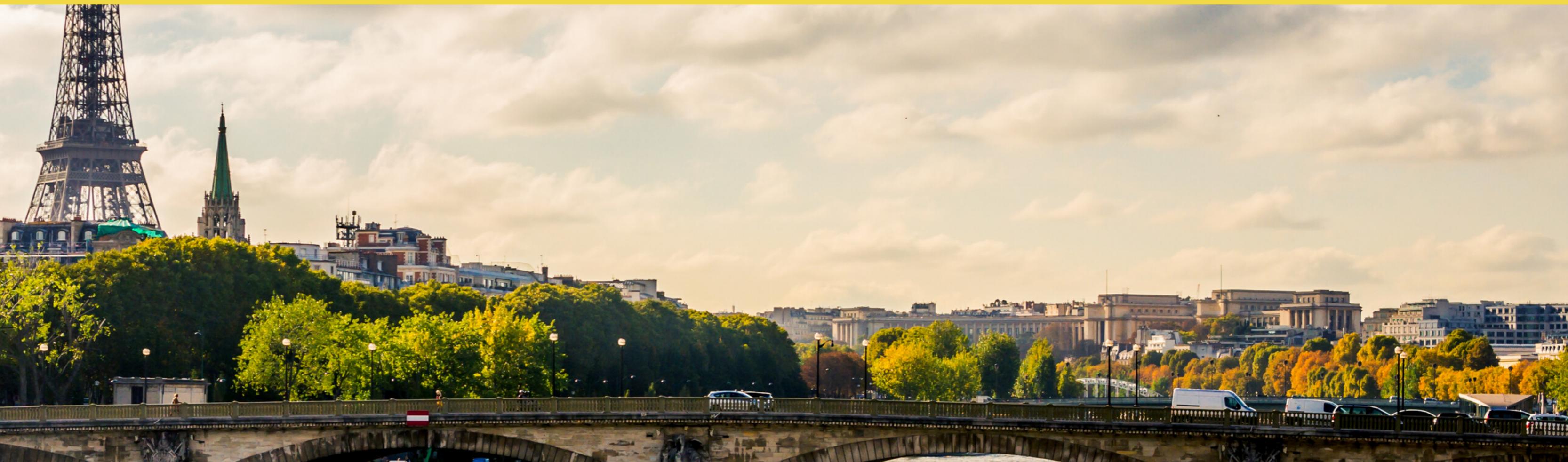


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Paris

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BEST TIME TO VISIT

WEATHER & CROWDS

Is it cliché to talk about Paris in the springtime?

Like many cities, Paris is great April - June and October - November to take advantage of mild weather and fewer tourists.

Keep in mind that a lot of Parisians leave in August, so many smaller restaurants and cafes may be closed.



AVOID THE CROWDS

EIFFEL TOWER:

If you're trying to avoid the busiest hours, plan on a weekday visit between the hours of 9:00 am – 11:00 am in the morning or 22:00 (10 pm) – 00:00 (12 am) in the evening.

LOUVRE MUSEUM:

At this location, we recommend arriving between 9:00 am – 11:00 am, especially if you need to come on the weekend. Or consider coming when the museum is open late on Wednesdays and Fridays. 18:00 (6 pm) – 21:45 (9 45 pm).

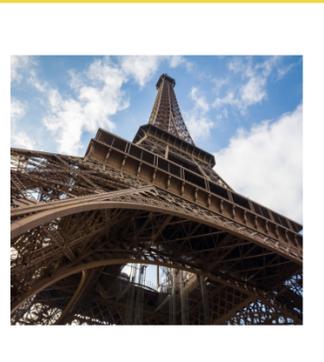
The museum is busiest on Mondays and is closed on Tuesdays.



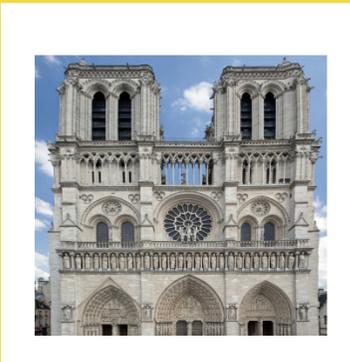
TOP 10 THINGS TO DO

Read more about these suggestions and more about all our top things to do, including nighttime activities, free and family friendly things to do on our website:

Top Things To Do in Paris
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Eiffel Tower



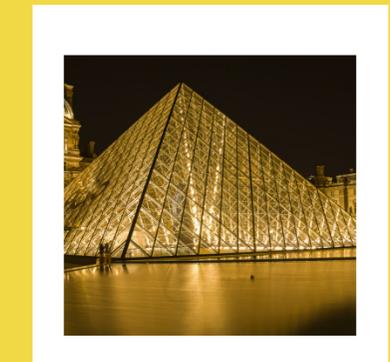
Notre Dame



Arc di Triomphe



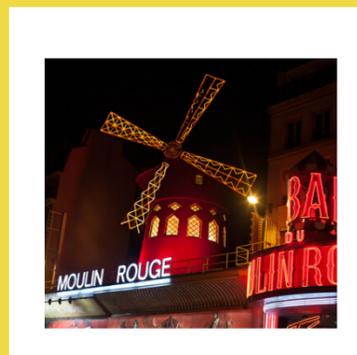
Jardin du Luxembourg



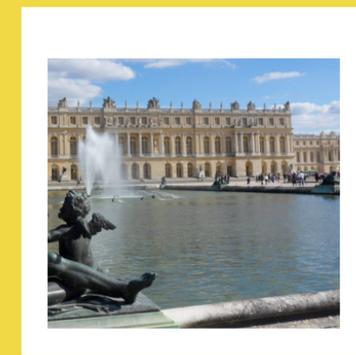
The Louvre



Musee d'Orsay



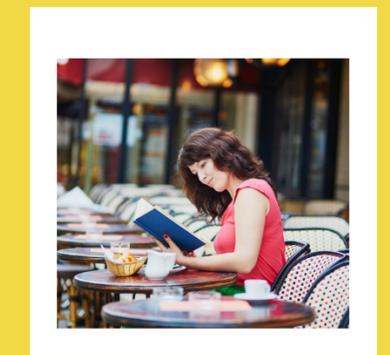
Montmartre



Versailles



Pere Lachaise Cemetery



Sidewalk Cafe

TIPS ON GETTING AROUND USING THE PARIS METRO

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With over 300 stations, the Paris Metro is the fastest way to get around. You can also use the RER train (which is like a commuter train) in the city center.

1. Keep a Paris Metro map handy or better yet, download their NextStopParis App.
2. Know which line to use. Paris Metro lines are numbered and RER trains have letters but they are both color coded as well. (Tickets are valid on either.)
3. Know which direction you're headed. Even if you aren't going to go that far, you need to know the last stop in the direction you're going.
4. Know how far you're going. Paris ticket prices are based on zones, though you'll very rarely need to go past Zone 2.
5. Make sure you know the train etiquette. Let people off the train first, move to the center of the car when boarding and get out of the way when exiting. Save seats for those who need it.



QUICK GUIDE TO THE EIFFEL TOWER

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HOURS:

June 21 – September 2nd

09:00 am – 00:46 (12:45 am)

23:00 (11 pm) – last elevator to the top

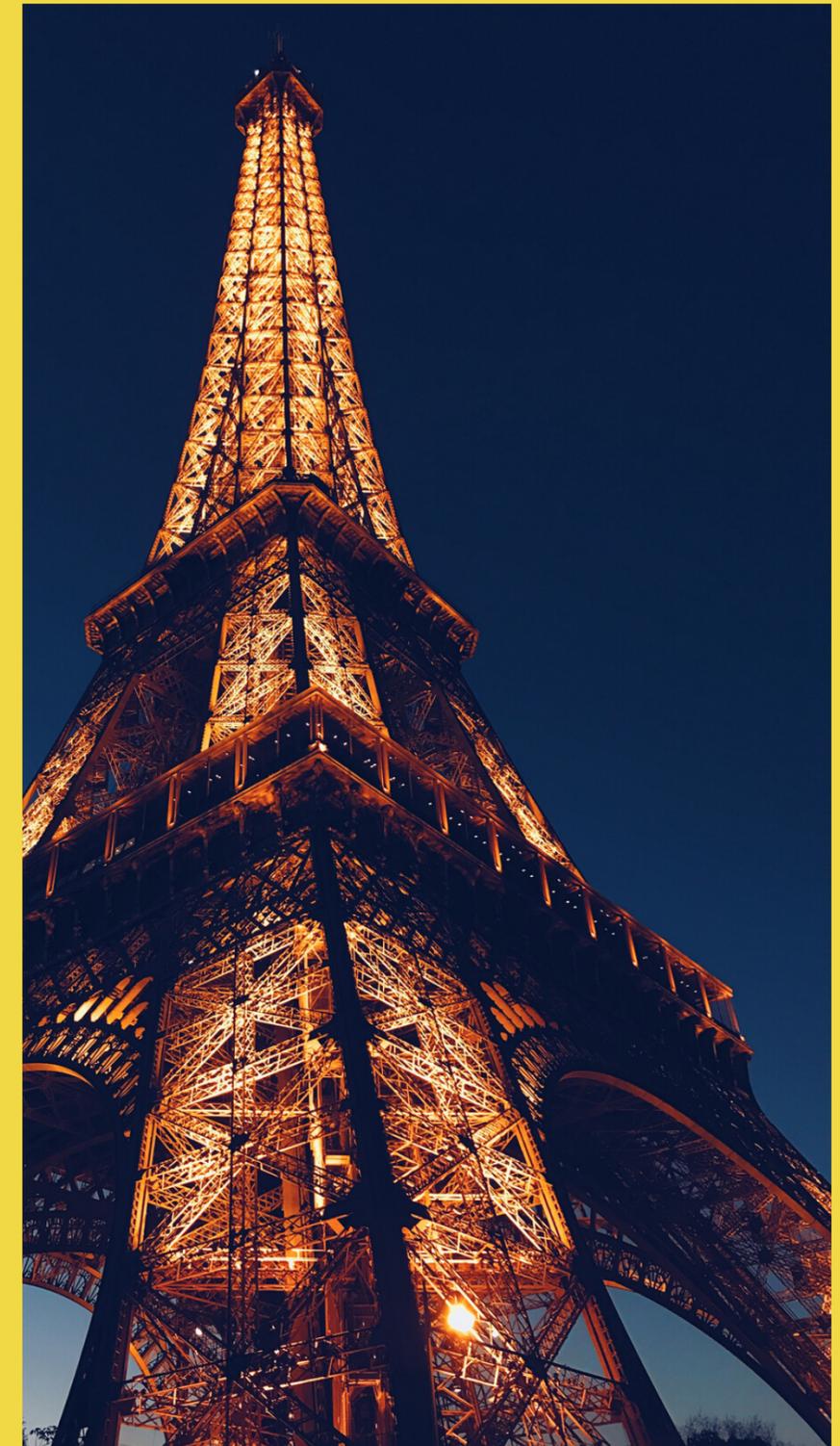
Rest of the Year

09:30 am – 23:46 (11:45 pm)

22:30 (10:30 pm) – last elevator to the top

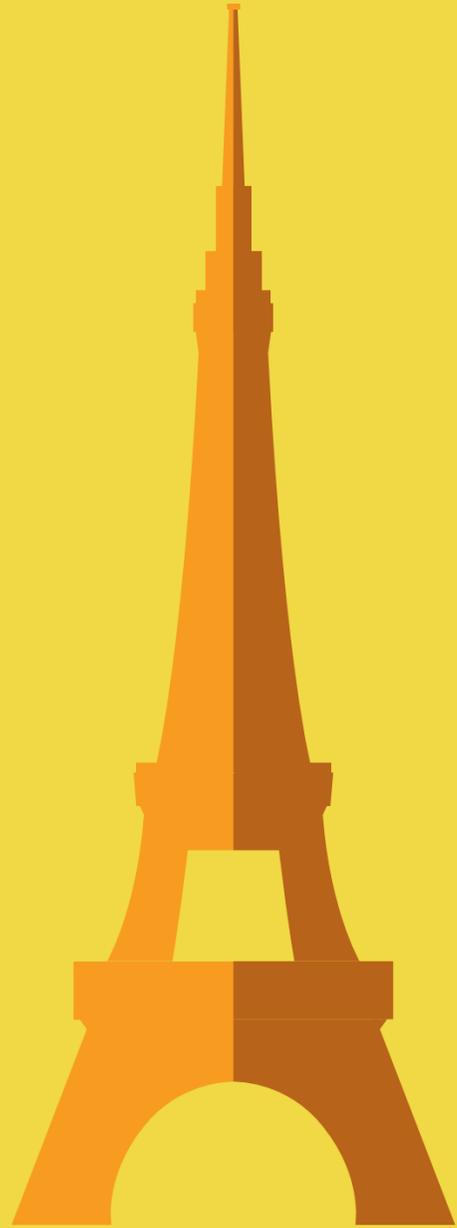
ADMISSION:

It depends on how high you want to go and if you want to take the stairs or elevator. Purchasing timed tickets in advance will always save time but we go over the options on the next page or on our post here.



WHAT TYPE OF EIFFEL TOWER TICKETS SHOULD YOU GET?

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Stairs Entrance (to the 1st and 2nd floors) - Cheapest and usually shortest line. You cannot purchase this option in advance. You cannot access the top.

Elevator Entrance (to 1st and 2nd Floors) - You can purchase this option in advance to skip the ticket line. You cannot access the top.

Stairs Entrance (2nd Floor) w/ Elevator Entrance (Top) - With this ticket, you will have stairs access to the 1st and 2nd floors. From there, you can queue up to take the elevator to the very top of the Eiffel Tower. You cannot purchase this in advance but as you have to take the stairs to the 2nd floor there is a shorter line for this.

Elevator Entrance to the Top - This is the most expensive option. You get access to both elevators. You won't need to take any stairs, up or down, with this option. Order this ticket in advance so that you can skip the ticket queue. You will still need to wait in both elevator lines.

QUICK GUIDE TO THE LOUVRE

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HOURS: 9am-6pm (1800) (CLOSED ON TUESDAYS). The museum is open until 945pm (2145) on Wednesday and Fridays. We suggest not going on Mondays as it is very crowded!

ADMISSION: We suggest booking tickets in advance for a timed entrance to skip the line. [Click here](#) for more advice on that as well as free admission times.

ENTRANCES: Skip the main entrance at the Pyramid in the courtyard where the lines are always long and get in faster at:

- **LE CARROUSEL DU LOUVRE** - you can access this with or without an advance ticket. It is basically a small underground entrance in a shopping mall. You can find it at the Metro stop on Lines 1, 7 - Louvre: 'Palais Royale-Musee du Louvre' or at street level at 99 Rue de Rivoli. Look for the awning that says Le Carrousel du Louvre.
- **PORTE DE RICHELIEU** - this entrance used to be reserved for tour groups but during the renovation of Porte De Lions, individual ticket holders may use this. It is in what seems like an alleyway under the arches of the building between the courtyard with the Pyramid and the Rue de Rivoli.

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It would take 100 days (24 hours each day) straight stopping only for 30 seconds at each item to view everything at the Louvre Museum. Here are the locations of a few of the most popular pieces.

RUBENS ROOM (Galerie Medicis)

Room 801

2nd Floor

Richelieu Wing



VICTORY OF SAMOTHRACE

Room 703

1st Floor

Denon Wing



APHRODITE (Venus de Milo)

Room 346

Ground Floor

Sully Wing

MONA LISA (La Jaconde)

Room 711

1st Floor

Denon Wing

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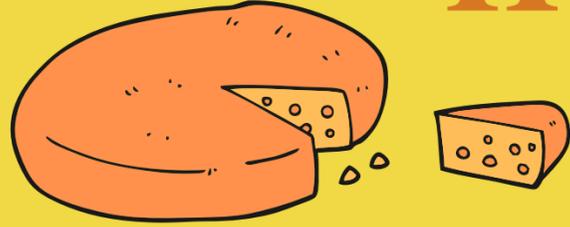
Room 700

1st Floor

Denon Wing

HOW TO EAT LIKE A PARISIAN

Get your ingredients at speciality shops and have a picnic!



BOULANGERIE

This is where you get your baguette and croissant. For it to hold the name "Boulangerie" the bread must be baked on premise.

FROMAGERIE

Here you find the cheese(es) that you want. Did you know that a cheese can be "in season?" That is good question to ask the staff if you need recommendations.

BOUCHERIE VS CHARCUTERIE

You can get cuts of meat at a Boucherie (like a butcher). These are usually uncooked. You can get cured and processed meats at a Charcuterie (which is more like a deli, think sausages and pates)

PATISSIERIE

For desserts, get macarons and eclairs from a shop that has a pastry chef.

WINE

You can get a decent bottle from the supermarket, but wine caves will have specialized selections. And don't worry, great wines in France can have a screw top - for ease on a picnic.

EASY FRENCH PHRASES

Parisians have a reputation - we know it, they know it. But as soon as you try to speak French, you'll find them much more open to helping you (usually in English unless you have a really good French accent!)

BONJOUR

Hello

AU REVOIR

Goodbye

EXCUSEZ-MOI

Excuse Me

S'IL VOUS PLAÎT

Please

MERCI

Thank You

PARLEZ VOUS ANGLAIS?

Do you speak English?

OU EST ...

Where is ...

SORTIE

Exit

LES TOILETTES

Toilets

C'EST COMBIEN?

How much is it?

JE NE COMPRENDS PAS

I don't understand

L'ADDITION, S'IL VOUS PLAÎT

Bill, please (for after a meal)

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