Paris

Welcome to Paris Home Page

this page and following pages are for all visitors to the City of Light

Understand

FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions

To understand, we would categorize references as

- Before Visiting Paris - Information to help you plan **prior** to arriving in Paris so you have the best experience.
- Navigate Paris - Once arrived in Paris your visit should be <mostly> planned. You will need your details plus essential items needed refer during your visit.
- Stuff to Take with You is important to keep *with you* during your voyage.
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Prepare

prepare for your trip 

Stay

Find the perfect accommodation to suit your needs, whether it’s a luxury hotel, a quaint boutique, or an affordable hostel. Get tips on the best neighborhoods to stay in and what to expect.

- **Hotels**: Luxury, mid-range, and budget options with reviews and booking tips.
- **Apartments**: Guide to renting apartments for short stays.
- **Hostels**: Best hostels for budget travelers and backpackers.

Accommodation

Hotels: Paris has a range of hotels from luxury to budget. Consider location carefully to minimize travel time. Apartments: Renting an apartment can be a great way to experience local life. Platforms

like Airbnb offer many options. Hostels: Ideal for budget travelers and those looking to meet others.

Do

Discover a curated list of activities and experiences, from hidden gems and local markets to popular tourist attractions. Find out the best times to visit, how to avoid the crowds, and how to blend in like a local.

- **Activities**: Walking tours, boat rides on the Seine, art classes, wine tastings, and more.
- **Events**: Information on festivals, concerts, and seasonal events.

Key Attractions

Eiffel Tower: An iconic symbol of Paris. Consider visiting both during the day and at night to see it illuminated. Louvre Museum: Home to the Mona Lisa and countless other masterpieces. Plan your visit to avoid long lines. Notre-Dame Cathedral: Though it’s under restoration, its exterior and the area around it are still worth visiting. Champs-Élysées and Arc de Triomphe: A walk down this famous avenue is a must, ending at the Arc de Triomphe. Montmartre and Sacré-Cœur: A historic area with artists, cafes, and a stunning basilica offering panoramic views of the city. 

Transportation

Metro System: Paris has an extensive metro system. Familiarize yourself with the metro map and consider buying a multi-day pass. Walking: Paris is very walkable, especially in areas like the Marais, Latin Quarter, and along the Seine. Buses and Trams: Useful for areas not well-covered by the metro. Bus routes often provide a scenic view of the city. Taxis and Ride-Sharing: Use apps like G7, Uber, or Bolt for convenience. 

See

Explore iconic landmarks, museums, parks, and cultural sites. Our guides provide historical context, must-see spots, and tips for the best photo ops.

- **Landmarks**: Eiffel Tower, Notre-Dame, Louvre Museum, Sacré-Cœur, etc.
- **Museums**: Musée d'Orsay, Centre Pompidou, and lesser-known gems like the Musée Rodin.

Welcome to 'Understand Paris'



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Like many cities Paris can be very complex to visitors

History of Paris
Language
Paris Fashion
Why & How to Fit into Paris Life
Films Set in Paris
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Before Visiting Paris

Prepare for Paris. That is determine your schedule in Paris

- History of Paris
- Books set in Paris
- Listen about Paris
- Films set in Paris and Beyond
- Virtually Visit Paris
- Paris on-line References
- Paris Culture

Prepare for Paris

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Visit When & How Long to Visit

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Packing for Paris

References During your Visit to Paris

To make the best of the short time in Paris, I would recommend planning ahead as much as possible. Many readers of this post live in smaller cities and towns than Paris. It can be over whelming to visit a very large, compacted and busy city.



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Stuff to Carry During your Visit to Paris

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Listen about Paris & France

Podcasts

There are many podcasts and audio recordings to help the Parisian visitor paris_audio

Songs about Paris

La Chançon Française

French Rock 'n' Roll

Greatest French Singers

Stay in Paris

Choose wisely where you will Stay in Paris as this will be your temporary home in Paris. Where you stay will serve as your base for Parisian excursions and will be one of the most important expenses of your visit to Paris. Look for our special page Stay in Paris with more details such as:

- Airbnb
- Boutique Hotels
- Grand Hotels
- Inexpensive

Eat & Drink in Paris

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Eat

There are approximately 16,000 restaurants in Paris. Here is the secret  restaurants do no want you to know.

- 25% are ***terrible*** so let's forget the bottom 4,000 restaurants
- Next 25% are ***mediocre*** so let's forget the mediocre 4,000 restaurants
- Next 25% are uh, ***OK but not worth it*** so let's forget the next 4,000 restaurants. These restaurants are mediocre quality or price far exceeds the value
- Look at the **best remaining 4,000 restaurants in Paris.** Wow. Imagine choosing among 16,000 restaurants like so many visitors.

  Our approach is to eliminate 12,000 of the poor and mediocre restaurants. Who needs the losers? Let's select among the best of the best with a wide selection with some specialties for anyone.

—> Let's focus on choosing among the Very Best Places to Eat in Paris

Drink

Let's define the drinking experience. Drinking is a social experience

Drink in Paris

Do

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Do in Paris

Buy

- there are many things to buy in Paris. Some items are Fashion - clothing, perfume Clothing, Best and the Almost Best • Saint-Germain des Pres • rue de Rennes Perfume - design you own Artwork - from sketches to collector's specialties Antiques - Musical Instruments Wine

Safety and Security

Pickpockets: Be vigilant, especially in crowded tourist areas and on public transport. Use a money belt or anti-theft bag. Emergency Numbers: Know the emergency number 112, which works across the EU. Strikes and Protests: These can be common in Paris. Stay informed about any potential disruptions during your visit.

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