



Paris

Your Personalized Travel Guide

A 4-day personalized journey through Paris, France

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& Welcome to Paris

Paris isn't just a city — it's a feeling. The way morning light catches the zinc rooftops along Rue de Rivoli, the sound of an accordion drifting from a Montmartre side street, the first bite of a still-warm croissant from a neighborhood boulangerie — these moments are what make Paris unlike anywhere else on earth.

This guide is your personal companion for four unforgettable days in the City of Light. We've crafted a mix of iconic landmarks and hidden corners that most tourists never discover, blending culture, world-class dining, and vibrant nightlife to match your style. Whether you're gazing at the Eiffel Tower at sunset, getting lost in the winding streets of Le Marais, or sipping natural wine at a tiny cave à vin, Paris will reward your curiosity at every turn.

Visiting in spring means you'll catch the city at its most beautiful — cherry blossoms along the Seine, outdoor terraces buzzing with life, and golden evening light that seems to last forever. Pack comfortable shoes and an appetite for adventure.

À At a Glance

BEST TIME TO VISIT

April to June and September to October offer ideal weather and fewer crowds than peak summer

WEATHER IN APRIL

8–16°C (46–61°F), mix of sunshine and light showers — layers are essential

LANGUAGE

French — learn "Bonjour" (hello), "Merci" (thank you), "L'addition, s'il vous plaît" (the check, please)

CURRENCY

Euro (€) — cards accepted almost everywhere, but carry cash for markets and small cafés

GETTING AROUND

Métro (€2.15/trip or €16.90 for a carnet of 10), buses, and walking — buy a Navigo Easy card at any station

SAFETY

Very safe for tourists — watch for pickpockets at major attractions and on the Métro

TIPPING

Service is included (service compris), but rounding up or leaving €1–2 for good service is appreciated

TIME ZONE

CET (UTC+1), CEST in summer (UTC+2)

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Your 4-Day Itinerary



DAY 1

Icons & Left Bank Charm

MORNING

Start at the Eiffel Tower (Champ de Mars, 7th arr.) — arrive by 9am to beat crowds. Take the stairs to the 2nd floor for the best views (€11.80). Walk along the Seine toward Pont Alexandre III.

AFTERNOON

Cross to the Left Bank and explore Saint-Germain-des-Prés. Visit the Musée d'Orsay (1 Rue de la Légion d'Honneur, €16) for Impressionist masterpieces. Grab a coffee at Café de Flore (172 Bd Saint-Germain).

EVENING

Dinner at Le Bouillon Chartier (7 Rue du Faubourg Montmartre, 9th arr.) — classic Parisian brasserie with incredible value. End with a walk along the Seine at night.



DAY 2

Art, History & Le Marais

MORNING

The Louvre (Rue de Rivoli, 1st arr., €17) — enter via the Carrousel du Louvre entrance to skip the pyramid line. Focus on Winged Victory, Venus de Milo, and the Mona Lisa. Allow 2-3 hours.

AFTERNOON

Walk through the Tuileries Garden to Place de la Concorde, then explore Le Marais (3rd-4th arr.). Browse vintage shops on Rue de Turenne, visit the Place des Vosges, and stop at L'As du Fallafel (34 Rue des Rosiers) for the best falafel in Paris (☞).

EVENING

Cocktails at Le Mary Celeste (1 Rue Commines, 3rd arr.) followed by dinner at Breizh Café (109 Rue Vieille du Temple) for the city's finest buckwheat crêpes.



DAY 3

Montmartre, Culture & Nightlife

MORNING

Take the Métro to Abbesses station (Line 12) and climb to the Sacré-Cœur Basilica for panoramic views. Wander the charming streets of Montmartre — visit Place du Tertre where artists still paint, and stop at the Dalí Museum.

AFTERNOON

Head to the Canal Saint-Martin (10th arr.) for a leisurely walk along the locks. Browse the boutiques and concept stores on Rue Beaurepaire. Coffee at Ten Belles (10 Rue de la Grange aux Belles, €4.50).

EVENING

Start with apéro at Le Syndicat (51 Rue du Faubourg Saint-Denis) — Paris's best cocktail bar using only French spirits. Dinner at Pink Mamma (35 Rue de Douai) for incredible Italian in a stunning 4-floor space. End at Nouveau Casino for live music.



DAY 4

Hidden Paris & Farewell

MORNING

Visit the Musée de l'Orangerie (Jardin des Tuileries, €12.50) to see Monet's Water Lilies in the oval rooms — arrive at opening for a near-private experience. Walk through the Palais Royal gardens.

AFTERNOON

Explore the covered passages — Galerie Vivienne and Passage des Panoramas are architectural gems. Final shopping at Le Bon Marché (24 Rue de Sèvres, 7th arr.) — Paris's most elegant department store. Pick up macarons at Pierre Hermé (72 Rue Bonaparte).

EVENING

Sunset from the Sacré-Cœur or the rooftop bar at Galeries Lafayette (40 Bd Haussmann). Farewell dinner at Le Comptoir du Panthéon (5 Rue Soufflot, 5th arr.) with views of the Panthéon.

É Where to Eat

• Breakfast & Brunch

Café Oberkampf

Specialty coffee & brunch — €8-15

Du Pain et des Idées

Legendary bakery — €3-8

• Lunch

Chez Janou

Provençal bistro — €15-25

Le Bouillon Pigalle

Classic Parisian — €8-16

• Dinner

Le Rigmarole

Asian-French grill — €20-45

Frenchie

Neo-bistro — €45-75

• Late Night

Le Petit Cler

Wine bar — €12-25

Aux Deux Amis

Natural wine bar — €8-20

Hidden Gems

These are the places most tourists never find — shared with us by Parisian friends and longtime residents.

An elevated park built on an old railway viaduct — the original inspiration for New York's High Line. Walk above the streets from Bastille through the 12th arrondissement, surrounded by roses and wisteria. The artist ateliers underneath the viaduct (Viaduc des Arts) house glassblowers, violin makers, and furniture restorers.

Address: 1 Coulée Verte René-Dumont, 12th arr.

Best time to visit: Late afternoon when the light filters through the trees

Insider tip: Start at the Opéra Bastille end and walk east — it gets quieter and more beautiful

The most wonderfully weird museum in Paris. Contemporary art installations hidden inside a grand 17th-century mansion in Le Marais. Each room is a surprise — you might find a taxidermy polar bear next to a video installation, or a room where the walls seem to breathe.

Address: 62 Rue des Archives, 3rd arr.

Best time to visit: Tuesday or Wednesday morning for near-empty galleries

Insider tip: The gift shop has the most unusual postcards in Paris

Paris's most colorful street — a hidden pedestrian lane of pastel-painted houses near Gare de Lyon. Think Notting Hill but French. It's tiny (just 150 meters) but incredibly photogenic, and still relatively unknown despite its Instagram appeal.

Address: Rue Crémieux, 12th arr.

Best time to visit: Early morning for photos without people, or evening for the warm light

Insider tip: Pair it with a visit to the nearby Marché d'Aligre, Paris's liveliest open-air market

A Japanese pagoda from 1896, originally built as a gift from a department store owner to his wife. Now a stunning art-house cinema with a bamboo garden café. Watch a French film in possibly the most beautiful cinema on earth.

Address: 57bis Rue de Babylone, 7th arr.

Best time to visit: Afternoon showings — arrive early to enjoy tea in the garden

Insider tip: Check the program at lafilmothèque.fr — they often screen classics with English subtitles

Paris's most dramatic park, built in a former quarry. Rocky cliffs, a waterfall, a suspension bridge leading to a temple perched on a cliff — it feels like discovering Jurassic Park in the middle of the city. Locals come here for picnics and jogging, tourists rarely make the trip.

Address: 1 Rue Botzaris, 19th arr.

Best time to visit: Sunday afternoon when Parisian families fill the lawns

Insider tip: Bring wine, cheese, and a blanket — find a spot near the lake and enjoy the sunset over the cliffs

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Promenade Plantée (Coulée Verte)

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Musée de la Chasse et de la Nature

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Rue Crémieux

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La Pagode

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Parc des Buttes-Chaumont

Practical Tips

Getting Around

The Métro is your best friend — 16 lines cover the entire city, trains run every 2-4 minutes. Buy a Navigo Easy card (€2) and load tickets at €2.15 each or a carnet of 10 for €16.90. The RER B train connects CDG Airport to central Paris in 35 minutes (€11.45).

For a scenic route, take Bus 69 — it passes the Eiffel Tower, Invalides, Louvre, and Bastille. Vélib' bike-sharing costs €5/day with the first 30 minutes of each ride free.

Safety

Paris is very safe, but be vigilant about pickpockets at the Eiffel Tower, Sacré-Cœur, on Line 1 of the Métro, and around major train stations. Keep your phone in a front pocket on the Métro. The "gold ring" scam and "petition" scam around tourist areas — just say "non" firmly and walk on.

SIM Cards & Connectivity

Buy a prepaid SIM at any Orange, SFR, or Free Mobile shop. Free Mobile offers 80GB data for €19.99/month — no contract. There's a Free vending machine at Gare du Nord. Most cafés have WiFi, and the city provides free WiFi at parks and public buildings.

Best Neighborhoods to Stay

Le Marais (3rd-4th arr.) — Charming, central, excellent dining and nightlife. Best for first-timers.

Saint-Germain (6th arr.) — Classic Left Bank elegance, cafés, bookshops. More expensive but iconic.

Oberkampf/Canal Saint-Martin (10th-11th arr.) — Where young Parisians actually go out. Great value, vibrant nightlife.

Montmartre (18th arr.) — Village feel, artsy, romantic. Stay on the quieter east side near Abbesses.

Useful Apps

Citymapper — The best transit app for Paris, includes Métro, bus, Vélib, and walking directions.

TheFork (LaFourchette) — Restaurant reservations with up to 50% off.

Too Good To Go — Pick up unsold food from bakeries and restaurants at a discount.

Packing List

Clothing

Light layers — April weather shifts between warm sun and cool breeze

A good jacket or trench coat for rainy days

Smart-casual outfit for nicer restaurants (Parisians dress up for dinner)

Scarf — the quintessential Parisian accessory, plus it keeps you warm in the evenings

Footwear

Comfortable walking shoes — you'll average 18,000 steps per day on cobblestones

One pair of stylish evening shoes for dinners out

Avoid flip-flops and athletic sneakers if you want to blend in

Accessories

Compact umbrella — April showers are real

Crossbody bag (safer than backpacks for pickpocket prevention)

Reusable water bottle — Paris tap water is excellent and free refills are everywhere

Tech

European plug adapter (Type C/E) — France uses 230V

Portable phone charger — long sightseeing days drain batteries fast

Good headphones for Métro rides

Documents

Passport (valid for at least 6 months)

Travel insurance details

Hotel confirmation and a printed copy of your return flight

Emergency Info & Contacts

EMERGENCY NUMBER

112 (EU-wide) or 15 (SAMU medical), 17 (Police), 18 (Fire/Pompiers)

POLICE

17 — for non-emergencies visit the nearest commissariat

AMBULANCE

15 (SAMU) — operators speak English

NEAREST US EMBASSY

2 Avenue Gabriel, 8th arr. — +33 1 43 12 22 22

NEAREST UK EMBASSY

35 Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, 8th arr.

PHARMACIES

Look for the green cross sign — Pharmacie des Champs-Élysées (84 Av. des Champs-Élysées) is open 24/7

HOSPITALS WITH ENGLISH-SPEAKING STAFF

American Hospital of Paris (63 Bd Victor Hugo, Neuilly-sur-Seine) — +33 1 46 41 25 25

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Highly recommended — ensure it covers medical repatriation within the EU

WI-FI

Free city WiFi at parks, museums, and public buildings. Most cafés offer WiFi — ask for "le code WiFi"

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