



Paris Travel Guide

"From Bucket lists to boarding passes!"

Before You Go

Best times: Spring and early fall are pleasant; summer is busy, and winter is cooler with shorter days.

Money: France uses the euro (€). Cards are widely accepted, but carry a little cash for small purchases.

Language: French is the official language. Start with *Bonjour* and *Merci*; a friendly greeting goes a long way.

Reservations: Book popular attractions and sought-after restaurants ahead of time, especially in peak season.

First-Timer Must-Sees

Eiffel Tower: See it by day and, if possible, after dark when it sparkles in the evening.

Louvre Museum: Enormous—choose a few priorities rather than trying to see everything.

Notre-Dame & Île de la Cité: Explore the historic heart of Paris and walk along the Seine.

Montmartre: Visit Sacré-Cœur, wander the hillside streets, and enjoy the views.

Arc de Triomphe & Champs-Élysées: Great for a classic Paris boulevard-and-monument experience.

Getting Around

Metro: Usually the fastest way around central Paris. Learn your line/color and direction before boarding.

Walking: Paris is extremely walkable. Group nearby sights together.

Airport: Charles de Gaulle (CDG) and Orly (ORY) are outside the center. Allow extra time.

Common Mistakes to Avoid

Overpacking: Cobblestones and stairs make comfortable shoes more valuable than stylish luggage.

Rushing: Leave room for wandering, cafés, and unexpected discoveries.

Pickpockets: Be alert in crowded tourist areas; keep valuables zipped and close.

Scams: Politely decline unsolicited approaches involving petitions, bracelets, or 'free' gifts.

Food & Café Etiquette

Try: Croissants, baguettes, crêpes, steak-frites, onion soup, cheese, and pastries.

Cafés: Sitting at a table can cost more than standing at the counter. Take your time—meals are often less rushed.

Tipping: Service is included. Leaving extra for excellent service is appreciated but not mandatory.