

# 4 Days in Paris



## Quick Tips

- Use the metro for everything
  - Don't waste your money on Ubers or Taxis. Under 2 euros will get you anywhere in the city. The system is composed of metros and RER trains. Rate is the same and changes are free within the city boundaries.
- Pickpocketers are real
  - Do not put anything valuable in your pockets.
  - Make sure your hand is on your backpack or purse at all times.
  - If people approach you to distract you, pick something up in front of you or ask you to sign a form, they are trying to steal from you.
- Etiquette
  - Say Bonjour in all businesses as soon as you walk in. Very rude not to acknowledge people.
  - Tipping is not customary.
  - The customer is never right and service is likely subpar.

## Day 1 - Welcome to Paris

- Start your day at a Boulangerie
  - Don't forget to grab a baguette or a croissant for breakfast.
- First Impressions of Paris
  - Take the metro to the Louvre stop to start exploring this part of town.
  - Walk around the outside of the Louvre Museum but save the inside visit for the last day or a night tour instead.
  - Spend some time in the Jardin Des Tuileries gardens - right in front of the Louvre.
  - Walk down Champs Elysee toward Arc de Triomphe.
- Eiffel Tower
  - Get the first glimpse of the tower at Place du Trocadero.
  - Head to a grocery store to get some picnic supplies.
  - Have a beautiful sunset picnic in the Champ de Mars area.

## Day 2 - Busy day exploring the city

- Morning in Latin Quarter
  - Eat breakfast at a nice Parisian cafe.
  - Start your exploring with the stunning Luxembourg Gardens.
  - Walk to Latin Quarter - neighborhood right next to the gardens.
  - See the Pantheon which has a nice panoramic rooftop terrace worth stopping at.
- Afternoon near Notre Dame
  - Walk Rue St-Michel towards Rue de la Harpe, and have lunch in this area.
  - Explore the Place Saint Michel - touristy but worth seeing.
  - Notre Dame - see from the outside, closed due to a tragic fire a couple of years ago.
- Evening in Montemarte and Sacre Coeur
  - Take the metro to Anvers stop.
  - Explore the Montemarte neighborhood - artsy and very Parisian.
  - See the sunset by Sacre Coeur church.

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## Day 3 - Day in Versailles

- Chateau du Versailles
  - Take the RER-C train to the Palace of Versailles. Will take about an hour or so.
  - Arrive as early as you can and even with a long line, the entry passes by fast.
  - Exploring the Chateau will take a couple of hours.
- Gardens of Versailles
  - Do not skip these magnificent gardens while you're visiting this place.
  - You can walk around, have a picnic or see the farm.
- City of Versailles
  - The city is also a charming little town (although a little touristy) where you can grab a coffee or a glass of wine after exploring all the Chateau property.

## Day 4 - Final Stops of Paris

- Museum Options:
  - Louvre: Most popular, very big so have a plan for what you want to see.
  - Musée de Orsay: Old train station, known for beautiful old clock, and impressive art.
  - Musée de l'Orangerie: Impressionist with Monet's waterlilies.
  - Musée Rodin: Rodin's work along with many sculptures.
  - Musée Picasso: Picasso's work, many drawings, not the best collection.
  - Espace Dalí: Mostly Dali's sculptures and some paintings.
  - The Centre Pompidou: Library and museum.
- Shopping time:
  - Galeries Lafayette: Go for the magnificent building alone even if you're not planning on shopping much.
  - Champs Elysees: Famous but crowded and basic.
  - Avenue Montaigne: Serious spenders only.
  - Marais Area: For the budget traveler.
  - Rue De Rivoli: Another shopping area.
- Cruise on the Seine
  - Book a cruise on the river to take you down the Seine River. It has beautiful views and it's an amazing way to see Paris especially if it's your first time there.
  - There are many providers offering a tour or dinner and the excursions are very similar, depending on your budget.