

7-DAY PREMIUM GUIDE

PARIS

France, Europe

The City of Light — art, romance & the art of living well

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Top Hotels

Best Restaurants

Insider Tips

Welcome to Paris

Paris needs no introduction — and yet it always surprises. The Eiffel Tower is more moving than any photograph suggests. The Louvre is genuinely overwhelming. The food markets of Rue Mouffetard and the wine bars of Le Marais are as Parisian as anything in a Hollywood film. But Paris is also a city that rewards the curious — the hidden passages, the village-like neighborhoods, the galleries tucked down side streets. This 7-day guide balances the iconic with the intimate, giving you the full Paris experience.

BEST TIME TO VISIT April–June & Sept–Oct	TYPICAL BUDGET \$180–\$300/day (mid-range)
COUNTRY France, Europe	GUIDE LENGTH 7 Days

7-Day Overview

- 1 Arrive & Eiffel Tower
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Days 1 & 2

DAY 1	Arrive & Eiffel Tower	DAY 2	The Louvre & Tuileries
● Check in, orient in your neighborhood ● Champ de Mars park below the Eiffel Tower ● Eiffel Tower evening ascent (book ahead) ● Light show at the top of the hour ● Dinner in Le 7eme (7th arrondissement) TIP: Book Eiffel Tower summit tickets online 2 months ahead — daytime sells out f		● Louvre Museum (book 9am entry) ● Venus de Milo, Winged Victory, Mona Lisa ● Tuileries Garden walk ● Place Vendome & Rue de la Paix ● Palais Royal gardens for aperitivo TIP: Mona Lisa is smaller than expected and mobbed. See her first, then enjoy the rest of the L	

Days 3 & 4

DAY 3	Montmartre & Pigalle	DAY 4	Le Marais & Ile de la Cite
● Montmartre — Sacre-Coeur Basilica ● Place du Tertre (artists' square) ● Musee de Montmartre (Renoir's garden) ● Moulin Rouge exterior & Boulevard Clichy ● Natural wine bar evening in Pigalle TIP: Montmartre is most magical early morning (7-8am) before the tour groups arri		● Le Marais — Jewish quarter & galleries ● Musee Picasso or Musee Carnavalet (free) ● Place des Vosges — oldest square in Paris ● Ile de la Cite: Notre-Dame (exterior, reconstruction ongoing) ● Sainte-Chapelle stained glass (book ahead) TIP: Sainte-Chapelle's upper chapel stained glass is one of the greatest Gothic interiors in the	

Days 5, 6 & 7

DAY 5

Orsay & Saint-Germain

- Musee d'Orsay — Impressionism collection
- Rodin Museum & garden
- Saint-Germain-des-Pres neighborhood...
- Cafe de Flore or Les Deux Magots
- Seine riverside walk at golden hour

TIP:

The Orsay's Impressionist galleries on the 5th fl

DAY 6

Versailles Day Trip

- RER C train to Versailles (40 min)
- Palace of Versailles — Hall of Mirrors...
- Gardens and Grand Canal (rent a boat)...
- Trianon palaces (quieter, more intimate)...
- Return Paris for final dinner in the 1st...

TIP:

Visit the Trianon palaces in the afternoon — the

DAY 7

Passages & Pere Lachaise

- Covered passages — Galerie Vivienne & Grand Cen
- Palais Royal boutiques
- Centre Pompidou (exterior or interior)...
- Pere Lachaise Cemetery — Morrison, Chopin, Wilde
- Final dinner in Le Marais

TIP:

Pere Lachaise is genuinely beautiful as well as historic — p

Where to Stay in Paris

Hotel Costes

★★★★★

1st arr. near Tuileries

\$600–\$1,000/night

The quintessentially Parisian boutique luxury. Dark, dramatic interiors and a famous courtyard pool.

Hotel du Petit Moulin

★★★★

Le Marais

\$280–\$450/night

Christian Lacroix-designed boutique in a converted 17th-century bakery in the Marais.

Relais Saint-Germain

★★★★

Saint-Germain

\$320–\$500/night

Small, supremely elegant hotel on the Left Bank. Breakfast included, charming service.

Hotel Jeanne d'Arc

★★★

Le Marais

\$130–\$190/night

Excellent value 3-star in the heart of Le Marais. Simple, clean, and beautifully located.

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Where to Eat in Paris

Septime, 11th arr. Modern French Bistro (book 1 month ahead)	Must order: Seasonal tasting menu — Paris's best value fine dining
Le Comptoir du Relais Classic Saint-Germain Brasserie	Must order: Charcuterie plate & steak tartare with frites
L'Ami Jean, 7th arr. Basque-French Cuisine	Must order: Rice pudding & slow-cooked lamb — legendary
Frenchie Bar a Vins, 2nd arr. Wine Bar & Small Plates	Must order: Natural wines & charcuterie in the passages district
Breizh Cafe, Le Marais Breton Crepes	Must order: Buckwheat galettes & Breton cider — best crepes in Paris
Au Pied de Cochon, 1st arr. Brasserie (open 24h)	Must order: Onion soup gratinee & pig's trotters
Marche d'Aligre Market + Wine Bar combo	Must order: Fromage, charcuterie & natural wine from nearby caves

Tips & Logistics

Getting There:	CDG airport: RER B to city centre in 35 min. Orly: Orlyval + RER B. Taxis pricey.
Getting Around:	Metro is fast and comprehensive. Carnet of 10 tickets or Navigo weekly pass saves money.
Paris Museum Pass:	2, 4, or 6-day pass covers Louvre, Orsay, Versailles, Sainte-Chapelle + 50 more sites.
Dining Times:	Lunch 12-2pm, dinner 7:30-10pm. Arrive at opening to avoid waits at popular bistros.
Language:	Always open with 'Bonjour' and 'parlez-vous anglais?' — Parisians respond warmly to this.
Notre-Dame:	The cathedral reopened December 2024 after restoration — check current access and booking.
Best Bakeries:	Du Pain et des Idees (10th), Poilane (6th), Maison Landemaine — queue for croissants.

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