Features:

- **Simple and straightforward:** No need for a card, just buy individual tickets as needed.
- Best for **infrequent travelers** who only plan to use public transport occasionally.



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GETTING AROUND

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRANSPORT CARD

The first step to deciding which transport card is suitable for you is to determine **where you are staying**, **how many days** you will be visiting, and the **attractions you plan to visit**. If you are planning to stay in Paris for more than 3 days, taking public transport to and fro the airport, and planning to visit attractions outside of central Paris, we'd recommend the Navigo Découverte Card.

STILL NOT SURE WHICH IS FOR YOU?

No worries! We've created a decision tree on the next page to help to pick out the most suitable option.

Ticket Controllers



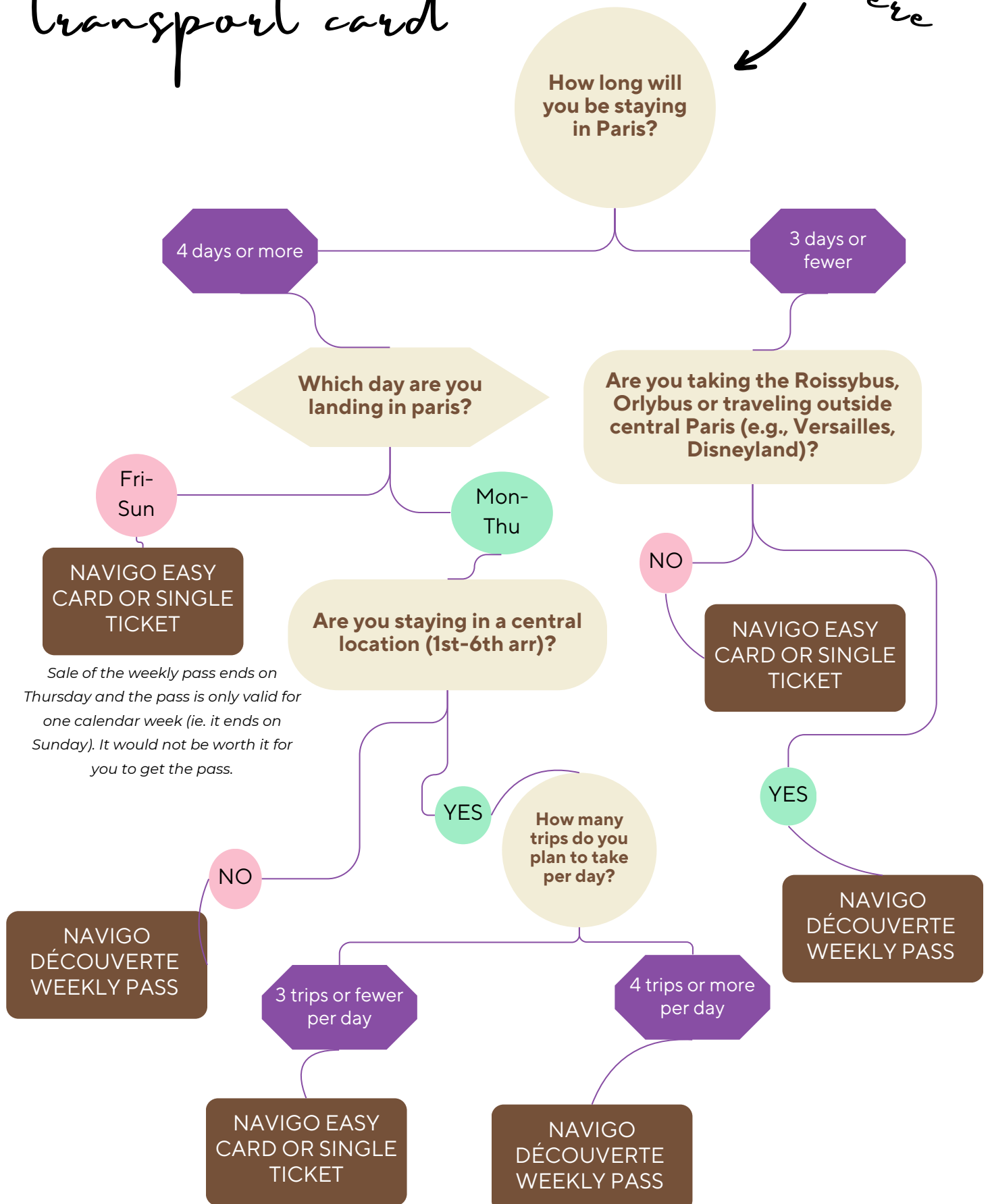
It's common to encounter RATP controllers at metro exits. They may seem intimidating, but don't worry—just tap your card on their scanner as you leave.

If you're using paper tickets, keep them until you've exited the station. For the Navigo Découverte card, make sure it has your photo, or you risk a €35 fine.

Stay safe out there folks.

Choosing a transport card

start here



Sale of the weekly pass ends on Thursday and the pass is only valid for one calendar week (ie. it ends on Sunday). It would not be worth it for you to get the pass.

TIPS ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

01 Always **validate your journey** at the turnstile or on the bus. If for any reason the validation doesn't work, take a picture or video for evidence in case you encounter a ticket controller. Fines for unvalidated tickets can be steep, so it's best to stay on the safe side..

02 **For safety:** Don't use your phone if you're standing close to the metro doors as pickpockets may snatch your phone as the doors close. Don't keep anything in your back pocket and keep your bags in front of you to avoid pickpockets.

03 Not all metro doors open automatically. Older trains require you to **open the doors manually** either by pushing a button or pulling a metal handle. If the door doesn't open automatically, now you know what to do!



04 **Basic etiquette:** Keep **right** on escalators. Let people exit the metro before you enter. In the metro, you can sit on the folding seat but make sure to stand up if it gets crowded.

05 **Beware of common scams:** Someone may approach you, often near the entrance, trying to sell unused or "discounted" metro tickets that do not work. Or they may approach you at ticket machines, offering to help you buy tickets because the machine is "hard to navigate". Once they "help," they may buy the wrong type of ticket or charge you more than necessary.



GETTING AROUND

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NAVIGO DECOUVERTE AND NAVIGO EASY CARDS?

The Easy card is an anonymous card that doesn't require a photo, unlike the Navigo Decouverte. You can choose to buy as many tickets as you need on the Easy card, while the Decouverte provides unlimited travel.

CAN I USE THE NAVIGO EASY CARD TO GO TO VERSAILLES OR DISNEYLAND PARIS?

No. The T+ tickets are only applicable for travel in Zone 1 (central Paris). Versailles is in Zone 4 and Disneyland Paris is in Zone 5, so you have to get separate tickets for that.

CAN I SHARE A NAVIGO EASY CARD WITH SOMEONE?

Since it is anonymous, yes. However, you **CANNOT** share it if you are commuting together as each person has to have their own card during the commute.

HOW MUCH IS THE NAVIGO EASY CARD?

The card itself costs 2€.

ARRONDISSEMENTS IN PARIS

WHAT IS AN ARRONDISSEMENT?

The city of Paris is divided into 20 arrondissements. An arrondissement is essentially a **district or neighborhood** in Paris. They spiral out in a clockwise pattern from the city center like a snail shell, with the 1st arrondissement at the heart of Paris, near the Louvre.

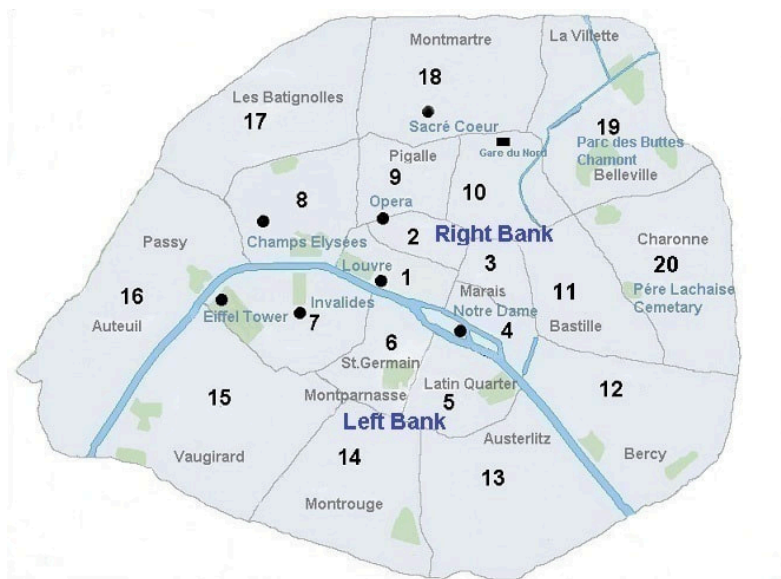


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Each arrondissement has its own unique charm, character, and landmarks. You'll see the number displayed on street signs and addresses that indicate which arrondissement you are in.





ARRONDISSEMENTS IN PARIS

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Often considered the heart of Paris, this arrondissement is home to iconic landmarks like **the Louvre, the Tuileries Gardens, and Palais Royal**. You'll be within walking distance of the **Seine, Sainte-Chapelle**, and the historic **Île de la Cité**. Spend your day museum-hopping, browsing the arcades of **Galerie Vivienne**, or catching a sunset at **Pont des Arts**.

The 4th Arrondissement, which includes part of the lively **Le Marais** area, is known for its charming streets and historic architecture. Visit the **Notre-Dame Cathedral**, beautiful **Place des Vosges** and explore the modern art collections at **Centre Pompidou**. This area is ideal for first-time visitors wanting to experience Paris's rich history. It's also one of our favourites!

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ARR.

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ARR.

Known as the Latin Quarter, the 5th is full of student energy and culture. It's home to the **University of Paris** and offers a lively atmosphere with many bookstores, cafes, and theatres. Wander the cobbled streets, visit the majestic **Panthéon**, and stroll through the leafy **Jardin des Plantes**. Book lovers will love **Shakespeare & Company**, and history buffs can explore Roman ruins at the **Arènes de Lutèce**.

ARRONDISSEMENTS IN PARIS

06

ARR.

Whether you're visiting the **Saint-Germain-des-Prés Church**, relaxing in the **Luxembourg Gardens**, or browse art galleries and chic boutiques along **Rue Bonaparte**, the 6th arrondissement offers the perfect blend of culture, charm, and classic Parisian elegance.



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ARR.

Whether you're admiring the **Arc de Triomphe**, strolling down the glamorous **Champs-Élysées**, or exploring the elegant halls of the **Grand Palais**, the 8th is where Paris

goes full luxe. Have a little stroll down **Place de la Concorde**, and don't forget to check out **Petit Palais** and **Église de la Madeleine**.

From the opulent **Palais Garnier**, to the incredible bars and restaurants, the 9th is another one of our favourite neighbourhoods.

Don't miss the rooftop view from **Galleries Lafayette** and **Printemps**, or a visit to the beautiful Bibliothèque nationale de France. For dining, grab authentic Chinese cuisine at **Supermian Paris**, wood-fired meats at **Lombem**, or go classic and affordable with a meal at **Bouillon Chartier**.

09

ARR.

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ARR.

Great for repeat visitors who want something trendier and more local, the 11th arrondissement is where locals and repeat visitors come to experience a more authentic, trendy side of the city. It's a lively, eclectic neighborhood full of hidden gems and cool cafés. Make sure to check out the **Ateliers des Lumières**, and **Marché Bastille**.



ARRONDISSEMENTS IN PARIS

18

ARR.

Whether you're climbing the steps to the **Sacré-Cœur**, wandering the cobble streets of **Montmartre**, or discovering hidden vineyards and artists' studios, the 18th arrondissement is full of charm and creativity. It's a neighborhood that blends bohemian spirit with sweeping city views. Grab a crêpe near **Place du Tertre**, catch a show at the **Moulin Rouge**, or hunt for vintage treasures at the **Marché aux Puces de Saint-Ouen**.

USEFUL APPS



BONJOUR RATP APP

This is the official app for the Paris public transport system (RATP), giving real-time updates on metro, bus, and train schedules, plus delays.



SNCF APP

Unlike Bonjour RATP, which focuses on Paris' local transport, SNCF covers regional trains like the TGV and RER trains that connect Paris to nearby cities and suburbs. This is useful if you're planning to take day trips out or travel to other parts of France.



GOOGLE MAPS

Perfect for getting directions, finding nearby restaurants, and saving locations you want to visit during your trip. You will need this to access the map included in this guide too.



BOLT

This is a ride-hailing app that's perfect for getting around Paris quickly when you don't feel like navigating public transport. It's usually more affordable than taxis and provides a great alternative to Uber with easy-to-book cars and scooters.

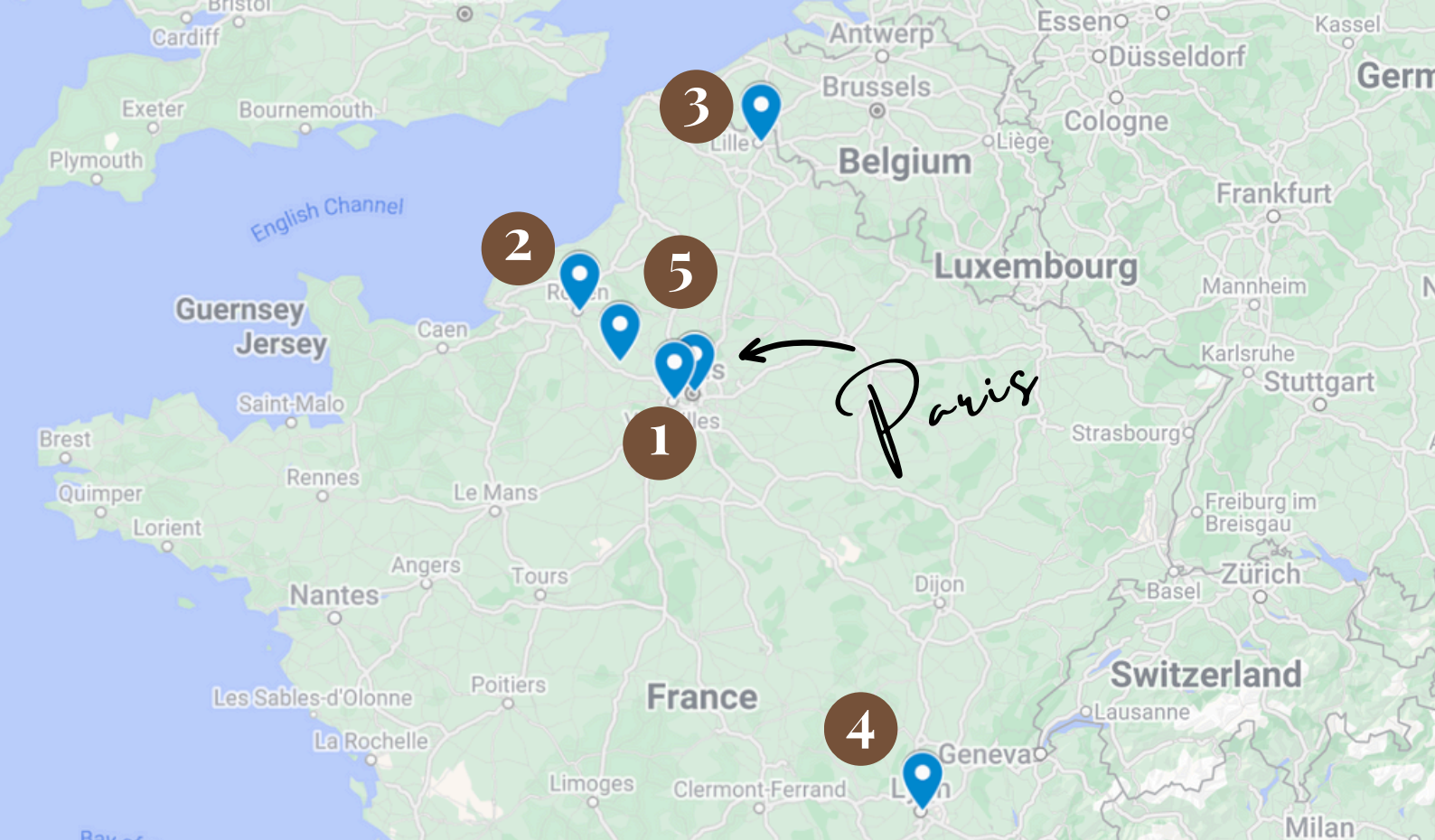


THEFORK

A handy app for reserving tables at Parisian restaurants. It also often offers discounts and reviews to help you find great spots to eat.



DAY TRIPS TO TAKE FROM PARIS



DAY TRIPS FROM PARIS



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VERSAILLES PALACE

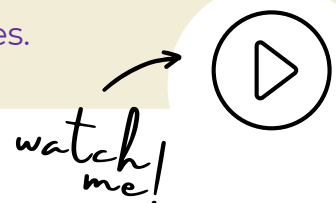
A short train ride from Paris, the Chateau de Versailles offers a glimpse into royal opulence with its stunning palace, expansive gardens, and the Hall of Mirrors, making it a must-see for history lovers.



1h from Paris

Our Tip:

There's so much more to see in the city of Versailles than just the palace. For a fun way to explore the city, we'd recommend going on a **bike tour** that not only covers the palace but takes you around Versailles.



▶ ROUEN

Known for its Gothic architecture and ties to Joan of Arc, spend the day **exploring the medieval streets, impressive cathedral, and vibrant half-timbered houses** in this beautiful city

📍 1.5h from Paris



02



▶ LILLE

A lively city blending French and Flemish influences, **visit the most charming district in Lille** and spend the day exploring beautiful squares, world-class art museums, and delightful local markets. **Moule frites** and **beer** here is a must!

📍 1h from Paris

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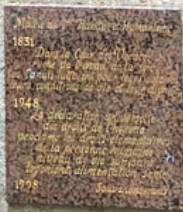


▶ LYON

Renowned for being the Gastronomical Capital of France, Lyon is a UNESCO-listed city where you can stroll through Renaissance-era streets, visit Roman ruins and savor traditional **Lyonnaise cuisine**. Make sure to check out the Old Town, **hidden passageways (traboules)** and **Cinema and Miniature Museum** while you're there!

📍 2h from Paris

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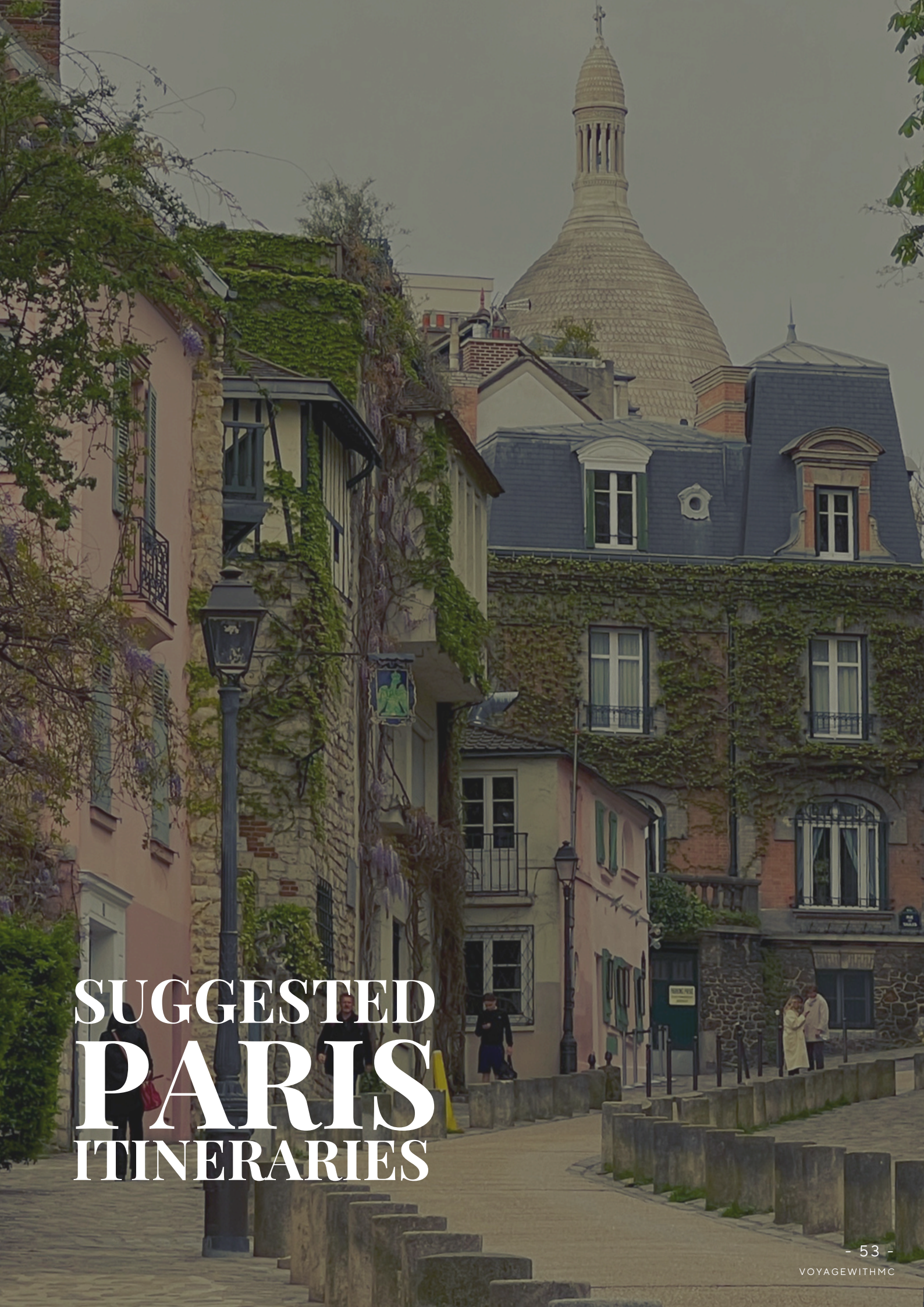


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▶ GIVERNY

Giverny invites art enthusiasts to step into Monet's world, with its picturesque gardens and the house that inspired many of his famous works. This is a must-visit for all Monet lovers, and a **guided half-day tour from Paris** is a great option if you want to make the most of your time and learn more about the area's history along the way.

📍 1h from Paris



SUGGESTED PARIS ITINERARIES

PARIS AT A GLANCE

2-DAY PARIS GUIDE

This 2-day Paris guide is perfect for those looking to make the most of a short stay while still enjoying a taste of the city's magic. It offers a balanced mix of iconic sights, must-see attractions, and a few of our personal favorite hidden gems. Feel free to follow it as is or swap in your preferences to create the perfect Paris experience for you!

Day One

morning

-  Eiffel Tower Photo Shoot
-  Breakfast at Maison d'Isabelle
-  Saint-Etienne-du-Mont & Pantheon

afternoon

-  Seine River Lunch Cruise
-  Visit Musee d'Orsay

evening

-  Dinner at Au Bourguignon du Marais
-  Watch sunset at Galeries Lafayette

Day Two

morning

-  Breakfast at Carton
-  Louvre Museum

afternoon

-  Marche des Enfants Rouge
-  Chez Alain Miam Miam
-  Places des Vosges
-  Notre-Dame

evening

-  Souvenir shopping at Grande Epicerie de Paris
-  Dinner at Brasserie des Pres

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ps: comment "bonjour from paris guide" on youtube if you watched & found the video helpful!

4-DAY PARIS ITINERARY

This 4-day Paris itinerary is a great starting point for those who want a well-rounded Paris experience but can also be adapted to fit your personal preferences. Whether you prefer to follow it day by day or mix and match it with your selections, this itinerary offers a balanced blend of iconic landmarks, must-do activities, as well as some of our favorite spots in Paris.

TO FOLLOW THIS ITINERARY, WE RECOMMEND HAVING THE FOLLOWING:



Paris
museum
pass

Navigo
découverte
pass



Sufficient
energy for
an awesome
time



Day One

morning



Breakfast at Carton

best
croissant of ile-de-
france 2022



Stroll along Montmartre

Places of interest:

- Place du Tertre
- La Maison Rose
- Rue de l'Abreuvoir
- Square Nadar
- Square Suzanne Buisson



Visit The Sacré-Cœur

afternoon



Lunch in Montmartre

Our Recommendations:

- Affordable French Cuisine - **Boullion Pigalle**
- Affordable Lunch Sets (>25€) - **Restaurant La Boîte aux Lettres**
- Light Bites & Crepes - **Breizh café Abbesses**



Visit Musée d'Orsay



Visit Pantheon

Au P'tit Grec is a great
option nearby
for a quick bite if you're
feeling peckish!

evening



Shop at La Grande
Epicerie de Paris.



Dinner at Pizza Populare

Our Recommendations:

- The Truffeman show
- Eggplant Parmigiana
- The never ending burrata

Day Two

morning



Eiffel Tower Photo Shoot



Visit the Eiffel Tower

choose your favourite spot from our list of recommendations

afternoon



Steak Frites at Le Relais de L'Entrecôte



Musee de l'Armee



Stroll along Champs-Ellysées

evening



Arc de Triomphe

Time your visit around the sunset to have a panoramic view of the city.



Dinner at Le Sens Unique





Day Three

morning

our favourite!



Breakfast at La Maison d'Isabelle



Visit Sainte-Chapelle



Admire The Notre-Dame



Explore Rue Montorgueil

afternoon



Lunch at Rue Montorgueil

Our Recommendations for Lunch:

- For Duck Lovers - **FrenchParadox**
- For French Classics - **L'Escargot**
- For a Splurge - **Frenchie (One Michelin Star)**



Visit the Louvre



Visit the Colonnades de Buren

↑
great photospot

evening



Hot Chocolate at Angelina

Our Tip:

If you're on a budget, ordering a hot chocolate to-go will cost you less!

don't order the white chocolate, it tastes like milk!



Dinner around the Louvre

Our Recommendations for Dinner:

- For Duck Lovers - **Canard Street**
- For Authentic Greek Cuisine - **Tzeferakos**
- For an Aesthetic Dining Experience - **Pink Mama**
- After Dinner Drinks - **Bisou.**

Day Four

morning



Visit the Chateau de Versailles

check out the
versailles bike tour
if you have time!

afternoon



Visit the Marche des
Enfants Rouges

Home to a multitude of street food vendors,
fresh fruit and vegetable produce grocers.

Our Favourite:

- **Chez Alain Miam Miam** for their decadent
nutella crepe & generous sandwiches



Shop for Aged Jambon at
Caractere de Cochon

evening



Shop at Galeries Lafayette

watch the sunset
for free at the
rooftop



Dinner at Brasserie Dubillot



Watch the Eiffel Tower light up

Our Tip:

Our favourite spot to admire the light show is
at Pont d'Iena. Grab a bottle of wine and a
little dessert for a perfect end to your trip.

don't forget a
bottle of wine!





THINGS TO NOTE



FAQS

HOW MANY DAYS DO I NEED IN PARIS?

For a well-rounded experience, 3-5 days is ideal to cover major attractions and explore neighborhoods. Even 2 days can give you a taste of the city, though a week allows for deeper exploration.

IS PARIS AN EXPENSIVE CITY TO VISIT?

Well compared to the rest of France, yes. Paris can be pricey, but there are options for every budget. You can save by enjoying local cafés, using public transport, and exploring free attractions like parks and markets.

CAN I DRINK TAP WATER IN PARIS?

Yes, tap water in Paris is safe to drink and meets strict EU standards. You'll find it served in restaurants for free upon request. Simply say "Une carafe d'eau, s'il vous plaît" to ask for a jug of tap water in restaurants.

WHAT'S THE TIPPING CULTURE IN PARIS?

Tipping in Paris is not obligatory as service is included in restaurant bills. However, it's common to leave a small tip (5-10%) if you've had great service.

DO I NEED TO SPEAK FRENCH TO VISIT PARIS?

While many Parisians speak English, learning a few basic French phrases (like "bonjour" and "merci") can enhance your experience. People appreciate the effort, and it can make interactions smoother. It may seem small, but please trust us - it will make a world of difference.

IS IT SAFE TO VISIT PARIS?

Paris is generally safe, but stay aware of your surroundings. Watch for pickpockets in crowded areas and on public transport. See the next page for safety tips and scam avoidance.



COMMON SCAMS

01 SIGNATURE/PETITION SCAM

If you see a group of girls (usually young) asking you to sign a petition, that's your sign to avoid them. They will either force you into a donation afterward or steal your wallet. Or both if you're unlucky.

Tip to stay safe: Avoid signing anything in tourist areas. Politely say "no" and keep walking.

02 FRIENDSHIP BRACELET SCAM

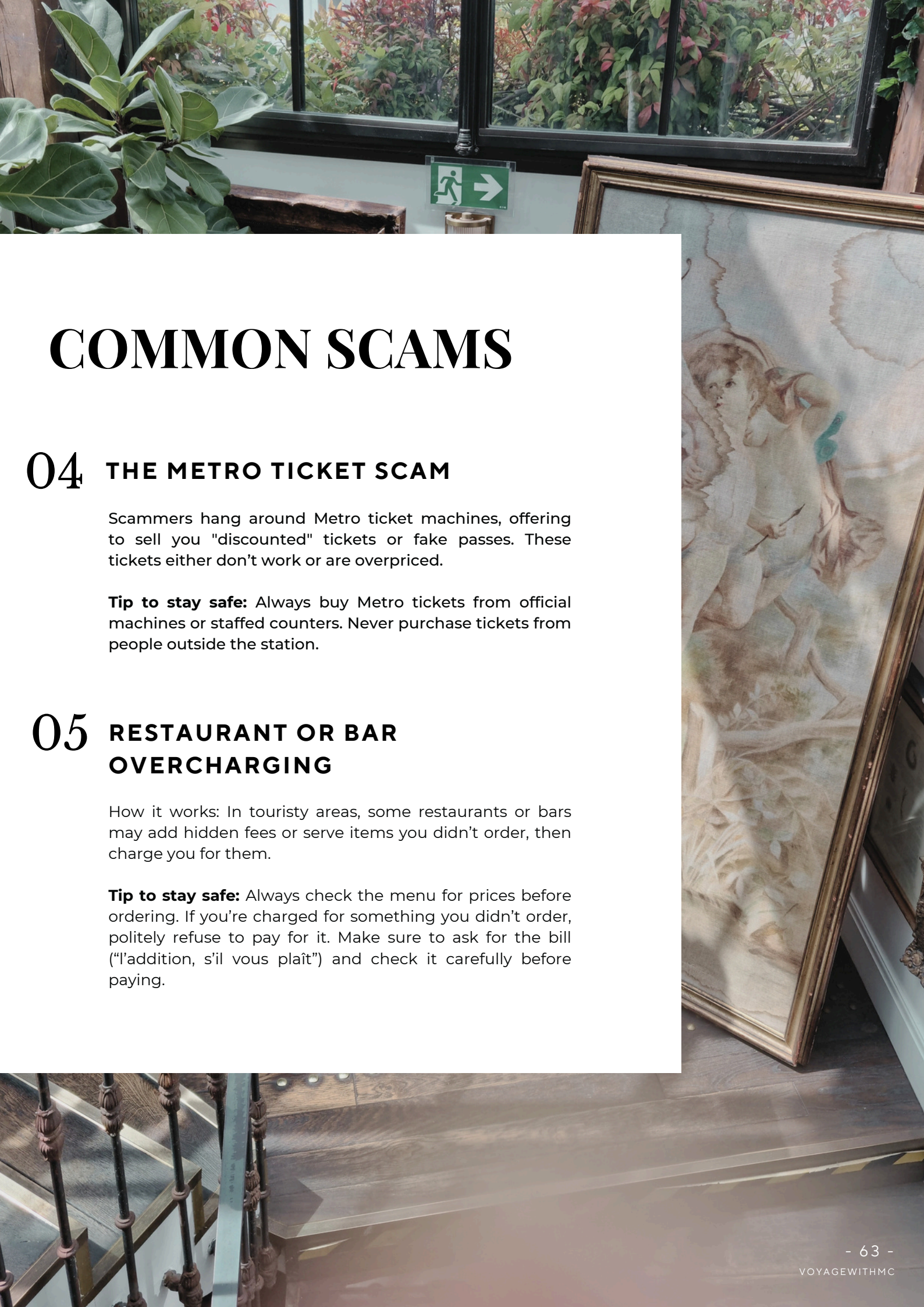
At popular tourist spots like Montmartre or near the Sacré-Cœur, scammers approach you, offer to tie a "friendship bracelet" on your wrist and refuse to let go. Once it's tied, they demand payment.

Tip to stay safe: Firmly decline before they touch you and walk away. Keep your hands in your pockets if they persist. Scream like a banshee if you have to, but don't tell anyone we gave you the idea.

03 THE GOLD RING SCAM

A scammer "finds" a gold ring on the ground and offers it to you, claiming it must be yours. When you deny it, they offer to sell it to you for a "good price" or ask for a reward. The ring is worthless.

Tip to stay safe: Politely decline and walk away. Don't engage in conversation—just keep moving.



COMMON SCAMS

04 THE METRO TICKET SCAM

Scammers hang around Metro ticket machines, offering to sell you "discounted" tickets or fake passes. These tickets either don't work or are overpriced.

Tip to stay safe: Always buy Metro tickets from official machines or staffed counters. Never purchase tickets from people outside the station.

05 RESTAURANT OR BAR OVERCHARGING

How it works: In touristy areas, some restaurants or bars may add hidden fees or serve items you didn't order, then charge you for them.

Tip to stay safe: Always check the menu for prices before ordering. If you're charged for something you didn't order, politely refuse to pay for it. Make sure to ask for the bill ("l'addition, s'il vous plaît") and check it carefully before paying.

Additional Resources

Check out some youtube videos we've created to provide inspiration for your Paris trip planning.



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48 HOURS IN PARS



10 BEST THINGS TO DO IN PARIS

GOOGLE MAPS



Attractions, Museums
& Activities



Boulangeries,
Patisseries & Cafes



Restaurants, Bistros
& Brasseries

Bon voyage!