

PARIS

Welcome to Paris! Here you can shop, people-watch, sightsee, and absorb yourself in the art and culture of a magnificent city.



TRANSPORTATION

Getting around Paris is easy and inexpensive using the Métro (subway). Individual tickets or a booklet of ten (called a "carnet") can be purchased. One ticket allows any number of transfers. Bus tickets are the same as métro tickets, but you might need more than one, depending on distance. The "Paris Visite" card allow you unlimited travel on the bus, métro, or RER (rapid trains serving Paris suburbs) for one, two, three or five days. These can be purchased at main métro and RER stations, and the Paris Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

BANKS AND CURRENCY



Banks are open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and exchange bureaus at all railway stations and airports are open every day with longer hours than banks. France's currency is the Euro. Coins in denominations of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 cents and 1 & 2 Euros. Bank notes of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 & 500 Euros are legal tender.

POSTAGE



Post offices are open Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, and Saturdays 9:00 am-noon. To send a letter abroad costs approximately one Euro.



TELEPHONES

Most public phones in Paris are used with phone cards, which can be bought at post offices, SNCF (railway) ticket offices, main métro stations and in tabacs. Also, it is less expensive to call from the post office than from your hotel. To call the United States, dial 00 + 1 + area code + number.



SHOPPING

Paris is a shopper's dream. Shops are open Monday-Saturday from 9:30 am to 7:00 pm, although some small stores and many food shops are closed on Mondays. Here are some of the best known department stores: **Au Printemps**, at 64 boulevard Haussmann (métro: Havre Caumartin); **Galeries Lafayette**, at 40 boulevard Haussmann (métro Chaussée d'Antin); **Bazar de l'Hôtel de Ville**, at 52/64 rue de Rivoli (métro: Hotel-de-ville); and **Le Bon Marché**, at 22 rue de Sèvres (métro: Sèvres Babylone).

For chic bargains go to **Didier Ludot**, an antique couture shop at 19 & 24 Galerie Montpensier, where you will find Chanel suits, bags, wallets, etc., all in mint condition and selling at 40-50% less than new. An outlet store for top quality shoes is **Bargains de Maufield** at 47 rue St. Placide, and for costume jewelry at **Agatha**, 97 rue de Rennes.



EATING

No country is more famous for its cuisine than France, and its capital city offers a variety of eating establishments, from McDonald's and other burger places to expensive restaurants on Champs-Élysées. Here are a

few suggestions of reasonably priced places to eat: **L'Étoile Verte** at 13 rue Brey; **Restaurant L'Incroyable** at 26 rue de Richelieu and 23 rue de Montpensier; **La Petite Périgourdine** at 39 rue des Écoles; and try lunch at the **Café Flo** on the rooftop of Au Printemps department store. The price of the meal includes a breathtaking view.



PARKS AND GARDENS

No visit to Paris would be complete without strolling through the city's parks and gardens. At the **Tuileries** you can see statues by Maillol; the **Bois de Boulogne** is a fashionable summer meeting place for Parisians; and the **Jardin du Luxembourg** has a monument dedicated to Delacroix by Dalou.



PLACES TO VISIT

Notre Dame Cathedral, la Sainte-Chapelle, le Panthéon, la Sorbonne, la Tour Eiffel, les Invalides, l'Arc de Triomphe, les Champs-Élysées, le Louvre, la Place de la Concorde, le Sacré-Coeur, and more!

24-hour-a-day entertainment guide (recorded in English): 01 47 20 88 98

This little guide is by no means a complete list of all there is to see and do in Paris. Visit the famous museums and monuments, but don't forget to explore the quaint backstreets of Paris where you might discover a bookstore or café that not many others know about. Enjoy yourself in this great city, but don't do what one sign in a Paris hotel elevator says: "Please leave your values at the front desk".